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Yun Qingrong was left in the dining area with her younger brother, Yun Shao, while General Yun, along with her older brothers, stood up, intending to go to the study to have a word with her daughter in private.

She wasn't sure what they had talked about during her daughter's first visit, and she couldn't fish out the answers from Feifei as she would only smile, assuring her that everything would be fine.

'Don't worry about Xiao Fei, Qing Jie. Although she's only adopted, it's obvious that you've raised a person appropriate to be part of the Yun family.' Yun Shao reassured her, seeing her worried expression.

Su Xiaofei followed her elders, with Yun Xiang walking next to her. As she entered the study and took the same seat she had sat on during their first meeting, she remained calm.

Yun Yuanzhi looked at his sister's adoptive daughter and thought that this young woman had a rare, exquisite beauty. She looked refined and serene, masking her ruthlessness and cold demeanor. It was just a pity that she wasn't into the Yun family, because a characteristic like this, although it can be considered harsh and unwanted, was useful for men in uniforms like him. 'We have investigated the claims you made previously.' Yun Guanyu started, his cold eyes not leaving the calm young woman seated in front of him. 'Your suspicions were valid.' He said with a grim face.

Yun Yuanzhi and Yun Zhaonan also tightened their jaws upon hearing it. At first, they doubted this young woman's claims about the threat looming in their sister's life. They thought it was a baseless claim.

The man that they were able to identify on the CCTV recording that Su Xiaofei provided really came from a suspicious background. Not only was the man a known loan shark, but he was also connected to the underground world.

Su Haoran had a debt of over fifty million with this man, who was now chasing him to claim the debt. It's no wonder that Su Xiaofei was eager to come here

and seek their assistance, because as long as Yun Qingrong remained married to her husband, she might get caught in the crossfire and might end up paying the price for it.

Of course, after uncovering the truth, how could the Yun family remain silent and pretend that they did not care about their kin? Regardless of their disagreements in the past, Yun Qingrong was still part of their Yun family.

Su Xiaofei remained silent, her eyes resembling a dark abyss, bearing a great sense of mocking indifference. She wasn't sure who conspired for her mother's accident, but it was so obvious who had gained the most from Yun Qingrong's death.

This was why, first and foremost, she had spent most of her time focusing on chasing away Su Haoran and that pair of mother and daughter as well as the Chen family. Because Su Xiaofei knew that snipping the bud before it bloomed would save her a lot of trouble and headache in the future.

Su Xiaofei was aware that even if she was reborned and had the upper hand because she knew what would transpire in the future, everyone had their own weakness and limitations, including her. So it didn't matter if the Yun family perceived her as a scheming young woman.

If she wasn't able to save her mother's life in this lifetime, then why else was she reborned and given a chance to relive her life?

Her past life had taught her what forbearance meant and if there were conspiracies and schemes that not only would harm her, but also her mother, she had to use all the methods and resources she could get her hands on to avoid such calamity.

'Why did you suspect that Su Haoran is doing something illegal?' Yun Yuanzhi questioned her curiously.

Su Xiaofei glanced at his face, then to Yun Zhaonan, who was waiting for her answer.

'Because Uncle Fang said that he's been making unnecessary business trips and rarely showed up at his office in Bluemedia. Also, the fact that he's able to afford to send his daughter to the same exclusive school I'm currently attending was suspicious. I figured that he might have access to a lot of money that Mama isn't aware of.' Su Xiaofei said, lightly.

General Yun frowned upon hearing that.

'He sent his own daughter to the same school you are attending? What is he up to ?'

'Grandpa, I can vouch for Xiao Fei's claim. I met this daughter of Su Haoran's a few days ago. It seems that they deliberately transferred her to QCA to trouble Xiao Fei and Aunty Qing.' Yun Xiang chimed in, glancing at Su Xiaofei, but she didn't even bother to acknowledge him.

The old general's face darkened as he gave it a good thought. Since he had witnessed how much their Qing'er doted on her adoptive daughter, it was certain that she would also take a hit if something bad happened to Su Xiaofei.

He fell silent and considered their options. It was important to announce that Yun Qingrong and Su Xiaofei had both returned to and are acknowledged by their Yun family.

'Uncles, may I see the result of the investigation? I would like to know what kind of problem Mama might need to deal with, just in case.' Su Xiaofei made a request to her mother's brothers.

It was her second uncle who handed her the investigation reports they received.

Su Xiaofei read each page carefully. It was so detailed that even the date and time of Su Haoran's check ins and checkouts during his business trips from several hotels and apartelles were included. It also confirmed that he was indebted to so many people and had been acquainted with people from suspicious backgrounds.

No wonder the Yun family didn't waste their time and invited her mother back home.. If things were this serious, Su Haoran might do something reckless against her mother and would refuse to divorce her.

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'It should be easy to contest the divorce if Mama brings it to court.' Su Xiaofei hummed as she rubbed her chin. 'I assume that the prenup agreement she had with Su Haoran is legally binding, right ?'

'It should be.' Yun Zhaonan agreed with her. 'Signing a prenup before marriage could avoid possible arguments in case of a divorce. Or they may want to avoid potential arguments if they ever divorce, by specifying in advance how their property will be divided, and whether either spouse would receive alimony or not.'

Su Xiaofei nodded her head slightly. She was able to get a copy of the said prenuptial agreement from her mother's lawyer.

The prenup specifically stated that Su Haoran would get nothing except the presents Yun Qingrong had given him during the course of their marriage. As for Yun Qingrong's properties, it was specified that anything she gained during her marriage would remain hers and could only pass to their future children, which in this case means Su Xiaofei herself. It was also specified that Yun Qingrong would have nothing to do with Su Haoran's debt and liabilities during their marriage.

Knowing this, Su Haoran still signed the prenup, hoping that he only needed to bend for some time, because he would eventually rip off the fruits of his perseverance by being related to the Yun family, which never happened.

However, now that he realized that he would be left with nothing if Yun Qingrong divorced him, of course, he wasn't willing to part ways.

'Such a shameless bastard.' Su Xiaofei grimaced inwardly, before turning the page, her brow arching in surprise. It was really a pity her mother fell for such a person.

'Ohh ? He has a hefty amount of money, and yet he isn't willing to pay off his debts on his own ?' She commented.

'Xiao Fei, we think that this isn't clean money.' Yun Zhaonan said. 'Since he associated himself with those kinds of people, we noticed the pattern of the cash flow in his secret accounts. This might be the reason

why he's able to afford to send his daughter to your school.

Su Xiaofei inwardly scoffed at that. Su Haoran had money, but wasn't willing to pay his debts and instead push them towards her mother? She had never met a? person as thick-skinned as him. He didn't even care what could happen to his lawfully wedded wife by acquiring illegal money. The more she discovered about Su Haoran's dirty secrets, the more determined Su Xiaofei was to get rid of him from her mother's life. Since there was neither love nor bridge to burn between her and Su Haoran, Su Xiaofei didn't hold any respect nor sympathy for the man at all.

'Xiao Fei, next month, we will host a birthday banquet. I want you and your mother to attend together.' General Yun announced, pulling everyone's attention.

Su Xiaofei sighed in her heart. Another banquet? Can't someone give her a break? She had attended enough parties and banquets in her previous life, and none of them were exciting.

'Of course, General Yun. I'm sure Mama would be pleased to attend it.' She smiled despite the annoyance in her heart.

Yun Zhaonan thought that this was a good chance for them to establish the fact that Yun Qingrong had returned to their family. However, he still had reservations towards this adopted daughter of his sister's.

Su Xiaofei lifted her gaze and saw him staring at her. Other young ladies would cower in fear if they were scrutinized like this, but she only smiled and turned her attention back to the papers she was reading.

She was really such an odd young woman. Yun Zhaonan thought. She was even more cool-headed and calmer than the other men and enemies he had met in the past. At such a young age, she was already unfathomable, and her heart was definitely malicious and wicked. Every word she uttered in front of them seemed to have undergone some careful deliberation first, making sure she would gain something ever since their very first meeting. Su Xiaofei had also spoken in a way that they wouldn't be able to deny her request for help.

'There's no need to call me General from now on. From today onwards, call me Grandfather. I will announce you as the young miss of the Yun family during the same banquet, so you better prepare yourself.' Yun Guanyu continued, shocking not only Su Xiaofei, but also his sons.

Su Xiaofei blinked, then raised an eyebrow at the old man. She hadn't expected that General Yun would consider her as his granddaughter. Yun Guanyu didn't gain any granddaughters from his sons, so naturally, only Su Xiaofei could be considered as the granddaughter of the Yun family. Thinking about it, at least she didn't have to compete with another young miss for that title. She would have to decline General Yun's offer if that was the case.

'Grandfather.' She slightly nodded her head, testing the foreign word on her lips.

Since the old man had willingly acknowledged her, obviously, Su Xiaofei won't say no to it. She smiled faintly but didn't say anything in return.

Yun Yuanzhi seemed satisfied with his father's decision, while Yun Zhaonan and Yun Xiang had both complicated expressions on their faces. Yun Zhaonan wasn't fully ready to accept Su Xiaofei as his niece, while Yun Xiang wasn't sure why he wasn't satisfied knowing that Su Xiaofei was now his cousin. 'As for Qing'er's divorce, I will say my piece, but Su Xiaofei, you should try your best to convince your mother.' Yun Guanyu said.

'Xiaofei understands, Grandfather.' Su Xiaofei showed gratitude to the old man, although she really didn't care much about being the young miss of the Yun family.

'Since we have decided what to do next, we should go down and join everyone for lunch. Your mother should have prepared the meal by now..' Perhaps because his daughter was back, the old man looked much better than before.

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Monday came and Su Xiaofei felt even more lethargic than usual. After having her lunch, she leaned her head on Lu Qingfeng's arm and shut her eyes. After her busy weekend, she longed to spend more time on her bed and take some much-needed nap.

This was the scene Xi Qian found when she came after making a phone call, arriving late for lunch. She was slightly startled seeing the two like this and wondered if Lu Qingfeng had finally expressed his intentions to Feifei.

Xi Qian took a seat and started eating her lunch in silence, not daring to make a sound in case it disturbed Su Xiaofei's nap. She knew that her best friend had been busy these days and had just recently become acquainted with her maternal relatives. This peaceful scene was broken when Cai Lin arrived with a deep scowl on his face. He had been looking around for Su Xiaofei to confront her. He had never thought that while Ye Mingyu was feeling distraught, he would find Su Xiaofei unbothered.

Lu Qingfeng lifted his head and gave him a blank look, while Xi Qian frowned, knowing this young man had come here to cause trouble for their Feifei. Considering what happened at the founding ball, it was normal that Su Xiaofei and Ye Mingyu became the center of everyone's attention.

Xi Qian heard about what happened that night from others, and she thought that Ye Mingyu must be foolish for repeatedly trying to stir trouble for their Feifei. Su Xiaofei didn't like to be bothered persistently, and it was normal that she would snap at others in due time, teaching them a lesson to never cross her line again. Surprisingly, it took time for Su Xiaofei to deal with Ye Mingyu.

Sensing a shadow on her, Su Xiaofei furrowed her brows slightly and cracked her eyes open.

'Uhm... What is it ?' She asked Lu Qingfeng, blinking her sleepiness away.

When she lifted her head, she found Cai Lin staring at her with annoyance. This young man was probably around

seventeen or eighteen years old, but Su Xiaofei wasn't certain of his exact age. He had a fair share of admirers, but not as many as Lu Qingfeng, who not only dominated the middle school department, but also caught the attention of some of his seniors. Cai Lin's eyes revealed shrewdness that annoyed not only Xi Qian, but also Lu Qingfeng.

'Young Master Cai, is there something you need from us?' She asked the young man with a hint of mockery in her tone.

Although there was no visible emotion on her face, she gave off the impression of utter chilliness, as if she was a demoness who had just returned from her trip to the underworld. Looking at her, Cai Lin unconsciously shuddered.

Ah, it wasn't surprising that Cai Lin sought her today. Ye Mingyu was best at attacking others using the blade of another. Since she had humiliated Ye Mingyu during the founding ball, Su Xiaofei had expected that her 'beloved' Da Jie wouldn't let her off easily.

'Apologize to Yu'er. You shouldn't have done that to her. Even if the two of you were born from different mothers, she is still your elder sister. You shouldn't have treated her like that.' Cai Lin demanded of her.

'I didn't know that Young Master Cai had a say in our family matters. Whether I accept Ye Mingyu or not as my sister has nothing to do with you.' Su Xiaofei replied with a mocking smile.

Cai Lin hardened his jaws and glared furiously at her. Ye Mingyu had been feeling down ever since the founding ball. No matter how hard he tried to console her, she would claim that she was alright, although it was obvious that she wasn't. When he found out what transpired at the banquet hall during his absence, he was furious at how Su Xiaofei treated her own sister. 'Do you know what shame is? Yu'er has been feeling down because of what you've done to her, and yet here you are, acting as if you've done nothing wrong to her.' He said with an accusatory tone.

'Damn bastard! Keep spouting nonsense, and see if I won't tear your mouth to pieces!' Xi Qian gritted her teeth, hand tightening on her chopsticks. Cai Lin's sudden appearance had effectively ruined her appetite.

'It's clear that Ye Mingyu was the one who kept on bothering Su Xiaofei. What right do you have to criticize her like this? You want her to accept Ye Mingyu as her sister, but did you even see how that woman and her mother wronged Feifei and Aunty Qing! You're such a sanctimonious bastard, Cai Lin!' She continued.

Su Xiaofei only stared at Cai Lin, looking at him as if he was a clown. In her past life, Cai Lin was one of Ye Mingyu's admirers who had repeatedly humiliated her. It could be said that the debt he owed her is far from paid.

She hadn't done anything to him, but Cai Lin had taken the initiative to step forward to remind her of her revenge. Since he had willingly come forward, how can Su Xiaofei ignore him any further? Did he really think he would be able to intimidate her and force her to apologize on Ye Mingyu?

There were many things that had changed since her rebirth, but there were also many things that did not. The only thing she could be certain was that she wouldn't play the foolish villainess everyone perceived her to be. However, just as Su Xiaofei was about to answer Cai Lin, Lu Qingfeng's voice stopped her. His voice was stoic and cold, but there was a hint of ridicule in it.

'Senior Cai, I heard that you are a gentleman and have a great sense of justice.. Who would have thought that today, I would see your pathetic face, trying to bully a woman that is obviously weaker than you. How about this junior challenge you?'

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Lu Qingfeng obviously wouldn't stand aside watching his woman getting bullied in front of him. Regardless if she had yet to give him a definite answer, he would never allow anyone to talk down to her. He gave Su Xiaofei a glance as if telling her that he would be the one dealing with Cai Lin.

Meanwhile, Cai Lin did not expect that Lu Qingfeng would stand up for Su Xiaofei. Everyone in the academy knew how close these two were, almost as if they were lovers. The only reason he rushed out to confront Su Xiaofei was to force her to apologize to Ye Mingyu.

However, this was the first time that Lu Qingfeng had vocally made a move to defend Su Xiaofei from someone. Some thought that he couldn't be bothered about trifling things that Su Xiaofei could deal with on her own. And it was because he never made any stand to protect Su Xiaofei before that some even assumed that he was merely there as her companion. But this time, Lu Qingfeng was making a stand and challenging Cai Lin. What changed then? Cai Lin hadn't expected that it would end like this.

'Let's have a one on one basketball challenge. If Senior Cai wins, our Feifei will apologize to Ye Mingyu, but if I win...' His words trailed off, as his gaze sharpened.

'Senior Cai and Senior Ye should promise not to show themselves in front of us ever again.'

Cai Lin was taken aback, but thinking about it, Lu Qingfeng's suggestion wasn't bad at all. He only needed to win, and this shameless Su Xiaofei would have no other choice but to swallow her pride and beg for Ye Mingyu's forgiveness.

'Since Junior Lu has spoken, there's no reason for this Senior not to comply.'

Lu Qingfeng's lips curled up in a slight smile. He knew that Cai Lin wouldn't be able to decline his challenge when Ye Mingyu was involved in it.

'Then I look forward to the senior imparting some of his knowledge later.'

It didn't take too long for the whole

academy to become aware of the one on one basketball game between the two captains of their basketball teams. Both were known as outstanding players in their own divisions, but now that they were competing against each other, no one could tell who would win.

That afternoon, the court was filled with spectators who were curious to see who would win between the two. Many young ladies were blushing upon seeing Cai Lin in his black and red basketball uniform.

In the midst of the murmuring gossip among the crowd, Su Xiaofei smiled slightly. Knowing her childhood friend, Lu Qingfeng, wasn't a person to be trifled with and since he had challenged Cai Lin like this to protect her honor, it was certain that he would win this game against Cai Lin.

'Heh. Cai Lin just made a mistake provoking Su Xiaofei in front of Lu Qingfeng. It's obvious that he angered Su Xiaofei's little husband because of it.'

'You have to give Ye Mingyu some credit, ah! Who would have thought that Cai Lin would confront Su Xiaofei to defend her?'

However, there were also some young women who sneered upon hearing that Lu Qingfeng had taken a stand to protect Su Xiaofei. They thought that Su Xiaofei was using Lu Qingfeng to defend herself from public scrutiny after what she had done to Ye Mingyu during the founding ball.

'It must be because Su Xiaofei has forced him. She is truly shameless.'

'Right. If it was not because of her, would Lu Qingfeng lower his pride and challenge Cai Lin like this?'

Su Xiaofei didn't know of their discussion, but even if she were to know about it, she would only laugh it off, thinking of how foolish their reasoning were. Lu Qingfeng was a prideful and clever person. He wouldn't challenge Cai Lin if he knew he wouldn't win against him.

Why did Lu Qingfeng challenge Cai Lin? It was only for him to humiliate the older man and teach Cai Lin a lesson. She really didn't think that Lu Qingfeng was doing this for her sake, but rather, he was seeking amusement through Cai Lin's humiliation.

The entire audience seemed to know about the discord between Su Xiaofei and Ye Mingyu. It would be weird if one were still ignorant about the relationship between the two sisters with all that had happened so far. However, none of them thought that it would lead to Lu Qingfeng challenging Cai Lin to defend Su Xiaofei's honor.

When Lu Qingfeng arrived, dressed in his white and red uniform, many young women fawned over him.

Whether it was because Lu Qingfeng was defending Su Xiaofei or being compared to the younger man, Cai Lin furrowed his brow in annoyance. Because they both had striking appearances and were known as the ace players of their basketball teams, it was only natural that Cai Lin would be compared to Lu Qingfeng.

'Since it was Junior Lu who challenged me, Junior Lu must not say that I was bullying him later.'

For Cai Lin to say something like this to Lu Qingfeng in front of everyone, it was like announcing that if Lu Qingfeng ended up losing face today, he could only blame himself for taking Su Xiaofei's side.

The corner of Lu Qingfeng's lips curled into a devilish smile, which somewhat reminded Su Xiaofei of the tyrant Lu Qingfeng she had seen in her previous life. It made her wonder if the sinister side of Lu Qingfeng had always been there and if she was the only one who had been oblivious to it.

'Senior Cai is worrying too much. Whether I lose or not today depends on whether you have the capability to defeat me.' Lu Qingfeng's words were really sinister, it made Su Xiaofei snicker inwardly.

His words immediately made the smile on Cai Lin's face falter, but he didn't say more as the buzz sounded, indicating that their game was about to start.

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Since the two were going to play one-on-one using half the basketball court, it was easier for the audience to see what was happening. The winning score was set to 21 points and they had the coach of the middle school's basketball team monitoring as their referee. The man was already in his late forties, and he had a strict and unfriendly image.

'Have you decided who goes first ?' He asked the two young men in front of him as he held the ball with one arm, resting it against his hips. 'I will let Junior Lu take it first.' Cai Lin said smugly, while Lu Qingfeng remained unperturbed by his opponent's mocking tone.

Cai Lin slightly frowned as he hadn't expected that Lu Qingfeng wouldn't be affected. It felt like even if he used all his might, it would end up like punching a fluffy cotton. His heart was filled with an indescribable anger. No wonder Lu Qingfeng could get along with that witch, Su Xiaofei. They really were cut from the same cloth!

Initially, he intended to use Lu Qingfeng to vent his frustration for not being able to protect Ye Mingyu during the founding ball, but he never thought that Lu Qingfeng would simply act like the total iceberg prince everyone deemed him to be.

What had clearly been intended as a move to demean Lu Qingfeng had somehow, with one look from his cold and indifferent eyes, reversed the situation between them as Lu Qingfeng appeared to be a person of high status and intelligence, looking down on Cai Lin.

Cai Lin couldn't bear the thought and swore in his heart to teach this arrogant young man a lesson. He couldn't afford to lose, knowing that he was also defending Ye Mingyu's honor.

Meanwhile, Su Xiaofei yawned behind her hand and watched the situation on the court. She saw that Lu Qingfeng was listening intently to his coach as the man relayed the rules of their game, while Cai Lin was glaring daggers at him.

'I wonder what kind of trick Ye Mingyu used on Cai

Lin. He's definitely head over heels for that woman.' Su Xiaofei heard Xi Qian comment next to her. 'I should have hit her face hard during our game and knocked out some of her teeth.'

Su Xiaofei smiled at that and shook her head amusedly.

'I didn't know that you could be this fierce, Qian.' She bumped her shoulder against her best friend's.

Xi Qian scoffed and swept her gaze over the other side of the court. She spotted Ye Mingyu seated with her classmates with a downcast expression, while Feng Xue'er and Feng Yumeng were standing near the doors of the court with haughty expressions on their faces, as if they couldn't wait to watch Cai Lin make a fool of himself.

'I guess everyone is here. The more, the merrier.' She told Su Xiaofei. 'I don't understand why Feng Xue'er and Ye Mingyu are fighting for Cai Lin. He's not really that good, to be honest.'

While it's true that Cai Lin was popular as the captain of their high school basketball team, there were still students who would only frown whenever his name was mentioned. He had adopted a high and mighty air, and always had a hostile tone when speaking with others, as if he was better than everyone else.

He was the complete opposite of the young Lu Qingfeng, in a sense that although he looked cold and preferred to be left alone, when he was talking to others, he would always speak to them with courtesy, especially to his elders. 'Love can really make one blind and foolish.' Su Xiaofei smirked. Recalling how she had been so foolish in the past for Mo Yuchen was enough to make her feel ashamed of herself.

'Then I would rather not fall in love and lose my logical mind.' Xi Qian harrumphed in return.

Su Xiaofei inwardly sighed. She couldn't tell Xi Qian that she was worrying about nothing. If she and Li Xiran meet each other again in this lifetime, then Su Xiaofei wouldn't be worried about her best friend in the future.

As for Ye Mingyu and Feng Xue'er's short-lived friendship.... Well, what else could she say? Human relations were always fragile. She only needed to plant a seed of doubt in Feng Xue'er's heart and lead Ye Mingyu towards Cai Lin. Ye Mingyu's betrayal would naturally cause Feng Xue'er to deem the latter as a thorn she would need to extract in the future.

While Su Xiaofei was talking to Xi Qian, Ye Mingyu's hold on her water bottle tightened. She simply sat in silence next to her classmates, waiting for the game to start. However, she occasionally glanced at Su Xiaofei's direction with a hint of viciousness in her eyes.

However, what Ye Mingyu hadn't anticipated was that at the very moment she looked at Su Xiaofei, Su Xiaofei would turn her head slightly as she sensed someone looking at her with a murderous intent. As their eyes met, Ye Mingyu saw that Su Xiaofei's lips curved slightly at her. Even though Su Xiaofei was smiling, she couldn't understand why she felt a cold shiver running down her spine.

When she looked again, Su Xiaofei had already turned her head away and was conversing lowly with Xi Qian, giggling about something the latter had said to her, as if she couldn't be bothered with Ye Mingyu or the fact that Lu Qingfeng and Cai Lin were going to compete to defend their honors.

'Such a white lily. Ye Mingyu is excellent at pretending.' Xi Qian snorted coldly. People must be blind if they can't see that Ye Mingyu was nothing but a sham.

'And how did you surmise this, milady ?'

'Well, it's clear that she is hiding a heinous heart behind that pretty face of hers!'

'Would that mean she and I are the same ?' Su Xiaofei questioned her.

Xi Qian was momentarily stunned upon hearing it. She looked at her best friend with wide eyes

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'Feifei, how could you say that?!' Xi Qian exclaimed. 'Don't you know what others called you and Ye Mingyu ever since she came here? Everyone deemed her as some immortal fairy and you, as

an evil witch. How could you say that you and Ye Mingyu are the same ?

Su Xiaofei could only smile in response. She didn't have the heart to come clean to her own best friend. Unlike Lu Qingfeng, who was able to see through her facade, Su Xiaofei wasn't certain if Xi Qian would be able to understand her ways.

Xi Qian had an upright and frank personality, so if she was made aware of what was truly in Su Xiaofei's wicked heart, Su Xiaofei wasn't sure if Xi Qian wouldn't find her repulsive.

Su Xiaofei and Ye Mingyu were obviously pretentious people. They both had to put on a facade as they set up intricate schemes in order to achieve their end, albeit completely different, goals.

'Is that so?' Su Xiaofei smiled as she looked at Xi Qian's face. 'Xi Qian, although you knew how other people perceived me, you remained as my friend.'

'Because I know that you wouldn't do something so reckless unless you are provoked or are trying to protect yourself.' Xi Qian replied. 'With that short temper of yours, it's easy for you to make an enemy out of someone. However, these days, you are calmer and much more agreeable. You don't seek trouble, but people like Ye Mingyu and Feng Xue'er are continuously testing your patience. How can you not be annoyed with their repeated actions? If anything, it was their fault for provoking you.'

Su Xiaofei didn't say more and glued her eyes on Lu Qingfeng on the court. Lu Qingfeng was the one holding the ball while Cai Lin was in the defense position. Lu Qingfeng was dribbling the ball with his right hand, paying attention to Cai Lin's body movements.

In the blink of an eye, Lu Qingfeng surged forward as he jab stepped to the right and faked a

dribble. However, when Cai Lin took the bait, he suddenly turned to the opposite side, shooting the ball with a fade away shot, not entering the three-point line.

Cai Lin was stunned and watched the ball leave Lu Qingfeng's hands and make an arch above him until it dropped straight through the basket, effectively giving Lu Qingfeng a two-point lead. The cheering of the girls from the audience area snapped him out of his shock and he narrowed his eyes on his opponent.

Since the point system they agreed on allowed them to get a point when a shot was made inside the three-point line and two points if it was made outside the line, Lu Qingfeng was automatically in the lead.

Lu Qingfeng was able to use the jab step to trick him. The jab step was a fundamental skill that needed a lot of practice and experience. The skill provides a player with the ability to read their opponent's defense and react based on their body position and tendencies.

Cai Lin had heard things about Lu Qingfeng, but he didn't expect the young man's reputation to precede him. Since Lu Qingfeng had managed to score two points, Cai Lin was eager to get even with his opponent. Now, Lu Qingfeng was on the defensive side. When playing one-on-one, a player would need to guard his opponent by himself, with no one to slide over and help. It would expose one's weakness on defense, if one had any.

However, Cai Lin didn't know why, but he felt like he was facing a formidable enemy. Lu Qingfeng looked like an Asura, waiting to make a kill. One could easily mistake him for a devil's incarnate. To think that this young junior would be able to intimidate him like this, Cai Lin naturally couldn't accept it.

But in the face of a talented person, someone like Cai Lin was proven to be mediocre as their one-on-one game went on. It was as if Lu Qingfeng could predict all his movements and every strategy he had in mind.

As Lu Qingfeng stole the ball from his hand for the third time, Cai lin was visibly angered. It wasn't just about defending Ye Mingyu's honor anymore, but to protect his reputation as the basketball team captain. However, he would never know that the young man in front of him had a mental age past his prime.

'Goodness! It's obvious that Lu Qingfeng is playing with Cai Lin. It hurts to watch Cai Lin play like this.'

'That's right. It's like we are here to witness a game between a pro player and an amateur.' Someone exclaimed. 'This makes us think that Cai Lin's previous games were only for show.'

Both were captains of their basketball teams, but one can easily tell the difference between their skills. Cai Lin wasn't able to defend and stop Lu Qingfeng from scoring. It was like a lion had hunted a rabbit, and instead of devouring it, it chose to torment it to amuse itself.

'Cai Lin took pride in his ability to play and lead their basketball team, but based on today's game, I feel like the difference between Lu Qingfeng is like heaven and earth.'

The current score of 16-7 in favor of Lu Qingfeng, brewed bitterness and anger in Cai Lin's heart. After much discomposure, Cai Lin couldn't keep the smile on his face and it was now replaced with a deep scowl. He was utterly humiliated

He charged viciously towards Lu Qingfeng, forcing the young man to give way for him. However, his reckless move had caused him to receive an offensive foul, losing his chance to gain a score and instead allowing Lu Qingfeng to gain one through a free throw.

On the sidelines, Su Xiaofei cupped her chin and wondered when Lu Qingfeng would finish the game.. Cai Lin's performance in this game was not worth her time at all.

Chapter 167 - Saving A Beauty (1)

Cai Lin had never paid attention to the middle school basketball team before and even when the two departments had friendly matches, Lu Qingfeng wouldn't participate in them, leaving the game to his teammates as he discussed certain things with their coach. Cai Lin thought that Lu Qingfeng was just worried that he would lose face if his team lost in front of his admirers. As he pondered this, Cai Lin glanced at the bench where he spotted Ye Mingyu earlier and their eyes met.

When Ye Mingyu saw that he was looking at her, she got embarrassed and lowered her eyes, which immediately calmed Cai Lin's nerves. He was more eager to turn the tables in his favor now.

Just imagining Su Xiaofei's foul mood as he beat Lu Qingfeng later was already enough to delight Cai Lin. It would be even better if he could make that witch admit that she was wrong and apologise to Ye Mingyu.

Regardless if Lu Qingfeng was an innocent bystander or not in this issue, since he had willingly come to defend Su Xiaofei, he could only blame himself. Cai Lin would definitely make Su Xiaofei lose face and humiliate her in front of everyone, just as she had done to his lovely Ye Mingyu.

This was to teach Su Xiaofei a lesson so that she wouldn't bully Ye Mingyu as long as he was around. However, Cai Lin would never have thought that Lu Qingfeng had decided to destroy him himself.

Ye Mingyu had expected that Cai Lin would defend her against Su Xiaofei, but she hadn't anticipated that he would end up accepting Lu Qingfeng's challenge instead. In her previous life, there was very little information about this young childhood friend of Su Xiaofei as he died early, but it was said that he was a promising young man who had lost his shine too early. Now that she had seen and heard many young women fawning over Lu Qingfeng, and seeing how dashing he was despite his young age, Ye Mingyu understood that

he would be more outstanding in the future.

'Darn it. If only I could find a way to lure him to my side instead.' She thought as she regretted not finding information about Lu Qingfeng in her past life.

As the game between the two continued, it was painful to watch Cai Lin play against Lu Qingfeng, now that everyone was aware of the difference in their skill level. As Cai Lin continued to lose his cool, Lu Qingfeng had taken advantage of this and forced Cai Lin to make even more mistakes.

Even though he was obviously younger than his opponent, Lu Qingfeng proved that his age wasn't a disadvantage to his play. In fact, it only proved that his young age could be deceiving, and he had so much more potential compared to Cai Lin.

It was just too bad that Lu Qingfeng didn't have any plans on going pro and would rather choose to succeed his grandfather at the Lu Corporation. Many basketball coaches could only sigh as they thought that his talents would be put to waste.

People usually say that arrogance requires ability, and Lu Qingfeng obviously had it. Unlike Cai Lin, he could afford to be arrogant because he could back it up with his competence. There were some who were jealous of him, but most of the students were amazed that he could easily topple Cai Lin, who was obviously more experienced than him.

The game ended soon after with a 21-10 score in Lu Qingfeng's favor. The winner of this challenge was as clear as day. The difference between the two captains of the academy's basketball teams became the hottest topic today.

'Lu Qingfeng is really someone who shouldn't be trifled with. Cai Lin must be regretting accepting his junior's challenge.'

'Hey, now. Wasn't Cai Lin the one who was saying that no one should think he was bullying Lu Qingfeng if Lu Qingfeng ended up defeated today? He just shot his own foot.'

'Heh. He wants to play the role of a hero, saving a beauty from the evil witch, but he ends up losing face in front of the woman he adored.'

Su Xiaofei smiled as they talked about her childhood friend. What Lu Qingfeng had displayed today was just the tip of the iceberg. In fact, she had never doubted or worried that Lu Qingfeng would lose today.

Today, Cai Lin willingly agreed to Lu Qingfeng's challenge, underestimating the young man's capability. If he wasn't so full of himself, he should know by now that most of the wins achieved by the middle school basketball team were because of Lu Qingfeng's participation.

Lu Qingfeng eyed Cai Lin who was now heaving for deep breath. He was looking at him quietly, as if he was looking at a foolish boy, acting pitiful and ridiculous at the same time. Cai Lin was too impulsive and foolish in Lu Qingfeng's opinion.

Unlike him, he would never accept a challenge that could directly humiliate the woman he cherished the most. If anything, he would make sure to pave her way, to ensure that everything she had planned would be smooth sailing.

It was clear to everyone that the young man had toyed with him, making him today's laughingstock, like Ye Mingyu.

Cai Lin looked at Lu Qingfeng with eyes full of disbelief. Even the other ace players he had faced on the national level were subpar against this young man. It could be said that Lu Qingfeng's ability was far from a regular middle schooler. How was this even possible ?

'Senior Cai, since it's clear who had won and lost, please don't forget our deal and never bother Feifei again. When one agrees to make a bet, he should expect the possibility of losing..' Lu Qingfeng said to Cai Lin lazily, before turning his attention to his coach and thanked the older man for supervising the game ignoring Cai Lin altogether.

Chapter 168 - Saving A Beauty (2)

The result of the game left everyone astonished and baffled. While some knew that Lu Qingfeng was an ace player in his team, no one actually thought that he could beat Cai Lin in a one-on-one competition like this. Ye Mingyu's face darkened once she saw that Cai Lin was utterly defeated by the younger Lu Qingfeng. At first, she only agreed to this because she only wished to see Su Xiaofei lower her head and beg for her mercy while kneeling on the ground. However, in the end, it was still her whom everyone deemed as laughable for relying on Cai Lin.

Lu Qingfeng was a black-hearted person, so how could he bear to see Su Xiaofei shamed because of him? He had known from the start how strong Cai Lin was, and he wanted to remind the young man that he wasn't the best and was out of touch with reality.

Because if Cai Lin truly paid attention to his surroundings, he would have known that he was being lured into a honey trap by Ye Mingyu. Now, he didn't even realize that he had lost so much face and crushed his own foot while defending that conniving young woman.

Cai Lin wanted to vomit blood right then and there. This was far from his expectations. How could he even face Ye Mingyu now that he had lost?

Meanwhile, the corner of Feng Xue'er's lips curled up into a mocking smile as she looked at her former fiancé's pitiful and pathetic appearance. However, this was far from enough compared to the humiliation and heartache she had suffered when he blatantly announced his undying love for Ye Mingyu to everyone, while discarding her as if she had no other use for him anymore.

'Karma has just bitten his ass hard. I didn't expect that Su Xiaofei's little husband could be this overbearing.' Feng Yumeng said in a manner unbefitting of her status. 'It's his own fault. If he wanted to bully Su Xiaofei, he shouldn't have done it in front of Lu Qingfeng. Not many would

offend Su Xiaofei in his presence.' Feng Xue'er said as she glanced at Cai Lin, then to Ye Mingyu, who was still seated on the sidelines.

'Ye Mingyu, in the future, I will collect the debt you owe me at full price.' She thought, before leaving the court with her cousin.

As the spectators left the court, they were still engrossed in today's event. It was such an eye-opening event that proved just how outstanding Lu Qingfeng could be, while at the same time showing how mediocre and foolish Cai Lin was for even daring to challenge the younger man in order to humiliate Su Xiaofei.

The means that Lu Qingfeng used to deal with Cai Lin surprised everyone. He had dealt with him in a manner that not only stomped on Cai Lin's pride, but also established that no other men could harass Su Xiaofei in his presence.

Ye Mingyu lifted her gaze and found Su Xiaofei looking at her with a mocking smile on her face, which made her grit her teeth in frustration. However, she reigned her emotions as she couldn't allow anyone to see her ugly side.

Su Xiaofei was looking at her as if telling her, 'See now? You think you're the only one with a man to protect you? Your Cai Lin couldn't be compared with my Lu Qingfeng. How's that?' 'Ah! Finally! Now that Lu Qingfeng has defeated Ye Mingyu's boy toy, the following days will be peaceful for us, Feifei.' Xi Qian said as she stood up and stretched her arms above her head, allowing her muscles to stretch a bit after sitting for some time.

Su Xiaofei couldn't agree more with her best friend. Everyone had been made aware of the conditions of the challenge between Lu Qingfeng and Cai Lin today. If Cai Lin and Ye Mingyu still knew what shame was, they wouldn't dare to break their word and seek Su Xiaofei in the future.

'I really hope you are right, Qian, but I don't think Ye Mingyu will give up that easily.'

Xi Qian scoffed and rested her hand on her hips and said, 'Since Lu Qingfeng has already dealt with her boy toy, next time, I will be the one to kick her ass if she dares to annoy you.'

Su Xiaofei's eyes glinted with amusement.

'If Qian is really this determined to protect me, how come you still haven't agreed to take the basic self-defense lessons with me? Mama has already found a good one where we could enroll after graduation.' She told Xi Qian.

'Do I really have to ?' Xi Qian asked, but when she remembered the eve of her birthday when Su Xiaofei beat the homeless man to a pulp when he dared to touch her inappropriately, she supposed she should learn some that she could use in the future.

'Okay. I agree, but only if you are there with me.' She informed Su Xiaofei. Su Xiaofei clapped her hands together and smiled. Enrolling herself in a self-defense class would not only give her a refresher on martial arts, but would also help her keep her body healthy by burning the excessive calories she had consumed lately. But until then, she would enjoy her sweets for now.

When they met Lu Qingfeng half an hour later outside the court, he was dressed in his usual school uniform again, with his hair slightly damp from taking a quick shower.

'I know you could win. Now, it's time to celebrate!'

Lu Qingfeng raised a slender brow at her and hummed.

'You mean that you are hungry, and you want me to treat you again? Su Xiaofei, you are getting bolder and too stingy these days. Why is it that when you are hungry, I have to be the one who needs to feed you?'

'Huh? Aren't you the one who told me not to starve myself? Now, you should take responsibility for it.'

Chapter 169 - Asking For A Favor (1)

If it was before, Xi Qian wouldn't feel like she was third wheeling whenever she was with Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng, now, it was glaring obvious to her. Xi Qian couldn't help but notice that something had changed between the two recently, but she couldn't pinpoint what it was. Was she seeing things or the smiles of these two were really blinding as if they could only see each other and nothing else around them? Wasn't this what people looked like when they were in love?

'Wait. Don't tell me they are together now ?' Xi Qian thought, but she already dismissed it. Su Xiaofei should have informed her already if there was a change in status between her and Lu Qingfeng.

Su Xiaofei wouldn't keep her in the dark when it comes to her relationship. She was the first one to know when Feifei had fallen for Mo Yuchen before, and she had expected that Feifei would tell her if she was seeing someone already, whether it was this little tyrant in front of her or not.

Still, it wasn't lost to Xi Qian how close these two were recently. She had also noticed the slight blush on her best friend's face when Lu Qingfeng was whispering something to her, and how this little tyrant was extra attentive towards Feifei.

When did it start, anyway? She wondered. Was it because she was a little busy from her part-time job that she had failed to notice the changes between the two?

'There's definitely something going on.' Xi Qian narrowed her eyes in suspicion. Perhaps she needed to have a heart-to-heart talk with Su Xiaofei later to find out what was going on between her and Lu Qingfeng.

'I have the responsibility to feed you now ?' Lu Qingfeng repeated what Su Xiaofei had just said. 'Why couldn't you just tell me that you don't want to spend money ? Since when did our Su Xiaofei know how to be frugal ? He questioned her. How can he not know what was going on in her devious mind ?

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Xiaofei bit her tongue and laughed awkwardly. She didn't know that she was that obvious. Actually, because her mind was constantly thinking of raising the 100 million she needed, she had been racking her brain for ways to earn it.

How would she have the heart to spend money when she knew that she required more? Thankfully, most of her necessities such as food and clothing were provided by her mother, but her savings were almost non-existent the moment she was reborned, leaving her feeling helpless.

Now that she was aware of her financial situation, the allowances she received from her mother automatically went to her savings account.

She had also considered taking up a part-time job like Qian, but she knew that her mother wouldn't allow her to do so. She was a young miss of a wealthy family, what would others say if she did menial work like the rest?

Although there was nothing wrong with doing such jobs, people would naturally judge her mother for allowing her to lower herself to earn a few bucks that won't be as much as her daily allowance. 'Aiya, so you know. You are no fun, Xiao Feng.' She sighed. 'Guess I have to find someone who wouldn't find it taxing to feed me.'

'Who said I won't treat you? It's just treating and feeding you snacks. Let's go. Nine and I found a new place that you and Xi Qian may like recently.' Lu Qingfeng said as he took Su Xiaofei's hand.

Xi Qian rolled her eyes at the absurdity of the scene in front of her. Lu Qingfeng knew that he couldn't win against Feifei, but he still dared to question her like this. Xi Qian then thought that a love bug could really make a person crazy.

Su Xiaofei giggled as she allowed Lu Qingfeng to lead the way. She called Xi Qian over her shoulder. It was rare for Xi Qian to see her best friend happy. Was she happy because Lu Qingfeng won against Cai Lin today, or was there some other reason behind it?

'Qian, you don't have to work today, right? Can you join us?'

Xi Qian thought for a moment. If she didn't accompany these two, wouldn't it be like they were on a date? Her eyes then shifted to Lu Qingfeng's form.

She had to admit that this little tyrant had changed somehow. Lu Qingfeng hadn't provoked her in weeks and had been agreeable at times. Although Xi Qian couldn't say that she could consider him as a friend, she could at least say that his presence wasn't as annoying as before. Just like Feifei, Lu Qingfeng's attitude seemed calmer recently. He never made any attempt to annoy her, nor did he trick Su Xiaofei to abandon her like he used to do, which was already suspicious for Xi Qian. It was like Lu Qingfeng was tolerating her.

She supposed that if that was the case, this meant that this little tyrant was changing his strategy to win Feifei's heart.

'Well, that isn't a bad idea.' Xi Qian thought. Simply standing beside Su Xiaofei and doing nothing won't take him anywhere.

Now that Mo Yuchen was out of the picture, Xi Qian was aware that Lu Qingfeng wouldn't waste his time and would force Su Xiaofei to notice him.

Between him and Mo Yuchen, Xi Qian would rather not choose either of the two for her best friend, but seeing how attentive Lu Qingfeng was now, and how he was willing to compromise, then perhaps she should wait and see how the relationship between him and Su Xiaofei would develop.

'En. I don't mind trying something new today.' She replied to Su Xiaofei, not willing to leave her best friend just yet with this little tyrant. Who knew what this young man was plotting behind her back.. It would be best to keep an eye on Lu Qingfeng.

Chapter 170 - Asking For A Favor (2)

Su Xiaofei's eyes glinted with delight as she pierced her fork into the cake slice on her plate, taking a bite of it, savoring its delicious taste with glee. Who would have thought that a place like this existed in Qiying City? The café was smaller and looked simpler than the ones she had visited previously with Lu Qingfeng, but their menu was far better than the previous ones.

'I take it, you like the place.' Lu Qingfeng said as he took a sip from his black coffee. It didn't matter if he was young or an adult man, his palate was more accustomed to the taste of the coffee than traditional teas. This was the reason he used to have a collection of different coffees in his previous life.

'I don't like it,' Su Xiaofei shook her head, 'because I love it!' She corrected him.

The food here was really tasty, and they also offered low-calorie sweets for those who were health conscious but still wanted some sweets for their meals. The interior of the place was very beautiful. It was divided into different sections, meaning they provided tables according to age.

For example, older people were allocated spaces on the first floor. On the other hand, because most of the patrons were young people, the café provided a wide space and a variety of things for them.

'I would have never thought that something like this was near the Qiying city public market. I should have known about this earlier.' Xi Qian couldn't help but agree with Su Xiaofei's opinion.

This café was called 'Hazel Brew Café'. It was located right in the city center, but it didn't have flashy signage like others. It seemed

to be known for its authentic taste and quality ambience. This place has very comfortable furniture where they can sit for hours without getting tired and where one can enjoy a wide range of beverages and snacks.

'How did you end up finding this place anyway?' Su Xiaofei asked Lu Qingfeng.

Not only did the food taste amazing, even

the way it was presented was appetizing. The best part was that one could enjoy music, which makes the experience of visiting this place enjoyable. In addition, this café was quite peaceful and undisturbed. They can sit here and enjoy gossiping without worrying about other patrons eavesdropping in their conversation.

The staff at this place was also very cordial. They spoke very politely and gave the best service experience. However, this place was a little expensive for common folks, so no wonder not many came to this place, aside from those who frequented here.

Lu Qingfeng lowered his cup and glanced out the window of the café.

'Actually, it was Nine who recommended this place to me. I was getting tired of the same taste and wanted to try something new. I also think it's nice to try something else before my departure.'

'You are leaving?' Xi Qian was shocked upon hearing that, while Su Xiaofei frowned when he reminded her of it. 'En. I'll be moving to Shenjing after my graduation. Grandpa needs me there.' Lu Qingfeng answered her.

Xi Qian looked at him and then to her best friend, whose smile immediately vanished from her pretty face. Su Xiaofei was obviously upset that Lu Qingfeng was leaving soon, but she couldn't do anything to stop him from leaving.

'Oh-uh, I can see why Lu Qingfeng is doubling his efforts to get Feifei's attention.' She thought. 'He wants to make sure that his place wouldn't be snatched by other men during his absence.'

It seemed like the topic had immediately dampened Su Xiaofei's mood, as she remained silent throughout their stay at the café, leaving Xi Qian feeling a bit guilty. When Su Xiaofei excused herself to use the powder room, leaving Xi Qian and Lu Qingfeng on their own, Xi Qian immediately questioned Lu Qingfeng.

'You are planning to return, right? If you leave, no one would be able to fend off Feifei's other suitors. You should know that she's starting to gain some popularity in school.'

'Oh ?' Lu Qingfeng seemed amused with her sudden curiosity. 'I didn't know Miss Xi is partial towards me now, but I don't really feel threatened by them. Unless they are able to move Feifei's heart, or somewhat bewitch her like Mo Yuchen did, I have nothing to worry about.'

Xi Qian scoffed and rolled her eyes.

'Still as arrogant as usual. I should have known better.' She muttered, which only earned an amused smile from the little tyrant in front of her.

'But I would like to ask Miss Xi for a favor. Something that, I believe, only you could do for Feifei.' He said.

Xi Qian raised a brow at him, wondering what he was up to this time.

'If you are asking me to chase away other men to ensure that no one would be able to sweep Feifei off her feet, then you are asking the wrong person.' She scoffed and nibbled on her cookies.

'No. That's not it.' Lu Qingfeng shook his head. 'I only want you to stop Feifei from getting back together with Mo Yuchen. Whatever happens, even if that man grovel at Feifei's feet, don't allow Feifei to be deceived by that man.'

Xi Qian opened her mouth to say something, but she suddenly realized that she didn't know what to say, as she hadn't anticipated that Lu Qingfeng would even ask her for such a favor. He was worried that Feifei would be tricked by Mo Yuchen and get back together with that man.

'It would be Feifei's decision whether she wants to be with him or not. It has nothing to do with me.'

'Xi Qian. You know how Mo Yuchen has treated Feifei, right? You still haven't forgotten why she was engaged to him in the first place, right? In order for Mo Yuchen to get what he wants, he needs to deceive Feifei first.'