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"The air quality here isn't good, let's go back."

Gu Hanyu and Xu Menga looked over at their son and didn't say anything. If he was going to leave, then they were not going to stay anymore either.

"We are eating lunch soon, where are you going?" Wang Yani sternly said without any warmth.

Gu Yechen didn't even look over at his grandma as he coldly replied, "How could people like us without a good upbringing eat lunch together with people like you?"

Gu Linglan's face immediately reddened as she embarrassedly looked down, "Brother Yechen, I wasn't talking. . . about you."

She glanced up at Gu Yechen and quickly looked back away nervously. His cold eyes were too scary. . .

He Xinyan quietly stood next to Gu Yechen and didn't say anything. Usually, she would stand up for herself. However, she was just an outsider here.

It would be bad for her as an outsider to stir up more problems. Plus, she had someone helping her.

Gu Yechen narrowed his eyes, "You aren't talking about me? Then who are you talking about?"

"I. . ." Gu Linglan looked down again and didn't know what to say.

"Yechen, she's your younger sister. Linglan is still young and immature, so she is a little straightforward. She doesn't mean anything else." Gu Linglan's mother spoke up to save her daughter, "And, you two should stay. It is your grandma's birthday today. At least stay for a meal."

She then turned to look at He Xinyan, "Miss He, it is rare for our family to get together for a meal. Let's not get mad over small things like this, right?"

He Xinyan frowned, "Auntie, I don't know what you mean. I am not mad at anyone?" She confusedly looked around at the people inside the room.

The confusion in her expression was so convincing, it was almost like she actually didn't understand the hidden meaning behind Gu Linglan's words earlier.

"..." Gu Linglan's mother, Li Xinqu, awkwardly looked down.

He Xinyan scoffed internally. It seemed like no one in this family wanted to see her here. Maybe just the fact that she was standing here was very disturbing and annoying to them.

She smiled and looked up at Gu Yechen, "Yechen, auntie spoke. She said that it is rare that everyone in the family is together. How about let's eat first before we leave. Didn't you say the chefs here are descendants of the chefs of the imperial kitchen? I want to taste the food here as well!"

He Xinyan wrapped her arm around Gu Yechen's arm with a sweet and innocent smile.

Ch! Since they didn't like her, she was purposely going to stay here and make them annoyed!

Gu Yechen looked at her smile, and his cold expression finally softened, "Okay."

The sweet interaction between the two of them was extremely annoying in the eyes of the people around them, especially Gu Kexin.

Gu Kexin pressed her lips together angrily and clenched her fists together.

However, Xu Mengya was extremely happy, and her mouth was open widely as she smiled excitedly.

Gu Yechen and He Xinyan sat down to eat, and the workers carried out the plates of food onto every single desk.

He Xinyan picked up her chopsticks and focused on the food.

Indeed, the food here was amazing. Everything was extremely delicious, and she could use the word perfect to describe every single dish.

The details were amazing, and the sweetness, saltiness, sourness, and spiciness of every single dish were at the perfect amount.

Halfway through the meal, Wang Yani put down her chopsticks and looked down at Gu Yechen and He Xinyan.

She cleared her throat and said sternly, "Gu Yechen, some women are just meant to play with for a short time. However, I will never allow you to bring an irrelevant woman back to the Gu mansion ever again."

He Xinyan's hand froze midair for a second before she put down her chopsticks. Wow. . . the old lady was indeed not an easygoing or merciful person.

Even if everyone sitting here was part of the Gu family, it was still not very. . . considerate of her to talk to Gu Yechen like that in front of everyone.

Gu Yechen was not a very. . . good person.

Because of the old lady's words, the originally decent atmosphere inside the room immediately became cold, almost as if the air inside the room had been sucked away.

This is the first time Wang Yani has ever spoken so harshly towards Gu Yechen.

He Xinyan did nothing wrong. Even if she did, it was because of Gu Yechen's favoritism towards her that aroused the old lady's dislike towards her. Because. . .

"It seems like grandma is indeed getting old. I do not like repeating my words twice. However, since you are an elder, I can repeat my words again. He Xinyan is my woman and my only woman! If you don't accept her, then I apologize. I also don't accept anyone that doesn't accept her."

Only. . . That represented eternity. Forever. A lifetime.

Gu Yechen held onto He Xinyan's hand tightly as he said this. He was telling everyone that she was his woman. If you accepted her, then you accepted her. If you didn't accept her. . . then you still had to accept her!

He was also telling He Xinyan that she was his only one!

He Xinyan tilted her head slightly to be able to see Gu Yechen. His expression was extremely cold, but even so, she felt extremely warm right now.

Even in the cold winter weather, she still felt like she was inside a heated room as a warm feeling spread across her entire body.

It felt very nice to have someone else stand up for you and care for you.

"You -" Wang Yani was so angry she had a hard time breathing.

Gu Kexin and Gu Linglan immediately ran forward to try and calm Wang Yani down.

"Big brother, are you not going to do something about Gu Yechen?" Seeing his mother get so angry, Gu Yechen's second uncle, Gu Hanlin finally spoke up.

Gu Hanyu looked over at Gu Hanlin and then scanned the other people in the room, "Everyone knows that Gu Yechen was never under my control. His attitude and personality are like mine. I know perfectly well what type of person I am, and I think all of you know too. I can't control him, and I don't want to control him either."

Gu Hanlin knit his eyebrows together but didn't say anything.

Out of the three of them, Gu Hanyu was indeed the most capable and the most powerful. Gu Hanlin never liked this, and he had always tried to find a way to push himself up, but he never succeeded.

Gu Hanqi, Gu Yechen's third uncle, didn't like to fight. He was a simple and easygoing person and normally didn't have a strong opinion.

Gu Hanyu had inherited the Gu family's original business as a worker for the government. Most people say that government workers were double-sided and knew how to lie and hide their true feelings.

However, Gu Hanyu wasn't like that. He was a cold person inside and out. The people he liked, he would definitely help them. The people he didn't like. . . Even if they kneeled down in front of him and begged him, he would still not pity or help them even the slightest.

And his son, Gu Yechen, had inherited this cold trait from him.

Gu Hanlin jumped up, "Big brother, your son's mistake and unfilial attitude is also your problem. You can't just use the excuse that Gu Yechen is like you so you can't control him! It is just because you can't control him, so he dares to speak to our mom like that!"

"So, are you telling me what to do right now?" Gu Hanyu's eyes landed on Gu Hanlin, and everyone could tell from his voice that he was getting angry.

Gu Hanlin shivered from Gu Hanyu's glare and he gulped, "I. . . I'm just warning you, that's our mother."

He Xinyan witnessed this from the side, and she immediately knew that Gu Yechen's second uncle was scared of Uncle Gu.

Or else, why would his legs be shaking as he spoke?

"Mom, you should know that I despise it when people like to meddle in other people's business. Whoever Gu Yechen likes, I and Mengya will accept as our daughter-in-law. You are getting old, so you should stop meddling in your grandchildren's business." Gu Hanyu glared at Gu Hanlin one last time before turning over to Wang Yani, his mother.

Wang Yani knit her eyebrows together and frowned. She took a deep breath before angrily saying, "Well! Well! Very well!"

She then angrily turned around and marched away. Behind where she was sitting, there was a door. And behind that door, led to the rooms of all the people in the family.

"Grandma. . ." Gu Kexin looked at everyone in the room, her eyes stopping on Gu Yechen before she ran out after Wang Yani.

He Xinyan saw how Wang Yani shook unstablely as she walked out. She couldn't help but worry if she will be able to stand her children and grandchildren treating her like that.

She was also curious why Gu Yechen and his father's attitude towards Wang Yani was so cold?

However, it was none of her business.

Since Wang Yani was gone, Gu Hanlin and Gu Hanqi's families also left, so only Gu Yechen's family and He Xinyan were left inside the large room.

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They all stood up and Xu Mengya immediately walked over and grabbed onto He Xinyan's arm.

"Don't worry about that evil old woman! She can't stop you from being my daughter-inlaw! And, although my son is a little stupid, I trust that he also knows how to make good decisions."

He Xinyan laughed softly, "Don't worry, Auntie Xu. I am fine and I trust Yechen."

Gu Yechen pulled his baby away from his mom and glanced at her before turning over to his dad, "Are you two going to stay here?"

Gu Hanyu looked at his son, "It is almost New Year, so your mom and I will just stay here for the next few days. You and Xinyan can stay if you want."

He then grabbed onto his wife's hand, and together, they walked out of the room.

"Do you want to stay?" Gu Yechen looked over at He Xinyan and asked gently.

He Xinyan obviously knew that Gu Yechen's family didn't want her to stay, even for another second. However. . . that only made her want to stay more!

"Sure! It's almost New Year. We can stay here."

She wanted to see what would happen for the next few days.

Gu Yechen led He Xinyan into the back of the huge mansion, and there were several rooms in the back. He pulled out a key and walked to a room towards the right.

When they walked in, Gu Yechen opened the lights, revealing a large room designed mainly using the colors, black, grey, and white.

"Is this your room?" He Xinyan walked in and looked around the huge space.

"Yes. I lived here for a while before." Their luggage had already been moved into the room, and Gu Yechen opened their suitcases.

Afterwards, they sat down together on the couch and He Xinyan grabbed onto his sleeve as she asked, "That Gu Kexin. . . why did your grandma adopt her?"

Gu Yechen raised one eyebrow, "I'm not sure. She adopted her as a baby, so my grandma was basically like a mom to Gu Kexin. That is why they are close."

He Xinyan frowned. It is weird for Wang Yani to choose to adopt a baby girl when she already has biological descendants. . .

He Xinyan raised one eyebrow, "I noticed something. . ."

"What?"

"I feel like your grandma doesn't only like Gu Kexin as a granddaughter. . . More like a granddaughter-in-law."

Gu Yechen frowned, "What does that mean?"

"Do you really not understand?" He Xinyan narrowed her eyes as she tried to figure out if Gu Yechen was pretending not to understand or if he really didn't understand.

"I don't understand."

He Xinyan sighed, "Ah, you are way too innocent. . ."

Innocent? That wasn't a description he got very often. . .

"Can't you tell? Your grandma obviously already has a plan for you. That may also be part of the reason for why she doesn't like me so much. The only granddaughter-in-law she accepts is her 'granddaughter', Gu Kexin."

Partially of how He Xinyan knew was the sixth sense and strong feeling she had inside of her, and this feeling she had was usually correct.

Gu Yechen furrowed his eyebrows together, "Really?"

He Xinyan clicked her tongue several times and nodded her head, "At least that is what I think. I still need further evidence though."

Gu Yechen suddenly became very serious as he grabbed onto He Xinyan's hand, "It doesn't matter. He Xinyan, you don't have to worry. You are the only person I love. . . I will only love you for the rest of my life. No one can change that, including my grandma. Understand?"

He Xinyan was slightly taken aback by the sudden seriousness in Gu Yechen's tone and expression, "I. . . I understand."

"Good." Gu Yechen's voice softened slightly.

He Xinyan blinked a few times before she leaned forward and hugged Gu Yechen tightly, "You promised me! You can't break your promise!"

Gu Yechen smiled, "I won't."

Gu Yechen and He Xinyan stayed inside their room for the rest of the afternoon until it was dinnertime. There was a knock at the door and Xu Mengya walked in with a tray in her hands.

"Xinyan?" She completely ignored her son as she walked over to He Xinyan, "I thought that you might not want to go eat dinner with the rest of the Gu family, because I don't want to either. So, I brought two servings of food over. Do you want to eat together?"

He Xinyan glanced at Gu Yechen, "Auntie Xu, are you sure it's okay that you are abandoning Uncle Gu to eat dinner with me?"

Xu Mengya shrugged, "Whatever! He can't do anything about me."

"Really?" Gu Yechen's voice sounded in the back. The questioning tone made Xu Mengya gulp as she suddenly felt a little guilty. She indeed didn't tell her husband that she was going to go eat here with Xinyan.

What if he comes over mid-meal and brings her back?!

Xu Mengya jumped up and scratched her head, "Haha. . . Xinyan, do you actually want to come over to my room with your Uncle Gu and we can eat dinner together!"

He Xinyan held her laugh in and nodded her head, "Sure."

He Xinyan followed Xu Mengya out of Gu Yechen's room. They walked down the side of the building, and fortunately, they didn't meet anyone along the way.

At the very corner, there was a door to a room with its lights on. When they walked in, He Xinyan noticed that the interior design was very similar to Gu Yechen's room. However, it was much bigger.

It was about the size of the entire first floor of the He mansion, and it had its own private kitchen, dining room, bedroom, restroom, and even a living room.

"Hubby!" Xu Mengya called as she pulled He Xinyan into the dining room, towards the delicious smell of food.

Behind them, Gu Yechen also followed them in.

The food was set onto the table, and it looked like the dishes the kitchen here cooked. They all looked very delicious, and even the plating was very well-designed and pretty.

The four of them sat down around the table and ate dinner together.

No one mentioned how it might be rude that they were here eating dinner alone when it was the old lady's birthday, and nobody came to find them and invite them to dinner either.

The people definitely knew that they had stayed, because their car was still parked outside the mansion, and they made some commotion when carrying their luggage in.

However, they didn't mind.

Gu Hanyu and Gu Yechen didn't seem to have such a good relationship with the Gu family, and Xu Mengya and He Xinyan didn't like most of the members of the Gu family either.

It was very nice eating dinner themselves, without any annoying people around to bother them.

"Xinyan, are you going to stay here for New Years' too?" Xu Mengya asked excitedly as she grabbed onto He Xinyan's arm.

He Xinyan looked over at Gu Yechen and shrugged, "Can I? I don't know if the people here want me to stay."

Xu Mengya scoffed, "Who cares about them? Xinyan, stay! If you leave, I won't have anyone to play with anymore. I don't like anyone here either, especially that evil old lady. If you are here, at least I won't be alone. Please. . ."

He Xinyan looked at Xu Mengya's pitiful and sad expression, and she couldn't say no. Plus, as long as she was here with Gu Yechen, she could spend New Years' anywhere.

She no longer cared about what the Gu family thought of her anymore. They didn't like her, and no matter what she did now, it won't change things anymore.

So she wasn't going to purposefully go and try to please those people. . . That was just a waste of effort, and they won't accept her even if she did - especially the old lady.

"Okay, Auntie Xu. The food here is really good! I'll be happy to stay over New Years."

Xu Mengya clapped her hands excitedly as she turned over to look at her husband, "Hanyu, did you hear that? Xinyan is staying here with me."

Gu Hanyu smiled sweetly at his wife as he placed a boneless piece of fish onto her plate, "Eat."

After eating dinner, Gu Yechen and He Xinyan returned to their room to get ready for bed. However, they chose a bad time to leave.

As they walked out of the room, they saw Wang Yani and Gu Kexin walk out from the dining area arm in arm. Wang Yani was smiling happily as Gu Kexin sweetly spoke to her.

It seemed like they had a very happy meal without anyone annoying around.

However, their smiles immediately disappeared when they saw Gu Yechen and He Xinyan walking over, also hand in hand.

"I'll take a shower first, okay?" He Xinyan said to Gu Yechen, having not noticed Wang Yani and Gu Kexin yet.

Gu Yechen smiled and leaned towards her, "How about we take it together?"

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Gu Yechen smiled and leaned towards her, "How about we take it together?"

He Xinyan slapped him on the arm gently with a smile and rolled her eyes.

Not too far away, Gu Kexin and Wang Yani heard their conversation, and their faces darkened even more. Wang Yani's impression of He Xinyan had just gone from worse to. . . even worse.

He Xinyan looked up and noticed Wang Yani and Gu Kexin. She pretended not to notice them as she walked into the room with Gu Yechen.

"She has no manners!" Wang Yani said angrily as she marched away. Gu Kexin looked at the closed door to Gu Yechen's room and stared at it for a few seconds before running after Wang Yani.

Inside the room, He Xinyan grabbed her pajamas and entered the bathroom to go take a shower first. She turned on the water and stepped in, closing the door.

Gu Yechen sat down on the couch and opened his laptop to do some work. It was the year-end, so there were still a lot of things to get done.

However, before he had even worked for ten minutes, there was a knock on the door.

He walked over and unlocked it, opening it slightly.

When he saw who it was, he knit his eyebrows together and didn't even make eye contact with her.

"What are you doing here?"

Gu Kexin looked up and her beautiful face turned a little red, "Brother Yechen, I brought some longevity peach steamed buns from grandma's birthday and some cake."

"There is no -" Gu Yechen was about to close the door when he suddenly remembered how much his little baby liked to eat cake and sweet desserts.

The chefs here were indeed very professional and skilled, and she would be unhappy if she missed out on any chance to eat sweet dessert.

He sighed and opened the door slightly further, "Give it to me."

He reached for the tray but Gu Kexin stepped in, "I'll bring it in for you."

She walked into the room quickly and placed the food tray onto the table. She glanced over at the restroom and grinned when she heard the water sound coming from the shower.

Gu Kexin then turned around with a sweet smile, only to see Gu Yechen's cold and slightly angry face.

"Get out now."

"Brother Yechen, do you have to be so cold to me? After all, we still did grow up together, and we are family. Why do you treat me like this?"

Gu Yechen thought of what He Xinyan had told him earlier today, and his frown deepened.

"It's good that you know we are just family."

Gu Kexin's eyes widened slightly and she opened her mouth and closed it again, not knowing what to say in reply to that.

"You are overthinking. I treat everyone I don't like the same way. Get out. . . now!"

Gu Kexin's eyes turned slightly red as she looked down at her feet, "Brother Yechen, you don't like me?"

However, before Gu Yechen could respond, another person did for him.

The door to the bathroom opened and He Xinyan walked out in a white bathrobe, "Are you deaf or are you too stupid to understand? He just said he doesn't like you."

Gu Kexin gasped as she took a step back in surprise. She didn't notice that the water sound had stopped!

Gu Yechen immediately walked over to where He Xinyan was standing and grabbed onto her hand.

He Xinyan looked up at him and used her fingers to pinch the back of his hand as punishment. Why was she inside our room?!

Hmph! Whatever! She will punish him later! As of now, she had to get rid of this stupid white lotus!

"Miss He, I know you don't like me, but you don't have to be so mean and rude. After all, you are the daughter of an upper-class family. . . but you have even fewer manners than I do." Gu Kexin frowned unhappily as she looked away.

He Xinyan smiled, "Even if I don't have as many manners as you do, your brother Yechen still likes me. Maybe you should learn from me if you want your brother Yechen to like you too."

"You -" Gu Kexin angrily bit her lips as she clenched her fists together.

"Brother Yechen is my brother. Of course he likes me. . ."

"I don't." Gu Yechen did not care about Gu Kexin's feelings in the slightest as he immediately denied Gu Kexin's assumption.

"Brother Yechen. . ." Gu Kexin's eyes turned even more red as the tears began circling inside her eyes.

Even as a woman, He Xinyan couldn't help but feel a little bit of pity for Gu Kexin. However, Gu Yechen didn't care even the slightest. He Xinyan couldn't help but wonder if Gu Yechen was normal.

However, it was okay. She liked his abnormality!

Gu Kexin gulped and put a hand up to her face as she ran out of the room.

He Xinyan sighed and glared at Gu Yechen, "See! These problems are all because you are too handsome and too attractive!"

Gu Yechen smiled, "Is that a compliment?"

"No! It's a complaint!" He Xinyan lifted one hand up and used one finger to lift Gu Yechen's chin up, "Explain yourself! Why was she in our room?! Why did you let her in?!"

Gu Yechen blinked his eyes a few times, "She came over to deliver dessert from my grandma's birthday party. I originally didn't want to let her in, but I thought that you will like the dessert, so. . ."

He Xinyan looked over at the tray of food on the table and her eyes lit up. She let go of Gu Yechen's chin and stood on her toes to pat him on the head, "Yes, yes! You are very right indeed! Very smart!"

She ran over to the table and picked up the fork, taking a bite of the cake first.

"Mm. . . this is so good!" He Xinyan squealed in excitement as she took another bite. Indeed, even the dessert in the Gu mansion was just better than all other places.

Gu Yechen blinked a few times. So. . . he was abandoned just like that?

He wasn't as important as a slice of cake?!

helemon's note: Yes, yes, Yechen. I am sorry to let you know, but. . . nothing is as important as food! Food! Food! I love food!

Gu Yechen sighed helplessly as he walked into the bathroom to go take a shower. When he came back out, the tray was empty except for one last longevity peach steamed bun on the plate. He Xinyan looked up from where she was sitting on the bed, "I saved a longevity peach steamed bun for you."

Gu Yechen looked at her reluctant and sad eyes and grinned, "It's okay, you can have it."

"Really?!" He Xinyan's eyes widened.

Gu Yechen looked down with a smile and nodded his head.

Without waiting another second, He Xinyan reached over and grabbed the bun, stuffing it into her mouth. It was so good! Although she was full, she still couldn't stop herself from wanting more.

In the end, He Xinyan fell asleep that night with a very, very full stomach.

--- Inside Wang Yani's Bedroom

"Grandma!" Gu Kexin ran into Wang Yani's bedroom, with her face red and tears rolling down her cheeks.

Wang Yani was in her nightgown already as she slowly walked out of the bathroom. She was immediately met with a strong force as Gu Kexin fell into her embrace.

"Xiner, what's wrong? Oh, why are you crying?!"

Gu Kexin wiped away her tears that kept coming down as she looked up at Wang Yani, "Grandma, I went to brother Yechen's room earlier to go give him some of the dessert from your birthday dinner tonight. However, I then met He Xinyan, and she said I have no manners and called me stupid!"

Wang Yani gasped, "She did?"

Gu Kexin nodded his head, "And she said that brother Yechen doesn't like me."

Wang Yani wiped away her tears and brought her over to the bed, "Of course your brother Yechen likes you! Who wouldn't like my little Xiner?"

Gu Kexin continued to cry as she sat down on the bed and hugged Wang Yani tightly, "Grandma, is brother Yechen actually going to be with that woman? Didn't you always tell me that I will be brother Yechen's woman?"

Wang Yani nodded her head, "Of course! Don't worry, Kexin. I raised you up so I know you better than anyone else, and I trust you more than everyone else. I will definitely help you and find a way to get that woman away from Gu Yechen. I can't let my favorite grandson be with a woman like that!"

Wang Yani narrowed her eyes, "Only you, Kexin, match my grandson."

She had adopted Gu Kexin when she was a baby, partially because she knew her dead parents, and partially also because of her own selfishness and greed.

Her plan all along was to raise Gu Kexin up to marry the future heir of her grandchildren's generation. Since that was Gu Yechen, she had raised Gu Kexin telling her that she will marry Gu Yechen.

Of course, Gu Kexin also admired and loved Gu Yechen.

Who wouldn't? He was handsome, tall, powerful, smart, attractive, sexy, and basically everything good! Any woman with the opportunity to be with him would definitely want it! And that included Gu Kexin.

Gu Kexin nodded her head and wiped away her tears, "Thank you, grandma!"

Wang Yani smiled as she looked at Gu Kexin and gently patted her head, "You don't have to thank me, Xiner."

Chapter 224 A Fake White Lotus

The next morning, Gu Yechen and He Xinyan went to eat breakfast in the dining room.

Although she didn't want to eat with the Gu family, she was still staying here. So, there was no way she would avoid meeting them forever.

Plus, she wasn't the one annoyed. They were. So, she happily enjoyed her meal as the rest of the people all ate uncomfortably.

He Xinyan thought that she could just eat one or two dishes here for the rest of her life, and she would still never get sick of it.

The food was genuinely so good! If it weren't for the food, she would definitely leave. However, no matter how annoying the people here were, if the food was unchanging, she would still choose to stay.

Why give up such good food for irrelevant people?

After eating a large breakfast, He Xinyan left to go take a walk in the backyard of the mansion because she was so full.

Gu Yechen was going to go with her, but she said she could go alone since he was talking with his uncles. Therefore, he stayed to talk with his second and third uncle, and He Xinyan left to get some exercise after a big meal.

He Xinyan walked out to the back of the building, where there was a small pond full of fish and several rare and beautiful plants. The backyard was really big, and He Xinyan slowly walked around as she looked at the plants.

There were also many fruit trees that had many flowers on it waiting to grow into delicious fruits.

He Xinyan walked towards the pond and looked at the colorful fish swimming around. Indeed, the Gu mansion was quite a sight, even for a person born in an upper class family like her.

She bent down to look closely at the fish swimming in the clear water, but as she did so, she immediately heard the sound of high heels clicking against the stone ground.

She looked up to see Gu Kexin walking over to where she was. Gu Kexin wore a pink qipao and her hair was tied up into a neat bun.

She looked extremely beautiful and elegant, and it was clear she was raised in an upper-class family.

He Xinyan stood back up and smiled at Gu Kexin, who didn't return the smile. They stood face to face, a few feet away from each other.

No one said anything, and He Xinyan was very patient as she stared at Gu Kexin, not even blinking.

Finally, Gu Kexin opened her mouth.

"Miss He, you're still here!" She said sourly.

"I am indeed." He Xinyan grinned sweetly as she lifted her chin up slightly.

"You are quite shameless, aren't you?" Gu Kexin said with a mocking smile.

"I can't compare with you, Miss Gu."

Gu Kexin's smile disappeared, "What do you mean?"

"You know perfectly well that. . . someone doesn't like you, yet you still push yourself forward without any sense of shame."

Gu Kexin clenched her fists together, "What do you mean, Miss He? I don't know what you are talking about. Please watch your mouth."

He Xinyan smiled and didn't say anything else as she continued to walk in the background and look at the different plants. Gu Kexin followed behind her, glaring at her angrily.

"Miss He, you might not know very well about the Gu family. It is the most powerful family in Country Z for a very long time now. Not everyone can be a part of this family."

He Xinyan nodded her head, "Very true! So, Miss Gu, you are very very. . . lucky to be picked up by the Gu family as an orphan to come and get to experience this wonderful experience."

Gu Kexin angrily clenched her teeth together, "Miss He, I am a part of the Gu family! Please watch your mouth."

"A part of the Gu family? Sure. . . Except that you have absolutely no blood relation to the Gu family, Miss Kexin."

Gu Kexin was so angry her face turned slightly red, but after being raised in an upper class family since birth, she was still able to maintain a calm composure and not do anything unfit for her "status".

"He Xinyan, you should know that brother Yechen isn't just anyone that you can cling onto. He is the heir to the Gu Corporation and the eldest grandchildren of the Gu family. There is no way anyone, including grandma, will let you be with him. If you are smart, then you should probably leave on your own and not get kicked out."

Gu Kexin had expected He Xinyan to get mad right away, but to her surprise, He Xinyan smiled.

"If I am actually smart, then there is no way I would choose to leave Gu Yechen, don't you think?" He Xinyan's smile widened as she saw Gu Kexin's eyes narrow slightly and her lips curled downwards.

"You. . . You're so shameless! You are no match for brother Yechen! Only I am the right match for brother Yechen!" Gu Kexin narrowed her eyes as she took a step forward.

"I think that is up to brother Yechen to decide," He Xinyan replied, purposefully emphasizing the word "brother".

The two of them stood in the middle of a large plain, and there were several stone statues behind them, carved into different animals and figures. Besides them, there was no one else in the huge backyard, since most people were either still in the dining place or in their own rooms.

Gu Kexin glared at He Xinyan angrily and raised one eyebrow, "I'm sure brother Yechen will know what is best for him! Plus, no one welcomes you in the Gu family, including grandma. Don't even think about it!"

He Xinyan took a step forward, and since she was taller than Gu Kexin, she looked down at her.

"So you are thinking about it? An orphan picked up by Gu Yechen's grandma."

Gu Kexin hated when people reminded her of the fact of her being an orphan, and she didn't even know what her birth family was. . . But it was very, very unlikely that it was better than the Gu family or on the same level as the Gu family. She shook from anger as her eyes turned red.

With tears boiling in her eyes, Gu Kexin angrily turned around and marched away.

He Xinyan smirked as she looked at Gu Kexin's back, and she rolled her eyes annoyingly. She was finally gone! But as He Xinyan turned around, she was met with another person.

From behind a statue, a man just a little shorter than Gu Yechen walked out. It took a second for He Xinyan to recognize who it was, as she remembered seeing him during lunch yesterday.

He was the son of Gu Yechen's third uncle. His name. . . Well, He Xinyan forgot.

The man had a very angry expression on his face as he walked over to He Xinyan, stopping in front of her.

"You are?" He Xinyan raised one eyebrow, not really pretending to be polite. If he had been behind the statue this entire time, he would have witnessed her exchange with Gu Kexin.

There were several seconds of silence before the man said through gritted teeth, "I am Gu Zihao."

He Xinyan nodded her head as she turned around to leave, "Nice to meet you."

"Wait!" He suddenly called.

He Xinyan slowly turned around and crossed her arms together, "How may I help you?"

"I overheard you talking with Kexin," Gu Zihao said as his eyebrows furrowed together.

He Xinyan had guessed that so he wasn't surprised or shocked, "Cool."

She turned around to leave again, but Gu Zihao suddenly grabbed onto her shoulder, forcefully turning her back around.

"Leave Kexin alone," he said with a strong hint of anger in his voice.

He Xinyan grinned as she pushed his arm off, "I did. It was she who came to find me and talk to me. I didn't go looking for her."

Gu Zihao frowned, "It doesn't matter. Talk to her more respectfully. If you treat her like that again, I can't promise I won't do anything."

He Xinyan stepped towards him, causing him to take a step back.

She smiled, "Do what? What can you do to me?"

" | -"

He Xinyan cut him off, "Respect is earned, not given. And it is clear she doesn't deserve my respect."

Gu Zihao narrowed his eyes furiously as he glared at He Xinyan. However, she didn't care as she smirked and got ready to leave again.

"Why does big brother like a woman like you? Rude and mean." Gu Zihao curled his lips downwards in disdain as he looked at He Xinyan, who looked back at him, her smile slowly disappearing.

"Then why do you like a woman like Gu Kexin? A white lotus. . . that's fake."

Gu Zihao's mouth opened slightly in surprise as he forgot to respond for a second. He never said he liked Gu Kexin, so how did she know?!

"You. . . What are you talking about? She is my sister." Gu Zihao said, looking away guiltily.

"You're kind of really obvious, you know?"

Gu Zihao's face turned slightly red as he cleared his throat, "I don't care what you say. You better leave her alone and be more respectful, or else. . . "

He Xinyan raised one eyebrow humorously before turning around and waving at him from behind, "Nice meeting you. Hopefully, by the next time we talk, your eyes and brain have both opened."

Gu Zihao blinked his eyes a few times as he watched He Xinyan walk back into the dining place. She. . . Gu Zihao shook his head as he turned away and walked towards his room. She bullied Kexin so she is evil.

Yes. Gu Zihao nodded his head and entered his room.

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Chapter 225 Gu Kexin and Gu Zihao

He Xinyan walked back into the dining room to see Gu Yechen listening to his uncles speak as he calmly took a sip of tea.

He looked up when he heard He Xinyan's footsteps and put down the porcelain cup.

The talking stopped as he stood up and walked over to He Xinyan.

"Do you want to go back to our room?"

"It's okay. I can wait until you are done talking."

"I'm done." Gu Yechen grabbed onto He Xinyan's hand and looked over at his uncles, "Excuse me, uncles. I will be returning to my room now."

His second and third uncle glanced at He Xinyan before nodding their heads, "Okay."

He Xinyan didn't say anything as she was pulled out of the dining room and back into her room with Gu Yechen.

They sat down on the couch and He Xinyan immediately shook Gu Yechen's arm, "Gu Yechen, you know your cousin, Gu Zihao?"

It took a few seconds for Gu Yechen to finally remember, "Oh, yes! Why?"

He frowned slightly upon hearing He Xinyan mention another guy, but he suppressed his disapproval to hear what she had to say about him.

"He likes Gu Kexin!" He Xinyan clapped her hands together excitedly as she spoke.

Gu Yechen raised one eyebrow, "Really? How do you know? Are you paying attention to him?"

His eyes narrowed slightly as he looked suspiciously at He Xinyan.

"No!" He Xinyan rolled her eyes, "Of course not! When I was walking outside earlier, I met Gu Kexin. Then, Gu Zihao came and told me to stay away from Gu Kexin. So, me being the smart person I am, I guessed that he liked her. And I was right!"

Gu Yechen smiled sweetly as she listened to He Xinyan's story, and chuckled softly at the end.

"Are you not surprised?" He Xinyan asked. Shouldn't he be?! His cousin liked his "sister"!! Wow!!

Gu Yechen shrugged, "They are all irrelevant people. I don't really care."

"..." He Xinyan blinked a few times. Of course. What should she expect? He was Gu Yechen.

--- In Gu Zihao's Room

Gu Zihao was sitting on his bed, deep in his thoughts, when there was suddenly a knock at his door.

He stood up and walked over, opening it slightly. His eyes widened when he saw Gu Kexin standing outside, her eyes slightly red.

"Sister Kexin?" He opened the door wider and looked at her in surprise. "What are you doing here?"

Gu Kexin looked up at Gu Zihao and put one hand up to her eye, rubbing it gently. Her hair was slightly messy and she looked extremely pitiful. . . in Gu Zihao's eyes.

"Brother Zihao, can I sit in your room for a moment?"

Gu Zihao opened his mouth and closed it again before nodding his head, "Of course."

Gu Kexin stepped into the room and walked over to the couch, taking a seat. Gu Zihao sat down next to her and poured a cup of warm tea.

"Here, drink this."

Gu Kexin smiled slightly as she took over the tea cup with both hands, "Thank you, Zihao."

She took a sip of the warm tea and her lips trembled slightly, "Brother Zihao!"

She put down the teacup, causing some of the liquid inside to spill out onto the table. Then, she suddenly turned around and hugged Gu Zihao. Gu Zihao was taken aback as his eyes widened, and he didn't know where to place his hands.

"Kexin! You - What are you doing?"

Gu Kexin let go and rubbed away the tears that were flowing down her face again, "I'm sorry. I - I just, suddenly. . . suddenly. . ."

Gu Zihao sighed, "It's okay. What's wrong, Kexin?"

Gu Kexin suddenly started crying again, "Brother Yechen's girlfriend. . . She doesn't seem to like me a lot! She said. . . she said I am not a part of the Gu family, and. . . I am just an adopted child with no mother or father."

Gu Zihao knit his eyebrows together slightly. He had been there listening when Gu Kexin was talking to He Xinyan. Why did he feel like something was off?

Although He Xinyan wasn't exactly nice in her word choice, she also didn't say things like Gu Kexin was a parentless child.

Gu Zihao gently patted Gu Kexin on the back, and she grasped onto the end of his shirt sleeve.

'A white lotus. . . that's fake.' Gu Zihao narrowed his eyes as the phrase He Xinyan had used to call Gu Kexin came back to his mind.

'A white lotus. . . that's fake.'

'A white lotus. . . that's fake.'

Gu Zihao shook his head to stop thinking about those five words and closed his eyes. The crying sound stopped as Gu Kexin looked up confusedly.

Normally, Gu Zihao would always comfort her. . . She came here because she knew that he was always the nicest to her. Gu Kexin also knew that he liked her.

She always knew. She just didn't show the fact that she knew.

Gu Kexin blinked a few times and stood up, "I'm sorry, brother Zihao. I shouldn't have come to your room so abruptly. . ." She wiped the tears off her face again and turned around, "I'll leave now."

She then walked away quickly, and she slowed down a bit when she heard Gu Zihao stand up from the couch behind her.

She lifted one arm up to pretend to wipe her tears as she waited for Gu Zihao to come and stop her.

However, to her surprise, nothing happened. She didn't feel his hand or hear him say anything.

Gu Kexin frowned as she slowed down her pace again, hesitantly placing her hand onto the doorknob. When there still was no reaction, she couldn't help but glance back slightly to see what was going on.

This wasn't like Gu Zihao! He would always comfort her and treat her extremely well, like a princess. He wouldn't let her just leave like this after seeing her cry! There was no way!

However, when she looked back, she saw Gu Zihao standing near the couch with a frown on his face. He didn't seem like he was going to move any time soon, and his lips were tightly together.

Gu Kexin opened her mouth but she didn't know what to say. In the end, she began sobbing again as she opened the door and ran out of the room.

Gu Zihao stared at the open door for several seconds before he slowly walked over and closed it.

What happened?

If it was in the past, he would have definitely stopped her. But just then. . . He suddenly didn't feel like stopping her or comforting her anymore.

Gu Zihao took a deep breath and closed his eyes.

After several seconds, he sighed and walked back into his office room.

It was lunchtime, and He Xinyan and Gu Yechen decided to go to the main dining room and eat with the rest of the family.

When they walked in, Wang Yani was already seated in the center of the room.

She looked up and glared at He Xinyan, who ignored her as she calmly sat down in her seat next to Gu Yechen.

"No manners!" Wang Yani said angrily, loud enough for everyone in the room to hear.

However, He Xinyan pretended not to notice as she took a sip of the tea on the table in front of her.

Gu Yechen furrowed his eyebrows together, but He Xinyan gently placed her hand onto his, signaling for him not to do anything.

He glanced at her and she smiled back at him.

In the end, Gu Yechen decided to listen to his wifey and he didn't say or do anything.

A few minutes later, everyone had arrived and sat down in their seats.

The meal went on normally, and nothing much happened. Wang Yani did say some mean things about He Xinyan once in a while, but she pretended to not know that Wang Yani was talking about her, and continued to eat her lunch peacefully.

This only made Wang Yani more mad.

It was almost as if she was punching into the air! Wang Yani slammed her chopsticks onto the table and stood up angrily, "I'm done!"

Most of the people inside the room stood up when they heard this, except Gu Yechen's family and He Xinyan.

"Mom, the dessert didn't even arrive yet!" Gu Yechen's second uncle said.

"Whatever! I'm not in the mood to eat anymore."

No one said anything as they watched Wang Yani leave.

Gu Yechen's second uncle looked over at Gu Yechen's table angrily and sighed, "Miss He, tomorrow is New Year's Eve. I would like to ask you to try not to make the mood here unpleasant please."

He Xinyan slowly looked up and smiled innocently, "You are asking me?"

Gu Yechen's second uncle frowned, "Yes."

"Mr. Gu, I am not exactly sure I understand you. Why would you ask me? I am sure everyone here today saw what happened. I didn't do or say anything! Why is it me that is making the mood unpleasant?"

--- IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

hello readers ~ I have a few announcements to make ^o^

1. In case you haven't seen the Webnovel Event yet, the Win-Win event is upgraded this month! Put simply, the Win-Win event is an event to encourage authors and readers to create and buy privilege with rewards at the end of the month if we do well.

If you haven't tried out privilege yet, this is the month to do so! You can get huge coin rebates if we reach enough readers! Please take a look at the event to learn more about it. You can find this book in the 'New Novels' list.

Please help all the other readers to earn a rebate by unlocking privilege chapters! I will definitely upload a chapter a day until the end of the event!

2. Our power ranking is dropping this week :(Please don't forget to vote! Thank you so so much, I really appreciate it!

3. Don't worry, Gu Kexin and Wang Yani are going to be gone very soon! I promise!

Have a great day! Love you

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Chapter 226 New Year's Eve

"Mr. Gu, I am not exactly sure I understand you. Why would you ask me? I am sure everyone here today saw what happened. I didn't do or say anything! Why is it me that is making the mood unpleasant?"

"..." Gu Yechen's second uncle gulped as he looked around the room. Indeed, He Xinyan hadn't done or said anything during this entire meal.

Even when Wang Yani purposely talked bad about her, she didn't respond angrily or give any response at all!

Although they all knew that He Xinyan was the cause of Wang Yani's anger, they really couldn't say anything in response!

Because she indeed didn't do anything! What could they say?

Gu Yechen's second uncle sighed and glanced at Gu Yechen angrily before marching out of the dining room. Shortly after, everyone else followed.

Just like yesterday, the only people left were Gu Yechen, his parents, and He Xinyan still happily finishing their meal.

Gu Hanyu and Xu Mengya had no problem with He Xinyan's response and her attitude, and in fact, Xu Mengya was happily talking to her daughter-in-law about random things as they ate.

After finishing their main course, Gu Hanyu turned around and looked at the worker inside the room. A few seconds later, four plates of dessert were placed on the table in front of them.

He Xinyan's eyes immediately lit up as she lifted up the plate and began eating as she continued to listen to Xu Mengya talk.

After eating a very "happy" lunch, He Xinyan and Gu Yechen returned to their room.

Gu Yechen sat down on his couch and began doing work, whereas He Xinyan moved onto the bed and began watching videos on her phone.

After finishing a video, she looked up to see Gu Yechen focused on his work. She closed her phone and leaned her head onto her hand as she stared at her man.

Ahh. . . Indeed, the famous phrase was accurate.

A man looks the most handsome when he is focused.

It took a few minutes until Gu Yechen finally noticed the pair of eyes looking at him, and he looked up amusedly. He closed his laptop as he stood up and walked over to the bed, laying down next to He Xinyan.

"What are you looking at?"

He Xinyan snuggled up against Gu Yechen's warm chest, "You."

Although Gu Yechen knew that He Xinyan was looking at him, he still smiled happily at her reply.

"Why are you looking at me?"

He Xinyan looked up at Gu Yechen and scoffed, "You are handsome! Very handsome!"

And that was exactly the answer Gu Yechen was looking for!

A plus! 100 percent, He Xinyan!

"And you are beautiful," Gu Yechen said with a wide smile on his face as he bent down and kissed He Xinyan on the forehead. He Xinyan's cheeks turned slightly red as she pressed her lips together, unable to hide her smile.

"Go do your work!" He Xinyan chuckled as she pushed Gu Yechen off the bed and picked up her phone again to continue watching her drama.

The next day, He Xinyan woke up early in the morning because it was so, very, cold!!

She shivered as she moved closer to Gu Yechen in search of warmth. Gu Yechen was still deep asleep and the coldness didn't seem to bother him at all.

After deep consideration, He Xinyan decided to do it!

She was going to venture into the coldness!

He Xinyan took a deep breath, closed her eyes for a second, reopened them, and suddenly lifted her side of the blanket off of her.

In one swift movement, she jumped off the bed, ran over to the thermostat, quickly turned it up several degrees, ran back to the bed, jumped onto it, and covered her body up with a blanket again.

She thought she was very swift, quick, and silent, but. . . it wasn't.

The movement and noise woke Gu Yechen up, and he blinked a few times before looking at He Xinyan, "You're awake?"

He Xinyan moved closer to him and guiltily nodded her head, "Sorry, did I wake you up?"

Gu Yechen smiled and shook his head, "Are you cold?"

"Yes. . . very. . ." He Xinyan pursed her lips out and hugged Gu Yechen tightly. "But I turned up the temperature already!"

Gu Yechen wrapped his arm around her waist and pulled her in so almost every part of their bodies was touching and he pulled the blanket up.

"Is this better?"

He Xinyan gulped from the intimate contact as she slowly nodded her head.

"It's still early. Go to sleep."

They both closed their eyes again, and the next time they opened them, it was time for breakfast already.

Gu Yechen got out of bed first and got ready before walking back to the bed with He Xinyan's clothes for the day.

"Hehe, thank you!" He Xinyan slid down under the blankets and changed out of her pajamas and into her clean clothes before hopping out of bed.

If she had changed in the open air, she would freeze to death!

The temperature here dropped very quickly. Just yesterday, it was still fine, cold enough to bear. However, today, the temperature seemed to have dropped at least ten degrees.

It was extremely cold, and since the part of Country Z she lived in was usually quite warm, it was very hard for He Xinyan to get used to the temperature.

It never snowed in the area she lived, and winters were usually not extremely cold either.

However, since this was in the far, far north, it was much colder than the other parts of the country.

Although both Gu Yechen and He Xinyan were unwilling to do so, they went to the main dining room to eat breakfast with the rest of the Gu family.

After all, it was the last day of the year, and it would be very rude if they didn't attend the meals of New Year's Eve.

However, He Xinyan felt like the Gu family might even thank her if she didn't attend.

But, she still chose to attend!

Everyone was seated already when they arrived, and He Xinyan took her seat under the piercing glare of Wang Yani and several other people inside the room, including Gu Kexin.

In a few minutes, all of the food was carried out, and the slight bit of regret He Xinyan was feeling about coming to eat here completely disappeared.

Although the food was normally extremely good, the dishes today seemed to be even better.

Since it was New Year's Eve, all of the food was designed using bright and cheerful colors, and the plating of the food was also very exquisite.

Only after Wang Yani began eating did everyone else also pick up their chopsticks and began eating.

After tasting each dish, He Xinyan would whisper to Xu Mengya about how delicious each dish was and which dish was better.

However, after discussing two dishes with Xu Mengya, she realized that a vinegar tub right next to her had broken.

He Xinyan gulped and glanced at Gu Yechen before shooting him a smile.

Starting from the third dish, she would first talk to Xu Mengya and then turn the other direction to talk to Gu Yechen to be fair.

Ah. . . Gu Yechen was indeed a vinegar tub - No! He should promote to vinegar ocean! How could one even get jealous of his own mother?!

He Xinyan shook her head slightly as she began eating the next dish.

The meal lasted for about an hour, and maybe because of the fact that it was New Year's Eve, Wang Yani's temper and mood were extremely cheerful and happy today.

She ignored He Xinyan just like He Xinyan ignored her, and she happily talked with her children and grandchildren.

After the meal, Gu Yechen and He Xinyan were the first to leave, and Gu Hanyu and Xu Mengya were quick to follow.

Gu Yechen's third uncle furrowed his eyebrows together, "Big brother and Gu Yechen are really getting disrespectful. It is New Year's Eve and no one has left yet."

Wang Yani's smile disappeared slightly upon hearing this, and Gu Yechen's second uncle quickly spoke up after noticing.

"It's okay, brother. Let them be."

Gu Yechen's third uncle frowned before taking a sip of the tea in front of him.

Gu Yechen and He Xinyan followed Gu Yechen's parents to their room after breakfast after Xu Mengya offered for them to play cards together since there was nothing else to do here.

The four of them sat around the living room table and Gu Hanyu took out a new deck of playing cards. They decided to play the famous card game Dou di zhu (*a famous Chinese card game), catching He Xinyan by surprise.

She looked over at Gu Yechen, who was sitting next to her and raised one eyebrow, "You know how to play?"

Gu Yechen grinned as he began grabbing cards, "Of course!"

He Xinyan's eyes widened as she reached for her card. She had expected their hobbies to all be like golf, horseback riding, archery, and all those upper-class activities.

Who knew that the almighty king Gu Yechen knew how to play cards?!

Unbelievable!

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After several games of cards, it was time for lunch already.

The time passed by quickly as they played cards, ate snacks, and talked amongst themselves. . . Well, more like He Xinyan chit-chatting with Xu Mengya endlessly about random things.

After their final game, the four of them left the room together and walked to the dining area for lunch. Like breakfast, they were the last to arrive, and several people inside shot annoyed glances at them for being so late.

They didn't care as they sat down in their spots, and the food was brought on.

If breakfast was the sky, then lunch was heaven. . . Wait! Then what would dinner be?

The savory food looked extremely delicious, from the plating to the colors to the food and ingredients itself. . .

He Xinyan forced herself to wait until Wang Yani had picked up her chopsticks before she began eating.

While other people talked happily amongst themselves about the New Year and other topics, she ate. And ate. And ate more. And ate even more.

She had Gu Yechen ask the worker to bring up two more plates of food after finishing her first serving, and in the end, half of Gu Yechen's serving also went into her stomach.

No regrets coming here! Even if there were 10 Wang Yani's and 10 Gu Kexin's, she would still come. There was no reason to give up such amazing food!

Dinner was also eaten in the main dining hall, and words couldn't express how amazing the dinner food was. As the last dinner of the year, many of the dishes were made from very rare and extremely expensive ingredients, and every single dish took the entire day, if not two, to complete.

Of course, the hard work paid off.

It was delicious.

The dinner went by really well, and the mood and atmosphere inside the room was extremely loud and cheerful, since it was the last family dinner of the year.

Of course, He Xinyan didn't participate at all in this commotion, and she quietly ate the food throughout the entire meal.

After eating dinner, He Xinyan was so full she had a hard time walking back to her room. She walked extremely slowly, and Gu Yechen walked with her, their fingers interlaced together.

She had eaten so much it almost felt like she was pregnant.

As they walked, Gu Kexin came up from behind them with Gu Zihao next to her. She smiled at Gu Yechen sweetly, who didn't even seem to notice her as his eyes were focused on He Xinyan.

Her smile disappeared immediately as her gaze moved over to He Xinyan. She rolled her eyes as she looked at her stomach and mouthed the words, 'So fat!'

He Xinyan obviously figured out what she was saying, and her mouth fell open. She scrunched her face up in disbelief.

Unlike Gu Kexin, she wasn't afraid to speak out loud.

"Who are you talking about?! I'm skinnier than you!" He Xinyan screamed after Gu Kexin, who had walked away with Gu Zihao following behind her.

She froze for a quick second after hearing He Xinyan's words before quickly walking away without looking back, disappearing into her room.

"Hmph! How dare she call me fat?! She is shorter and plumper than me!"

Gu Yechen chuckled slightly as he looked at He Xinyan's slightly red face from yelling angrily.

"Gu Yechen, do you think I'm fat?"

Gu Yechen grinned, "It doesn't matter whether you are fat or not. Either way, you are my woman and I will love you either way"

He Xinyan thought for a few seconds before nodding her head, "A plus answer! You passed the test!"

Gu Yechen chuckled as they continued to walk back into their room.

Inside their room, He Xinyan immediately sat down on the couch and began watching her phone.

She genuinely ate too much that it was beginning to feel uncomfortable.

After half an hour, He Xinyan stood up from the couch and slowly walked over to the window. Sitting down for too long was not helping in making her feel better.

As she walked towards the window, she suddenly saw small white flakes outside floating down from the sky.

"Huh?" He Xinyan's eyes widened as she immediately ran over to the window, pressing her hands against the cold glass.

"Gu Yechen! Gu Yechen!" He Xinyan jumped up excitedly, "It's snowing! Gu Yechen! Come! Yechen, come look! It's snowing!"

Gu Yechen was sitting at his work desk typing away on his laptop when he heard He Xinyan screaming.

He looked up to see her excited face, smiling innocently like a child. Her pure and joyful expression and the sparkle in her eyes caused Gu Yechen to blank out as he stared at her for several, long seconds.

"Gu Yechen! Come!"

He closed his laptop and stood up, slowly walking over to her.

They stood side by side in front of the window, and he gently placed his arm around her waist. The snow was slowly falling heavier and heavier, and a thin layer of white was beginning to build on the ground.

He Xinyan rested her head onto his shoulder, "I never saw snow back at home. . . This is my first time seeing actual snow falling from the sky in my life."

"Do you want to make a wish?" Gu Yechen asked as he looked down at her.

"Hm?"

"I heard that if you make a wish when you see the first snow, your wish will come true."

He Xinyan clicked her tongue as she looked away from the snow and towards Gu Yechen, trying to control herself from bursting into laughter.

"Mr. Gu, I didn't know that you had a little girl's heart, and it is very pink!"

Gu Yechen didn't get mad from being mocked at, and he raised one eyebrow, "Don't you women like doing things like this?"

"You women?" He Xinyan knit her eyebrows together, "You had women before that did things like this?"

"From beginning to end, I only have one woman - you."

"I haven't dated before, but Qin Lai, Zhao Qi, and them have dated several women before. Even if I have never eaten pork, I have seen how pigs look.*"

He Xinyan's smile disappeared, "Gu Yechen! Are you calling me a pig?!"

Gu Yechen opened his mouth slightly, "I. . ."

"Okay, you don't have to explain yourself anymore! My wish for the first snow of the year is. . . Gu Yechen can never eat pork!" She glared at Gu Yechen before angrily marching into the room where the bed was located.

Gu Yechen blinked a few times confusedly.

Did he say something wrong? It was just a metaphor. . .

Never eat pork? He rarely ate pork anyway.

Gu Yechen scratched his head as he smiled slightly. Why did he find it so cute and attractive when she got mad?

He walked over to the bedroom and pushed down on the doorknob, but the door didn't open. He knit his eyebrows together slightly and gently said, "Baby, open the door."

There was no answer.

"Baby, I'm wrong." His voice was so soft and gentle that if someone else were to hear him, they would definitely be extremely surprised.

He Xinyan was actually standing right next to the door. Hearing his soft and pitiful tone, she couldn't help but cover her mouth with both hands, trying to prevent herself from laughing out loud.

It was silent outside for a few seconds. Suddenly, there was the sound of footsteps getting softer and softer, until finally, there was the sound of a door closing.

He Xinyan knit her eyebrows together and opened the door to see an empty room. No one.

"Hmph! Gu Yechen!" She angrily sat down on the couch and pulled out her phone to call him. However, before she could, she noticed his phone on the desk.

She threw her phone onto the desk and angrily leaned back against the couch. She grabbed a pillow nearby and put it onto her lap, punching one fist into the soft cotton pillow.

After a long time, the door opened.

She looked up to see Gu Yechen walk in, holding a big plate in his hands. A white piece of cloth covered the plate so He Xinyan could not see what was on the plate.

She glanced at him before turning her head around and crossing her arms together.

Gu Yechen closed the door and walked over to her, putting the plate onto the table in front of her.

"Baby, take a look at this."

"No!" He Xinyan frowned.

"Are you sure?"

"Hmph!" He Xinyan pouted angrily as she refused to look at him. However, she was able to see from the corner of her eyes that his cheeks and fingers were slightly red and swollen, and there were small flakes of white on his hair.

Finally, she turned around to look at him, "What did you go do outside?"

Noticing that He Xinyan was willing to talk to him now, Gu Yechen's sad face immediately disappeared as his lips turned up into a small smile.

He bent down and took off the white cloth, revealing what was on the plate.

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He bent down and took off the white cloth, revealing what was on the plate.

Standing on the plate there was a little pig made out of snow.

The pig figure looked extremely realistic, and there were two small black beans that were made into eyes. He Xinyan frowned slightly as she wondered where Gu Yechen got the beans from.

The facial expression and every little detail made the pig look even more realistic. He Xinyan couldn't help but think that the pig was extremely cute.

"You went out to make this?" He Xinyan furrowed her eyebrows together as she asked Gu Yechen.

"Mhm!"

"Why did you make this?"

"To fulfill your wish," Gu Yechen replied.

He Xinyan raised one eyebrow as she looked at him confusedly.

He walked over to where she was sitting and sat down next to her, pulling her into his embrace, "Xinyan, I will never eat pork in my life anymore."

"..."

How does not eating pork relate to building a snow pig?

She knew perfectly well that he was only trying to make her happy by building the pig.

He Xinyan let go of the pillow and grabbed Gu Yechen's hands. They weren't red anymore, but they were still very cold.

Gu Yechen held onto her hands as well.

"The pig is going to melt," He Xinyan said with a frown as she looked towards the cute little pig.

"It's okay, I can make it again."

"No!" He Xinyan immediately responded.

"Why?" Gu Yechen was slightly taken aback by He Xinyan's firm response.

"Well. . . Um. . . it's too cold outside." He Xinyan blinked a few times as she avoided making eye contact with Gu Yechen.

"Go wash your hands with hot water to warm it up. It's too cold!" He Xinyan said, pretending to let go of his hands because she didn't like the coldness.

However, they both knew that she only told him to go wash his hands because that way, his hands would warm up faster.

Gu Yechen smiled gently, "Okay."

The next day was the last day Gu Yechen and He Xinyan were going to stay at the Gu mansion. The next day, they would be leaving.

Although many of the family members were very annoyed and angry about this since they would be the first people to leave, no one could change their decision and no one tried.

During the last dinner, Wang Yani suddenly spoke to Gu Yechen, something she hasn't done in quite a while.

"Gu Yechen, Xiner is at the age to start working now. You can set up a good position for her at the Gu Corporation, so she can start working. Help her out too since she is a new worker."

He Xinyan raised one eyebrow as she continued to eat and savor her last meal here. So, Wang Yani was setting up new opportunities for Yechen and Gu Kexin again.

Ah... Was she ever going to get tired?

Gu Kexin smiled as she looked up at Wang Yani, who smiled back at her.

Gu Yechen put a peeled shrimp onto He Xinyan's plate as he replied, "I can give her a position in the company, but it will be based on her skill."

Both Wang Yani and Gu Kexin furrowed their eyebrows together.

"What skill?" Wang Yani, her tone a little more angry than before, "Xiner just graduated from college and this will be her first job. Of course, she has no skill yet! That is why you need to help her as her brother!"

Gu Yechen lifted his head up slightly, "The Gu Corporation doesn't use 'unspoken rules' in their hiring of people. Even if she is a member of the Gu family, that doesn't mean that she will immediately get a high position in the Gu Corporation."

"But -"

Gu Yechen immediately cut Wang Yani off, "This is also a reason for why the Gu Corporation is doing so well right now. . . because we don't use any lowly methods as other companies do."

Wang Yani's face turned slightly red. So he was saying she was the type to use lowly methods?!

Noticing that the situation was getting a little out of hand, Gu Kexin immediately spoke up.

"It's okay, grandma! Brother Yechen is right! I can start off as a small worker. I will definitely prove to him that I am capable and won't rely on the Gu family or anything else except myself."

As she said this, she looked towards He Xinyan. But to her disappointment, He Xinyan's head was buried inside her bowl as she ate, and she didn't notice Gu Kexin's meaning behind her words.

Well, to be exact. . . He Xinyan didn't even hear Gu Kexin's words.

Wang Yani wasn't very pleased that Gu Kexin sided with Gu Yechen right now, and she angrily stood up from her chair.

With an angry glare at Gu Yechen, she turned around and walked away.

Even if she was the eldest member of the Gu family alive, she had no power in the Gu Corporation. Gu Yechen was the ultimate authority of the Gu Corporation, and even his uncles or even his dad couldn't control him in terms of making decisions in the Gu Corporation.

He had led the Gu Corporation on a better path, and therefore he was trusted with the corporation.

The Gu Corporation was just a part of all the other businesses and areas the Gu family meddled in, but it was also the largest part.

Therefore, even though he was a younger generation in the Gu family, he still had a lot of power and wasn't afraid in front of his relatives. . .

Well, he wasn't afraid in front of anyone.

Gu Kexin, noticing that her grandma was mad, immediately ran after Wang Yani.

--- Inside Wang Yani's Room

"Grandma," Gu Kexin said sweetly as she walked in.

"Hmph! You are all grown up now and you have forgotten about your grandma now!" Wang Yani said, obviously upset.

Gu Kexin sat down next to Wang Yani and grabbed onto her arm, "Of course not! I will never forget grandma! Grandma is my favorite!"

Wang Yani's expression softened slightly, but she still frowned, "Ch! You are already siding with that unfilial Gu Yechen now!"

"No, grandma. I want to prove myself. If I just use you to get a good position in the Gu Corporation, then everyone will look down on me! However, if I work hard myself and climb up, then brother Yechen will be able to look at me differently."

Wang Yani's mouth opened slightly as she nodded her head, "True, true. My Xiner is very smart."

Seeing that Wang Yani was happy again, Gu Kexin relaxed slightly.

"Grandma, I won't be able to come to see you often if I begin working in the Gu Corporation. Will you miss Xiner?"

Wang Yani smiled, "Of course I will! Xiner, you have to come and visit me as often as possible. I am getting old, and I don't know how much longer I can see you -"

"Grandma, don't say things like that! Grandma will live very long!"

Wang Yani laughed happily, "Okay, okay. My only wish now is to stay alive long enough to see you get married and have kids."

Gu Kexin blushed and looked down, "Well. . ."

"I know, I know. You like your brother Yechen, right?"

Gu Kexin didn't respond but the blush on her cheeks got redder.

Although Wang Yani wasn't very pleased with Gu Yechen's actions, words, and attitude towards her, she still had to admit that he was a very attractive and powerful man.

As her most successful grandson, Wang Yani obviously wanted Gu Kexin to be with Gu Yechen.

She placed one hand onto Gu Kexin's hand, "Don't worry, Xiner. Grandma will help you. I will definitely find a way to get rid of that He Xinyan."

Gu Kexin nodded her head, "Thank you, grandma!"

The next morning, He Xinyan and Gu Yechen left early in the morning without even eating breakfast.

They were supposed to go with Gu Kexin that day since Gu Kexin was moving into the area they lived to work in the Gu Corporation.

However, Gu Yechen. . . being Gu Yechen, didn't care at all and didn't even mention the fact that Wang Yani had insisted on Gu Kexin leaving along with them.

When He Xinyan reminded him, he seemed to have forgotten about this altogether, and he just shrugged it off.

At the end, when Gu Kexin and the rest of the Gu family woke up, Gu Yechen and He Xinyan were long gone.

Back in the area of Country Z they lived, the black car stopped in front of Gu Yechen's large mansion.

"Ah! Home sweet home!" He Xinyan stretched happily as she hopped out of the car and entered the mansion. She was so glad to be back from that place. . . Although she will definitely miss the food.

It was lunchtime already when they arrived, and since they had skipped breakfast, they were both very happy.

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Gu Yechen didn't even bother to pick up the call the first three times, until finally, he impatiently clicked the green button on the screen.

"Brother Yechen, I am here now but I don't know where you live."

Gu Yechen had turned the phone on speaker mode so He Xinyan could hear the entire conversation, and she raised one eyebrow as she glanced at Gu Yechen.

"Why would you need to know where I live?" Gu Yechen said coldly.

"I don't have a house over here and the Gu mansion is too far away. Grandma told me that I could live with you. . ." Gu Kexin's voice got softer and softer as she reached the end of the sentence.

He Xinyan took a bite of rice as she eagerly anticipated Gu Yechen's response.

And indeed, he didn't disappoint!

"I am germophobic. I don't like to have outsiders live in my house. If you have nowhere else to stay, then you can live."

And with that, Gu Yechen hung up the call and powered off his phone.

He Xinyan burst out into laughter without any sense of pity for Gu Kexin.

"Germophobic? You're saying she is a germ, hahahaha!"

Gu Yechen grinned slightly as he watched her laugh and put more food onto her plate, "Is it that funny?"

He Xinyan immediately nodded her head, "Funny is an understatement! It is so, sooo good!! Am I not an outsider then? I am more of an outsider than she is."

Gu Yechen began taking out the bones from a piece of fish as he opened his mouth, "What do you mean? You are the most intimate person to me along with my parents. In fact, you might even be more intimate, after we. . ."

He Xinyan was very familiar with Gu Yechen's dirty mind by now, and she immediately lifted one hand up to stop him, "Eat, eat, eat, eat. . ."

Gu Yechen chuckled as he placed the boneless fish onto He Xinyan's plate and began eating.

The next day, Gu Yechen went to work and He Xinyan "decided" to go with him.

It was only because she had nothing else to do, and she had too much time so she went. Nothing else. Absolutely nothing else.

They walked into the Gu Corporation hand in hand, but before they could even walk to the elevator, they were stopped.

"Brother Yechen!"

He Xinyan's expression immediately darkened as she recognized the voice. In a few seconds, Gu Kexin's annoying face showed up in front of them.

Just like He Xinyan, her face also darkened when she saw He Xinyan, but it quickly brightened up as her gaze moved over to Gu Yechen.

"Brother Yechen, I am here today!"

Gu Yechen glanced at Gu Kexin before immediately walking past her, pulling He Xinyan along with him.

In the past, he wasn't this rude to Gu Kexin, and he would still acknowledge him. However, after what He Xinyan had told him, of course he had to be more careful now.

Gu Kexin immediately ran after them, "Brother Yechen, why are you so cold to me?"

He Xinyan rolled her eyes, "Are you stupid?" She mouthed, and Gu Kexin didn't notice since her eyes were glued onto Gu Yechen.

"Gu Kexin, you are just a small worker. Do you think I have the time to talk to every new worker in the company? You are not that special." Gu Yechen said coldly without even looking at Gu Kexin, so he didn't notice that her eyes immediately became red.

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The elevator door walked in and Gu Yechen and He Xinyan immediately walked in, and of course, Gu Kexin followed.

"Get out," Gu Yechen said, his expression so cold even He Xinyan was a little afraid.

Gu Kexin opened and closed her mouth several times and tears were beginning to circle inside her eyes, "I... I need to ride up to the other floors too."

"This is my special elevator. Get out." Gu Yechen said frustratingly, almost like it was common sense. Gu Kexin looked so sad that He Xinyan was even beginning to feel a little pity towards her.

If she was Gu Kexin, and her crush talked to her like that, she would also definitely be sad. However, in this situation, Gu Kexin's crush was her man! So, the tiny feeling of pity immediately disappeared.

"Where are the guards?"

Upon hearing this, Gu Kexin immediately stepped out of the elevator in fear, and the first tear rolled down her cheeks.

Gu Yechen closed the door, and as the elevator door closed slowly, He Xinyan "very kindly" said, "The Human Resources department is on the 17th floor."

Gu Kexin glared at her right before the door closed.

"Ah, my boyfriend is so scary," He Xinyan shuddered as she glanced at Gu Yechen with a smile.

"How?" The angry and coldness in his expression seemed to have disappeared in a second as he turned to look at He Xinyan with a gentle smile.

"How? Ah, I'm glad I am not Gu Kexin."

Gu Yechen chuckled and leaned down towards her, "Why? You want me to be nicer to Gu Kexin?"

"No!" He Xinyan immediately replied without thinking. She then cleared her throat awkwardly after realizing that her reaction was a little too dramatic.

"Of course not! Stay this way! I like scary Gu Yechen."

Ding! The elevator door opened and He Xinyan immediately walked out, pulling Gu Yechen out with him.

"President Gu, Mrs. Gu."

"Good morning, President Gu and Mrs. Gu."

Everyone stood up and greeted them politely. No one was very surprised upon seeing He Xinyan because she had come several times already.

He Xinyan looked at her phone, ate food, slept, looked at her phone, ate food, slept, looked at her phone. . . Okay, you get the gist of it.

They ate lunch together and Gu Yechen left the company early so they could eat dinner together. To both of their relief, Gu Kexin didn't show up in front of them for the rest of the day.

And this was because she had returned back to the Gu mansion.

"Grandma!" Gu Kexin ran into the room with tears running down her cheeks and immediately jumped into Wang Yani's embrace.

"Xiner?! What are you doing here?" Wang Yani was in her nightgown already, and she fell a few steps back by the sudden force.

"Grandma, I don't want to go to the Gu Corporation anymore."

"What? Why? Yesterday, you were still so excited to go. And your brother Yechen is there!"

They sat down on the bed together and Gu Kexin wiped away the tears on her cheeks, "I went today, and. . . and brother Yechen was so mean to me! I. . . I couldn't stay. . ."

Gu Kexin went on to tell the entire story through her perspective to Wang Yani. Of course, her side of the story wasn't exactly the most objective, and she made it clear the horrible role He Xinyan played inside her story.

Wang Yani was furious by the end of Gu Kexin's story.

"Don't worry, Xiner. Gu Yechen is only treating you this way because of that He Xinyan. As long as we get rid of her, the road ahead of you will be clear."

Gu Kexin nodded her head in agreement. Since they were young, it was clear that she was going to be the only woman that was going to stand next to Gu Yechen!

However, the appearance of He Xinyan had ruined it all. Before, Gu Yechen would still acknowledge her and he still spoke to her when she did.

Note: Gu Kexin's definition of "spoke to her" equals one or two words.

"Grandma has a plan," Wang Yani said, causing Gu Kexin to immediately look up hopefully.

"What is it?"

Wang Yani smiled, "You don't have to worry about it. Xiner, your birthday is coming up soon. When do you want to hold your birthday party?"

At the mention of her birthday party, Gu Kexin's expression brightened up slightly as she thought for a few seconds, "My birthday is next week. . . How about let's hold it the day before my birthday, on Sunday?"

Wang Yani nodded with a gentle smile, "Of course, whatever Xiner wants!"

Gu Kexin smiled and leaned against Wang Yani, "Grandma, I don't want to go back today."

"Okay, okay. How about we sleep together today?"

Gu Kexin nodded, "Yes, grandma!"

After changing into her pajamas and taking a shower, Gu Kexin laid down onto the huge bed next to Wang Yani, and closed her eyes, quickly falling asleep.

However, Wang Yani didn't go to sleep right away. Instead, her eyes stared at Gu Kexin and then scanned the room, before a small smile crept up her face.

The birthday party. . .

The next morning, hearing that Gu Kexin was back, Gu Zihao immediately appeared in front of Wang Yani's room and knocked twice.

"Come in!"

Gu Zihao walked in and smiled when he saw Gu Kexin, who smiled back at him.

"Sister Kexin, why are you back?"

Gu Kexin looked down and smiled slightly, "Nothing, I just came to visit. I will be returning today."

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Gu Kexin was very happy to hear this because she was frustrated about having no one to be with over there. However, now since her "follower" was going with her, she would have someone to help her.

An hour later, the two of them left the Gu mansion with Gu Zihao driving the car.

Gu Zihao dropped Gu Kexin off in front of the Gu Corporation and followed her in.

Coincidentally, Gu Yechen and He Xinyan had also just arrived. He Xinyan was staying with Gu Yechen at work again today because she found it very interesting to watch him do work, and she learned a lot from doing so as well.

Four pairs of eyes met in the front lobby, and it wasn't exactly the nicest and pleasant sort of meeting.

"Brother Yechen," Gu Zihao greeted politely.

Gu Yechen nodded his head as a sign of acknowledgment, and Gu Zihao turned to look at He Xinyan, "Miss He."

"Nice to meet you again, Mr. Gu." He Xinyan looked over at Gu Kexin and chuckled softly, "I see that your eyes and brain have still not opened yet. That is quite unfortunate."

Gu Zihao frowned slightly and didn't reply.

Gu Yechen didn't have the time to waste talking to irrelevant people, and he and He Xinyan walked away and into the elevator.

Gu Kexin looked down at the ground and sighed.

Noticing that Gu Kexin was sad, Gu Zihao pressed his lips together but didn't say anything. It was like there were two people fighting with each other inside of him.

And he didn't know what to do now. . .

"Kexin, I will get going now."

Gu Kexin nodded gravely, "Okay, goodbye."

Gu Zihao looked at her for another second before turning around and leaving the building. Why did he even care about that woman's words? Why was he actually beginning to doubt his feelings for Gu Kexin?

He had liked her for over 10 years now, so why was this unknown and conflicting feeling beginning to build up inside of him now?

Was it really just because of He Xinyan's words?

--- One week later

Gu Kexin's birthday party took place inside a huge ballroom of a famous hotel in Country Z.

The distance of the hotel from the Gu mansion and from the Gu Corporation was about equal, and a ton of people from the upper class were invited.

As the "granddaughter" of the Gu family, Gu Kexin had many friends with the upper class family daughters, and therefore all of the guests were very influential people.

Everyone from the Gu family was also invited, but not many attended since they were all busy people. Gu Kexin wasn't angry about this either, because she wasn't extremely close to many of her "relatives" either.

To everyone's surprise, Wang Yani also chose not to attend her beloved granddaughter's 23rd birthday party. She said that she was getting old and didn't want to attend these noisy gatherings, and Gu Kexin didn't force it upon her.

After all, this was more of a gathering for young people, and it would be awkward if Wang Yani attended.

In the invitation list, of course Gu Yechen's name showed up.

The invitation arrived when Gu Yechen and He Xinyan were watching television together, so He Xinyan naturally saw it.

Gu Yechen took one glance at it and was about to throw it away when He Xinyan immediately stopped him.

"Let's go!" She said excitedly.

"What?"

"Why shouldn't we go? You got an invitation, and it is very, very impolite to not go," He Xinyan said sarcastically. In reality, she only wanted to attend with Gu Yechen to make Gu Kexin feel angry and annoyed on her special day.

Yes, He Xinyan was just that amazing and considerate!

Gu Yechen saw through her reasons right away, and he smiled as he nodded, "Okay."

The hotel was booked for the entire night, so the only people inside were the people invited to the party.

He Xinyan and Gu Yechen arrived inside the ballroom. At once, the laughter and chatter inside the room stopped as the people inside all turned to look at the couple that just walked in.

Several people covered their mouths to hide their gasps.

He Xinyan wore a red evening gown that hugged her beautiful body curves very well. Her long, silky straight black hair rested behind her shoulders. She had put on a thick layer of red lipstick, and with her mouth slightly open, it looked extremely sexy in the eyes of others.

She walked arm in arm with Gu Yechen towards the people inside the room.

Next to her, Gu Yechen was dressed in a completely black suit that also showed off his muscular body. The black color of the suit exemplified his pale, white skin very well, and it made his entire temperament seem more cold and almost angelic.

Underneath his tall and slim nose, the corners of his thin lips were slightly raised into a very attractive curve.

"Brother Yechen, you're finally here!" Gu Kexin's voice said excitedly as she made her way through the people. However, when her eyes landed on He Xinyan, the smile on her face immediately disappeared.

However, she still politely greeted her, "Miss He."

In front of all the guests, Gu Kexin couldn't directly say that He Xinyan wasn't invited, as not only was that rude, but it also wasn't something the daughter of an upper class family would do.

He Xinyan smiled as she responded, "In a few days, Miss Gu has gotten prettier."

Gu Kexin's lips twitched slightly, "Thank you."

At this moment, a girl who seemed to be in her teenage years walked over, wearing a short pink dress that puffed out. When she saw He Xinyan, she rolled her eyes and then looked over at Gu Yechen with a smile.

"You are the 'brother Yechen' sister Kexin talks about, right? I am finally able to see you in real life now! You are so handsome! Today is sister Kexin's birthday, what did brother Yechen prepare for sister Kexin?"

He Xinyan tilted her head slightly to look at Gu Yechen, whose lips were tightly closed.

"Shanshan!" Gu Kexin's cheeks turned slightly red as she grabbed onto the girl's arm, "The fact that he is here is the best present he could give me."

As she spoke, she looked over at Gu Yechen with sparkling eyes.

Hearing Gu Kexin's cheesy words, He Xinyan couldn't help but shiver slightly as she looked down to prevent anyone from seeing her mocking smile.

They are really doing a good job in not acknowledging her presence.

But that was her purpose in coming! To annoy this bunch of people.

"Brother Yechen, why didn't you tell me that today was Miss Gu's birthday? That way, I would have prepared a birthday present for her." He Xinyan said with a voice higher than usual as she wrapped her hand around Gu Yechen's arm.

The words "brother Yechen" caused Gu Yechen to raise his eyebrows as he looked down at her. He licked his lips as a small grin crept up her face.

Hearing He Xinyan call Gu Yechen by her "special name", Gu Kexin's face darkened slightly.

Gu Yechen reached down and grabbed onto He Xinyan's hand gently, "Miss Gu is the treasure of the Gu family. She might not like the presents we give her, as she has everything. So, instead of making a joke out of ourselves, I think it is the thought that counts."

It was very hard for He Xinyan to stop herself from laughing hearing Gu Yechen talk nonsense.

Gu Kexin was the treasure of the Gu family, but wasn't Gu Yechen even more important?

"Miss Gu, happy birthday. I wish you good health and success this next year." He Xinyan said with a smile.

The expression on Gu Kexin's face got uglier and uglier, but she still had to reply, "Thank you."

Gu Yechen's eyes finally landed on Gu Kexin for a quick second before he pulled He Xinyan away towards the tables of food.

Everyone attending this birthday party was invited by Gu Kexin, so the people here today were mostly her friends. There weren't any elders, so the atmosphere was much more relaxed.

He Xinyan picked up a plate of macarons as her eyes looked over at Gu Kexin, whose posture was weirdly stiff. She took a small bite of the macaron and couldn't hold her laugh in anymore.

"What are you laughing about?"

He Xinyan cleared her throat and tried to maintain a straight face, "Imagine how Gu Kexin must be feeling right now."

"What?" Gu Yechen frowned.

"What what? She must be so annoyed hahahaha! She had sent you an invitation, so I'm sure she didn't expect you to bring me too. Hahaha!"

Yes, He Xinyan took pleasure in making others annoyed. . . . Well, others being very specific people.

It has become her new favorite hobby. She was just such a considerate and nice person.

"You're happy about it, my dear sister Yanyan?"