

Secret Love 1801

Chapter 1801 Requite kindness with enmity

Everyone turned to each other after hearing that.

After Ye Wanwan left China, Yao Jiawen announced that Ye Wanwan embezzled all of the Age of Immortals' funds and established herself as the Age of Immortals' savior who tenaciously stood by the Age of Immortals in its most difficult times before finally leading the Age of Immortals out of its problems. She painted her image to be immensely heroic.

However, Yao Jiawen's intentionally-drawn image was easily shattered by a few words from Ye Wanwan tonight.

If Ye Wanwan said this kind of thing with Ye Bai's identity, no one might believe her.

But if Ye Wanwan denounced Yao Jiawen as the big boss of Stars Corporation, the effect would be utterly different. "No... That's not it!" Yao Jiawen loudly tried to explain.

Ye Wanwan aloofly glanced at Yao Jiawen with a bone-chilling smile hanging from her lips. "Yao Jiawen, back then, I used my status as the Director of the Talent Recruitment Department to draw you into the Age of Immortals when you were hitting walls and failures every which way, and I wholeheartedly trained you.

"However, after I left, you embezzled all of the Age of Immortals' funds but claimed that it was me who embezzled funds to the outside world. Moreover, you forced the Age of Immortals' artists to shoot crude portraits, produce rotten films, and act as a garnish for Shao Heng..."

An uproar reverberated through the venue.

Before Ye Wanwan said this today, who would've expected Yao Jiawen to be this kind of despicable and shameless person?

When Yao Jiawen was penniless, it was Ye Wanwan who helped her, so it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say Ye Wanwan was Yao Jiawen's biggest benefactor in her life. However, Yao Jiawen took advantage of Ye Wanwan's absence to frame her and steal the Age of Immortals!

All the reporters rushed toward Yao Jiawen, surrounding her impenetrably.

"CEO Yao...Are Ye Bai's words true? Did Ye Bai help you in your most desperate times, but you repaid kindness with malice and stole Ye Bai's Age of Immortals after embezzling its funds?"

Yao Jiawen frantically shook her head. "It's a lie! What evidence does she have to say this? She was the culprit, but she's framing me instead now!"

"CEO Yao, you're saying Ye Bai is framing you?" A reporter looked at her derisively. "CEO Yao, Ye Bai is the owner of Stars Corporation. At the risk of sounding mean, is the Age of Immortals' funds greater than what Stars Entertainment can earn in an hour?"

"Why would Ye Bai have to risk violating the law to do this? Would you go and steal a dollar, CEO Yao?"

Yao Jiawen feebly opened her mouth but couldn't utter anything in response.

Every single one of her explanations would appear frail and empty. No matter what she said, no one would believe her...

All of this was attributed to the stunning truth of Ye Bai's identity as the big boss of Stars Corporation. This identity alone was enough.

All hell broke loose once again on China's various live broadcast platforms in response to Ye Wanwan's words and a myriad of insults and admonishment were directed towards Yao Jiawen.

Ye Yiyi imperceptibly sent a reporter a look.

Ye Yiyi knew that Ye Wanwan would attend Star's celebration tonight, so she intentionally hired a reporter to use this opportunity to shatter Ye Wanwan's reputation completely and turn her into a street rat that everyone despised.

"Chairman Ye, can I ask you a few questions?" a reporter quickly asked Ye Wanwan.

"You may." Ye Wanwan nodded.

Chapter 1802 I never succumb to this formula

"Chairman Ye, as everyone knows, you're a member of the Ye family, and your father and brother were charged for murdering Ye Yiyi's father with irrefutable evidence. Now, you seem to be unilaterally breaking off Stars Entertainment's investment and cooperation with Emperor Sky Entertainment, which is the life's work of the Ye family, like an act of vengeance...

"Moreover, back then, your father was the CEO of Emperor Sky Entertainment but was kicked out of the Ye family because he embezzled company funds to pay off his gambling debt and was involved in criminal activities. Is everything you're doing currently an act of revenge, Chairman Ye...?"

"If you are seeking revenge, I don't think the Ye family has done anything wrong. Instead, the wrongdoers are you, your parents, and your brother, Ye Mufan."

Everyone's eyes landed on Ye Wanwan again.

An icy smugness surfaced in Ye Yiyi's eyes but she sighed in reply, "Sister, I know you hate our family... But by using this kind of method, the entire Ye family, not just us, will come to ruin..."

"Ye Wanwan, Yiyi is still your sister after all and took great care of you once. She's forgiven you for all of your wrongs... Although you're now Stars' big boss, how could you use such dirty and shameless methods? The Ye family didn't do anything wrong." Gu Yueze echoed in agreement.

This b*stard..." Ye Hongwei's face was flushed red, and he had one hand clasping his crutch as he glared at Ye Wanwan. "I was thoroughly disappointed by your father and brother, and I even once considered giving you all a chance!

"However, they not only incompetently ruined the company but they also dared to commit murder! And you! Not only did you not reflect and repent on it, but you also used this kind of method to harm the Ye family. Are you still a person?!"

“Heh, Chairman Ye, don’t you think this is truly unjust?” The reporter from earlier continued to hound Ye Wanwan.

Following this round of inquiries, China’s various major live broadcast platforms welcomed another round of insults from the keyboard warriors.

Director Li glared at the reporter furiously. “Whose reporter are you? Security, kick him out!”

Ye Wanwan waved her hand and looked at the reporter with a chuckle. “You raised a good question.”

“First of all, I don’t hold any relationship with the Ye family, and the matter-of-course beliefs that you hold merely hijack morality to condemn me. Unfortunately, I’ve never succumbed to this formula.”

Ye Wanwan glanced at the reporter, Ye Yiyi, and Ye Hongwei before continuing: “Second of all, I’m the owner of Stars, so I need to be responsible for my company. I don’t think Emperor Sky Entertainment has the strength and qualifications deserving of investment and partnership from Stars.”

“We previously invested in several international artists from Stars, but Emperor Sky didn’t raise their popularity in China at all nor did they provide Stars with the anticipated profits. Hence, what issue is there in Stars choosing to withdraw our funds and terminate our partnership?”

The reporter furrowed his brows.

Ye Wanwan focused on the reporter. “Or do you think an international company like Stars manages to grow bigger and stronger from personal feelings alone and doesn’t need to consider the situation and the gains and losses? Everything I’m saying has obvious reasoning, but do you know why I’m talking in such simple terms?”

“What do you mean to say, Chairman Ye?” the reporter questioned.

“Because I’m afraid that you might not understand, considering your circumstances, if I said anything more profound,” Ye Wanwan answered.

Chapter 1803 The truth comes to light?

Laughter broke out in the crowd. This was a blatant face-slapping!

This reporter’s numerous questions were nowhere as shocking and impactful as Ye Wanwan’s words... With a few words, Ye Wanwan informed everyone how ignorant this reporter was.

“Also.” Ye Wanwan turned to Ye Hongwei. “Regard Elder Ye’s words, you said that Ye Shaoting negatively impacted the company due to his embezzlement of the company’s funds, and you kicked him out of the Ye family afterward.

Then Elder Ye’s belief should be to abandon anyone useless, including your own son...

“And today, I think that the Ye family’s Emperor Sky Entertainment is completely useless to our Stars Corporation and is even a burden. Hence, as the boss of Stars Corporation, I should logically abandon Emperor Sky Entertainment.

“However, Elder Ye, why are you reacting so intensely and attacking me so personally? Could it be that you relied on personal attacks on other people to strengthen Emperor Sky Entertainment back then?”

“Great! Nicely said!” Gong Xu stood up immediately and loudly applauded Ye Wanwan.

Following Gong Xu’s clapping, thunderous applause from various artists also rang out.

You... you...” Ye Hongwei fiercely glared at Ye Wanwan and trembled from his rage.

“Also, that reporter friend just now said my father and brother were suspected of murdering Ye Shao’an from the Ye family, so I would like to use this opportunity to show everyone something,” Ye Wanwan said a faint smile.

“Show us something?”

“What is it...”

Everyone looked at her curiously.

“Today is my father and brother’s trial date and the court hearing also coincidentally happens to be a live broadcast, so let’s all see the result for ourselves.”

Seven Star and Big Dipper walked up and cooperated with some employees from Stars to turn on the giant screen at the venue.

Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting were shown on the screen.

Ye Wanwan had spent a large sum to hire China’s most famous lawyer, Zhang He, to defend Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting.

Nowadays, court hearings were increasingly public, and Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting’s lawsuit held too great an impact, so the court chose to live broadcast the hearing.

In the broadcast, a middle-aged man, Zhang He, submitted a piece of evidence in defense of Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting’s innocence to the court; it was an audiotape.

As the recording played, Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun’s voices were heard.

“Huang... Huang Mingkun, say, our act of hiring someone to kill Ye Shao’an and framing Ye Shaoting and Ye Mufan... won’t be exposed, right?”

“Don’t worry... It won’t. Our plan was absolutely seamless, and no one will realize it. Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting, those two idiots, deserve it! Their whole family is idiotic...”

“This whole family is rather comical if you think about it. Back then, Ye Shao’an owed a large sum of debt, so he embezzled a giant sum from the company’s funds. Later, he befriended people from the mafia behind the back of the old geezer, Ye Hongwei, and framed Ye Shaoting for the whole thing...”

“Ye Shao’an teamed up with Ye Yiyi and Gu Yueze to abduct Ye Wanwan and injected her with illegal drugs and recorded her... In the end, Ye Shaoting actually willingly took the fall for his daughter. Wasn’t he dumb?”

Many people were astonished by the recording they heard.

Ye Yiyi especially looked incredulous.

After Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun returned home, they revealed how they were forced to record this conversation during their abduction.

That same day, Ye Yiyi sought out members of the Hongxing Gang and spent a large sum to ask the Hongxing Gang to take care of this matter...

Chapter 1804 A surprising reward?

Hongxing Gang sent news a few days ago that Huang Mingkun and Liang Meixuan's abductors were taken care of already and the recording was destroyed...

Did Hongxing Gang lie to her?!

Ye Wanwan aloofly watched Ye Yiyi's reaction.

Ye Yiyi definitely didn't expect that it was Ye Wanwan who made Hongxing Gang give them false information since Hongxing Gang had been following everything she said to the tee with Liao Jiaqi in her possession.

Ye Hongwei watched the big screen in disbelief after the recording ended.

Ye Shao'an... wasn't killed by Ye Shaoting and Ye Mufan... His second son died at the hands of Liang Meixuan and Steward Huang!

Then they framed Ye Shaoting and Ye Mufan for the homicide!!!

"Elder Ye, the Ye Yiyi you indulge so much isn't your granddaughter. She's the product of an illicit affair between Liang Meixuan and the Ye family's steward, Huang Mingkun. Elder Ye is so generous to hand over your life's work to an outsider," Ye Wanwan said to Ye Hongwei in amusement.

"Wh-what did you say?!" Ye Hongwei was stunned and incredulously turned to look at Ye Yiyi next to him.

"Don't slander me and start rumors here, Ye Wanwan!" Ye Yiyi loudly rebuked.

"Slander you and start rumors?" Ye Wanwan smiled. "Your mother's illicit affair with Steward Huang isn't fake, right? I've hired private investigators and possess evidence of the affair between your mother and Huang Mingkun."

Ye Yiyi frowned deeply... She truly underestimated this woman...

On the big screen, Huang Mingkun and Liang Meixuan were originally sitting in the audience as the victim's family but following the revelation of the recording, their expressions greatly changed. Didn't Yiyi say Hongxing Gang had already taken care of their abductors and destroyed the recording?!

"I-it's not like that... Someone abducted us and forced us to say that!!!" Liang Meixuan stood up and shouted loudly.

"Oh? You're saying you said this during your abduction? Isn't that absurd? Don't you know what these words represent?" Zhang He, China's top lawyer, asked with a snort.

"I know! But if we didn't cooperate with them, we would've died!" Liang Meixuan explained immediately.

"What a joke!" Zhang He exclaimed. "If it was really as you said, why don't you have a police record? Why would an abducted individual say this but not report it to the police? However, they didn't exhibit any changes from before the trial began until now. Don't tell me you forgot you were abducted?"

"I..." Sweat drenched Liang Meixuan's forehead.

When they got home and found Ye Yiyi, they did have plans to report the abducting to the police. However, Hongxing Gang guaranteed that the recording was destroyed already, so they were afraid it would cause unnecessary trouble and reveal her relationship with Huang Mingkun, and maybe even their business with Hongxing Gang...

"Who provided this recording?" the judge asked from his seat.

"I did," a middle-aged man replied as he stood up from the benches.

"Bullsh*t..." Liang Meixuan shouted, enraged.

The middle-aged man snorted before turning to the judge. "I'm a private investigator with a permit for operation and underwent professional training. Miss Ye Wanwan hired me, and through tenacious investigation, I finally discovered Huang Mingkun owed a large sum to loan sharks at the casino.

The supposed abduction that Huang Mingkun mentioned was his loan sharks merely finding him a few days ago and forcing him to pay his debts... Additionally, Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun had an abnormally intimate relationship...

"I discovered the particular hotel and hotel room that they frequently stayed in and installed taping devices in the room ahead of time. I originally just wanted to try my luck but didn't expect to really get a surprising reward."

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Chapter 1805 Something interesting

All the guests at Stars Entertainment's anniversary celebration were astonished.

They didn't expect the sensational case would have such a great turnaround...

The second son of the Ye family, Ye Shao'an, didn't die in the hands of Ye Shaoting and Ye Mufan. Not only was he murdered by killers hired by the Ye family's steward, Huang Mingkun, and Liang Meixuan, but those two even framed Ye Shaoting and Ye Mufan for it...

Wasn't this too terrifying? The madam of the Ye family actually had an illicit affair with their steward...

"Sir Judge, I also have some videos and pictures here to submit as evidence."

Zhang He walked forward and submitted the video and photos that Third Elder and Big Dipper shot previously.

The evidence contained multiple room renting records at this hotel from Liang Meixuan and Steward Huang Mingkun, and videos and photos of them in the room.

“All of these can’t serve as direct evidence,” the judge said after a long while.

Zhang He smiled. “We naturally knew this, but we also have additional evidence that can directly prove Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting weren’t the true culprits behind Ye Shao’an’s murder.”

Zhang He immediately listed several pieces of evidence that proved Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting’s innocence and their lack of motive for killing Ye Shao’an.

He started playing Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting’s video that night.

This video originated from the Ye residence’s surveillance camera.

“Everyone knows that this video is how we directly determined Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting to be the murderers initially, but there’s a very illogical area.”

Zhang He swept his gaze across the room and slowly said, “First of all, in the video, Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting did indeed appear in the Ye residence and entered Ye Shao’an’s room. However, sometime later, they appeared again in the video with a murder weapon in hand...”

“That is how it appears... but everyone, please pay attention! The Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting you see holding a murder weapon have their backs facing the camera, and aside from wearing the same clothes, there isn’t any direct evidence that proves the people holding the murder weapon are them.”

“Hmph, what a joke! Even their clothes are identical—so what if they didn’t show their faces?” Liang Meixuan came back to life after learning that the recording couldn’t be used as evidence and snorted at the lawyer.

Zhang He turned to Liang Meixuan. “Even your recording can’t be used as evidence, so could this be used as evidence simply because the second group is wearing identical outfits? Ms. Liang, your logic is truly admirable.”

You...” Liang Meixuan looked at Zhang He, somewhat at a loss for words. “The murder weapon contained their fingerprints!”

“Fingerprints?” Zhang He smiled aloofly. “It’s truly too simple to obtain something like fingerprints. However, while we’re on the topic of fingerprints, there is something more interesting...”

“Normal people might not know about this, but I have to emphasize something: After the weapon was thrown into the Ye residence’s pond, it was soaked for at least 10 hours, so even if you could obtain Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting’s fingerprints, they would be faint... However, the fingerprints that the forensic scientists extracted were very intact and whole... Is this logical?”

Everyone in the courtroom turned to look at each other blankly, oddly quiet.

“There’s also one more thing that I find more absurd...”

Chapter 1806 What a great show?

Zhang He continued, "Based on what I know, Ye Shaoting was responsible for installing all of the Ye residence's surveillance, so he thoroughly knew every point of surveillance inside and out.

"If Ye Shaoting wanted to kill someone, planned it for a long time and was operating with his son, Ye Mufan, how could he be foolish enough to expose himself on the surveillance footage multiple times? That isn't logical nor reasonable."

From the defendant's seat, Ye Mufan looked at Zhang He in surprise. D*mn... No wonder he was China's most famous lawyer that Wanwan hired with a huge sum of money... He was simply...

"Hence, based on the intact nature of the fingerprints... It's apparent that this was pre-meditated and plotted to frame them for murder. This is all I have to say," Zhang He concluded with a smile.

Huang Mingkun knitted his brows tightly and looked at their dumbstruck lawyer. He wanted to stomp his feet from anxiousness. Talk already!

The prosecutor was exasperated. What else could he say?

Fingerprints couldn't be intact after the weapon was soaked in water for 10+ hours, but the fingerprints on the murder weapon were very intact, meaning they were planted there later... This point alone was enough...

Also, all of Zhang He's explanations were flawless, and there wasn't a point they could refute. Moreover, they had videos and recordings as evidence...

About half an hour later, when news rang out of Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting being released and absolved of their guilt, Ye Wanwan finally revealed a trace of happiness from Stars' anniversary celebration stage.

Although they couldn't use the recording as direct evidence, they could use it as a reference. Since Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting were acquitted of their charges, the investigation on this case would be continued and eventually lead to Huang Mingkun and Liang Meixuan. Ye Wanwan would like to see how long they could hold on.

Soon, Ye Wanwan had someone turn the screen off, ending the live broadcast of the court hearing.

"So... does anyone want to say anything else...? For example, Elder Ye, Ye Yiyi, and CEO Gu?"

Ye Wanwan turned to the trio with an inscrutable smile on her face.

Ye Hongwei was stunned, his lips twitching, and unable to utter a word. Ye Yiyi's hands were twisted into themselves, and the color was drained from her face.

Gu Yueze had his brows deeply knitted. Ye Yiyi was actually a b*stard? The illegitimate daughter from a steward?!

A commotion ran through the venue of Stars' anniversary celebration following the judge's decision.

No one expected the truth of the matter to turn out like this!

The eldest miss of Emperor Sky Entertainment, Ye Yiyi, was actually the b*stard, and the madam of the Ye Group had an illicit affair with their steward. They worked together to frame Ye Shaoting and his son, Ye Mufan, and they might even be the culprits behind Ye Shao'an's murder!

This truth was simply horrifyingly bone-chilling!

A vacuum instantly appeared around Ye Yiyi, and everyone subconsciously distanced themselves from her.

Based on Ye Yiyi's expression, she had to have known her background. How malicious did this woman have to be to dominate the position as the eldest daughter of the Ye family for so long without any qualms?

How could this mother and daughter pair be so evil and vicious?

Everyone also naturally remembered how Gu Yueze broke his engagement with Ye Wanwan back then. There was no doubt he threw away Ye Wanwan, a watermelon, to pick up a pile of dog sh*t!

Gu Yueze naturally detected everyone's peculiar gazes and fervent whisperings.

His fiancée was actually the b*stard of a steward!

He had never experienced this type of humiliation in his life!

Chapter 1807 Dark history?

Yueze, 1-let me explain..." Ye Yiyi paid no attention to other people's eyes and tried to latch onto her final log, Gu Yueze.

Gu Yueze avoided her hand like she was something disgusting. He wore an extremely disappointed expression as he frostily said, "Yiyi, I always thought you were an innocent and kind girl. For you, I didn't hesitate to break my engagement with Wanwan and shoulder the curses afterward, but I didn't expect you to be so malicious."

Ye Yiyi watched forlornly as Gu Yueze furiously left; she was instantly submerged by a swarm of reporters.

The event that could be called the biggest farce of the entertainment industry this year finally dropped its curtains.

After Stars Entertainment's anniversary celebration ended, Ye Wanwan didn't linger, and the venue slowly emptied of guests.

Ye Wanwan walked out of the restroom with her phone in hand and looked up, catching sight of someone standing in the hallway outside.

Gu Yueze...

He was evidently waiting there for her.

Ye Wanwan reflexively raised her brows at seeing Gu Yueze after a long absence on her part.

This man was undoubtedly her most disliked person. Not only because he was scum but because he truly represented the darkest part of her history during her period of amnesia!

Ye Wanwan couldn't help but grind her teeth at the thought of the culprit behind all of this.

“Wanwan...” Gu Yueze examined this woman who seemed to have remolded herself thoroughly. “I don’t know how you did it, but I’m very surprised you would go to this extent for me.”

Even he couldn’t help but exclaim “Beautiful!” at Ye Wanwan’s flawless counterattack.

Although Ye Wanwan became more and more beautiful, he never regretted his decision.

For people like him, winning over beautiful women was way too easy.

Now though, he finally seriously considered this woman for the first time.

Ye Wanwan glanced at him speechlessly.

What did he mean by “go to this extent for me”?

What did this idiot narcissistically imagine again?

She didn’t understand a word.

Gu Yueze continued: “I actually remember everything you said back then, Wanwan.”

“Oh? But I’ve forgotten. What did I say?” Ye Wanwan asked with amusement.

Gu Yueze smiled as though he saw through her intentionally calm pretense and confidently said, “You once said to me that you would work hard to become someone worthy of me, Wanwan. Back then, I didn’t think you said that seriously, so I didn’t expect you to really... work so hard for me.”

Ye Wanwan:

After breaking off my engagement with him, I partied my way to the heavens already, alright? Is he still living in the previous century?

Ye Wanwan was incredulous. Just who gave him this confidence and audacity?

“Heh... Mr. Gu, you’re truly cute.”

Ye Wanwan promptly left after saying that, unwilling to waste precious time with this idiot.

Gu Yueze wasn’t angry as he watched Ye Wanwan leaving. Playing hard to get was kind of fun too.

No matter how outstanding a woman was, she couldn’t escape from his grasp as long as they had emotional ties.

Ye Wanwan originally wanted to seek out Xie Zhezhi to ask about news related to Si Yehan, but Xie Zhezhi left already by the time she came out, so she had to meet with him a different time.

After bidding farewell to Han Xianyu and the others, she headed straight to the courthouse to take Ye Mufan and Ye Shaoting home.

When the family of four finally reunited, they tightly hugged each other, excited beyond words.

Chapter 1808 My sister will pay the bill?

“Wanwan... You’ve worked hard...” Emotional tears filled Ye Shaoting’s eyes.

“Dad, we’re family! Why are you saying this?” Ye Wanwan hugged her father.

They might not be her biological parents, but Ye Shaoting had given her the most valuable paternal love.

Ye Mufan was bursting with excitement and kept bouncing up and down next to Ye Wanwan. “D*mn! Wanwan, you’re too freaking awesome! We’re from the same parents; isn’t this too unfair?! Do you have a genetic mutation, Wanwan?”

Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes at him. “Stop your nonsense. Hurry and go home to take a bath!”

Liang Wanjun nodded vehemently. “That’s right! Wash away the bad luck!”

After Stars Entertainment’s anniversary celebration ended, Ye Wanwan’s phone exploded with calls, and an endless amount of invitations paraded onto her phone.

However, she declined all of them and kept her parents company at home in the following few days. Eventually, she and Ye Mufan invited Han Xianyu, Luo Chen, Gong Xu, Jiang Yanran, and Fei Yang, as well as Big Dipper, Seven Star, and Fu Mingxi, who forcibly invited himself, for a meal.

Fei Yang reserved a table at a tower restaurant with great privacy, and everyone sat down at the table, relaxed.

Ye Wanwan pulled Jiang Yanran to sit on her right side, leaving an empty seat on her left which was swiftly snatched by Gong Xu.

Due to some obstructions from Big Dipper, Fu Mingxi only managed to land a corner spot a little far from Ye Wanwan.

At the table, Ye Wanwan introduced Fu Mingxi, Big Dipper, and Seven Star to everyone, and a harmonious atmosphere enveloped the table.

Han Xianyu said, “Congratulations CEO Ye, for righting your injustice!”

Luo Chen also butt in: “Congratulations, CEO Ye!”

Everyone else cheerfully piped in with their congratulations.

Ye Mufan sighed. “Thank you for your hard work throughout this period! Open your mouth wide today and eat your fill! My sister will pay the bill!”

Ye Mufan said “My sister will pay the bill” like it went without saying.

Ye Wanwan looked somewhat exasperated but the corners of her lips unwittingly turned up.

In the Independent State, she walked every step with her heart hanging off a cliff. Now that she had returned to China and reunited with her friends, she hadn’t been able to feel so relaxed for a long time.

On the table, Gong Xu’s phone kept going off “Ding ding ding” as though special notifications for some topic he set up were popping up.

Gong Xu offhandedly clicked it open and promptly slapped the table, exclaiming, “D*mn! What the heck is Gu Yueze up to? Isn’t this notice too freaking shameless? He actually said you’ve always been deeply in love with him, Brother Ye! He’s saying you love him more than life itself and desperately yearned for

him even after you broke off your engagement with him! Blah! Couldn't he make up a more believable story?"

Fei Yang had received many messages from his friends in the industry asking him about Ye Wanwan's relationship with Gu Yueze, but he didn't mention it to avoid affecting everyone's meal. Since Gong Xu rashly brought it up, he interjected, "It hasn't been many days since the court hearing concluded, but this press release was already written and published. The Gu Group's public relations works rather fast."

Earlier, Jiang Yanran was worried that Ye Wanwan would become sad at the mention of Gu Yueze, but now, she lost all worries. Upon hearing this, she scornfully said, "Back when Uncle Ye fell on desperate times, Gu Yueze impatiently broke off his engagement with Wanwan and cut their ties. Now, as soon as he learned about Wanwan's identity, he audaciously wants to claim some relation to her! What a clever plan!"

Ye Mufan commented as well: "And I thought I was scum enough already, but there's always someone even scummier out there!"

Chapter 1809 You've also suffered a beating?

Han Xianyu sipped from his lemon water before saying: "Gu Yueze probably really thinks he's still Ye Wanwan's true love and that she never got over him. He thinks that as long as he shows a sign, Ye Wanwan will catch it immediately."

Ye Wanwan smiled at Han Xianyu. "Very accurate."

Gu Yueze probably actually thought that way since the previous "Ye Wanwan" was truly too infatuated with him and even did numerous idiotic things.

To Gu Yueze, Ye Wanwan's desperate love for him was a deep-rooted belief.

Even after discovering that she got together with Si Yehan, Gu Yueze merely thought she was trying to take revenge against him and still deeply loved him in her heart.

Big Dipper was sitting next to Gong Xu and leaned close to his phone to take a closer look at Gu Yueze's photo in the gossip article. "D*mn... No way, right?! Did you gorge on too much meat, Brother Ye? How could you stand to consume this type?"

"... Mind your words!" Ye Wanwan snapped.

What do you mean I gorged on too much meat? What meat did I eat?

Fu Mingxi lived his whole life in China so he naturally knew about Gu Yueze. He was instantly riled up when he heard that. "Sis... Brother Ye! You actually had an engagement with Gu Yueze?! What about me? We clearly had an engage—"

We clearly had an engagement prior to this!

Ye Wanwan almost lunged onto the table to cover his mouth.

Thankfully, Seven Star, who was sitting closer to him, did it for her.

"Woowoowo..." Fu Mingxi was forcefully silenced.

At that moment, the servers brought alcohol to the table.

To avoid the miscreants, Big Dipper and Fu Mingxi, from running their mouths off again, Ye Wanwan fiercely glared at them before picking up the wine glass on the table and standing up. "Ahem, alright, alright. It's rare for us to gather here so happily, so let's not talk about unhappy things like this!"

Ye Wanwan looked over everyone sitting at the table gently. "I'm truly happy to know everyone here and honored to have you all as friends! Cheers, here's a glass from me! We're not leaving until we're drunk tonight!"

Ye Wanwan gallantly raised the glass and tilted her head back to down the cup.

When Ye Wanwan was about to drink from the cup, nearly everyone jumped up— Gong Xu: "Brother Ye, no!"

Luo Chen: "Brother Ye, you can't!"

Han Xianyu: "Ye Bai, hold on..."

Jiang Yanran: "Wanwan!"

Fei Yang: "Old Bro Ye, calm down!"

Ye Mufan, "Put it down, Wanwan!"

Seven Star: "Sis Feng!"

Big Dipper: "Boss, no, no, no! Put it down!!!"

Except for the clueless Fu Mingxi, nearly everyone at the table stood up and shouted, their hands reaching out to stop Ye Wanwan's glass.

The scene was... rather spectacular...

When everyone reacted identically, the members of the Age of Immortals reflexively exchanged looks with their two new friends.

Big Dipper leaned toward Gong Xu and quietly asked, "Bro, say... have you also witnessed Brother Ye drunk?"

Gong Xu nodded like he had met a bosom friend.

"You've also suffered a beating?"

"The new car I bought got a huge hole!"

Big Dipper: "..."

Gong Xu: "..."

After this exchange, the duo tightly clasped their hands together and looked like people who had finally found a companion after ending up at the other end of the world.

As for Ye Wanwan, she was dumbstruck.

She exasperatedly looked at the group still recovering from their panic. “Really? When I’m drunk, I’m just slightly... slightly livelier...”

Everyone looked like a confused question mark meme. She calls that “slightly livelier”?

The ignorant Fu Mingxi asked with a frown, “That’s right! The president is just drinking some alcohol, why are you all overre—”

Before Fu Mingxi could finish speaking, his mouth was covered by the expressionless Seven Star again. “Woowoowoo...”

Chapter 1810 Had a boyfriend since a long time ago?

Everyone expressed an intense desire to live upon seeing Ye Wanwan about to consume alcohol.

“Brother Ye, come on, put it down, put it down! This is too dangerous!” Gong Xu nimbly snatched Ye Wanwan’s wine glass away.

Luo Chen quickly moved the alcohol bottle next to Ye Wanwan farther away.

Han Xianyu also brought over some strawberry juice prepared ahead of time, and Jiang Yanran quickly stood up to pour a glass for Ye Wanwan. “Wanwan, drink this strawberry juice. It’s freshly squeezed, so it’s delicious!”

Ye Mufan nodded frantically. “That’s right, that’s right. Sister, you’re a girl, so why are you drinking? I won’t allow it as your brother. You should drink juice like Yanran! Behave!”

“Right, right, right! They’re right!” Big Dipper piped in.

Ye Wanwan couldn’t describe her feelings as she stared at the pink strawberry juice in her hand.

In the end, under the strict watch of everyone at the table, Ye Wanwan had no choice but to use strawberry juice in place of alcohol to toast everyone.

Only then did Big Dipper relax and joyously urge everyone to stand up. “Come, come, come, cheers! We won’t leave until we’re drunk!”

Ye Wanwan: Drunk your a**!

Through the whole meal, Ye Wanwan’s stomach was forcefully filled with all sorts of fruit juice.

She didn’t crave alcohol but not being able to drink some alcohol in this kind of setting was truly too dull.

As she propped her head on her chin in utter boredom and sipped from a glass of another strangely-colored juice blended from some unknown fruits that Jiang Yanran poured for her, her phone suddenly chimed with a notification.

Ye Wanwan didn’t even look before clicking her phone open.

It was a voice message. The moment Ye Wanwan clicked it open, a man’s voice rang out from her phone. “Wanwan, are you free tomorrow night?”

A man!

A man's voice!

The boisterous dinner table turned silent instantly, and everyone's ears perked up. They looked like they were drinking and eating, but their attention was wholeheartedly concentrated on Ye Wanwan's phone.

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"Let's have dinner together?"

Both Fu Mingxi's ears and hair were standing up, and caution was evident on his face. If it weren't for Seven Star watching him, he wouldn't have been able to resist slapping the table and jumping up again.

Gong Xu used his proximity to Ye Wanwan and snuck a peek. "Brother Ye, who is it, who is it? D*mn... It's G-gu Yueze! This scum still dares to hit on you?!"

Fu Mingxi immediately butted in: "Why's this scum still pestering you? I'm telling you, Brother Ye, an impure and unchaste scum like him should be drowned in a pig cage and rolled over a board of nails! Block him already; why are you keeping scum like him around?"

Fu Mingxi was fairly resentful of the fact that Ye Wanwan once had an engagement with Gu Yueze.

Ye Wanwan didn't block Gu Yueze before because she simply tossed him to the back of her mind. She wasn't blocking him now though because...

"Heh, why should I block him? Don't you think it'd be rather fun to take him out for a walk whenever you're bored?" Ye Wanwan asked with a chuckle.

Without surprise, a new message notification rang from her phone as she said that.

It was another voice message from Gu Yueze. "Wanwan, you're a smart person. You should know that there's no point in playing hard to get for too long. I won't always have the time."

Pft, his words seriously didn't disappoint her.

Gong Xu truly couldn't hold back anymore and picked up Ye Wanwan's phone and pressed on the voice message button before roaring, "Sh*t, Gu Yueze, are you a freaking idiot? Brother Ye has had a boyfriend since a long time ago!"