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Chapter 431 Aren't You Too Much?

How desperate is he for women?

So what if she's pretty? She's already a second-hand good, not an antique porcelain that becomes more valuable with each sale. She's a woman!

"I heard from Yan Nuo that you didn't bring a single guard, so I rushed over. Aren't you too much? How can you chase me away?"

He could not say much about An Jiuyue, but Qian Jiyun was his second brother. He could at least say a few words to him, right?

In any case, he did not have a good impression of An Jiuyue after this incident. This woman was sitting in front of his second brother and did not dissuade him. Instead, she fanned the flames!

Qian Jiyun looked up and glanced at Gong Cheng.

No matter how much anybody wanted him dead, they would not kill him in front of so many people during the Lotus Lantern Festival, right?

Besides, although Yan Nuo had said he did not bring a guard, was that really true? Were all the shadow guards in the Prince Zhan Yun Residence dead? Would he really go out without a single shadow guard?

He took a deep breath and shook his head. He was speechless.

What have they been doing all these years? Why did they not impart Sixth Brother Gong with basic knowledge?

"Calm down. Have a cup of tea." An Jiuyue poured a cup of tea and handed it to him.

Despite the headaches, children who had yet to grow up had to be taught slowly. Gong Cheng was merely inexperienced. He was not a bad person by nature.

Chapter 432 Lacking Someone to Protect Him

Actually, it was not too bad. She believed that a child from a large family like the Gong family would not be too bad. However, Yu Yan'er...

She had buried the darkness in her heart a little too deeply.

If An Jiuyue had not seen how Yu Yan'er had exposed herself when she first saw Qian Jiyun, she would not have realized the latter was clearly here for him.

At this moment, Yu Yan'er had hidden all her intentions again. She only had eyes for her cousin, Gong Cheng, again.

"Young Master Gong, right? Since you're here, sit down. Jiyun is really lacking someone to protect him."

"Uh!" Gong Cheng was stunned by An Jiuyue's words.

Qian Jiyun had been at the southern border for many years. He had seen everything. Did he still need a dabbler like him to protect him?

It seemed like what he had said was wrong. He glanced at Yu Yan'er next to him. She twisted the handkerchief in her hands and glanced at Qian Jiyun occasionally.

He then looked at An Jiuyue, sitting across from Qian Jiyun with a child in her arms, not sparing a glance at Yu Yan'er.

Suddenly, he understood why his second brother did not welcome him.

Second Brother has just returned with a lady. I shouldn't have brought my cousin to look for him, right?

But An Jiuyue already has two children. Second Brother is outstanding and is the noble Prince Zhan Yun. How can he crumble at the hands of a woman like her?

Even my cousin is much better than An Jiuyue.

At this thought, he felt that he had not done anything wrong. It was common for men to have multiple wives and concubines. His second brother was well known. What was the harm in having a few more women around him?

If An Jiuyue was jealous over such a trivial matter, a woman like her was not worthy of being with his brother.

"Hmph!" He snorted coldly at An Jiuyue and looked at his cousin gently.

He pointed at the spot beside Qian Jiyun and said to Yu Yan'er, "Yan'er, sit here."

"Thank you, Cousin. I... should sit here instead."

Yu Yan'er wanted to sit next to Qian Jiyun but sensed Qian Jiyun's icy aura before she could say anything. With a pale face, she had no choice but to choose the seat farthest from him.

Looking at Yu Yan'er's aggrieved expression, Gong Cheng cursed her internally for being too disappointing.

However, there was nothing he could do about it, so he sat beside Qian Jiyun.

"Second Brother, how long will you be staying this time?" he asked Qian Jiyun.

"The Emperor will decide. I can't give you an answer," Qian Jiyun replied coldly.

Could he stay in the capital for as long as he wanted? It depended on the old Emperor!

However, the old Emperor wanted him to stay in the capital longer. He could stay in the capital for as long as he wished if nothing serious happened at the southern border.

"That's true. It's not up to you to decide."

Gong Cheng raised his eyebrows in understanding. Some things could not be done as desired.

He glanced at An Jiuyue and then at the two children. The three of them could not stay in the Prince Zhanyun Residence without status. They had to be given one, right? He could not help but ask Qian Jiyun.

Chapter 433 Show Up Less in Front of Me

"So, what are your plans for returning this time? What will you do with these two children? Are you taking them in?"

If that's true, won't Second Brother become a stepfather? How can the dignified Prince Zhan Yun be the father of someone else's child?

He did not have a good impression of An Jiuyue now. He did not even avoid taboo words when talking about her.

Of course, this was due to his sense of superiority while growing up in the capital. He did not need to care about what women thought.

"Do you want me to find a good family to send these two children to?"

Qian Jiyun's expression darkened as he replied, "Get lost!"

An Jiuyue ignored him and rubbed Rong'er's head, gesturing for him to keep quiet.

She had seen her son open his small mouth, ready to counter Gong Cheng's words.

Regardless, Gong Cheng was Qian Jiyun's brother. She could not possibly let her son silence him, right?

"You—" Gong Cheng was really angry with Qian Jiyun.

I'm reminding Second Brother out of kindness. Why is he snapping at me?

I'm not wrong. They're not his children. He can just find a place to throw them away. Why does he have to raise them? He'll embarrass himself.

"I'm doing this for your sake, Second Brother. These two children are not yours. What will others think if they see you taking care of them every day?

"Send them away quickly before anyone in the capital knows. Not many people will know about this in the future."

Look at me! I'm so kind! Why is he blaming me?

As he spoke, he reached for the plate on the table. He had rushed to the Moonlight Lotus Pond and circled around it several times. He was famished.

"Yan'er, you must be hungry too. Don't stand on ceremony with Second Brother's food. Help yourself— Ah!"

Before he could finish speaking, he felt pain on the back of his hand again and could not help but scream.

He turned around and saw Qian Jiyun's disapproving expression. His hand remained positioned to strike him. He gritted his teeth and was so angry he could not speak.

"Second Brother, what are you doing? I just want to eat. Do you have to be like this?"

Qian Jiyun did not give him a good attitude and retorted, "I won't give my food to young people who cannot be trusted!"

Why should he feed him good food? He was here to be a hindrance all day, right?

"If you don't want me to hit you, get away from me. Show up less in front of me in the future. Get lost!"

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Gong Cheng opened his mouth but did not know what to say.

He turned around and looked at An Jiuyue, who wore a serious expression and did not even look at him from the corner of her eye. He looked at Qian Jiyun again, who had a dark expression on his face and was ready to stand and beat him up.

What's going on? Did I say anything wrong? What rumors will spread if these two children stay at the Prince Zhan Yun Residence?

If word gets out that Prince Zhan Yun's wife is in her second marriage, it'll be so embarrassing for Second Brother.

"Miss An, if you really like my brother, you should think for him. Hurry up and send these two little things away."

When he saw that he could not convince Qian Jiyun, he turned to An Jiuyue and persuaded her.

Chapter 434 Stuffed Into a Sack and Beaten

An Jiuyue sighed softly, chuckled, and shook her head.

"Young Master Gong, are you going to say that you're not even a thing again? Hm?"

She raised her eyebrows and asked Gong Cheng meaningfully. The child had just rebuked him. How could he forget that so quickly?

"Uh!" Gong Cheng was stunned again.

He remembered what had happened a moment ago and glanced guiltily at the child in Qian Jiyun's arms.

These two children were not afraid of strangers. Instead, they dared to rebuke him. It was clear how cheeky they were. If they remained at the Prince Zhan Yun Residence, they would cause a scene.

He felt that Qian Jiyun should send the two children away.

"Second Brother, I think—"

"Uncle Qian, isn't the Prince Zhan Yun Residence your house?"

Before he could say anything else, Qian Yirong, who was in An Jiuyue's arms, could not stand it anymore and asked Qian Jiyun.

What's wrong with this person? Why does he think he can send us away with a word? Who does he think he is? He's acting like he's so powerful.

Uncle Qian didn't say anything about it. Besides, my brother and I are Mother's children. Even if Uncle Qian wants to send us away, Mother won't allow it.

"Of course, it's my house. It'll be your house too," Qian Jiyun said seriously as he patted Qian Yizheng to comfort him.

"Oh." Qian Yirong finally heaved a sigh of relief like a tiny adult.

Of course, everyone could tell that the child was doing this on purpose in front of Gong Cheng.

"So the Prince Zhan Yun Residence is Uncle Qian's house! People who don't know any better may think it belongs to this stranger instead. He thinks he can even make decisions for the Prince Zhan Yun Residence. How imposing!"

Does he really think we're ignorant because we're only five-year-olds? How dare he say such things in front of us? Does he think we're easy to bully?

We certainly aren't! We'll return the favor to whoever dares offend Brother and me. Is this adult really going to hit us?

"Uncle Qian, my brother and I are only five years old. Mother won't let us talk nonsense. How old is this uncle? Why are his parents still spoiling him?

"Did he not go to school? Does he not know that he can't talk nonsense in public? If he offends someone, he could be stuffed into a sack and beaten."

"You, you, you..."

With trembling hands, Gong Cheng pointed to the small Qian Yirong.

This child is too infuriating! How dare he talk to me like that? He even likened himself, a little radish, to me, an adult!

An Jiuyue looked up at Gong Cheng and said seriously, "Young Master Gong, Rong'er is still young and hasn't even been to school. He has no manners. Please forgive him and don't be angry."

She looked down and patted her son's back gently. With a serious expression, she lectured him.

"Rong'er, how can you say that? Didn't I teach you not to badmouth others in public? Even if you really want to do it, you must go home and tell your family.

"How can you badmouth others to their faces? Look at how angry Uncle Gong is!"

Chapter 435 Cause Problems Easily

She shook her head helplessly.

"Thankfully, we'll be sending you to school in a few days. Once you're there, the teachers will teach you to be sensible and to know your limits. Why are you being so honest, my child? Apologize to Uncle Gong quickly!"

"You..."

Gong Cheng felt his anger catch in his throat and almost spat a mouthful of blood.

This child's words anger me, but so do this woman's! Is she lecturing her child? She's obviously lecturing me! How can she compare me to two children who haven't even attended school?

He turned to face Qian Jiyun, hoping that he would uphold justice for him and lecture An Jiuyue.

However...

"Zheng'er, you're the older one. Your younger brother has caused trouble. As the older brother, you must help him resolve it. Apologize to Uncle Gong."

Qian Jiyun looked at Qian Yizheng, teaching him what to do. He had no time to care about Gong Cheng.

"Got it, Uncle Qian."

Qian Yizheng was worried that he could not showcase his skills. When he heard that, he blinked his cute, ignorant, big eyes at Gong Cheng.

"Uncle Gong, I'm sorry. Rong'er is still young. Don't lower yourself to his level. I'll apologize on his behalf. I'll teach him well in the future and won't let him talk nonsense in public."

"I— You…"

Gong Cheng felt as if the people in front of him had trampled on his heart thoroughly.

You're not going to let that brat spew nonsense in public? What's that supposed to mean?

"Rong'er, look at how angry you made Uncle Gong. He's Uncle Qian's friend, after all. If you have something to say, you should say it at home. Why must you say it in front of him? How embarrassing!

"You've embarrassed Uncle Qian. You can't do this anymore. If you want to say anything in the future, you can tell me when we get home.

"Although we're children, we can't talk nonsense. Mother said that the waters in the capital run deep. We can cause problems easily if we speak carelessly.

"What if someone puts a large sack over us and beats us up when we leave the house?

"If that happens, we'll have nowhere to complain. We can only lie on our beds and cry. We can't even go to school or earn money.

"How awful is that? Don't do this again."

Qian Yirong nodded obediently and promised his brother softly, "I understand, Brother. I'll hold back whatever I want to say in the future and tell you when we get home."

Gong Cheng was speechless.

He regretted it! He should not have come here to look for his second brother and meet these two obnoxious children!

Was he lecturing his younger brother? He was obviously scolding him indirectly!

He had told Qian Jiyun to send them away in front of An Jiuyue and the two boys. They retorted immediately and even taught him a lesson indirectly!

He was the Gong family's eldest young master, having graduated from the Royal Academy. How could he be chastised by two children who had never even been to school?

He would be embarrassed if word got out. How would he face other people?

"Second Brother, aren't you going to do something about this?"

He looked at Qian Jiyun with a long face.

Qian Jiyun smiled coldly at him.

Chapter 436 Natural for Him to Do So

"I can't even keep you under control, Brother. What right do I have to control the two little ones? You think too highly of me. Talk to me when you keep your personality in check."

"Uh!" Gong Cheng was stunned again.

He decided not to say anything else. He was the one who started it.

He deserved to be taught a lesson. If he had known earlier, he would have waited until the next time and spoken to his second brother in private. He might listen to him and send the children away.

Even if his second brother wanted to send the children away, he couldn't do so right now. An Jiuyue's expression said it all.

"Second Brother, I'm really doing this for your sake."

In the end, he could only defend himself dryly.

I'm saying this for his sake. He'll understand my intentions in the future. Right now... nothing has happened yet. He'll think I'm wrong no matter what I say.

He sighed softly and did not want to argue with Qian Jiyun anymore.

"Cousin, stop talking."

Yu Yan'er sat at the side and could not stand it anymore.

Is my cousin really stupid? Does he not understand what Qian Jiyun is saying?

Furthermore, Qian Jiyun's tolerance toward a woman and the two children, as well as his teaching Gong Cheng a lesson, made his stand clear. It couldn't be more clear to Yu Yan'er.

However, she did not expect the dignified Prince Zhan Yun, the Killing God of the southern border, to be so indulgent with a woman.

She had to admit that she had fantasized about Qian Jiyun when she first saw him, especially after realizing that the rumored Killing God was not as murderous and cold as she had imagined.

It would be great if she could win the heart of such a man!

She would no longer have to be coerced into doing things by her father and mother. If Qian Jiyun could protect her like he protected An Jiuyue, no one in the capital would make things difficult for her.

Unfortunately, she was not the woman that Qian Jiyun was so protective of that he could disregard his brother.

She stole a glance at An Jiuyue, who was carrying the child, and noticed how she was not visibly moved or grateful that Qian Jiyun had protected her—as if it were natural for him to do so.

She could not help but feel a little angry, thinking that a woman like An Jiuyue was not worthy of Prince Zhan Yun.

She glanced at Qian Jiyun shyly again and said to Gong Cheng, "This is the Prince Zhan Yun Residence's matter. You shouldn't interfere."

"Haha..."

Gong Cheng did not care about An Jiuyue and sneered.

Qian Jiyun showed no regard for his feelings today because of a woman. He would be a fool to think An Jiuyue was a good woman!

In the future, he would just pretend to be civil with her. He would not expect An Jiuyue to do anything for him.

The four of them sat in silence for a long time.

"Mother, why aren't you eating? I heard from Uncle Qian that we'll return very late. We'll go hungry later if we don't eat now."

Qian Yirong picked up a piece of pastry and brought it to his mother's mouth.

He did not care whether the others were present. He was worried his mother would go hungry, so he quickly asked her to eat more.

"Alright, I will eat. You should eat too, Rong'er."

An Jiuyue smiled and took the pastry from her son's hand, eating it slowly.

"Qian Jiyun, are there people releasing lotus lanterns over there already?"

Chapter 437 Refused to Admit That He Was a Greedy Gut

She looked up and saw that people had begun to release their lotus lanterns into the Moonlight Lotus Pond. Shouts were heard in succession. It seemed like someone's lotus lantern had sunk while another had drifted too far.

Qian Jiyun followed her gaze. As expected, more and more people gathered around the Moonlight Lotus Pond.

"I think so. There are many people now. We'll go later."

In reality, he had instructed someone to book a small boat at the Moonlight Lotus Pond early in the morning. When there were fewer people, they could sit in the boat to release the lotus lanterns and avoid being disturbed by others.

Of course, he would not include this irksome person in front of him. He would not even include Yu Yan'er. Whoever brought her here should be responsible for her.

"I've rented a boat. It'll be here in half an hour."

An Jiuyue raised her eyebrows. She did not expect him to rent a boat.

"A lotus boat?" she asked.

She had seen a large boat at the Moonlight Lotus Pond. However, it was only meant for sightseeing. Releasing lotus lanterns from it was impossible because it was too tall.

Lotus boats were small boats. One could sit in it and touch the water by stretching one's arm. It was easy to place the lotus lanterns on the water and enjoy the night scene.

She also had a boat in her space, but it was a yacht that could only seat four people. It required gasoline and was not appropriate to be taken out in a crowded place.

"Yes." Qian Jiyun nodded and patted Zheng'er on the head. "I heard the lotus seeds in the Moonlight Lotus Pond taste good. We can pick some later. The two greedy guts will definitely like them."

"No way!"

Qian Yizheng's face flushed red. He refused to admit that he was a greedy gut!

"Uncle Qian, you're talking nonsense! I don't like eating!"

Meanwhile, Qian Yirong did not protest. Instead, he looked up and asked his mother, "Mother, what are lotus seeds? Are they delicious?"

An Jiuyue explained, "It's delicious. You've seen lotus flowers before. When their flowers wither, they'll grow a lotus seed pod with lotus seeds inside. The tender lotus seeds are delicious."

"Okay, okay." Qian Yirong understood. "They're like the lotus seeds you planted, right?"

There were many beautiful lotus flowers planted in his mother's space. They were even prettier and more colorful than the lotus flowers he had seen earlier.

An Jiuyue remained silent.

How are they the same? The lotus seeds I planted... Fine, I don't understand either.

Why did the lotus flowers in her space grow in different colors when they were all from the same root?

It was as if she had planted several varieties. Some were pure white, and others were pure pink or pure red. She was fretting over this, and Wei Na did not have an answer for it either.

She felt she should set aside some time to investigate the type of lotus seeds they produced and whether they were poisonous or edible.

"More or less, but you must not eat the lotus seeds I planted," she reminded them.

It would be disastrous if she put her children in her space and they begged the warrior-servants to pick the lotus seeds for them to eat. She hadn't looked into them yet. She didn't want her children to get sick from eating them!

Qian Yizheng blinked and asked, "Why, Mother?"

Can't the lotus seeds in the space be eaten? But...

Chapter 438 Gentle and Considerate, as a Proper Lady Should Be

Should I tell Mother that my brother and I already ate them? They're delicious and sweet!

He felt he could memorize books more quickly after eating them. He could remember it after reading it once. Could his mother's lotus seeds have other uses?

"Ahem!" An Jiuyue coughed lightly.

She could not possibly say that she was unsure if the lotus seeds were poisonous, right?

"I want to keep the lotus seeds and plant them next year, so you can't eat them," she said seriously.

Qian Jiyun was surprised.

He had heard that lotus seeds could be planted, but most people planted lotus roots, right?

Few people would use lotus seeds as seeds, right?

He knew An Jiuyue had planted lotus roots and water chestnuts and raised fish and prawns in her space. Were An Jiuyue's lotus seeds inedible but useful?

"So you're planting more next year." Qian Yizheng nodded in understanding.

In that case, he and his younger brother would not pick them in the future. They would let the lotus seeds grow and become seeds next year.

Gong Cheng rolled his eyes.

People from the countryside are indeed from the countryside! How can she quibble with the children over such a small thing? What a joke!

However, he had no idea how lotus roots grew. He only knew they were lotus seeds and that they were edible. He was the Gong family's eldest young master; it would be strange if he knew.

Of course, Yu Yan'er had no idea too. Hence, she only listened to An Jiuyue and her sons' conversation.

An hour later...

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Many people were still around, and there were a few lotus boats in the pond.

"Jiuyue, let's go. Let's board the boat."

Qian Jiyun's boat was also in the pond. He led An Jiuyue out of the tea stall, drawing everyone's envious looks. Gong Cheng trailed close behind.

Yu Yan'er immediately approached Gong Cheng and said gently, "Cousin, we haven't bought our lotus lanterns yet. Wait here for a moment. I'll buy two lotus lanterns. I'll be quick."

With that, she walked towards the stall nearest to them.

"Yan'er, hurry!" Gong Cheng shouted as he watched her leave. He turned around and looked at Qian Jiyun proudly.

"Second Brother, look at Yan'er. She's gentle and considerate, as a proper lady should be. Unlike... Sigh, as the dignified Prince Zhan Yun, you can have any woman, but you just have to..."

He targeted An Jiuyue again.

They had sat at the tea stall for quite some time, but An Jiuyue had not even spoken to him.

It's fine if she doesn't talk to me, but she said nothing, despite knowing I'm angry with Qian Jiyun. Is that right? Is that what a woman should do?

How can someone who doesn't know how to read the room be worthy of being by my brother's side?

Yu Yan'er is not bad. I wanted to put in a good word for her just now, but Second Brother ignored her. He probably didn't want to embarrass An Jiuyue.

I can't stand women like her. Second Brother gave her face, but did she do the same for others?

"Sigh." Qian Jiyun exhaled heavily.

If it hadn't been for the fact that there were so many people here and it was not convenient to attack him directly, he would have slapped this blind fellow to the ground!

"Guards!" he shouted to the side.

"Master, what can I do for you?"

A shadow guard in black immediately walked over and asked Qian Jiyun respectfully.

Chapter 439 Drag Me Away?

"Call Lord Xia to come," Qian Jiyun instructed the shadow guard in black.

He knew Fifth Brother Xia was nearby. He had also seen him and exchanged nods with him before moving away.

Why did Sixth Brother Gong not learn from Fifth Brother Xia?

"Yes, Master."

The shadow guard in black accepted the order and left immediately.

"Second Brother, why are you looking for Fifth Brother?" Gong Cheng asked.

Fifth Brother Xia also had a lady with him. Daqing Kingdom was open-minded. People could bring a person of the opposite sex that they liked to the Lotus Lantern Festival.

Fifth Brother Xia and that lady were lovers, so it was only natural for them to come together.

"Fifth Brother is with Miss Youran! Aren't you disturbing them if you call him here? You shouldn't do that!"

But why did Second Brother want to call Fifth Brother here?

Qian Jiyun glanced at Gong Cheng coldly and did not say anything. An Jiuyue also raised her hand and touched the tip of her nose innocently.

If you think calling Xia Junfeng here is disrupting his date, do you think bringing a lady here to cause trouble in front of Qian Jiyun is right?

"I wonder if Lord Xia rented a boat. If he didn't, we could go together," she said softly.

Gong Cheng retorted without thinking, "What do you mean? They're chatting and laughing together. Why should they join us?

"Do you have any sense? Don't you know they don't want to go boating with you?"

"Jiuyue and I don't want to go boating with you either. Can you stay away from us?" Qian Jiyun retorted bluntly.

This person sure knows how to follow cues! He has no idea how to read other people's expressions and blames everything on someone else. Why did I become sworn brothers with this thing back then?

"Second Brother ... "

Gong Cheng was speechless. Qian Jiyun's words had stopped him.

Suddenly, he understood.

"Did you call Fifth Brother here to drag me away?"

This must be what he's thinking. Second Brother must despise me for being nosy, right?

"It's good that you understand." Qian Jiyun did not deny it.

Qian Jiyun did not want to see this person wandering around in front of him, but he persisted. Was he not doing this on purpose?

"Uncle Gong, you're so funny."

Qian Yizheng, who was in Qian Jiyun's arms, had something to say. He smiled at Gong Cheng.

"Uncle Qian didn't even bring Aunt Yiyun with him. He only brought Mother, me, and my younger brother. Why did you come here to be scolded? To show your capabilities?"

"I—"

Gong Cheng opened his mouth, feeling as if he had been killed instantly.

He then remembered something. His eyes widened as he looked at Qian Jiyun and the child in his arms.

"Second... Second Brother, could they be... could they be..."

He had a guess, but he felt that it was impossible! Could these two children be the ones someone had left at Second Brother's residence, insisting they were his?

It could not possibly be this coincidental, right?

"Shut up!" Qian Jiyun's expression turned cold as he snapped.

Jiuyue doesn't know that Zheng'er and Rong'er aren't my children. If she knows, she'll definitely fall out with me.

If this matter is exposed, I will definitely kill this blabbermouth! Definitely!

Chapter 440 Too Scary

"If you dare to say that, you'll stay at Huayan Peak!" he warned coldly.

"Mmph!" Gong Cheng immediately covered his mouth.

However, he realized that these two children were the twins back then.

How did An Jiuyue just happen to pick them up? Is An Jiuyue not Lan Zhitong? Did we guess wrong?

Did Second Brother bring An Jiuyue back because she rescued them and not because he likes her? Is that what happened?

However, he looked them up and down, observing how Qian Jiyun carried the child in one arm and wrapped the other around An Jiuyue's slender waist protectively. There was clearly more to their relationship.

He shook his head and immediately dismissed his thoughts.

Coincidences aside, Second Brother may have fallen for her. This woman is so lucky! Qian Jiyun actually likes her because of two children who have nothing to do with him. Lucky bastard!

"Second Brother, these two little things aren't— Uh!"

Before he could finish speaking, he realized someone had struck his mute acupoint. His second brother was also glaring at him like he had been fished out of an ice hole.

He shivered in fear and shook his head hurriedly.

I'll stop talking. I'll stop talking, okay? He's too scary.

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After a while, Yu Yan'er arrived excitedly after buying four lotus lanterns.

"Cousin, this one is for you. It's in your favorite color. Miss An, this one is for you. I don't know what color you like, so I bought a pink one."

She handed two lotus lanterns of different colors to Gong Cheng and An Jiuyue.

An Jiuyue looked at Gong Cheng, who took the lotus lantern without a second thought. She then looked at the two lotus lanterns Yu Yan'er still had and could not help but smile.

They were identical lanterns. She seemed to have prepared them for Qian Jiyun and herself.

"Miss Yu, you're too kind. Jiyun and I brought our own lotus lanterns, so we don't need yours. You can release a few more lanterns with Young Master Gong," she said calmly to Yu Yan'er.

Trying to match lotus lanterns with Qian Jiyun in front of me? Who are you trying to go against?

"Well..." Yu Yan'er's eyes darkened, and she looked at Qian Jiyun.

"Your Highness, I've already bought these lotus lanterns. Do you want to release them with my cousin?"

She pursed her lips and waited for Qian Jiyun's reply, quietly handing him the lotus lantern.

"There's no need for Miss Yu's kindness. Jiuyue and I made lotus lanterns in my residence. We're going to release them together. You can release yours with Gong Cheng. After all...

"I don't intend to share lotus lanterns of the same color with strangers. Miss Yu Yan'er, please refrain from thinking about things you shouldn't. Remember not to overthink things. It's easy to go astray."

Qian Jiyun bluntly pointed out Yu Yan'er's intentions.

"Uh..." Yu Yan'er was extremely embarrassed by his words.

She gritted her teeth and retracted the lotus lantern, feeling aggrieved.

She had harbored such intentions, but it was also true that there were no other lotus lanterns at the stall. They had all been sold, leaving only the four lotus lanterns, which she had purchased all of.