

Concubine 331

Chapter 331 Don't Fall In Love with Me~

In the end, Pei Huai did not say who the other spot was for. Pei Xi could never get anything out of him, but her intuition told her that Pei Huai might be up to something.

Five days later, the Spring Festival holiday had ended, but the students had not started school yet.

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The last episode of The Billion Stars was released during this time.

Han Junlei, who loved to leave suspense at the end, finally relented. He gave the fans a good time.

The bed scene was sensual and not tacky at all.

Even though Xu Mingzhi did not know that her precious daughter had hired a substitute, she could still accept it.

Pei Huai watched this episode at the Pei family house. Pei Qingshen was the first to stand up and say that he wanted to call the Si family to question that sickly Si Jingchuan.

Fortunately, Pei Huai stopped him in time and told him that Su Ji was not in that scene. Pei Qingshen then asked if the kissing scene was real. Pei Huai said that it was fake. Pei Qingshen replied with an "oh" and sat down obediently.

He said earnestly, "Su Ji can kiss anyone but that kid from the Si family! I can't accept this!"

Pei Huai was sitting on the sofa. When he heard that, he shifted his gaze from the book "The Cultivation and Breeding of Lychees" to him and corrected him, "not only those from the Si family."

No one else, except him.

When he heard that Su Ji wasn't in the scene, Pei Qingshen stopped watching and went back to his room to play the lute.

Pei Huai was left alone in the living room.

The sound from the television was exceptionally clear.

Pei Huai's attention was not on the TV at first, but when he heard the sounds coming from the TV, he paused.

As the plot continued, his gaze slowly fell on the screen.

That voice...

He was extremely restless.

That night, everyone was talking about The Billion Stars.

All the audience had endured the ups and downs of one episode a week for several months. Today's finale made the fans sigh in their hearts.

#The end of The Billion Stars#

#Su Ji's first on-screen kiss #

#Su Ji takes the initiative #

#Si Jingchuan's bed scene #

Zhou Xuefang had been successfully forgotten by the netizens, and no one was bothered to mention her again.

["Su Ji's voice..."]

["Sister! I grew a third limb!"]

["Don't let her act in any more bed scenes. She's the one shooting the scenes, and we'll be the ones who die of exhaustion!"]

Not only were the fans excited, there were also many celebrities who posted their thoughts on the internet.

Regardless of whether it was a sentence or a short essay, the fact that they were willing to take the initiative to express these feelings showed that they really watched the drama.

The fans were amazed. It turned out that their idols were also fans of the drama and had endured it week after week just like them.

And among the many posts, there was one that was trending.

[Ji Xi: "This show introduced me to a new actress. I really like her. What about you guys?"]

Below it was a photo of Su Ji tidying her hair in the behind-the-scenes. She looked very beautiful.

The fans in the comments section went crazy.

["Since Ms. Ji Xi likes her too, so do I!"]

["The way Su Ji pulls her hair is so charming!"]

The netizens were very considerate, and they didn't forget to @bluewhale and @suji in the comments.

["I suddenly feel that Ji Xi and Su Ji have the same vibe?"]

The internet was abuzz with anticipation for Ji Xi and Su Ji's collaboration.

The original Su Ji had a Weibo account but never took care of it. In the past, Chen Jing was too lazy to care about someone like her. The last time she logged in was two years ago, when Song Heng dumped her.

At around 10 that night, Pei Xi retrieved Su Ji's account and left a "thank you" comment on Ji Xi's Weibo.

As expected, the entire internet was in an uproar again!

Pei Huai's comment on this matter was "boring".

“How can this be boring? Ji Xi is a senior. If she didn’t respond to Ji Xi after she praised her, wouldn’t she be criticized by Ji Xi’s fans?”

She showed Pei Huai the trending topic. “Look at how crazy the netizens are now. Su Ji can freeload off her popularity.”

However, no matter how much she said, Pei Huai’s attitude remained cold. “There’s no need to ride on her popularity.”

“Tsk,” Pei Xi changed her sitting position. In her hand, she was fanning herself with the test results that she had got from the hospital during the day. It showed that she was in the early stage of her pregnancy and was four and a half weeks along.

She turned around and looked at Pei Huai, “you can’t be so hostile to all women except for Su Ji. Ji Xi has a good reputation in the entertainment industry. You don’t understand because you’re not part of it.”

Pei Huai’s gaze fell on her, and his thin lips curled into an ambiguous smile.

Without saying anything, he closed the book and went back to his room.

Pei Xi’s hand slowed down and her head tilted slightly.

Why was he smiling?

Why did it feel like he was waiting to watch a show?

Anyway, whether or not they were riding on Ji Xi’s popularity, Pei Xi could say with certainty that Su Ji was on fire.

When Su Ji joined The Billion Stars, she had created a fan group for Su Ji. Now that the show had hit its climax, the fan group had long been full. There were even additional groups made by the fans.

Su Ji’s influence was slowly growing.

Regardless of whether she was a concubine or an artiste, a shining person would become the focus of attention no matter what era they were in.

The next day was the 14th day of the first lunar month, and Xu Jinzhe was discharged from the hospital.

Lu Ailian was a high-profile person who liked to put all the good things together. It just so happened that her grandson’s first drama had just ended and the response on the internet was particularly good. Lu Ailian immediately decided to hold a coming-of-age party for him on the night of the Lantern Festival. On the 14th day, countless prestigious families in A City received invitations from the Xu family.

The Su family was no exception.

However, Lu Ailian was very smart. She sent an invitation to the Su family and another one to Su Ji.

This was to prevent Zhang Guihua from playing tricks behind the scenes.

When Su Ji received the e-invitation letter, she was sitting at Pei Huai’s office and playing mobile games. She finally had two days of free time. Every time Pei Huai came to work, he would bring her along. When he was meeting with guests or in a meeting, he would let her stay in his office.

At this moment, Pei Huai's usually spotless office desk was filled with Su Ji's things like snacks and drinks. Official documents were all pushed to the corner of the table.

A senior manager knocked on the door and stuck his head in. "Boss, you..."

In the next second, he saw Su Ji nestled in the CEO's chair, holding her phone horizontally and quickly tapping on the screen.

"Do you want to watch me dance?"

"Don't fall in love with me~"

It was the lines of the characters in the game.

Chapter 332 A Great Opportunity that Can Change Our Lives

"..."

He was shocked by the table full of snacks before his gaze fell on the "spoiled and arrogant" woman sitting in the CEO's chair.

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Ever since the CEO began a search for a mysterious beauty, the higher-ups were all worried for Ms. Su.

However, it seemed that they had been overthinking.

How much classified information was in their CEO's office?

Who would dare to stay in his office alone without him?

However, not only did Su Ji dare to do so, but she had also made this place her nest!

In the game, it was the fourth time Lu Bu fell for Diao Chan's beautiful dance.

Su Ji closed the electronic invitation without a change in expression and continued playing the game.

The person who played Lu Bu sent a message.

["Can I add you on WeChat?"]

Su Ji laughed and ignored him. She looked up at the person at the door and put a potato chip in her mouth.

"He's meeting someone on the second floor," she said.

The senior manager paused for a moment, "oh, I'll be back in a while," he looked at the snacks on the table and asked, "Ms. Su, do you want to eat anything else?"

Su Ji stuffed the potato chips into her mouth and said, "no, thanks."

He smiled and closed the door.

Su Ji did not stay at Pei Huai's office for nothing. She even took on the role of a secretary.

She looked back at her phone.

Lu Bu sent a few messages.

["Let's add each other on WeChat. I'll carry you to the top."]

["Not just anyone can add me on WeChat, really!"]

He was not even interested in the game anymore. He was just busy flirting.

His teammates were so angry.

["f * cking Lu Bu, are you still playing?"]

["Diao Chan, don't add a scumbag like him!"]

["Report Lu Bu's AFK after this!"]

Su Ji smiled as she watched them fight among themselves. After she easily won a round, Lu Bu did not give up and even sent Su Ji a private message.

Su Ji had to reply.

["No, my boyfriend is very fierce."]

On the other end, Lu Bu was speechless for a long time before he replied.

["What kind of hero is your boyfriend playing? Can he be more powerful than me, Lu Bu? I, Lu Bu, am a perfect match for you, Diao Chan!"]

Su Ji picked up another potato chip and bit it off while her fingers typed on the screen.

["He's a jungler."]

["He's helping me mine gold."]

["Be careful, don't mess with my wild boyfriend~"]

After three consecutive messages, Lu Bu didn't say a word. Half a minute later, his profile picture also turned black.

At first, Su Ji only watched Su Junye play this game. He used to play this game every day on the sofa. While playing, he even turned on voice chat to flirt with girls. Su Cunyi would lecture him every time he saw him doing that.

For the past two days, Su Ji had nothing better to do. It was only then that she realized that the game was on the original Su Ji's phone. After updating the game, she saw that her rank was very low.

She played for two days and rose to diamond level.

The door opened again. Su Ji looked up. This time, it was Pei Huai.

Pei Huai brought her a drink and placed it on the table. His hands went under her legs and lifted her up. He sat back in his chair and then placed her on his lap.

Su Ji was still looking at her phone.

“Why aren’t you gaming anymore?” Pei Huai raised an eyebrow and looked at her phone.

“I met someone who tried to hit on me, but I just sent him away.”

“?”

Pei Huai took her phone away, and on the screen was the chat interface between her and Lu Bu.

However, Pei Huai did not get angry. Instead, his furrowed brows relaxed.

He slid her phone onto the table and smiled. “I was indeed helping you mine gold.”

Su Ji kept Xu Mingzhi’s words in mind, “what’s yours is yours. It has nothing to do with me. I’m just trying to make that person back off.”

However, Pei Huai put his arm around her waist and made her look at him, “it’s yours this time.”

Su Ji: “?”

Pei Huai said, “didn’t you say that you wanted to mass-produce the herbal cigarettes?”

Su Ji’s interest was piqued. She turned to him, and her eyes lit up, “what do you mean?”

Pei Huai’s lips curved into a deep smile. “I applied for a patent for you. The person I just met is a tobacco merchant in the Dahua District.”

She was very smart and quick-witted, and she had a lot of business experience, but...obviously, she didn’t know much about doing business in the modern world.

After promoting herbal cigarettes online last time, she started to receive orders from all over the world. Su Ji had also started to hire people.

However, when Pei Huai registered the patent for her, more than 20 cigarette manufacturers were already copying her formula and fighting for the patent.

Su Ji let out a “f * ck” after he finished.

Pei Huai looked at her directly. “I’m just saying...you don’t have to worry about these things in the future. I’ll take care of everything that you don’t know about.”

Su Ji said that she really wanted to kiss him now.

Pei Huai said, “don’t hold back.”

Her soft lips pressed against his, accompanied by her burning emotions. Su Ji fully applied what she had learned from him on him and pushed his hands that were trying to hold her on the armrest.

The scene was almost like what Pei Xi imagined.

Later, they were interrupted by Lu Ailian’s phone call. Su Ji did not reply after receiving the electronic invitation. Lu Ailian was afraid that Su Ji would not come tomorrow night, so she called her.

Su Ji pressed the cold drink that Pei Huai had just bought for her on her lips. Her voice was not clear on the phone.

However, she managed to tell her that she was going.

“Then...what about your boyfriend? He should be free tomorrow night for the Lantern Festival, right?”

Su Ji looked at Pei Huai and mouthed to him if he wanted to go.

Pei Huai nodded and motioned for her to hang up the phone as soon as possible.

Su Ji replied that her boyfriend was going as well. After hanging up, the two continued for a while...

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After lunch, Su Ji asked Uncle Wang to pick her up.

Pei Huai asked her where she was going in the afternoon, and Su Ji said she was going to the Calligraphy Association.

“The calligraphy competition will start in a month, I’m going to take a look.”

Pei Huai said, “isn’t it time to register?”

Su Ji recalled that she had not yet found out what name Pei Huai had used to hide among her students.

Forget it. After the calligraphy competition ended, her calligraphy class would be dismissed.

She couldn’t be bothered to deal with people with impure intentions. She had to focus her energy on the top students who had the potential to help her win the competition, such as Professor Zhu, Huaihuai and “.”, who was the most attentive.

“I’ve sent the registration steps to my students,” Su Ji said before getting into the car.

The car door closed and it drove away. By the side of the road, Pei Huai had one hand in his pocket as he tapped on TikTok. As expected, he received the registration link.

There was also a message to encourage everyone to register.

Pei Huai directly forwarded the link to Shen Mu, along with Su Ji’s message, “it’s a once-in-a-thousand-years opportunity that can change our lives!”

Chapter 333 What Do You Plan to Do Tonight?

Shen Mu was very anxious when he received the news.

A great opportunity that can change their lives? Then he had to hurry!

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He immediately clicked on the link. He was really curious about what could change the Pei Corporation’s future. It was even more important than applying for an IPO.

After a three-second pause, the link appeared, “registration for the 10th National Calligraphy Competition is open!”

Shen Mu: "..."

Immediately after, his CEO sent another message.

["Help me sign up."]

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There was no meeting at the Calligraphy Association today, so there were not many people there. Su Ji saw a few old ladies who also received the invitation from Lu Ailian.

The old ladies were surrounding a man who was writing in oracle bone script and sighed in admiration.

Su Ji saw the person clearly. Wasn't that the busy man who came and went without a trace, Bian Tong?

He traveled to three countries during the new year before returning. Pei Huai said that he was traveling without money and had been freeloading off others.

When he saw Su Ji, he greeted her politely.

Su Ji strolled to him. Looking at his beautiful handwriting, she teased him, "the cost of any lawsuit is enough for you to travel for one year. Why do you have to be so frugal?"

Bian Tong put down his pen calmly. "I don't know if you are aware of the speed of global wealth depreciation."

Su Ji: "?"

Bian Tong said, "let me explain..."

Five minutes later.

Bian Tong continued, "so, with the money I'm saving now, I might be able to buy a big villa in a hundred years."

He was quite an interesting person. Other people would think a year into the future, but he would think in hundreds of years.

However, Su Ji felt that what he said made a lot of sense. She stroked her chin and pondered.

The current prices of goods had changed a lot compared to a few thousand years ago.

Bian Tong said that she didn't need to save, and that Pei Huai's assets would be enough for her to do as she wished in the next 500 years.

However, Su Ji said that she could not do that. A person had to be prepared for danger in times of peace.

This was how the two stingy people appreciated each other.

After that, Zhu Mingzhang came to look for Su Ji, and Su Ji left Bian Tong.

Before she left, Bian Tong had just finished writing a piece of calligraphy.

The old ladies continued to sigh in admiration, and Bian Tong was immersed in the compliments.

Su Ji had never seen him so passionate and patient with any young girl.

Zhu Mingzhang had no other reason to look for Su Ji other than to ask her about calligraphy.

The calligraphy competition was just around the corner. Zhu Mingzhang had been visiting the Calligraphy Association very frequently and was working very hard.

He invited his master back to his office. On the large study table were several pieces of freshly written calligraphy. The ink had not dried yet, and the back of the sofa next to it was also full of calligraphy.

Su Ji picked one up and looked at it. "You've improved a lot."

Zhu Mingzhang cupped his hands in obeisance and said, "master, the vertical hook is my weak point. I always subconsciously combined the styles of other scripts. Please give me some guidance."

The assistant at the side served them tea.

The assistant had long known that this great professor of his actually had a female celebrity as his master.

Other than shock, there was more shock.

He once thought of joining Su Ji's calligraphy class to find out what was going on, but her class was too expensive, so he could not get in.

The assistant was indeed shocked to see her in person today, but, he was only shocked by her beauty.

He was still skeptical of her calligraphy skills.

But then, just as he set up the teacups, he saw Su Ji casually pick up a brush and write in a casual manner. The ink faded in the clear water and then she wrote on top of Zhu Mingzhang's writing.

The assistant thought that it was a pity that Professor Zhu's original work had been destroyed.

Su Ji made the same vertical stroke. However, it felt more like the Huanjin script!

The assistant held the empty tea tray and stood rooted to the ground. He looked at Su Ji and then at the calligraphy that she modified.

Su Ji's faded ink brush strokes overlapped with Zhu Mingzhang's original brush strokes, and it was clear at a glance. Zhu Mingzhang also understood where his previous mistakes were and nodded repeatedly.

The assistant entered the office with doubts, but when he left the office, his heart was filled with respect for a young and beautiful calligraphy expert!

In the room, Su Ji asked Zhu Mingzhang, "how are the preparations for the calligraphy competition?"

Zhu Mingzhang replied, "master, I'm sure that I can win the championship. However, with my status in the calligraphy world, I can't hold myself to the standards of an ordinary champion."

Su Ji patted his shoulder. "Good luck."

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The next day, on the day of the Lantern Festival, Xu Mingzhi defrosted a bag of Tangyuan.

She made two types, one fried and one boiled.

The skin of the fried Tangyuan burst open, and the sesame filling flowed out. Just by looking at it, one could imagine the crisp sound and the sweetness upon biting into it.

Su Ji preferred the fried Tangyuans, while Xu Mingzhi only ate the boiled ones.

Xu Mingzhi blew on the yuanxiao in his bowl and asked her, "baby, how is Pei Huai?"

Su Ji almost blurted out, "what about him?"

Then, she suddenly remembered his parents' divorce.

After Su Ji said that they were a good match, Pei Huai was completely relieved. However, he had specially reminded Su Ji that if Madam Xu asked, she should try to be as pessimistic as possible. Only then would Madam Xu let her go to him more often.

Su Ji bit through a crispy Tangyuan, and the thick and sweet sesame filling flowed out. She said, "he's better than before, but..."

Xu Mingzhi expressed her understanding, "you should spend more time with him."

Su Ji replied, "sure...."

In the morning, Su Ji went to Xu Ni's house to treat her mother as usual.

She was determined to get the 10 million yuan.

And through her recent observations and adjustments to the treatment method, she felt that it would be soon.

Lu Ailian was very happy to see her. She did not think that Su Ji could really cure Qin Bingjie's madness. She just wanted to use this opportunity to create opportunities for Su Ji and her grandson. She even asked the servant to bring fruits upstairs.

Su Ji was focused on the 10 million yuan, but Lu Ailian had taken a fancy to her!

Su Ji could tell that Xu Ni had something on her mind as soon as she entered her room.

But she didn't ask and just continued the usual banter, then she performed acupuncture on Qin Bingjie.

During this period of time, Su Ji had been carrying out a four-pronged approach, scraping, acupuncture, cupping, and medication. Qin Bingjie was more sober now. In order to prevent her from getting hysterical, Su Ji would first perform acupuncture to make her fall asleep before treatment so that she could talk to Xu Ni more conveniently.

After 20 minutes, Xu Ni couldn't hold it anymore. She said to Su Ji, "my mother will be attending the party tonight. Grandma said that she is Mrs. Xu, so outsiders will make wild guesses if she doesn't attend such an important event."

“That makes sense.” Su Ji nodded, “her condition is basically stable now. As long as we don’t agitate her, she should be fine.”

However, Xu Ni said, “I’m afraid I’ll agitate her tonight.”

Su Ji’s hand that was applying the needles paused for a moment. She looked up at her with a pair of smiling eyes, “what do you plan to do tonight?”

Chapter 334 Matching Outfits

Xu Ni had made up her mind, “tonight, I want everyone to know the real me!”

Su Ji looked at her, and her hands slowed down.

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Xu Ni continued, “there’s no better opportunity than tonight. Grandma is holding a party for me tonight. If I don’t make things clear tonight, I’ll have to live with this façade forever. My mother will live in fear of her lies being exposed You’re treating her body, and I have to untie the knot in her heart.”

“It’s going to happen sooner or later. The earlier the incision is made, the earlier the treatment can begin. I’ve thought it through. By then, it won’t be a big deal even if I cut off all ties with the Xu family. I have the ability to support my mother now. Besides, my father has severe erectile dysfunction. I don’t think he’ll be able to find a new wife.”

Su Ji laughed. “What can I help you with?”

“Just be here tonight!” Xu Ni said. “Give me the courage!”

Su Ji thought of something. “There’s something I can help you with.”

Xu Ni was confused.

Su Ji replied, “I won’t treat your dad.”

Xu Ni was stunned for a moment and couldn’t help but laugh.

At this moment, Qin Bingjie, who was lying face down on the bed, moved her closed eyelids slowly, and her eyes were wet.

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In the afternoon, Lu Ailian sent the custom-made suit she had prepared for her eldest grandson to her room to try on.

Xu Ni gave a perfunctory reply and snuck out to shop with Su Ji without trying it on.

In a store that specialized in custom-made gowns, the models were being elevated and wearing beautiful gowns.

Su Ji pulled Xu Ni into the dressing room to try on the gowns. Xu Ni did not know how to wear it herself, but she was shy, so she refused to let the attendant help.

The attendant watched the man and woman enter the same dressing room, and her eyes followed them. However, after a while, other than laughter and chattering, she didn't hear any other sound from inside.

Occasionally, Su Ji's voice could be heard asking, "are you taking it off? If you don't, I'll strip for you."

"Ah ah ah, you're not allowed to look!"

"What are you afraid of? I'll show you mine later too!"

In the fitting room, Xu Ni covered herself. Her face was red with anxiety. At this time, she was different from the rebellious teenager in the past. He looked like a little girl.

Su Ji had no choice but to sit with her back facing her and let her put on her clothes. Su Ji studied the corset that she had taken off. "This thing is pretty good." After a while, she stroked it lightly. "It's quite elastic."

Before she could finish, Xu Ni took the corset back. "Stop messing around!"

Su Ji really felt that modern inventions were quite interesting. If she had this earlier, she would have been able to dress up as a man and stay in the military for a longer period of time.

Su Ji had many formal dresses for formal occasions. She didn't intend to buy a new one, but after shopping with Xu Ni, she somehow bought one as well. It was a waste of money to go shopping with her best friend.

Just as the two of them came out of the mall, Lu Ailian called Su Ji again. When Su Ji picked up, Xu Ni shifted their shopping bags to one hand and looked at her mobile phone with the other. Sure enough, grandma had called her four or five times, but she didn't pick up.

Su Ji pressed her phone to her ear and stood by the side of the road. Her long hair was blown into a mess by the wind, and she was as beautiful as a painting. Xu Ni felt envious for a moment.

There was no girl who didn't want to have long hair or beautiful dresses. Except for Meng Na. She was not a girl, she was a tomboy.

"Oh, he's with me. Should I give him the phone?" Su Ji sounded nonchalant, but she was smiling seductively.

This woman was born to ill.

Lu Ailian said, "it's okay. I'm relieved to know that he's with you. By the way, have you prepared an evening dress? Do you need me to help you buy it?"

Su Ji glanced at the bag in Xu Ni's hand. "I have it. It matches Xu Ni's."

"Really?" Lu Ailian was so happy that she thought her evil plan was going to succeed.

Before Su Ji hung up, she thought of something. "By the way, can I bring another friend with me tonight? He's also an actor."

"Also an actor? That's great." Lu Ailian couldn't wait to see him. "Bring him along!"

Su Ji smiled and hung up. She found an account that had been inactive for a few days.

["I'm taking you somewhere tonight."]

The other party replied in seconds.

["Where are we going? Who's coming?"]

["Don't worry about that. Just come. I promise you'll feel better after this."]

Xu Ni had already seen Wang Zhicheng's car and waved to Su Ji. After Su Ji received an affirmative reply, she slipped her phone into her pocket and got into the car with her.

It was still early after they finished shopping, so Su Ji went home first to study calligraphy. When it was almost time, she kissed Madam Xu, who happened to be at home, before leaving for the party.

Pei Huai had a social gathering at night and would be a little late, so he did not go with her.

Lu Ailian was very prideful, so the party was very grand. The giant crystal chandeliers on the dome shone on the guests.

Xu Ni was the last guest to appear tonight. The guests took the opportunity to network with each other.

When Su Ji arrived, almost all the guests had arrived. Lu Ailian was wearing a mink shawl, her hair was dyed black, and she looked quite young. When she saw Su Ji, she quickly led a small group of guests to her, raised her glass, and introduced them. "Look who's here! The female lead of the popular series, Ms. Su, isn't she pretty?"

"Aiya, how can she not be? When Mr. Su told me that he wanted to send his daughter into the entertainment industry, I was the first to support him. Look at her, she's so promising!"

"It's my first time seeing her. She's even more beautiful than on TV!"

"Madam Lu, you're impressive. My son wanted to invite Su Ji as a guest for his birthday party last time, but he didn't manage to do so!"

The guests were toasting each other, and their appropriate smiles were carved.

Su Ji was not here to give face to Lu Ailian, but to give her "little brother" courage. She would smile politely at the guests.

She never even heard about the invitation. Perhaps Pei Xi thought it was ridiculous and declined it immediately.

The guests invited by the Xu family would definitely be of a lower class than the Pei family.

The difference could be seen when Su Cunyi was considered a first-class guest.

Yes, Su Cunyi was also here. Xu Jinzhe had just chatted with him for a while.

Although Xu Jinzhe was discharged from the hospital, there was still a not-so-obvious bandage on his head, which he covered with his bangs.

Many guests noticed it when he pulled his hair back, but they did not ask.

Xu Jinzhe and Su Cunyi got along well. They were both good-looking, tall, gentle, and momma's boys.

Chapter 335 What a Coincidence?

However, there was a difference. Su Cunyi had begun to resist, but Xu Jinzhe had not.

The two of them finished talking about business and family. When Xu Jinzhe accidentally lifted his bangs in front of Su Cunyi for the third time, Xu Jinzhe confessed to him, "it was my wife who did it."

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Su Cunyi was confused. His wife was also so fierce?

Xu Jinzhe said, "my wife's mood has been unstable these years. To tell you the truth, my mother wants me to marry someone else, but..."

Su Cunyi said emotionally, "listen to my advice. Don't get a divorce unless that's the last resort. Even if you get a divorce, don't rush to remarry, and don't have children after remarrying. Don't have twins! Your child won't forgive you, and you won't even have a place to cry even if you regret it."

Xu Jinzhe: "..."

Why did it feel like they were exchanging their experiences?

Lu Ailian noticed Su Ji's dress today. It was a white velvet dress with a smooth texture. It was beautiful, but she said it would match her grandson's outfit...

Lu Ailian recalled the suit she had prepared for her grandson... She couldn't see it.

Just as she was about to ask, Su Cunyi came over. "Su Ji, you're here too?" Su Cunyi was very happy to see his daughter. He walked up to her and said, "Why didn't you tell me? It would have been great if I could pick you up."

Su Ji looked behind him. "You came by yourself?"

Su Cunyi raised his chin in the distance. "Your grandma and your brother are here too."

Su Ji said, "so, guess why I didn't tell you?"

Su Cunyi sighed with a smile. The guests around them felt that something was wrong when they heard their conversation. "Mr. Su, isn't your daughter living with you now?"

"Did Su Ji live outside for the convenience of filming?"

Su Cunyi didn't really want to answer this question, but Su Ji didn't hide it at all. "My parents are divorced. I live with my mom now."

"I see..." The guests looked at each other and tacitly ended the topic.

Su Cunyi's sigh became louder. Su Ji's gaze fell on him, and her lips curled up into a smile. "You have to be brave enough to take responsibility for your actions. Even if you don't tell them, they will know that you two are divorced. This is nothing. Besides..."

She walked to the side, took a few steps, and said, "You're still my father even after the divorce. This will not change."

After saying that, she looked back at Su Cunyi. Su Cunyi's dim eyes were almost instantly brightened. He experienced what it meant to be given a sweet date after a slap. The slap didn't hurt, but the date was really sweet! He would always be her father. This was better than anything else!

Zhang Guihua was also dressed up today, wearing a set of emerald necklaces and earrings. She was with her eldest grandson, whom she was so proud of.

Su Junye's face was still bruised from the insect's sting, but he could at least be recognized.

Su Qianrou was in a similar situation. She had PTSD and would go crazy at the sight of insects. Su Junye also had PTSD, but he was not afraid of insects, but of his elder sister, Su Ji.

The psychiatrist called it fear transfer, where he transferred his fear of insects to his elder sister. Now, Su Ji was a black widow in his heart, and he believed that the bumps on his face were caused by her. Just thinking about Su Ji's face made his hair stand on end.

Zhang Guihua asked Su Junye to socialize and build connections for the Su family, warning that if he didn't perform well, his father would leave all the family businesses to his eldest sister. Su Junye, who had been playing games on his phone all along, replied impatiently, "I know, grandma. Don't be so long-winded." He had been resting at home to recover from the injury and had been playing games to pass the time. Other than picking up girls, his hobby was playing games, and he believed he was particularly talented in this area.

His grandma always said that he was lazy and had no plans for the future, but he had already made plans. When his father passed away, he would sell his father's company and start an e-sports company, complete with a bunch of beautiful e-sports players, and he would be the only man in the company.

He believed that he could win the World League title and earn more than his father.

Zhang Guihua continued to lecture Su Junye, and shouted at him, "did you hear what I said!"

Su Junye was startled and did not manage to release his ult in time and died in the game.

"It's all your fault!" He picked up the phone and walked away in annoyance.

Zhang Guihua was still nagging at him, "talk to the guests, did you hear me? Stop playing stupid games on your phone!"

Su Junye watched as someone beat his ranking. He waved at the old lady behind him, who was still chattering non-stop, and sat down in the corner, ready to start another round.

Zhang Guihua turned around and met a friend from the Calligraphy Association.

"Your grandson? My grandsons are all naughty, but my granddaughter is very sensible. She never goes against me. She's very obedient."

Zhang Guihua forced a smile. "Boys mature late. It's difficult to manage them in the beginning. After a few years, they'll definitely be able to do great things. But granddaughters..."

Su Junye lost the previous game and had to be matched again.

At the thought of his grandma nagging him to socialize, Su Junye decided to match with random people nearby.

This was the way young people like them should socialize!

Perhaps they could even discuss some big business after playing a game.

However, there really weren't many people playing the game at the party today. He couldn't match with anyone for a long time even for a 3v3 match.

Later on, he managed to find a teammate, and it seemed to be a girl. He saw that "Drums" was still online and invited him to join and he accepted. Su Junye was afraid that his teammate would leave, so he quickly started the match.

Drums was Tong Le's friend.

He met Su Junye at an underground bar. Su Junye was drinking while Drums was playing the drums on the stage. At that time, many young ladies asked for Drums' WeChat ID, but he did not give it to them.

The two of them met by chance. Drums did not like a spoiled rich kid like Su Junye, but he decided to play a few games with him because he heard that he was Su Ji's half-brother.

Drums was good at playing Lu Bu. Other than the encounter with a God a few days ago, he had never lost to anyone.

Su Junye was waiting for the opponents with his legs crossed when a WeChat notification appeared.

It was from Drums, who hadn't spoken much to him since they had added each other on WeChat.

There were a few exclamation marks, and his tone was especially excited.

["F*ck! How did you match with the other person? Your friend?"]

Su Junye opened a small window and replied to him with a voice message. "We are not friends yet, but maybe later. What do you mean? You want to hit on her? Didn't you want to hit on my sister?"

He had matched it with the nearest player, so they might really get to know each other after the game.

Drums also replied very quickly.

"Your sister won't allow me to."

"But I've matched this girl before. She's really good at playing Diao Chan!"

"How can it be such a coincidence? Maybe it's the same profile photo?"

"Even the name is the same!"

"You'll know when you see what character she's playing."

As soon as the last message popped up, the system notified him that the match was successful.

When it came to the character selection round, the beauty that Su Junye was matched with did not care what they chose. She chose Diao Chan and confirmed.

Chapter 336 I Found Him!

Su Junye's eyes widened.

"Wow, what a coincidence?!" He exclaimed.

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He quickly messaged Drums, "is this girl good-looking?"

Drums replied, "I haven't met her, but I think she has a lively and spicy personality. It's a shame she already has a boyfriend. I don't know what's wrong with me, all the ones I'm interested in are already taken."

Su Junye looked around. He had perfect vision and could see all the way to the entrance of the party, but he didn't see any particularly striking girls.

He was sitting in the guest lounge area, which consisted of several large curved sofas. There was another sofa set opposite him, and behind him was another sofa that was back-to-back to the one he's sitting on.

He looked around but didn't look behind. Su Ji was sitting behind him, chose Diao Chan, asked Pei Huai when he would arrive, and then returned to the game interface to wait for the start of the game.

Su Junye and Drums chatted happily. Drums said the girl called her boyfriend "The Wild King" and Su Junye said she was definitely a soft and cute girl.

Drums also said that it was a rare opportunity to be on the same team as her instead of playing against her, and they had to perform well.

Su Junye replied that if he played well, the girl might be attracted to him.

The two didn't finish their conversation when a voice came from the game, "Welcome to The King of Glory!"

Su Junye and Drums were stunned.

They had been too busy chatting and missed the window to choose their own heroes.

Su Junye: "..."

Drums: "..."

Drums was Sun Shangxiang, and Su Junye was the dwarf Luban.

How were they going to win with three squishy heroes??

But soon, Su Junye showed them how to play.

As long as they were flexible, the three of them were like human weapons.

Whenever Sun Shangxiang and Luban were surrounded by enemy troops with only a sliver of health left, Diao Chan would flash to the middle and unleash her ultimate ability, a burst of enchanting dance that not only helped them escape but also trapped one or two enemy troops.

Su Junye sat up from the sofa.

He thought Drums was exaggerating, but this girl was really amazing!

If he ever opened an e-sports company in the future, he must hire a beauty like her with a high salary!!

After one game, Su Junye and Drums were completely smitten.

They called her “little sister” sweetly, and Su Ji asked how old they were.

The two answered truthfully, and Su Ji asked them to call her “elder sister.”

They did, and their voices became sweeter and more crisp.

But when they tried to add her as a friend in the game, they were both rejected.

Su Junye messaged the team, “what do we do if we want to play again with you?”

Su Ji replied, “I’ll leave it to fate.”

They kept sending her messages, but Su Ji was looking at the message she just received.

[非迹 ； 佳錫gzh: “I’m here.”]

Su Ji sent a message to the team, “my boyfriend is here. I’m logging off.”

Su Junye was dejected. He stood up and tried to find the girl.

However, the next second, a face that brushed past him at close range almost scared him out of his wits.

Su Ji stood up to pick up Pei Huai and happened to walk past the side of his sofa.

When Su Ji saw him, she did not show any expression. She only raised her eyebrows slightly in a provocative manner.

Su Junye immediately shrank back into his sofa and shivered.

Why did he have such a scary sister when he could have a gentle sister like Diao Chan?!

On his way there, Pei Huai passed through A City’s Annual Lantern Festival, and the street was congested, but he insisted on taking that route.

Su Ji said he was too bored, but Pei Huai disagreed.

Su Ji teased him, “if you’re not bored, why are you going to that crowded place?”

Pei Huai showed her photos from his phone.

They were photos of the lights, like stars falling to earth.

Warm yellow, joyfully vibrant red, pink lotus lanterns, and even enormous boat-shaped lanterns.

Street vendors were selling sweet rice balls, sugar-coated haws, and rice cakes.

Su Ji took one look, and couldn't take her eyes off the photos.

It reminded her of the world she used to live in.

Pei Huai knew she would like it, and if it weren't for the party at the Xu's tonight, he would have taken her there.

But since they couldn't go, he took photos for her.

Su Ji picked the most beautiful one, with the most dazzling lights and saved it as her phone wallpaper.

She wanted to choose another one as her lock screen.

Pei Huai handed his phone to her and told her to take her time choosing, while he went to wash his hands. He was a germaphobe.

Next to the sink, he turned on the water and applied some disinfectant hand sanitizer to his palms. He cleaned them methodically, one finger at a time. For him, this was also a kind of therapy.

After drying his fingers one by one, he looked up and saw a middle-aged man standing behind him in the mirror, staring at him like he'd seen a ghost.

He didn't know what was wrong with the man.

Luckily, Pei Huai was brave, and just gave him a cold glance, crumpled up the tissue paper, threw it into the trash can, and left.

During the time Pei Huai was away, Su Ji was surrounded by a few people asking for autographs.

Most of them were asking on their children's behalf.

"The Billions Stars" had just aired its finale, and the buzz around Su Ji, Xu Ni, and Si Jingchuan was particularly high.

Su Ji felt that it was brave of Xu Ni to come out publicly at this time.

She had to support her.

Looking around, she saw Qin Bingjie sitting quietly on the balcony in a navy blue satin cheongsam, her black hair neatly tied up. She had delicate makeup on. She was too beautiful to ignore, but she looked out of place in the lively party.

Occasionally someone would speak to her, but she just smiled.

Her reaction to the outside world was calm, as if waiting for some kind of verdict.

Qin Bingjie's gaze fell on Su Ji for half a minute, and she didn't feel uneasy when she met her eyes. After a moment, she calmly looked away.

Su Ji followed suit and looked away.

She sent another message.

[“Everyone busier than you has already arrived, stop dawdling.”]

The person replied instantly, “I’ll be there soon!”

At the same time, Xu Jinzhe went to his mother in a panic, “mom! Can you guess who I saw?”

“I heard that Su Ji’s boyfriend is here. Where is he?” Lu Ailian was looking for Su Ji’s boyfriend everywhere.

Xu Jinzhe said, “aiya, don’t bother about Su Ji’s boyfriend. Come with me to meet this person first!”

Lu Ailian asked, “how can I not? I have to show Su Ji that she should be with someone from the Xu family. Her boyfriend is just an employee of a private company, I don’t think his looks alone is enough!”

“Those are not important!” Xu Jinzhe was extremely emotional. I just saw CEO Pei in the washroom! We’ve always wanted to work with the Pei Corporation but I’ve been trying for more than a year and I still couldn’t meet him. Mom, you’re so amazing, you managed to get him to show up!”

“CEO Pei...?” Lu Ailian couldn’t recall that she invited him.

Did she invite him?

However, at this moment, Lu Ailian and Xu Jinzhe noticed a figure in the crowd at the same time.

The two of them said in unison, “I found him!”

Chapter 337 A Problem that Can’t be Solved Even When One is an Adult

When Pei Huai walked towards Su Ji, both Lu Ailian and Xu Jinzhe saw him at the same time. They walked forward together.

“Su Ji’s boyfriend, you’re not too busy with work today?”

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“CEO Pei, what brings you to this modest party?”

Both spoke at the same time, and both seemed stunned, as if they hadn’t heard what the other had said.

The next second, Pei Huai walked up to Su Ji, barely noticing the two of them. He lifted his chin slightly and looked at Su Ji’s white dress, his eyes looked dark and deep.

He was focused on showing her the photos on his phone and didn’t pay attention to what she was wearing. It was a slightly sexy deep V-neck bodycon dress.

Xu Jinzhe was the first to react. He turned to Lu Ailian and shook his head in confusion. “Who did you say he was?”

Lu Ailian was even more confused. She looked as if she had been struck by lightning. “Son, what did you call him? How could he be CEO Pei? He’s obviously Su Ji’s boyfriend?”

Her tone was too shocked, and Su Ji noticed it.

Su Ji glanced at the two stunned people and shrugged. "What's the problem? He's my boyfriend and also CEO Pei. There's no conflict, is there?"

Lu Ailian slowly looked at Su Ji. She knew there was no conflict, but...

"Su Ji, didn't you say your boyfriend works in a private company?"

Su Ji looked at Pei Huai for confirmation. "Pei Corporation...is not a state-owned enterprise, right?"

Pei Huai put his hand in his pocket and kept his gaze on her dress. He said softly, "listed multinational corporation."

Lu was dumbfounded. She felt it was ridiculous that she wanted to matchmake Su Ji with her grandson earlier, and when she thought of how Zhang Guihua had boasted about her granddaughter's boyfriend...

Xu Jinzhe felt regretful. If he had known that CEO Pei was Su Ji's boyfriend and she had been coming to their house every day, he wouldn't have stayed in the hospital for so many days. It was a waste of an opportunity!

When Pei Huai saw the two standing there frozen, he said coldly, "may I speak to my girlfriend alone?"

He emphasized the word "alone."

The two suddenly woke up.

"Of course, please!"

"Please go ahead!"

Then they left as quickly as possible.

In the 3 seconds of quietness, Pei Huai reached out and pulled the sides of her dress to the center, but her sides were even more exposed now.

Pei Huai's face darkened. "What is this outfit?"

Su Ji's snow-white skin shimmered in the light. "Is it not pretty?"

Pei Huai said, "it's ugly."

Su Ji smiled. "So should I take it off now?"

Pei Huai didn't want to argue with her. He took off his suit jacket and put it over her shoulder. Thinking about how many people had already seen her in this dress before he arrived, he was annoyed. Su Ji adjusted the jacket and said in annoyance, "I bought it with Xu Ni. We won't look like a couple...I mean sisters, if I cover it up..."

"What does that have to do with me?"

"I guess it doesn't..."

Pei Huai took her to a corner with less people.

After about 10 minutes, Si Jingchuan arrived.

Before he came in, he had heard from the reception that today was the Xu family's young master's coming-of-age party. He had a bad feeling in his heart, but since he was already here, he still came in.

As soon as he entered, he saw his boss in the dining area.

He waved his hand and walked over to her. He greeted Pei Huai first, then asked Su Ji why she asked him to come.

Su Ji replied, "didn't I tell you? I'll help you untie the knot in your heart."

Si Jingchuan took a step closer to her and avoided Pei Huai as he asked her in a low voice, "how did you know that it has anything to do with...Xu Ni?"

He didn't hide anything in front of his boss. He had thought it through. Everyone was equal when it came to love, and he had to follow his heart!

He had acted in a lot of movies and interacted with a lot of people, but he had never had the feeling he felt that day.

For the past two days, he had been staying at home and did not accept a single job. Whenever he closed his eyes, he would see Xu Ni in that white nightdress.

He was simply possessed.

Earlier that day, he had even told Wen Man about it. Wen Man burst into tears upon hearing it. Si Jingchuan knew then that his mother would probably be able to accept it.

The key now was what Xu Ni thought.

Would she be able to accept it? He was a man after all...

At the same time, Lu Ailian and Xu Jinzhe were standing on the stage at the front of the reception.

Qin Bingjie stood beside them, her eyes lowered.

All the lights shone on them, and the guests stopped drinking. They paused their conversation, and looked at them.

There was usually a wedding in this reception hall, and the long runway was connected to the backstage where Lu Ailian and the others were standing.

At this moment, a flannel curtain hung down from a high place, leading to the backstage, which was somewhat mysterious.

Lu Ailian's face was full of joy. "Thank you for coming. Today is my grandson Xu Ni's coming-of-age ceremony. As the future heir of the Xu family, I would like to introduce him to you!"

Zhang Guihua grabbed her grandson who was still playing games. Aunt Cui stood beside her, holding the coming-of-age gift for Lu Ailian's grandson.

It was an expensive razor.

The women from the Calligraphy Association gathered around, preparing to congratulate him.

They were all a group of old conservative elders who valued men over women. Zhang Guihua said, "grandsons aren't like granddaughters. You have to organize your grandson's coming-of-age ceremony well."

The others also agreed, and Lu Ailian beamed with joy.

Xu Jinzhe disagreed with his mother's point of view. He was usually unwilling to go against the elderly, but today, so many old ladies had gathered together and blatantly talked about the difference between men and women. He was afraid that the other guests would laugh at him, so he whispered, "sons and daughters are the same. Don't be like this, madams. You'll make those who have granddaughters feel bad."

To his surprise, Lu Ailian retorted, "it's their problem that they can't have a grandson."

A few guests who were closer to them heard it and made a face.

Su Ji and the others stood a bit further away.

Pei Huai had no interest in anyone's coming-of-age ceremony. He stood at the side with his arm around Su Ji's waist, handling some things on his phone. Occasionally, when he needed to answer a call, he would walk further away.

Si Jingchuan flicked his hair in frustration. Boss had brought him to Xu Ni's coming-of-age ceremony and said that he would help him untie the knot in his heart, but...

"Boss, I...the problem between me and Xu Ni...it's not something that can be solved even when he's an adult..."

It was a problem with their genders!

"I know," Su Ji touched his shoulder and comforted him. "But after today, you will have no more worries."

Si Jingchuan looked at Su Ji and tried to understand what she meant. A few minutes later, he seemed to have realized something. "Boss, Xu Ni won't do it in front of all the guests tonight, right..."

Su Ji was about to nod when Si Jingchuan quickly added, "he's going to come out of the closet?"

Su Ji rolled her eyes and couldn't be bothered to explain.

At this moment, the curtains that led from the stage to the backstage were pulled open from both sides. The lights followed, and the music also changed.

Xu Ni had appeared in her best attire!

Chapter 338 Coming-of-age Gift

Everyone's eyes turned to Xu Ni, who was wearing a white dress of the same color as Su Ji, as she appeared at the entrance!

Her dress and Su Ji's were matching, but Su Ji's was sexier, while hers was more conservative. It had a high neckline, a tight waist, and a very long skirt.

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She didn't wear a wig and still had her short black hair, which made her look very cool.

Her palms were all sweaty as she lifted her skirt. She took a deep breath and forced herself to face the light.

In the first three seconds before she walked up to the stage, some of the guests even started clapping reflexively before they knew what's going on.

At the fourth second, the sparse applause stopped.

At the fifth second, everyone started chattering.

Starting from the sixth second, the sound of gasping rose and fell.

Lu Ailian's eyes widened. When Xu Ni walked to the center of the stage, she looked as if she had seen a ghost, "what are you wearing?"

Xu Jinzhe couldn't speak at all, as if he had completely lost the ability to speak. He stared at his "son", and he looked as if he didn't know him at all.

Zhang Guihua said loudly, "my dear....Xu Ni is a girl?"

She didn't need to use the expensive razor she bought for her?

Her voice dispelled all the doubts in the hearts of all the guests, including Lu Ailian and Xu Jinzhe.

It was as if they had been hit in the head and struck by lightning.

Everyone was shocked. The discussion was getting louder and louder, and Xu Ni's steps were getting heavier and heavier.

She couldn't take it.

She thought that she could do it, but only at this moment did she realize how much courage it took to admit her true gender.

She wasn't the one who had made the mistake, but she had to bear it all.

She couldn't hear the crowd around her clearly. She only knew that they were all laughing and pointing at her.

There was an uproar in the audience, and only Su Ji and the other two were quiet.

Si Jingchuan was fixated on Xu Ni. Up until now, he had not had any reaction.

Pei Huai had just hung up a call and was currently typing on his phone.

Su Ji was looking at Xu Ni.

She watched Xu Ni lower her head and Lu Ailian, who looked at her as if she was a monster, and gradually lost the courage to move forward.

She was wondering if she had been too impulsive. She even wanted to run away at this moment, since she had already achieved her goal.

But then, she saw a white figure in a suit jacket pushing through the crowd and walking toward her.

Her vision gradually blurred.

The tear was about to fall, but in her distorted vision, she suddenly saw a figure jump onto the stage. Then, she felt a warm touch, and Su Ji held her hand.

Su Ji said, "I'll walk with you."

At this moment, Pei Huai put away his phone. There was someone on the stage that he was interested in.

She said it so easily that Xu Ni's heart, which had been heavy since the beginning, suddenly felt relieved.

Su Ji's fingers were intertwined with hers. They were tightly intertwined, and a force was transmitted through their hands.

Su Ji looked straight ahead, her eyes staring straight at Lu Ailian. "Raise your head and stick out your chest. Someone is taking photos."

Xu Ni raised her head and strode forward as if she had been reborn.

The grandson that the Xu family had raised for 18 years had suddenly become a granddaughter. With such big news, almost half of the guests who were watching the show raised their phones.

They took photos, videos, and posted them online.

But very quickly, their attention was attracted by something else. The two girls in their camera were dressed like sisters. They were so beautiful that they looked out of this world.

Su Ji's aura was too strong. She walked out of the chasing light, and the light fell behind her.

Su Junye shivered and itched as if bugs were crawling all over his body.

Zang Guihua, who was just watching the fun a second ago, was dumbfounded. She passed by a few people and asked Su Cunyi, "son, what's wrong with Su Ji? Why would she meddle in the Xu family's affairs? Quickly pull her down!"

However, Su Cunyi didn't seem to hear her. He stood still and looked at his daughter without feeling embarrassed at all.

Qin Bingjie's face twitched slightly. Finally, when Su Ji brought Xu Ni to her side, she could no longer hold it in and burst into tears, but she tried her best to hold it in.

Xu Ni had always been worried that her mother would be triggered, but from her reaction, she knew that her mind was clear at the moment.

Xu Jinzhe looked at the crowd, and his eyes focused on Xu Ni, "son..."

He said that subconsciously but immediately stopped, but he couldn't utter the word "daughter".

He didn't prefer daughters over sons, but this matter was too absurd. He needed time to accept it.

The son he had raised for eighteen years was suddenly telling him that he was a girl.

He was just shocked.

He tried again in a daze, "tell dad what's going on..."

From the corner of his eye, he could feel Su Ji walking towards them. He asked Su Ji, "you knew?"

Even an outsider knew the real gender of his child, but he, as the father, found out with the other guests on the day of the party...

Su Ji did not answer him directly. Instead, she stopped in front of Qin Bingjie, who was trying her best to hold back her emotions.

Qin Bingjie raised her head slowly. Her eyes were bloodshot, her nose was red, and her lips were broken from her biting.

Her emotions were self-evident, and she no longer had the cold and arrogant air she had before.

Su Ji's tone was calm. "Today is your daughter's coming-of-age ceremony. She wants a gift from you. Are you going to give it to her?"

Qin Bingjie's gaze fell and landed on the faint teeth marks on the wrist of the girl in front of her.

The short half a month felt like a lifetime.

However, in just ten days, she had figured out something that she had not been able to for the past ten years.

In the past, she felt as if she had been in a long dream. Now she wanted to wake up.

Under the incredulous gazes of Lu Ailian and Xu Jinzhe, she stood in front of the microphone in silence.

In the past, she had been most afraid of this day, but now that it had really come, she actually felt a sense of relief, and she stopped crying.

The entire place was silent, and all the discussions stopped at that moment.

In front of all the guests, Qin Bingjie admitted what she had done back then. She said, "Xu Ni is a girl. She was a beautiful girl from the moment she was born..."

As soon as she finished the last sentence, there was a loud thud behind him.

"Mom!"

"Grandma!"

Lu Ailian fainted.

Lu Ailian, who preferred boys over girls her entire life.

Lu Ailian, who had always been proud of her grandson and mocked those who only had granddaughters, was now in a very bad mood.

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To her, nothing was crueler than this.

To tell her that her grandson was actually a girl was no different from dismembering her.

Moreover, she was dismembered in front of everyone.

Lu Ailian was helped to the back to rest. The show finished and the guests took the opportunity to say goodbye to Xu Jinzhe.

After they left, Xu Jinzhe saw Su Cunyi.

"It doesn't matter. Xu Ni is a good child."

After saying that, Su Cunyi took a step forward and said in a voice that only the two of them could hear, "it's harder for her to do this."

After saying that, Su Cunyi patted his shoulder.

After a long while, Xu Jinzhe sighed and nodded.

Pei Huai also walked forward. He was here to pick up Su Ji. When he passed by Xu Jinzhe, he stopped.

Xu Jinzhe, "CEO Pei..."

Pei Huai said, "it's a good thing she's a girl. Otherwise, I wouldn't have let go of the fact that my girlfriend and her were photographed together."

Xu Jinzhe looked up and saw Si Jingchuan striding onto the stage and walking towards Xu Ni. Everyone was worried, but he was ecstatic.

He was so excited that he wanted to hold Xu Ni's hand. "You're actually a girl? No wonder I..."

Xu Ni slapped his hand away in annoyance. "Don't touch me. A single man and woman shouldn't touch each other."

Xu Jinzhe was still at a loss. At this moment, he still didn't know this was good news for the Xu family!

In just a few minutes, the news had blown up on the internet.

The young actor was actually a woman who had captured the hearts of all the older women!

When Han Junlei and Huang Huayu were stopped by the paparazzi who had first-hand information, the two of them were drinking beer at a roadside stall.

When they were asked what they thought about Xu Ni's cross-dressing, the two men were drunk and answered awkwardly, "dressing up as a boy? No, no, he was dressed up as a girl that day, hahahaha..."

The paparazzi was then driven away by the smell of alcohol on the two.

It was different from the general reaction of the guests at the reception.

The netizens were able to accept the fact that Xu Ni was a girl. Some netizens who didn't like her at first even started to be attracted to her after knowing that she was actually a girl.

Of course, when the news first came out, everyone said that they didn't believe it and asked them to stop spreading rumors. How did such ridiculous rumors even spread?

But later, when they saw the side profile photo of Su Ji holding Xu Ni's hand on the stage, the short-haired Xu Ni dressed in women's clothing, and Su Ji who was shining beside her like a light, wearing a matching dress, the netizens were shocked!

["Do you remember the intimate photos of Su Ji and Xu Ni?"]

["It turns out that they have a deep sisterly love! Thank God I wasn't misled by the media!"]

["She gave courage to her bestie at the most important time! This is true friendship! They're siblings in and outside the show!"]

["I'll be honest, I like Xu Ni's face. I like her regardless of whether she's a man or a woman!"]

["As long as she likes men!"]

["Exactly!"]

["I knew that such a handsome person must be a girl!! We will always support you!"]

["I've decided to watch The Billion Stars again! This is as shocking as when I found out that Xu Xian was a woman dressed as a man!"]

Xu Ni and the others returned backstage. Xu Jinzhe was left to deal with the aftermath.

Su Ji asked Xu Ni, "how do you feel?"

Xu Ni looked calm and cold as usual, but her heart had not calmed down.

She lit a cigarette and sat down in her exquisite dress. After a while, she gritted her teeth and said, "I finally don't have to hide. It's so f*cking awesome!"

Si Jingchuan's eyes were glued to her.

He didn't say anything and just looked at her from the side.

It was as if he had discovered a new continent.

It was strange that Xu Ni looked particularly cute now with short hair.

He even found her very cute when she smoked.

His effort to learn how to date a man was in vain.

Su Ji found the photo of the two of them that went viral. After looking at it for a while, she nodded in satisfaction and showed it to Xu Ni. "This photo will probably be on the internet for a few months."

Xu Ni took a glance and looked away.

Su Ji replied, “do you want to know what the netizens think about the news?”

Xu Ni didn’t hesitate. “No, I’ve been sulking for 18 years. Today, I’m living for myself. No matter what they say, it’s the truth. I can’t control other people’s mouths.”

Su Ji clicked her tongue and smiled.

Pei Huai didn’t look at his phone again. His gaze fell on Qin Bingjie, who was not far away.

Qin Bingjie’s face was streaked with tears, but her expression was unprecedentedly relaxed and calm.

A moment later, Su Ji noticed Pei Huai’s gaze.

Pei Huai looked at Su Ji. “Did you take her pulse today?”

Su Ji tilted her head as if she had just realized something.

Ten minutes later, a staff member came to call them. “Who’s from the Xu family? ”

Xu Ni stood up.

That staff member said, “the old madam has woken up. Quickly go and take a look!”

A few minutes later, they moved to the lounge next door. Lu Ailian was lying on the sofa, her face as pale as paper.

“Grandma,” hearing Xu Ni’s voice, Lu Ailian slowly opened her eyes. The next second, she saw Xu Ni still wearing her dress and turned her head away in disgust.

Xu Ni had never seen such an expression on her face. She was hurt, but not much.

Su Ji had brought Qin Bingjie to her. The two people that Lu Ailian did not want to see the most were Xu Ni and Qin Bingjie, but they refused to leave her.

However, Lu Ailian was still herself. Even at this moment, she remembered that she could not offend the big shots. Seeing Pei Huai standing beside her, she forced herself to sit up. “I’ve made a fool of myself in front of CEO Pei...”

Pei Huai didn’t say anything and let Su Ji and Qin Bingjie walk in front.

Su Ji said, “Old Madam Lu, Aunt Qin...”

Lu Ailian quickly waved her hands. “You don’t have to plead for her. She has lied to me for 18 years. Our family used to be related to the royal family, and no one has ever dared to play such a trick on me...”

Before she could finish, Su Ji chuckled and interrupted her. “You’re mistaken. I’m not trying to plead for anyone.”

Lu Ailian looked at her in confusion, “?”

Su Ji said, “we just checked on Aunt Qin. She has recovered. It’s time to pay up.”

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Lu Ailian once believed that she must have done something wrong in her past life, which caused her to suffer so much today!

Not only did she lose so much face today, but she also had to pay 10 million!

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“Um,” Lu Ailian sat up from the sofa, no longer weak, and asked, “Su Ji, how did you know she was cured? This kind of thing...”

Even insanity can be cured?

What a joke!

Qin Bingjie squeezed the hand in front of her and took a step forward. “Mom, I’m fine now...”

“Shut up!” Lu Ailian shouted at her. “I can see that you are not getting better. You are getting crazier. Otherwise, how could you say such nonsense on stage?”

Xu Ni pulled her mother behind her.

“Don’t talk to me!” Lu Ailian replied.

Su Ji knew it would be difficult to get her money, so she said directly, “you can get the doctor to check on her.”

Lu Ailian’s eyes turned quickly. Qin Bingjie had indeed not relapsed for a long time, and she didn’t lose control despite what happened today.

However, it was unreasonable to spend 10 million for Qin Bingjie, especially after what had happened today. Lu Ailian was going to get her son to divorce her son when he got home, let alone spending 10 million on her!

Thinking about it, Lu Ailian carved out a false smile. “I see...” She glanced coldly at Xu Ni. “After what happened today, getting a doctor now will only make us the subject of gossip. Why don’t we wait a little longer? Your parents are so rich anyway, the 10 million won’t make a difference...”

Pei Huai’s expression was indifferent. After a few seconds, he left the lounge.

Seeing Lu Ailian’s face that looked like a thousand-year-old swindler, Su Ji’s expression gradually became cold.

She remembered when she took over the court after the king died in the Great Shang dynasty, she saw the thick account book that was left by the king’s grandfather. They were records of food and treasures borrowed from neighboring countries when he was young and impulsive.

The kind of debt that could not be collected for decades.

She thought that taking over the court was a good thing, but it turned out that she just inherited a bad debt.

It was a horrible experience.

Thinking of this, Su Ji's forehead throbbed, and she was about to explode. But when she reached into her pocket, she found a piece of lychee candy, inexplicably calming her down.

She sneered, "Grandma Lu, are you... trying to cheat me?"

Lu Ailian raised her eyebrows without changing her expression. "How can I? How could you think of me like this?"

Xu Ni felt embarrassed. She remembered how Su Ji was treating her mother by massaging her, performing cupping therapy, and acupuncture, but her grandmother had the audacity to refuse to pay her.

She blushed and looked at Su Ji. "Don't worry, even if my grandma doesn't pay you. I will!"

Su Ji interrupted her, "whoever made the promise should pay me. It's none of your business."

However, when she turned to look at Xu Ni, she realized that someone was missing.

In the hall.

At this time, the packing was almost done and all the guests had left. Xu Jinzhe had just finished settling up with the person-in-charge when he saw a tall figure leaning casually against the floor-to-ceiling window.

Xu Jinzhe carefully approached him.

When he got closer, he realized that the man was on the phone.

The phone was next to his ear and his beautiful, slender fingers were pressed on the logo on the back of the phone.

The pure black phone and his fair fingers contrasted sharply, appearing refined and elegant.

Xu Jinzhe heard him say something about "defaulting on a payment," "10 million," "girlfriend's debts, 10 million is still money..."

At first, it seemed like a tricky situation, but he remained composed and at ease, with the other hand tucked in his pocket the entire time. There was even a hint of a faint mocking smile on his brow, suggesting that the person on the other end of the phone was an old friend.

Xu Jinzhe had always been looking for an opportunity to connect with CEO Pei, and this was a heaven-sent opportunity, wasn't it?

After Pei Huai hung up the phone, Xu Jinzhe approached him eagerly, "CEO Pei..."

Pei Huai slid his phone into his pocket and looked up in a casual manner.

Xu Jinzhe said, "CEO Pei, I just overheard you saying that you have a 10 million debt that hasn't been recovered?"

Pei Huai's gaze slowly shifted towards him.

Xu Jinzhe paused for a moment, then realized, "I accidentally overheard it just now. I happen to know a lawyer who specializes in this area, I'm not sure if they could be of help to you..."

This piqued Pei Huai's interest a bit, "to be precise, it's not me, it's my girlfriend, whom you know."

"Oh," Xu Jinzhe replied, "It's Su Ji, right? She's good friends with my son...daughter, and I would be more than happy to help!"

As he spoke, he found the lawyer's phone number. "This person is good at handling such big cases. The person will be sentenced to at least eight to ten years in prison."

Pei Huai's lips curled into a smile. "I wanted to negotiate first. Do you suggest that we sue them directly?"

Xu Jinzhe was dressed in a decent suit and said righteously, "with all due respect, it's useless to negotiate with someone who owes you 10 million yuan."

Pei Huai nodded calmly. "Then, Mr. Xu, please give me the phone number of the person you mentioned."

Xu Jinzhe was very proactive and dialed the number immediately. "This lawyer is usually very busy. I have a bit of a relationship with him, so he should answer the call. I'll call him first and then you can talk to him directly."

Pei Huai said, "thank you."

Immediately after, Xu Jinzhe went to the side to make a phone call. Three minutes later, he finished explaining and came back, handing the phone to Pei Huai.

Pei Huai was a clean freak and did not pick up the phone. Instead, he clicked on the speaker and said, "hello."

The other person was very polite.

Not only did Xu Jinzhe want to get close to the Pei family, but the lawyer too.

Pei Huai then gave a brief summary.

"I heard that the plaintiff is your girlfriend, right? May I know who the defendant is? You can just say the name."

Pei Huai didn't know. He looked at Xu Jinzhe politely. "What's your mother's name?"

Xu Jinzhe didn't understand why he suddenly asked this question. However, he wanted to please Pei Huai, so he told him without asking further. "Lu Ailian."

Pei Huai smiled and repeated the name, "you heard that, right? Lu Ailian."

At first, Xu Jinzhe nodded, but the lawyer obviously heard that something was wrong, so he kept silent and did not reply immediately.

Pei Huai said, "that's it. Please send the court summons as soon as possible."

After saying that, he was about to hang up.

At this critical moment, Xu Jinzhe suddenly realized that something was wrong and stopped Pei Huai's hand with both hands.

Wait a moment!