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Chapter 161: Supreme VIP

Seeing Huo Xuan's displeasure, Huo Qing quickly stuffed the VIP card that she was holding into the waiter's hand. As she stuffed it in, she said, "How can we really eat separately from you? I came here with the intention of treating you to a meal. Hurry up and use my VIP card to come in."

Huo Xuan frowned coldly when he heard this. He replied in a low voice, "Fortunately, you still know that you were the one who took the initiative to invite us to dinner. Otherwise, those who don't know the truth would think that we were the ones who begged you to come eat with us."

After saying this, he immediately turned his gaze away and ignored the two people at the door.

On the other hand, Mo Zhu looked up and glanced at Huo Qing indifferently. Then, she took out a card bag from her coat pocket. A moment later, she seemed to have found something and her lips curved up. She handed the things in her hand to the waiter and asked, "Can I enter with this card?"

The waiter did not dare to delay and raised his hand to take the card. The instant he saw the card, his body suddenly tensed up and his pupils constricted violently. His voice trembled as he exclaimed, "This is the Supreme VIP card!"

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice and saw the card in the waiter's hand. The pure black card had golden decorations on the corners. Just by looking at it, one could tell that this card was of a different class than an ordinary VIP card.

The waiter's attitude changed drastically. He returned the card to Mo Zhu respectfully and bent down to open the door of the hotel for the girl. "I'm sorry, Miss. I didn't entertain you well just now. Please come to the top floor to enjoy your meal."

Huo Xuan looked at Mo Zhu with a smile and couldn't help but tighten his grip on the girl's hand.

With so many unexpected identities, it was not strange for Mo Zhu to be able to get a mere Supreme VIP card. However, this hotel could be considered one of the best in the capital. It could be seen that Mo Zhu's power was not only just constrained to Cloud City.

"The top floor?" Seeing the waiter's respectful attitude, Kang Ying could not help but scream, "How can a country bumpkin from the countryside be worthy of eating at the top floor!"

Kang Ying had heard of the top floor of this restaurant. Even as the daughter of the Kang family, she was not allowed to enter the restaurant for dinner. How was Mo Zhu, that woman, qualified to go to such a high-class place!

"If I'm not worthy, are you? Then go up and take a look. See if they will let you in." Mo Zhu kept the card in her pocket and looked up at Kang Ying casually with a hint of mockery in her eyes.

"You..." Kang Ying was about to counterattack after being provoked by Mo Zhu. However, at that moment, Huo Qing felt her face burning. She suddenly grabbed her niece, who was just a little bit away from her, and smiled awkwardly.

It was one thing for Kang Ying to be ignorant, but she knew very well in her heart. It was said that the top floor of this restaurant was specially opened for the Supreme VIPs, and so far, only two Supreme VIP cards had been issued. She was almost certain that this card was given to Mo Zhu by Huo Xuan.

Right now, Huo Xuan was being doted on by Old Master Huo, and he was still sick. As a sensible wife, she definitely couldn't get into any unnecessary conflict with him at this juncture.

Thinking of this, Huo Qing cleared her throat and pretended to be concerned as she said, "Since everyone has cards, why don't we quickly choose a private room and order our food? I think it's getting late. It's going to be dark by the time the dishes are served."

Upon hearing Huo Qing's words, Mo Zhu turned her eyes to Kang Ying, whose eyes were filled with anger, and rubbed her palms nonchalantly. "Since we're already here, why don't Third Aunt eat at the top floor with us? The top floor of this restaurant is not somewhere you can enter anytime."

Huo Xuan understood the meaning behind her words. At this moment, he also held Mo Zhu's hand with a smile and said indifferently, "Third Aunt, you should come with us. This is a rare opportunity to eat at the top floor.."

Chapter 162: Furious

Hearing their words, Huo Qing's face turned red and then white. She smiled awkwardly and stammered, "How can I accept this? Before we came, we agreed that I would treat you to a meal."

After hanging out at the door for so long, Huo Xuan didn't have the patience to waste time with the two of them. He grabbed Mo Zhu's hand and entered the door. He glanced at Huo Qing indifferently and said, "If Third Aunt doesn't come to the top floor, then you can eat with me another day. After all, there will be plenty of opportunities in the future."

After saying this, Huo Xuan brought Mo Zhu straight towards the elevator.

Huo Qing frowned and could only pull Kang Ying along as she followed behind the man. She pulled a long face and she looked really unhappy.

Seeing how well Huo Xuan treated Mo Zhu, Kang Ying's eyes were fixed on their interlocked hands as if they were poisoned. She started grumbling.

"It must be Brother Xuan who gave that woman the Supreme VIP card. I really don't know what she has to be so proud of. She's just a country bumpkin. So what if she is able to enter the top floor? She'll still be embarrassing herself."

After passing through the hotel lobby, Huo Qing tugged at Kang Ying's sleeve and reminded her softly, "Stop talking. If your Brother Xuan hears this later, you won't be able to finish this meal."

Kang Ying pursed her lips when she heard this and rolled her eyes at Mo Zhu's back in displeasure.

After entering the elevator, they showed their VIP cards. The waiter led the four of them to the luxurious private room on the top floor. After everyone had taken their seats, a dedicated service staff handed over the restaurant's menu.

Mo Zhu glanced at the menu and asked the waiter who was in charge of ordering the dishes to place the menu in front of Huo Qing and Kang Ying. "I believe this is the first time the two of you have come to the top-floor private room for a meal. You can order."

Just as she finished speaking, Kang Ying slammed the table in anger and stood up. "Who are you looking down on! Isn't it just because you have the Supreme VIP card Brother Xuan gave you? What's so great about it! You want us to order food? I'm afraid it's just because a country bumpkin like you can't understand what's written on the menu!"

Mo Zhu looked at Kang Ying with a faint smile and raised her hand to signal the waiter to bring the menu back. She raised her eyebrows lightly and said, "There's no need to be so angry. Alright, I'll order it then."

After receiving the menu, Mo Zhu skillfully flipped through a few pages and recited a few of this hotel's signature dishes in a calm voice. She even analyzed the dishes of today's specialty dishes in a clear and logical manner. After ordering, she even instructed the waiter to send two bottles of classic wine of different ages.

This time, Kang Ying felt so choked up that her breath was stuck in her throat. Her face turned red. She had originally wanted to embarrass this uncultured country bumpkin in front of everyone, but she did not expect that not only did she fail to achieve her goal, she had even fallen into the trap Mo Zhu had set.

She really did not understand why Brother Xuan liked such a vain woman. Seeing how she was so familiar with this restaurant, she must have pestered Brother Xuan to bring her here often.

At the thought of this, Kang Ying became even angrier. She swung her arms and turned around, dragging a chair and sitting down heavily.

After the waiter tidied up the cutlery and closed the door of the private room, Huo Xuan looked at Kang Ying with a faint smile and said bluntly, "Feel free to ask if you want to eat anything else or if you need anything. Not only are there private rooms on the top floor for you to eat, but you can also enjoy a massage at the other areas. Besides that, all these services are free of charge for the guests with the Supreme VIP card, so the two of you don't have to worry about the price."

After a pause, Huo Xuan continued, "Oh, right, I don't have the Supreme VIP card for this hotel. Please don't misunderstand. Although this meal is Xiao Zhu's treat, we're all members of the Huo family, so there's no need to be too calculative about this meal."

After hearing these words, Kang Ying was even more embarrassed.. If it wasn't for Huo Qing tugging at her sleeve under the table, she would have stood up and left.

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Chapter 163: Continuing the Pursuit

After the dishes were served, the two of them hurriedly ate a few mouthfuls before finding an excuse to leave. Huo Xuan nodded and made a call to specially ask Xu Huan to come and try the dishes on the top floor of this restaurant.

A hotel had its own rules. Some of the dishes on the top floor could not be ordered by ordinary VIP guests. Coincidentally, Huo Xuan also wanted to take the opportunity to ask Xu Huan about something else. It was just the right time to ask him to come over for dinner.

Once he heard that they could eat here, Xu Huan arrived in a few minutes. Under the lead of the waiter, he walked straight to the door of the private room.

He raised his hand and pushed open the door of the private room. Xu Huan looked at the huge table of food in front of him with his eyes wide open. He raised his eyebrows in surprise and said, "Brother Huo, didn't you reject the Supreme VIP card that they gave you? Why are you eating at the top floor now? Has this hotel opened the top floor to ordinary VIPs?"

Huo Xuan was amused by his words. He looked up at Xu Huan indifferently and said with a smile, "This meal isn't my treat. Your sister-in-law is the one treating you."

After Huo Xuan said this, Xu Huan finally understood what was going on. He looked at Mo Zhu in surprise and asked in disbelief, "Little Bamboo, you have this hotel's Supreme VIP card? You really have hidden it well!"

Mo Zhu calmly picked up some food with her chopsticks and replied as she stuffed it into her mouth, "It's alright, it's alright. Someone gave it to me the last time when I worked for them. I saw that this card looks quite pretty and accepted it."

Upon hearing the girl's words, Xu Huan gave Mo Zhu a thumbs up in his heart. Only Mo Zhu could make accepting such a precious VIP card into such a trivial matter.

"Alright, stop standing at the door in a daze. Hurry up and sit down and eat before the food turns cold. Coincidentally, I have something to ask you." Huo Xuan waved for Xu Huan to sit down.

The three of them ate quietly for a few minutes. Huo Xuan took out his phone and fiddled with it. He then placed the panorama view of Golden Sands Beach, which he had found on the internet, in front of Xu Huan and pinched the space between his eyebrows. "Didn't I ask you to check Black Tiger's location when you came to Beijing? How was it? Did you find anything?"

Xu Huan swallowed a mouthful of meatball soup and looked up at the map on the phone screen. He scratched his head and replied awkwardly, "We didn't find it. The Golden Sands Beach is too huge. Our people have searched for it more than ten times, but we still didn't find any traces of Black Tiger."

After pondering for a few seconds, Xu Huan stuffed another meatball into his mouth and said as he chewed, "Although we didn't manage to catch him, I asked the guys in charge of catching him and we have some gains from this trip. According to them, we were about to succeed the last time. However, Black Tiger had somehow gotten help from an Internet expert. Not only did the person cover his tracks, but he had also provided him with a superb escape route. That's why we had lost the pursuit."

Xu Huan became anxious as he spoke, and he stopped what he was doing. He frowned and continued, "Now that we've completely lost track of Black Tiger, I really don't know where he hired the expert from. He didn't even leave behind any useful information. Why didn't we meet such a talent?"

Xu Huan's words were considered a compliment to Mo Zhu. She raised her eyes and took a meaningful glance at Xu Huan, her eyes revealing a faint smile.

Upon hearing Xu Huan's explanation and analysis, Huo Xuan nodded in understanding. He picked up his phone and checked the topographic map of Golden Sands Beach in detail. A moment later, he outlined a circle on his phone screen. "Get someone to surround Golden Sands Beach. Place hidden sentries on every street."

"This is for?" Xu Huan was a little confused by Huo Xuan's arrangements.

"When Black Tiger escaped, Golden Sands Beach was surrounded by so many of our people. Not a single drop of water could even pass through. Even if he had wings, he definitely wouldn't be able to fly out, so..." Huo Xuan didn't finish his sentence. He raised his eyebrows at Xu Huan, signaling Xu Huan to continue his sentence..

Chapter 164: A Little Dangerous

Xu Huan put down his chopsticks and propped his chin on his hand as he pondered for a moment. Suddenly, he patted his head. "So Black Tiger is still at Golden Sands Beach. He had just found a place that's not easy for us to search and hid there!"

Huo Xuan nodded. "You're not too stupid."

As the two of them spoke, Mo Zhu didn't interrupt. When she heard that Huo Xuan and Xu Huan had already analyzed Black Tiger's whereabouts relatively accurately, she frowned and started to worry for Black Tiger.

In the beginning, Mo Zhu didn't expect Black Tiger to offend Huo Xuan. Although she hadn't known Huo Xuan for long, based on her current understanding of this man, Huo Xuan wasn't as simple as he looked. She was certain that he had other forces hidden in the dark, and he had more than one of them.

After Huo Xuan and Xu Huan finished speaking, he kept his phone in his pocket. From the corner of his eye, he saw Mo Zhu frowning slightly with her head lowered in deep thought. He turned to look at the girl and asked softly, "What's wrong?"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she calmly retracted her gaze and said nonchalantly, "It's alright, I was in a daze for a while."

Huo Xuan stood up and scooped another bowl of sweet porridge for Mo Zhu. He gently placed the bowl in front of her and touched the girl's soft hair. "Have more porridge. It's good for your stomach."

"Okay." Mo Zhu did not say anything else. After nodding, she picked up the spoon and started to eat the porridge slowly.

A few minutes later, Xu Huan seemed to have recalled something. He raised his eyes to look at Mo Zhu before turning to look at Huo Xuan. He straightened his expression and said, "Brother Huo, there's definite news about the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb that you asked me to inquire about. The Gao family has released word that the auction will officially start the day after tomorrow."

Finally, they reached the topic that Mo Zhu was interested in. She looked up at Xu Huan and asked seriously, "Do you know which families are participating in the auction? What's the approximate price range?"

Xu Huan shook his head and said in a low voice, "I can't find out anything about that. The Gao family has sealed the news too tightly. Unless the auction starts, I'm afraid I won't be able to find out anything else useful."

This auction was organized by the Gao family very formally. Apart from the time, there was almost no other concrete news that could be found. However, as the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb was a rare herb, there were definitely many families who coveted it. In addition, the capital was currently filled with many hidden dangers, and many things were unknown.

With so many families fighting for it openly and covertly, the price of this Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb definitely would not be low. Mo Zhu frowned without batting an eyelid, and it seemed that she had already started preparing to raise money.

Knowing what Mo Zhu was worried about, Huo Xuan reached out and held the girl's hand. He comforted her softly, "Don't worry about the money. I'll do my best to bid for whatever you want the day after tomorrow. The Huo family's money is your money."

"You trust me so much? You'll lend me money unconditionally?" Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and looked at Huo Xuan.

"Then, why don't I think of the conditions and ask you to fulfill them after I've thought it through?" The man's tone was filled with doting love. After being teased by Huo Xuan, Mo Zhu's originally nervous mood instantly relaxed.

Now that everything was ready till the actual event took place, she was determined to obtain the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb at the auction the day after tomorrow!

Seeing that the two of them had reached a consensus, Xu Huan pursed his lips angrily. He knew that he had been secretly and constantly fed with public displays of affection when he was with these two people. At this moment, he hadn't even eaten much but he was already feeling a little stuffed.

After dinner, Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu took Xu Huan's car back together. Mo Zhu sat in the back seat and took out her phone to locate Black Tiger before sending him a message.

[The group of people chasing you are still waiting for you at Golden Sands Beach. You have to be careful when dealing with them.]

The other party replied very quickly. Not long later, a new message alert appeared on her phone screen.

[Who did I offend that is able to crack the location you set up? How are those people so powerful! Can you find out which organization they are from?]

Mo Zhu stared at her phone screen quietly for two minutes before she raised her hand and slowly typed a line of words.

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Chapter 165: Happiness and Harmony

Raising her head to look at the night view outside the window, Mo Zhu tapped her knees lightly.

A moment later, the screen lit up.

[Sure, thanks.]

After reading the message, Mo Zhu neatly turned off her phone screen and pocketed her phone. She leaned against the backrest and started thinking about the auction.

She didn't want to participate in the matter between Black Tiger and Huo Xuan. In a place like Beijing that was filled with trouble, it was best to keep a low profile. If someone with ill intentions found out about her other identities, moving around and

completing what she wanted to do wouldn't be as convenient as it was now. She didn't want to be targeted like Black Tiger.

Xu Huan sent Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu to the Huo family's mansion. After they got out of the car, they went straight into the house to visit Old Master Huo.

Just as she pushed open the bedroom door, she saw Huo Tao and Chen Man giving Old Master Huo medicine.

Upon hearing that something had happened to Old Master Huo, the two of them hurriedly put down the work they were doing and rushed over. They had just arrived a little before Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu had returned.

Old Master Huo was lying in bed, holding Chen Man's hand and chatting with her. When he saw Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu walk in, he waved at them and said, "Xuan'er and Xiao Zhu are here. Come over quickly. Come over and chat with me."

After the old man finished speaking, Chen Man turned around and saw the two of them. She stood up and gave her seat to Mo Zhu. She smiled happily and said, "Xiao Zhu has been busy the entire day. She must be exhausted. Quickly sit here and chat with grandpa."

Seeing this happy family scene, an unknown emotion welled up in Mo Zhu's heart and she recalled her grandmother, who was still lying on the hospital bed. She nodded obediently, took Old Master Huo's hand and sat by the bed.

Although Old Master Huo was not very energetic now, when he saw that his children and grandchildren were all here, he instantly felt better. "Xiao Zhu, I heard that you cured Xuan'er's strange illness?"

Mo Zhu nodded. She knew that Old Master Huo truly doted on Huo Xuan, so she didn't want to deliberately hide the fact that she knew medicine from him.

"I really didn't expect this. Xiao Zhu is so capable at such a young age. Xuan'er is lucky to be with you." Old Master Huo laughed kindly. The more he looked at Mo Zhu, the more satisfied he was with his granddaughter-in-law.

Previously, he had always heard about Mo Zhu from Chen Man. Now that he was seeing her in person, Old Master Huo felt that those praises were really not groundless.

After saying this, Old Master Huo seemed to have recalled something. He pinched the space between his eyebrows and reminded Mo Zhu worriedly, "Good child, I know that you're a kind child, but Beijing is filled with lots of dangers. Xuan'er is born in the Huo family and you're his fiancée. It's best not to publicize the fact that you know medicine. It's best to keep a low profile."

Mo Zhu understood the old master's painstaking effort. She held his hand and replied gently, "Don't worry, grandpa. I'll be more careful."

After a pause, Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and looked at Huo Xuan from the corner of her eye. Her tone immediately rose. "In addition, isn't Huo Xuan still protecting me? You know his ability very well."

"Haha, the girl is right."

Mo Zhu's words made Old Master Huo laugh loudly. Even the built up unhappiness in his heart dissipated a lot.

Although the news that Mo Zhu knew medicine might bring her danger, if someone wanted to harm her, they had to see if they had the ability to go against the Huo family.

After roaming the business world for so many years, Old Master Huo had some ability to read people. Through the interaction he had with Mo Zhu for that one day, he understood that this young girl in front of him was not as simple as she looked. Instead, she was very shrewd.

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Speaking of medicine, Huo Tao, who had been standing at the side silently, suddenly reminded him, "Xuan'er, your second uncle and sixth aunt will be attending the Gao family's auction the day after tomorrow.."

Chapter 166: Taking a share

When Huo Xuan heard this, he looked up at Huo Tao and asked with a frown, "The two of them are going to the auction too? Could it be that they're also going to fight for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

Huo Tao pondered for a moment and seemed to have recalled something. He touched his chin and replied, "I heard that quite a number of big foreign families have come to Beijing. One of the family heads has an incurable illness. I think they want to buy the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb to fawn on him."

Upon hearing Huo Tao's words, Mo Zhu nodded in understanding. The Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb was a treasure that only appeared once in a hundred years. It was normal for all the families to be eager to try to obtain it.

At this moment, Old Master Huo could also tell from their conversation that his grandson wanted the Pine Snow Herb. He looked at Huo Xuan kindly and said with a smile, "Why? Does Xuan'er also want to go to the auction to buy the Pine Snow Herb?"

Huo Xuan was a little stunned. He looked up and nodded as he pointed at Mo Zhu. "Xiao Zhu's grandmother is sick. With her current medical skills, she's a little helpless. We heard that the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb has a miraculous effect on this illness, so we came to Beijing this time to try our luck at the auction."

Old Master Huo held Mo Zhu's hand and paused for a moment before instructing Huo Xuan seriously, "Since Xiao Zhu needs it, we naturally have to do our best to bid for it. Xuan'er, don't worry about your second uncle and sixth aunt. In a while, I'll get my secretary to arrange and consolidate the Huo family's liquid funds. You can use it during the action. You must successfully obtain the Pine Snow Herb to save Xiao Zhu's grandma."

Mo Zhu was very touched by Old Master Huo's words. For some reason, she felt a lump in her throat. She raised her hand, rubbed her nose, and said to Old Master Huo with a smile, "Thank you grandpa."

On the other hand, Old Master Huo raised his hand and patted the girl's shoulder happily. "Girl, why are you so polite to me? We're all family. There's no need to thank me. It's already so late today, and I'm tired. You guys go back and rest early. Let's have a good reunion dinner tomorrow."

Everyone agreed with a smile.

The next afternoon, Old Master Huo felt much better after he had consumed medicine for a day. He instructed the Huo family's kitchen to prepare a huge table of food and invited the four of them to the main hall for lunch at noon.

Just as Mo Zhu sat down beside Huo Xuan, her phone in her pocket vibrated. She took out her phone and saw that the caller ID was the phone number Cheng Yi usually used. She frowned slightly and stood up to approach Huo Xuan. "You all can eat first, I'll go answer a call."

After casually finding a corner that no one was paying attention to, Mo Zhu raised her hand and pressed the answer button. Cheng Yi's deep voice came from the phone.

"You've arrived in Beijing?"

Mo Zhu replied indifferently, "Yes, why are you looking for me? Do you have news of the auction?"

Just as he finished speaking, Cheng Yi continued, "That's right. The Gao family's master personally contacted the Love Pavilion this morning and asked us to send

someone to assist in maintaining the order of the auction. He even offered an irresistible price.”

“You agreed to it?” Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows.

“Not yet. The Gao family is the organizer of the auction after all. Since you think so highly of this auction, I think I have to ask for your opinion on this matter.” Cheng Yi had been in charge of the Pavilion of Love for so many years and he was very careful with his words and actions.

Mo Zhu thought for a moment, rubbed her palms, and replied, “You can agree to this, but you have to personally ask the Gao family’s master for an admission ticket to the auction. I’ll send you an address later and you can send it to me. Coincidentally, I’m too lazy to try to obtain the admission ticket to the auction myself.”

After saying this, and after Cheng Yi agreed to it, Mo Zhu hung up and returned to the dining table. When she sat down, Huo Tao and Huo Xuan were also discussing the auction tickets to the Gao family’s auction.

Mo Zhu pulled out a chair and sat down. She turned her head to look at Huo Xuan and interrupted, “I’ve already sent someone to get the tickets. We can enter together when the time comes.”

Huo Xuan nodded as he placed food into Mo Zhu’s bowl. “Alright, I’ll make the arrangements first. It’s not convenient for Mo Jiu to go tomorrow, so I’ll let Mo Wu follow us..”

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Chapter 167: Hidden It Well

At the same time.

In a luxurious mansion in Beijing.

A man in a high-end suit and exuding a cold aura was sitting quietly on the sofa in the main hall.

He was leaning against the soft cushion of the sofa and lazily playing with the keychain in his hand. On the coffee table in front of him was wine that had been decanted by the servants in advance.

A moment later, a subordinate hurriedly entered. When he saw the man, he lowered his head respectfully and reported honestly, “Young Master, I’ve already poisoned Old Master Huo according to your instructions, but that girl called Mo Zhu didn’t take action.”

The man raised his eyebrows when he heard this. He picked up his glass and took a sip unhurriedly before saying with interest, “Oh? This young lady is quite incredible. She can still remain so calm even after Old Master Huo was poisoned.”

The subordinate pinched his eyebrows. “Young Master, perhaps we have overestimated Mo Zhu. She might really be just an ordinary high school student as the information shows.”

After a pause, he emphasized, “This time, we’ve spent a lot of effort to get someone to put a poison that has symptoms similar to that of the Heart-Devouring Poison in Old Master Huo’s teacup. The person who was sent to scout the news said that the person who cured Old Master Huo was the subordinate of Huo Xuan named Mo Jiu.”

“Besides that, that person also said that even Huo Xuan’s Heart-Devouring Poison was cured by Mo Jiu.”

The man sat quietly on the sofa and played with the keychain unhurriedly. After hearing the person’s words, he said coldly, “You don’t even understand this little trick that they have pulled. I’ve really raised you bunch of trash for nothing. This is just a little trick Mo Zhu made. That Mo Jiu has always been by Huo Xuan’s side. If he could cure the Heart-Devouring Poison, Huo Xuan wouldn’t have traveled so far to Cloud City to recuperate.”

The subordinate was frightened by the man’s cold tone. He looked up with trembling eyes and said, “Young Master, that Mo Jiu claimed to have visited famous doctors all over the country and searched and read through ancient books for a long time before he had found a way to cure the Heart-Devouring Poison.”

The man sneered, “You believe whatever he says? Forget it, I won’t explain too much to you. Send someone to continue keeping a close eye on that girl, Mo Zhu. Huo Xuan’s poison was definitely cured by her. There are so many people in Beijing who have their eyes on the Huo family. I want to see how long she can hide for.”

After hearing the man’s arrangement, the subordinate nodded obediently. After a while, he looked at the man hesitantly and said respectfully, “Young Master, I have a plan. I don’t know if I should say it.”

“Shoot.”

“Instead of sending so many people to pay attention to this little girl from the Huo family, why don’t we just go to the Love Pavilion’s headquarters and place an order with Cheng Yi? Didn’t our people find out previously that as long as Almighty K is willing to accept

the order, there's no one in the world he can't find? We can spend a lot of money to hire Almighty K to find the legendary divine doctor who has never been seen."

The man put down the keychain and his fingers tapped the coffee table lightly. He snorted and said, "To think that you could come up with this lousy idea. It's been so long since Almighty K has accepted an order. Even if we found the Love Pavilion headquarters and personally beg Cheng Yi, he still won't accept the order that Almighty K doesn't want."

Although it was true that Cheng Yi was the leader of the Pavilion of Love, Almighty K could be considered the biggest trump card of the Pavilion of Love. He had immense freedom in the entire Pavilion of Love, and even Cheng Yi could not interfere or criticize the rules and ways he wanted to take up his orders.

Furthermore, according to their investigations over the years, Almighty K should be someone who was familiar with the divine doctor. For a long time, as long as Almighty K took on the order to look for the divine doctor, he had never failed and he could accurately find the divine doctor's location every time.

Now that Almighty K wasn't accepting orders, the reason was obvious too. It was probably because the divine doctor had specially instructed him that it was inconvenient for him to show up recently.

After being rejected by the man, the subordinate scratched his head and was a little flustered. He frowned worriedly and asked, "Then what should we do, Young Master? The hospital has sent news that Master's illness can't be delayed any longer.. If we still can't find the divine doctor, I'm afraid it won't end well..."

Chapter 168: Entry Ticket to the Auction

The man picked up his glass and took another sip. He pondered for a moment and said, "No matter what method they use, let them stall for a while longer. We definitely would not be able to do it through the divine doctor. We still have to start from Mo Zhu."

After a pause, the man lowered his eyes and added, "Send someone to continue monitoring the Huo family and see what other actions they have taken recently."

The subordinate looked up and replied respectfully, "Yes, Young Master."

"Have you prepared the money I asked you to prepare?" The man stood up and touched his chin.

"Yes, Young Master. We're just waiting for the auction to start tomorrow."

Upon hearing the affirmative answer, the man retracted his gaze and nodded in satisfaction. "The Gao family actually took out such a good item like the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb to auction this time. It seems like they've really encountered a difficult situation. I'm determined to get the Pine Snow Herb."

At 7.30 pm the next night, the Gao family's auction was scheduled at the famous luxury hotel in Beijing, Heaton.

In order for this auction to go smoothly, the Gao family had reserved the entire hotel and welcomed a lot of guests in advance. The auction was scheduled to be officially carried out in the living room. They had also specially arranged for individual private rooms for the various families to rest. The viewing angle of the private rooms was very convenient for the guests to watch the real-time situation of the auction.

Not only did the auction include a rare herb like the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, but the Gao family had also spent a lot of money to source for many treasures and they had planned to use this opportunity to auction them together.

Not long after the sun had set, one after another, the people from the various large families arrived at the Heaton Hotel in luxury cars. When Huo Xuan brought Mo Zhu to the entrance, there were already quite a number of VIPs who had already entered the venue with their admission tickets and had taken their seats.

As everyone only had one admission ticket which Mo Zhu had obtained, Huo Xuan called Xu Huan and Mo Wu the moment he got out of the car to confirm the location of the gathering.

After the four of them met, Huo Qing and Kang Ying, who were also participating in the auction, caught them just as they were queuing up to enter.

When she saw that Huo Xuan had actually brought Mo Zhu to the Gao family's auction, which only the wealthy families had the right to enter, a deep jealousy welled up in Kang Ying's heart.

She walked to Mo Zhu in front of her in her high heels with her head held high and sneered, "When did the Gao family's auction allow even unknown people to participate? Why? You can't wait for Brother Xuan to bring you here to see the world after you have just arrived in Beijing? Country bumpkins are indeed country bumpkins. You're really not presentable."

Mo Zhu was not angry when she heard this. She lowered her head and played with her phone quietly. She could not be bothered to look at someone who was looking for trouble for no reason.

Seeing Mo Zhu's attitude, Kang Ying's anger instantly rushed to the top of her head. She could not be bothered with the upbringing and manners that she was supposed to

have as a lady from a rich family and directly pointed at Mo Zhu and cursed, "I'm talking to you, can't you hear me? Who do you think you are to be arrogant in front of me? Do you believe that I can make you die very miserably with just my fingers?"

Kang Ying's voice was sharp and it sounded particularly ear-piercing. Mo Zhu helplessly dug her ears and looked at her with a faint smile. "Just say what you want. Even if you want to beat around the bush to curse me, you have to see if you have the eloquence to do so. Clearly, I don't understand what you're saying."

"Hmph." Kang Ying snorted and glared at Mo Zhu. "You're acting so arrogant, aren't you just relying on Brother Xuan, knowing that he would back you up?"

From the corner of her eye, she looked at the crowd that was queuing up to enter the auction. Kang Ying held her waist and said, "If you have the ability, you can enter the Heaton Hotel without Brother Xuan's admission ticket."

Mo Zhu followed Kang Ying's gaze and looked up. Then, she raised her hand and searched in her pocket for a while. She took out a folded golden invitation card and Mo Zhu walked straight around the crowd to the waiter who welcomed her.

"This is my invitation. The three people behind me are here with me.." Mo Zhu handed the invitation to the waiter and pointed at Huo Xuan, Xu Huan, and Mo Wu.

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Chapter 169: Entering the Venue

Cheng Yi had sent someone to send this invitation to her in the morning. It was said that the Gao family's master had personally written and stamped it with the Gao family's seal. Mo Zhu had originally thought that it was just a simple admission ticket. It was only when she arrived at the scene that she realized that the invitation was different from others.

The waiter took the invitation from Mo Zhu. Just as he opened it and took a look, his expression changed drastically. "The master personally wrote the invitation? You are?"

The waiter who welcomed the guests at the entrance was a member of the Gao family. Before they had started welcoming the guests into the venue, everyone had undergone training. During the training, the family head had personally instructed that the Gao family had given a gilded invitation to the auction this time and had instructed everyone to entertain that guest well and not to be negligent.

Mo Zhu zipped up her coat pocket and nodded lightly. "It doesn't matter who I am. If my identity is confirmed, I'll bring my friends in first."

When the waiter heard this, his attitude immediately became respectful. "Alright, Master had specially prepared a VIP room for you on the second floor of the living room. When you go up later, there will be a dedicated guide to lead the way for you."

After returning the invitation to Mo Zhu, the waiter bent down slightly and gestured for her to enter.

Mo Zhu waved at the few people in the distance. She had just taken a few steps when she seemed to have recalled something and turned around to look at Kang Ying provocatively.

This made Kang Ying furious. She stomped her feet with a red face and gritted her teeth.

Seeing that Mo Zhu and the others had already walked far away, Huo Qing took two steps forward and frowned. She came to Kang Ying and tugged at her sleeve. "Ying'er, the event today is a big one for the Gao family. If you see anything you like later, I'll buy it for you. After you enter, remember not to have any conflict with Mo Zhu again, or you'll be embarrassing the Kang family and the Huo family."

Kang Ying stared at Mo Zhu's back and replied angrily.

The private rooms in the living room were divided according to the numbers written on the admission tickets. Just as Mo Zhu and the others arrived at the living room, a waiter came forward to check the admission ticket.

When he saw that Mo Zhu was holding a gilded invitation, the waiter hurriedly said, "Wait a moment" and rushed to call the Gao family's master.

In a few minutes, a middle-aged man in a suit walked over from afar. He walked in front of Mo Zhu and cleared his throat before asking respectfully, "Miss, please follow me and your friend here. The Gao family has specially prepared a private room with the best view for you."

The person who came was the head of the Gao family, Gao Rong. Although he had personally written this invitation, he did not expect it to appear in the hands of a little girl.

In the past two years, the Gao family's status in the various families in Beijing had been getting worse year by year. They were also afraid that something would go wrong if they held the auction this time, so they spent a lot of money to invite the experts of the Love Pavilion to help maintain the order of the auction secretly.

Although the Love Pavilion's headquarters was located in Beijing, it had never participated in the conflicts between the various families over the years, and it rarely interfered in or interfered in the trivial matters between the families. Originally, he had not expected the Love Pavilion to agree to this matter. He did not expect that yesterday, not only did Cheng Yi agree to the request, he even asked him for an admission ticket personally.

If someone from the Pavilion of Love wanted to come, the person naturally wouldn't be a nobody, thus Gao Rong personally wrote an invitation and sent it to Cheng Yi. However, he didn't expect it to be a young girl.

Gao Rong brought Mo Zhu and the others to the private room and observed Mo Zhu secretly as they walked. Besides walking in an imposing manner, when he saw that Mo Zhu was so young and so calm when she encountered trouble, one look was enough to tell that she was not an ordinary person. He did not dare to be negligent.

After bringing Mo Zhu and the others to the door of the private room, Gao Rong arranged for everyone to sit down. Just as he turned around and looked up, he noticed that the man who had been following Mo Zhu was actually the young master of the Huo family. Only then did he know Mo Zhu's identity.

He did not expect the girl with the Love Pavilion's invitation to be from the Huo family. Gao Rong subconsciously frowned. It seemed like it was destined that Beijing was not going to be peaceful recently..

Chapter 170: The Dark Tide

There was still some time before the auction officially started. Mo Zhu sat quietly on the chair and played with her phone in boredom.

Huo Xuan had arranged for Xu Huan and Mo Wu to scout the surrounding situation. At this moment, he was observing the crowd coming and going on the first floor of the living room through the window.

Ten minutes later, Xu Huan and Mo Wu entered the private room together. The moment Xu Huan entered, he walked to Huo Xuan with a dark expression and said in a low voice, "Someone from the Lu family is here. It's their young master."

Huo Xuan's fingers gently tapped the wooden table. His body paused for a moment before he frowned.

Mo Zhu had just finished a game. She put away her phone and bent forward. "What's wrong? Who is this young master of the Lu family?"

Just as she finished speaking, an orderly knock came from outside the private room.

After Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu exchanged looks, they turned around and raised their hands at Mo Wu. "Go open the door."

The door of the private room opened. Mo Zhu picked up the tea on the table and took a sip. She looked out the door and saw a young man who was about Huo Xuan's age standing by the door. The difference was that the man's face was pale and his body was thin. His physical condition looked even worse than Huo Xuan when Huo Xuan was poisoned.

Mo Zhu only took a glance before turning her head to look out the window. Although this man was quite good-looking, she had never been interested in people she did not know.

Seeing Mo Zhu's reaction, Huo Xuan smiled in satisfaction. He looked up at the person who had come and said lightly, "Young Master Lu, you're in high spirits. Did you make a trip here specially to visit me?"

After saying this, Huo Xuan turned to look at Mo Zhu and said softly, "Xiao Zhu, this is the young master of the Lu family, Lu Zheng."

When Mo Zhu heard this, she followed his gaze and looked up at Lu Zheng. Then, she nodded indifferently and continued to drink the tea on the table.

Seeing that Mo Zhu was unwilling to acknowledge him, Lu Zheng smiled and took two steps forward to Huo Xuan. He greeted him very politely, "I heard from the waiter that Young Master Huo is in this private room just now. I specially came over to greet you."

Huo Xuan smiled and looked at him without answering. Lu Zheng rubbed his hands and continued, "Young Master Huo, which treasure did you come to the auction for this time? You must be here to bid for a few pieces of jewelry to please your fiancée."

Two days ago, he had heard that Huo Xuan had brought a fiancée back to the Huo family's mansion from Cloud City. Now that Huo Xuan had taken the initiative to introduce himself to Mo Zhu, he had already guessed her identity.

Huo Xuan followed Lu Zheng's words and glanced at Mo Zhu. After retracting his gaze, he casually asked, "What treasures does the Lu family not have? I wonder what Young Master Lu had come for today."

Seeing Huo Xuan avoid his question, Lu Zheng frowned and went straight to the point. "Young Master Huo, let's not beat around the bush. I'm here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. If Young Master Huo is also here to bid for the Pine Snow Herb, I hope that Young Master Huo can bear the pain and part with it this time on the account of the Lu family."

Just as he finished speaking, before Huo Xuan could speak, Mo Zhu looked coldly at Lu Zheng and replied with a faint smile, "The Lu family is pretty arrogant, aren't you? I want

to ask you, both of us are here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Why should we give it to you?"

Lu Zheng heard a hint of displeasure in Mo Zhu's tone. He pursed his lips and continued, "Miss, you might not know this, but I do have a reason for wanting this Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. If you're willing to let the Lu family have it, if you need the Lu family's help someday, the Lu family will definitely not refuse."

"No!" Mo Zhu suddenly placed the teacup in her hand on the table, her voice cold and unfeeling.

The atmosphere in the private room instantly became awkward..

Chapter 171: The Official Opening

Seeing the girl's actions, Lu Zheng expected that Mo Zhu might not let go of it easily. After pondering for a moment, he gently gathered the cuffs of his shirt and said very politely and gently, "If Young Lady is willing to give the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb to the Lu family this time, the Lu family will definitely give you herbs that are more precious than the Pine Snow Herb as thanks in the future."

These words made Mo Zhu a little unhappy. Her fingers tapped the table again and again, and she looked at Lu Zheng coldly. "I don't want your Lu family's more precious herbs. I want this Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb that is auctioned today."

Lu Zheng pursed his lips helplessly. Mo Zhu insisted on not giving in. With Huo Xuan here, he definitely couldn't force her.

Lu Zheng stood rooted to the ground for a long time, unable to think of a better way to persuade her.

Seeing that the Lu family's young master's words were firmly blocked by Mo Zhu, Huo Xuan lightly drank a mouthful of tea and said with a smile, "Young Master Lu, you've seen it too. I, Huo Xuan, would like to give the Lu family face, but a treasure like the Pine Snow Herb is really something my fiancée doesn't want to give away. Young Master Lu, please leave. There's still some time before the auction starts. Why don't you prepare more funds instead? In a while, we'll rely on our own abilities at the auction."

Just as Huo Xuan finished speaking, Lu Zheng understood that he was protecting Mo Zhu. He frowned and sneered coldly. Lu Zheng didn't ask politely anymore and immediately said angrily, "It seems like Young Master Huo has decided to snatch this Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb from me?"

Huo Xuan nodded calmly. He narrowed his eyes and looked at Lu Zheng indifferently. “Young Master Lu, you’re putting it a little too deliberately. We’re all here to participate in the auction too. Since the Gao family is the organizer, they would have naturally set the relevant rules. Who gets the Pine Snow Herb in the end still depends on who has made more effort, right?”

Lu Zheng snorted coldly when he heard this. He didn’t want to answer Huo Xuan anymore, so he flicked his sleeve and left the private room.

Once the door of the private room was closed, a text message alert came from the phone that Mo Zhu had kept away.

Mo Zhu took her phone out of her pocket impatiently and looked at the message.

[I heard that you came to Beijing? Damn! Why didn’t you inform me in advance when you came to Beijing? I had to ask around for your whereabouts to know that you were here!]

Although the message was not signed, Mo Zhu could immediately guess who had written it when she saw the style of the message.

Frowning slightly, Mo Zhu replied a few sentences indifferently.

[I came to Beijing to settle something and will be back in a few days.]

After sending the message, Mo Zhu looked up at Huo Xuan, who was sitting opposite her. The man was drinking tea leisurely.

Her phone vibrated again. There was another message from the other party.

[Alright, then where are you now? We haven’t seen each other for a long time. I’ll come and look for you.]

She raised her hand and quickly tapped the screen. Mo Zhu replied with a few words.

[In a private room of the Heaton Hotel.]

After sending this message, the sound system in the living room downstairs suddenly sounded noisily as the workers were testing the system. Then, a host slowly walked to the stage from the back of the main hall.

Mo Zhu looked up and silently turned her phone to silent mode. At the same time, the host on the stage cleared his throat and started explaining the process and rules of the auction.

The host's attractive voice was amplified by the sound system and transmitted into every private room clearly. "First of all, we are very grateful to the various families for their strong support for the Gao family's auction this time. We have specially prepared a treasure for the auction today."

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After saying this, the host continued to spout a bunch of meaningless and pompous official nonsense.

After everything backstage was ready, Gao Rong hid in the dark at the side of the stage. He secretly gave the host a signal to start when no one was looking. The host nodded in understanding and officially started the event..

Chapter 172: The Rules of the Auction

"There are a total of ten rare treasures participating that will be auctioned this time. Five of them are precious jewels that the Gao family has collected from all over the world over the past hundred years. The other five are rare herbs that have the effect of prolonging one's life."

When they heard the word medicinal herb, regardless of whether it was the various private rooms or the VIP seats in the main hall, a wave of restless whispering sounded out. The people of the influential families that had already inquired about the news in advance were eager to try.

The host held the microphone in his hand and continued, "I believe that the various families are well-informed and must have long known that there is an auction item today that is the Gao family's treasure, the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. However, the Gao family has always done as we please. The auction will focus on your fate with it. The family head also hopes that a treasure like the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb can meet someone who truly appreciates it and is able to bring out the greatest value of the rare herb."

After saying this, the host opened the folded book in his hand. After taking a few glances, he looked up at the audience below the stage and said, "Therefore, the auctioneer will not introduce the five herbs that are participating in the auction this time. The names and effects of the herbs are all dependent on your guesses and understanding of them. The starting price of all the herbs is up to fate. If you want, you can name the price as you please."

After a pause, the host panted slightly. "It will depend on everyone's true ability whether you'd be able to obtain the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb!"

Just as the host on the stage announced the rules of the auction, the crowd below the stage erupted into chaos. One after another, complaints were heard.

“What’s the Gao family doing? Everyone is here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. What kind of bullsh*t rules are they setting for this auction? They don’t even mention the name of the auction item. How are we supposed to bid!”

“That’s right, that’s right. My family gave me a total of two billion yuan. If I auctioned the wrong item and took a trash home, my old man would definitely kill me!”

“I really don’t understand what the Gao family is doing? They’ve really been getting worse and worse over the years. Are they trying to use a fake Pine Snow Herb to make up the numbers? Aren’t they bullying us for not being able to recognize the real thing with our limited knowledge?”

After being reminded by this person, everyone’s discussion became even louder. They all unanimously believed that the Gao family had released a false rumor and that they were unwilling to take out the real Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. At that instant, other than the top families in the private rooms who remained calm and collected, the VIPs in the main hall were so furious that they were jumping on their feet with their faces red in anger.

At the same time.

In private room number five on the second floor, Lu Zheng raised his head and stared intently at the white-bearded old man in front of him. He frowned slightly and asked coldly, “Elder Fei, if the Gao family pushes the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb onto the stage from our position, would you be able to recognize it?”

The man who was addressed as Elder Fei by Lu Zheng pinched the space between his eyebrows and replied anxiously, “Young Master Lu, it’s not that I’m not confident, but I’ve only seen this Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb in a hurry once thirty years ago. If the five herbs that the Gao family took part in the auction this time were all fungi, I really don’t have much confidence in recognizing it accurately.”

After a pause, the white-bearded old man rubbed his hands and sighed heavily. “Young Master Lu, for safety reasons, I’m afraid we have to do our best to participate in the auction no matter what herbs the other herbs are. The Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb can’t fall into the hands of other families.”

When Lu Zheng heard this, he understood the deep meaning behind the old man’s words. He nodded with a grave expression. “I understand, but if we partake in the auction of every item, the money”

At this point, a man in black who was standing quietly behind Lu Zheng could not help but take a step forward. “Young Master, if we continue bidding like this, the money we

have prepared in advance will definitely not be enough. Otherwise, we can just go downstairs and ask Gao Rong for it. If he doesn't give it to us, we can just snatch it by force. We have brought so many people with us, are we afraid that we can't defeat the Gao family?"

Seeing that the man was about to turn around and leave, Lu Zheng quickly grabbed him and reprimanded him angrily, "No, there's news that the Gao family has invited someone from the Love Pavilion to maintain the order of the auction. We can't afford to offend the Love Pavilion.."

Chapter 173: We Can't Snatch It by Force

The man was stopped by Lu Zheng. He frowned and quickly said, "But we brought a total of 80 billion this time. As you can see, the various families are all determined to get the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. If we obtain the first four herbs and spend all the money we have and the last one turns out to be the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, what will we do?"

Lu Zheng retracted his gaze and placed his hands on the table gently. He pondered for a moment and said unhurriedly, "Apart from Elder Fei's solution, we don't have any other good ideas. In the Gao family's territory, we have to listen to them."

Raising his hand, Lu Zheng turned around and instructed another subordinate in a low voice, "Pass down my orders. Immediately transfer all of the Lu family's businesses into the funds that we can mobilize now. Today, we will obtain the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb at any cost!"

Compared to the anxious atmosphere in private room five, Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu were very calm.

When she heard the rules of the auction just now, Mo Zhu could not help but laugh. The Gao family's actions clearly showed that they wanted to find someone who knew their stuff. The Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb had not appeared for so many years. If it was really auctioned accurately, they must have encountered a hidden medical sage.

Retracting her gaze from the stage in the living room, Mo Zhu picked up her teacup and took a small sip. She suddenly thought of something and knocked on the table before looking at Huo Xuan. "In the future, interact less with that Lu fella. He has a poisonous worm on him."

"A poisonous worm?" Xu Huan, who was standing quietly at the side, had his attention attracted by Mo Zhu's words. He frowned in confusion.

Mo Zhu raised her hand and poked Huo Xuan's heart across half the table. She said bluntly, "He has a poisonous worm here."

Seeing this, Huo Xuan grabbed Mo Zhu's hand and asked, "What do you mean by a poisonous worm?"

Mo Zhu lowered her head thoughtfully and looked at the fine tea leaves floating in the teacup in front of her. She slowly explained, "I don't know much about these worms, but the one raised in Lu Zheng's body should be an extremely domineering baby worm. As long as there is the blood of a living person to nourish it, this baby worm can continuously produce many types of poison."

"Hence, this person's face is pale and his body is weak. Based on the current situation, he won't be able to raise this baby worm for long. In at most two years, the person controlling the mother worm will return to retrieve the baby and choose the next host for it."

Sighing lightly, Xu Huan started to sympathize with Lu Zheng's situation. He interrupted and asked, "Little Bamboo, in your opinion, can this person be saved?"

Mo Zhu pursed her lips and glanced at Xu Huan indifferently. She said coldly, "I don't know if he can be saved, but if you accidentally get stained with his blood, even the gods might not be able to save you."

When she said this, Xu Huan was immediately shocked. He frowned and asked worriedly, "Is this worm really so powerful? If that's the case, the person behind Lu Zheng can't be underestimated. However, the Lu family is also considered a prestigious family in this huge capital. Who has the ability to plant the worm in the Lu family's heir?"

Everyone paused thoughtfully for a moment. Huo Xuan seemed to have thought of something and suddenly raised his head to look at Mo Zhu. He narrowed his eyes and said with a hint of seriousness, "Is Lu Zheng's worm related to the Heart-Devouring Poison? Can we use him to investigate the mastermind behind the poison?"

Mo Zhu shook her head when she heard this and said indifferently, "This worm of his will produce different toxins according to his personal constitution, so even if someone is stained with his blood, they can't guarantee that they will coincidentally be poisoned by the Heart-Devouring Poison. According to my judgment, the person who poisoned you should be different from the one who had poisoned Lu Zheng."

Seeing that this method wasn't going to work, Huo Xuan lowered his eyes in disappointment. He looked at the table in deep thought.

Chapter 174: Auctioning the Jewelry

In private room number two.

There were three men and three women sitting around the wooden table. A man who looked to be of old age sat at the head of the table with a dragon-headed walking stick in his hand. He knocked on the table and asked authoritatively, "Are you confident in winning the bid for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

A young girl beside the old man's seat saw that everyone was looking at each other and refusing to speak. Thus, she took the initiative to say, "Grandfather, none of us have really seen the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Unless we choose to auction all five of them, there's a high chance of getting a fake one. Otherwise, we..."

The old man held the walking stick in his hand and slammed it on the ground, interrupting the girl's words suddenly. He reprimanded coldly. "This is an auction held by the Gao family. Stealing is definitely not a feasible method. If our identities are exposed, the gains do not make up for the losses. If we can get the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb after auctioning all five of them, this money is worth it."

The young man who was sitting beside the girl looked up at the old man when he heard this and said with a trembling voice, "Grandfather, I'm afraid we don't have the ability to obtain all five of them!"

The boy rubbed his hands nervously and stammered, "I, I heard that the Huo family and the Lu family have both come to Beijing this time. The Kang family has also sent their daughter-in-law to join in the fun. Besides that, there are some forces overseas who have been putting pressure on us both openly and covertly..."

"I'm afraid everyone is here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. In that case, we have no way of competing with the other families with our limited capital."

The old man pondered for a moment and touched the dragon head of the walking stick in his hand. He instructed with a grave expression, "Then quickly transfer the funds you have on hand here. The most important thing now is to get the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. We'll put the rest aside for the time being."

Everyone nodded at the old man's instructions and looked at each other without saying anything else.

At this moment, after the commotion in the living room, the people from the Pavilion of Love assisted the Gao family in maintaining order. The venue quickly stabilized and the host went on stage again. He picked up the microphone and announced the official start of the auction.

Under the host's display and in an orderly manner, an appraiser that the Gao family had hired at a high price began to explain the first item that was auctioned today. It was a crescent-shaped necklace made by a famous overseas designer, ZR.

It was said that this chain had been personally ground by the designer for 49 days and it was made of dozens of rare pink diamonds from South Africa. It had been purchased by the Gao family's previous master at a high price of 100 million yuan at an overseas auction.

The appraiser explained it in so much detail that it even attracted Mo Zhu to look up at the necklace in the host's hand with interest. The fine pink diamonds emitted a gentle light under the light of the big lamp on the stage, causing Mo Zhu to raise her eyebrows unconsciously.

A few minutes later, the host took the microphone and announced the start of the auction for the first item. The starting bid was 200 million. Just as she finished speaking, a high female voice shouted excitedly, "I bid 500 million!"

Mo Zhu looked in the direction of the voice. It was Kang Ying from private room number three. When she shouted out 500 million, she had already walked out of the private room impatiently and stood in the corridor on the second floor. It was obvious that she really liked this necklace.

After Kang Ying shouted the high price of 500 million, many noble ladies instantly gave up the idea of competing with her. 500 million was indeed not a small number. If it was only used to buy a small necklace, the gains would not make up for the losses.

However, there was no lack of wealthy families at the Gao family's auction. After the emcee shouted "500 million going once", a few young ladies started to raise their cards and increase the bid one after another.

"520 million."

"550 million."

Seeing that the price was getting higher and higher, Kang Ying stomped her feet angrily and shouted downstairs, "600 million. The Kang family has taken a liking to this necklace.. I hope that everyone will stop raising the price on account of the Kang family."

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Chapter 175: Competing

Kang Ying's face was already red. She hadn't wanted to reveal her identity as the daughter of the Kang family. After all, before she came in, Huo Qing had instructed her

to keep a low profile. However, she really liked this necklace too much and had no choice but to reveal her identity as the daughter of the Kang family to suppress others.

Just now, when Kang Ying opened her mouth and shouted out a high price of 500 million, she had thought that she would be able to win it. She did not expect that the Gao family's auction would be attended by so many rich people who were able to keep dragging the price up with her. If not for the pink diamonds on the chain that she had wanted for a long time, she would not be willing to pay 600 million to obtain this!

Once Kang Ying's voice rang out, the ladies who were bidding in the main hall fell silent. The Kang family could be considered a big family with a hundred years of foundation in Beijing. In addition, they had a marriage alliance with the Huo family a few years ago. They had no choice but to give them face.

Seeing that there was no one who was going to continue raising the price, Kang Ying stood in the corridor on the second floor and urged the host loudly, "No one is offering a higher price now. Hurry up and confirm this and move on to the next item!"

The host had also attended many major events. He understood that everyone was starting to respect the Kang family and stopped fighting for it. He raised his small hammer and said loudly, "600 million going once, 600 million going twice, 600 million going thrice..."

Just as the hammer was about to strike for a third time, a cold female voice suddenly came from private room number one on the second floor. "One billion!"

Just as she finished speaking, everyone in the living room couldn't help but look up at the room. The noise started again.

"Which family is the one sitting in room one? She's actually bidding against the Kang family in public. Isn't she clearly not giving the Kang family face?"

"That's right, that's right. When the necklace came out just now, there was no movement in room one. However, when Ms. Kang revealed her identity, they started fighting over it. Could it be that the person is specially here to cause trouble for the Kang family?"

The discussions were getting louder and louder. Kang Ying stood in the corridor on the second floor and listened to most of the conversations of the people. Anger instantly welled up in her mind. She turned her head with a red face and glared at the room not far away.

As the door of the private room was gently pushed open from the inside, Mo Zhu's face appeared in front of everyone.

When Kang Ying saw that the person who came was Mo Zhu, she gritted her teeth angrily and shouted, "Why are you everywhere! You're doing this today on purpose to embarrass me, aren't you! A country bumpkin is indeed a country bumpkin. You're so practiced in blowing your own trumpet!"

Mo Zhu took two steps forward in amusement and leaned against the railing in the corridor as she looked at Kang Ying. She raised her eyebrows and asked, "What a coincidence, I like this necklace too. Why? Everyone is competing fairly. If you can bid for what you like, can't I raise my card?"

Kang Ying clenched her fists tightly and looked at Mo Zhu as if she was about to spit fire. "One billion? Are you that rich being a country bumpkin? Don't use Brother Xuan's money and squander it everywhere!"

Upon hearing Kang Ying's words, Xu Huan raised his eyebrows at Huo Xuan. "Sister-in-law and Ms. Kang are arguing. Why aren't you going to help?"

When Huo Xuan heard this, he looked in the direction of Mo Zhu. The girl was leaning against the railing of the corridor. One could tell that she didn't really want the necklace, she just wanted to make Kang Ying unhappy.

Huo Xuan smiled lightly, stood up and walked beside Mo Zhu. He pinched the girl's cheek dotingly and said softly, "Take whatever you like. Don't mention about a billion dollars, you can even buy this necklace for ten billion if you want."

The people downstairs were looking up at the huge drama between the two women. Now that Huo Xuan had appeared, they started discussing fervently again.

"This is the young master of the Huo family! Ahhh, Young Master Huo is too handsome. He's willing to pay ten billion for a necklace just to please his girlfriend."

"What are you talking about? That girl is Young Master Huo's fiancée. I've long heard that Young Master Huo brought his fiancée, who had never been seen before, back to Beijing. I didn't expect her to be such a beautiful girl. Tsk, tsk. When she stands with Young Master Huo, they're really a match made in heaven!"

The discussion of the crowd could be heard in the private room. Mo Wu sat at the table, took a sip of tea, and frowned. "Young Master is going to spend ten billion to buy a necklace for Ms. Mo?"

After a pause, he said in confusion, "Although it's not impossible for Young Master to do this, isn't it not worth it to spend ten billion on this ordinary necklace?"

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