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Chapter 261: President Xia Gives a Gift (Part 2)

Fang Xiaojuan glanced at Fang Bai, admitting to herself that her third cousin was rather handsome and sunny, the type that girls tended to like, but she didn't quite believe that Xia Chenyu liked Fang Bai just because of this.

"Four or five hundred thousand? That expensive?"

Fang Gang was startled, his hand holding the watch trembling violently.

Although the family wasn't short of money now, a watch worth several hundred thousand still caused a significant psychological impact and shock to Fang Gang.

"Xia... Chenyu, this watch is too valuable, I can't..."

"Uncle, there's no reason to take back a gift once it's been given. If you like it, please accept it. If not, Chenyu will go and buy a better one to give to you..."

Xia Chenyu didn't wait for Fang Gang to finish speaking and interjected with a smile, glancing at Fang Bai, obviously wanting him to speak on her behalf.

Helplessly, Fang Bai said, "Dad, you don't have to be polite with Sister Xia. Although the watch is expensive, it's just a drop in the bucket for her."

Four or five hundred thousand is just a drop in the bucket? Good heavens, how rich must this beautiful woman be?

Apart from Fang Bai, everyone else looked at Xia Chenyu with awe and admiration.

The Fang Xiong family looked at Xia Chenyu, then at Fang Gang's family, their eyes red with envy.

Once Fang Gang heard Fang Bai put it that way, he stopped refusing and put the watch away.

"Auntie, I think this necklace suits you well. You'll definitely look even more elegant and beautiful with it on... Here, let me help you try it on right now!"

Xia Chenyu took a diamond necklace out of another gift box, her pretty face smiling. She walked behind Yang Mei and personally put the necklace on her.

"This necklace really matches your temperament, Auntie... Fang Bai, what do you think?"

After helping Yang Mei with the necklace, Xia Chenyu stood in front of her, looked her up and down, and complimented with a brimming smile.

"Hmm, not bad."

Fang Bai's gaze lingered on his mother for a while, and he nodded with a smile.

And indeed, with the necklace on, his mother radiated a distinctive noble and graceful air—dress her up in some luxury clothes, and she wouldn't be outclassed by any wealthy socialite.

Since Yang Mei couldn't see the effect of the necklace herself, she turned to ask Fang Gang and her daughter, "What do you think, my dear and Yun? Does it look good?"

Fang Gang nodded vigorously. Though he didn't speak, his eyes said it all.

Fang Yun exaggeratedly exclaimed, "Wow, it's so beautiful! Mom, you look so noble with this necklace on! You outshine all those fine ladies and rich wives in town! Miss Xia really has a good eye!"

"Really?"

Yang Mei was overjoyed by the compliments, her hands gently touching the necklace around her neck as her face blossomed into a smile.

"Chenyu, you've gone to too much expense! This necklace must be quite expensive, right?"

Yang Mei affectionately grabbed Xia Chenyu's hand and casually asked.

"Auntie, it's not expensive, it's less than a million!"

"What?"

At that moment, not only was Yang Mei stunned, but the others were also wide-eyed with disbelief.

Even Fang Bai was somewhat surprised; he knew that the "less than a million" Xia Chenyu mentioned must not be far from a million, and he thought to himself that this woman really went to great lengths to please his family.

"Sister Xia, this is a bit too expensive!"

Fang Bai said with a wry smile.

"Compared to the help you've given me, what's this amount of money?"

Xia Chenyu looked at Fang Bai and spoke gently, her gaze filled with tenderness.

When Fang Bai met her gaze, his heart gave a tiny leap.

Since he had met Xia Chenyu, he had only seen her charming, passionate, and full of allure. This was the first time he had seen her display such deeply affectionate behavior.

After her initial shock, Yang Mei didn't stand on ceremony with Xia Chenyu and happily accepted the necklace.

Yang Mei had come to see Xia Chenyu as her son's girlfriend, thinking they would soon be family. Believing it to be a future daughter-in-law offering tribute to her mother-in-law, she decided to accept the gift no matter what, planning to return a gift later on.

Thinking about returning a gift, Yang Mei began to worry, unsure what would be a suitable gift to give.

Their family had been poor, and it had only been in the past few months since the traditional medicine clinic had started to turn things around, resulting in savings of a few hundred thousand.

However, with Xia Chenyu's first gift being worth several hundred thousand or even a million, how could they, with their modest means, give a gift that wasn't too cheap or too common without feeling embarrassed?

As Yang Mei was worrying about this, Xia Chenyu presented another gift to Fang Yun—a pair of jade bracelets worth several hundred thousand.

Fang Yun also regarded Xia Chenyu as her younger brother's girlfriend and really liked the jade bracelets. Without hesitation, she thanked Xia Chenyu, accepted the gift with a beaming smile, and immediately wore them on her wrist.

Fang Xiaojuan looked at the diamond necklace around Aunt Yang Mei's neck and then at the jade bracelets on Cousin Fang Yun's wrist, both items she had longed for, nearly drooling with envy.

Seeing several more gift boxes in front of Xia Chenyu, her heart pounded with excitement, wondering if there was also a gift for her.

Xia Chenyu didn't disappoint Fang Xiaojuan; she handed over the remaining gift boxes to Fang Xiaojuan and the others, smiling as she said, "These are our company's newly launched beauty and skincare products, belonging to the highest-end set. I hope you'll like them."

Fang Xiaojuan opened her own gift box and was so excited she nearly jumped up, exclaiming, "This three-in-one set is priced at eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight yuan in the stores; I've been wanting to buy it for a long time, but it was too expensive, and I couldn't bring myself to... Thank you, Miss Xia, I absolutely love this gift!"

Xia Chenyu replied with a smile, "I'm glad you like it!"

Although the gifts Xia Chenyu gave to Fang Xiaojuan and the others were far less valuable than what she gave to Fang Bai's family, not a single person felt discontent.

After all, they did not know Xia Chenyu before, and receiving a gift was already very nice, not to mention that the gift was quite expensive.

The generous gifts from Xia Chenyu quickly captivated everyone present.

Beautiful, elegant, sweet-talking, and knowledgeable about social etiquette—what's not to like about such a woman, who wouldn't accept her?

Apart from Fang Bai, everyone else crowded around Xia Chenyu like stars around the moon. Yang Mei especially, held onto Xia Chenyu's hand tightly, asking all sorts of questions as if a mother-in-law meeting her daughter-in-law for the first time.

Xia Chenyu didn't seem to mind at all; she answered Yang Mei's inquiries and acted shy and timid, occasionally glancing at Fang Bai with playful winks.

Fang Bai was speechless, thinking that this woman was a bit bizarre today; even if she wanted to ingratiate herself with his family, did she have to go this far?

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Could it be that she truly wishes to become the daughter-in-law of the Fang Family?

At this thought, Fang Bai's heart couldn't help but skip a beat, looking at Xia Chenyu with her angelic face and devilish figure, he thought that having a woman with an Innate Spiritual Root would not be bad, if she was willing to become his cultivation partner in the future.

The path of the martial dao is not only long, but also full of dangers and hardships, having someone by one's side means not feeling too lonely and isolated.

However, there are conditions for becoming cultivation partners, and it's not just any male and female martial artist who can do so.

Firstly, it requires that the physiques of the male and female do not conflict; for example, a martial artist with a Water Spirit Root cannot cultivate together with someone with a Fire Spirit Root, as it would not only be of no benefit to their cultivation, but could actually be harmful.

Secondly, it requires that both parties genuinely like each other and share mutual affection and understanding. If they are of one bed and different dreams, with a superficial harmony but estranged in spirit, their cultivation together would have no effect.

Xia Chenyu is interested in Fang Bai, and Fang Bai also likes Xia Chenyu. Besides, Fang Bai, who is known as the "Chaos True Body" that could "harmonize with all kinds of roots," is suitable to accept women with any physique, so the two of them would be very appropriate as cultivation partners.

It's just that if he were to break through her Primordial Yin Body before Xia Chenyu's cultivation level advances to the Innate Realm, it would mean ruining the foundation of her martial dao, which would have an adverse impact on her future cultivation, so Fang Bai did not want to cultivate with her just yet.

If the day comes when Xia Chenyu advances to the Innate Realm, and they still hold this affection for one another, then becoming cultivation partners will be a matter of course.

The crowd entered the home of Fang Bai's great uncle with laughter and conversation, and after chatting in the living room for a while, Fang Qiang and his son Fang Wu went to the Jiang Family to discuss the wedding arrangements for tomorrow.

Town Chief Fang was overthrown, and Fang Kun went down with him, so this time, when visiting the Jiang Family, both Fang Qiang and Fang Wu were full of confidence, believing that tomorrow's wedding would surely go ahead as planned.

"Sister Xia, I have a favor to ask of you."

After great uncle Fang Qiang and cousin Fang Wu left, Fang Bai said to Xia Chenyu with a smile.

"Do we still need to be so formal with each other? Just tell me, whatever it is, I'll help you!"

Xia Chenyu's beautiful eyes looked at Fang Bai, her voice was so tender it could melt a person, and her gaze was filled with an enduring affection.

At this point, to say that there was no special relationship between them, no one present would believe it.

"My aunt, uncle-in-law, and cousin want to find jobs at your company. Would you arrange something for them? My cousin is strong and could serve as an assistant team leader in security. My aunt and uncle-in-law are a bit older, so perhaps they could be assigned some more leisurely tasks... Sister Xia, does that sound okay to you?"

Fang Bai pointed at his aunt Fang Ying and her family of three, seeking Xia Chenyu's opinion.

Only then did Fang Ying realize that when Fang Bai said not long ago that he wanted to introduce her family to work at a friend's company, the "friend" he referred to was this stunningly beautiful woman before her eyes.

Realizing that this woman could decide the fate of her family's employment with a single word, Fang Ying, Li Tiezhu, and Li Hu grew anxious, staring at Xia Chenyu without blinking, in fear that she would utter the word "no."

"Of course it's no problem if you arrange it!"

Xia Chenyu agreed without any hesitation, smiling at the three of Fang Ying's family, "Welcome to Beauty Company. If you're willing, you can start working at the company tomorrow!"

Fang Bai replied with a smile, "Aunt, Sister Xia is the owner of Beauty Company; the company you'll work at is hers. If there are any issues at work, you can go directly to her."

Upon hearing that Xia Chenyu was the president of a major company in the city, and considering they would be working under her, Fang Ying's family became even more nervous and restrained, not knowing where to put their hands.

"President Xia... President Xia is the President of Beauty Company?"

Fang Xiaojuan asked in shock.

She had just seen the gifts Xia Chenyu had sent, consisting mostly of "Beauty Company" skincare sets, and guessed that her work might be related to the beauty industry. However, she never imagined that Xia would be the president of the "Beauty Company."

"What's up? Second cousin, do you think she doesn't look the part?"

Fang Bai held a poor impression of his cousin who worked in the government department and considered herself superior. He asked indifferently.

"No... It's not that..."

Fang Xiaojuan hurriedly waved her hands and said, "I just didn't expect the head of a big company to be so young and beautiful..."

The air of superiority she once carried had vanished without a trace, replaced by an aura of panic and humility.

Fang Xiaojuan's praise for Xia Chenyu came from the heart. To be so young and beautiful, yet in charge of a company destined for greatness and well-known throughout Huaxia was rare even in all of Huaxia.

"The mayor of Zhongzhou City made an appearance for him, 'Beauty Company's' president is his girlfriend, Fang Bai is going to soar to great heights in the future!"

Fang Xiong's family looked at Fang Bai, who was chatting and laughing with Xia Chenyu and others enviously and joyfully.

They were envious of Fang Bai's connections in both the official and business realms, and they were thrilled at the prospect of having such a powerful relative who might bring them benefits in the future.

Soon after, Fang Qiang and his son Fang Wu returned from the Jiang family. Their triumphant and jubilant expressions indicated that their trip was highly successful.

"How did it go with the wedding arrangements for my eldest cousin?"

Fang Bai asked as he stood up smiling, greeting his uncle and cousin.

"It's settled! The wedding will proceed as planned tomorrow!"

Fang Qiang said with exuberance, "Moreover, Jiang Han's parents have apologized to me and renounced those unreasonable demands they had previously made!"

Pausing, he added, "The Jiang family sure has sharp ears, they already know about Fang Qun's downfall. And Fang Kun is currently on medical bail but will be off to prison once he recovers! Hehe, the crimes that father and son committed over the years are too numerous to document. Rumor has it that their sentence could be heavy—they might never get out in their lifetimes!"

Fang Wu said, "Wickedness will eventually be met with retribution! Their downfall is the result of their own misdeeds! When news of Fang Qun's fall spread, many villagers set off firecrackers to celebrate the arrest of Fang Qun and Fang Kun!"

Fang Bai and the others had indeed heard fireworks in the distance, thinking it was due to a wedding or a business opening in the town, but it turned out to be for this reason.

Before lunch, Yang Mei called her son aside into another room and asked in a hushed, secretive voice, "Son, be honest with me, are you and Chenyu that girl, dating?"

Fang Bai rolled his eyes and said, "If I said no, would you believe me?"

"Of course not!"

Yang Mei said, "If you weren't dating, would that girl be so nice to you? Would she send us such expensive gifts? And also, the way that girl looks at you is absolutely dripping with affection, it's clear she loves you deep down in her bones."

Fang Bai knew his mother had completely misunderstood and couldn't be bothered to explain. He waved his hand dismissively and casually said, "If you think it's true, then it is!"

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Yang Mei added, "I just asked Chenyu about her age, and it seems she's over three years older than you... But she's naturally beautiful and looks around twenty years old. Standing next to you, you two are quite the match! Besides, 'an older woman by three years, clutching a brick of gold,' that's a good thing..."

"Stop! Stop! Stop!"

Fang Bai cut off his mother as she rambled on, saying with a wry smile, "Mom, what exactly are you trying to say by bringing me over here?"

"Sigh..."

Hearing her son ask this, Yang Mei immediately looked distressed and furrowed her brows, "Chenyu just gave us such a valuable gift; according to custom, as an elder, I need to give something in return..."

"Can't you just give her something in return? What's there to worry about!"

Yang Mei complained, "It's easy for you to say, but what should I give her? Giving something cheap will invite ridicule; we can't afford to give anything too expensive... It's stressing me out!"

Fang Bai's heart stirred and, while his mother Yang Mei wasn't paying attention, his right hand gently brushed over the Spatial Ring on his left hand, and an egg-sized, oval Luminous Pearl appeared in the palm of his right hand.

"Mom, I treated a friend in Yanjing, and he gave me this Luminous Pearl as a thank you. You can give it to Sister Xia!"

Fang Bai smiled, handing the Luminous Pearl in his hand to his mother, Yang Mei.

"This... is this a Luminous Pearl? It's so pretty!"

Yang Mei took the Luminous Pearl from her son's hand and carefully played with it in her palm.

The Luminous Pearl was crystal clear, like a piece of white crystal, emitting a faint, misty luster, as if wrapped in strands of Immortal Qi.

What Yang Mei liked the most was the inexplicably comfortable feeling throughout her body just by holding the pearl in her hand.

"Son, this Luminous Pearl is valuable, isn't it?"

After a moment, Yang Mei's gaze reluctantly shifted from the Luminous Pearl back to her son with the question.

"It's about a million or so!"

Fang Bai said nonchalantly.

"What? A million? You're not fooling me, are you?"

Yang Mei had heard of the treasure that was the Luminous Pearl before and knew it was worth a lot, but she never imagined it would be so valuable. Hearing Fang Bai mention "a million," she couldn't help but be startled, yet somewhat incredulous.

Seeing the shocked expression on his mother's face, Fang Bai couldn't help but chuckle inwardly, thinking it was fortunate he hadn't told her that such a Luminous Pearl could fetch tens of millions if auctioned; otherwise, he didn't know to what extent she would be startled.

"If you don't believe it, you can call to ask the friend who gave me the Luminous Pearl."

Fang Bai said with a chuckle.

If his mother really decided to make a call to confirm, Fang Bai would contact Ghost Hand, the clever fellow who was aware that he possessed the Luminous Pearl. With just a hint from him, Ghost Hand would know how to respond.

"Nevermind, I won't call. You're my son; how could I not trust you?"

Yang Mei knew her son's abilities had grown considerable, and the people he associated with were either wealthy or noble. She could just about accept someone gifting her son a Luminous Pearl worth a million.

"Chenyu gave us several valuable gifts, so it's only right that we give her a luminous pearl of equal value in return. Besides, girls love jewelry and gemstones, and she's definitely going to like this pearl!"

Yang Mei said, beaming with joy.

When the mother and daughter returned to the living room, the table was already filled with an array of food: chicken, fish, meat, eggs, vegetable dishes, and porridge; it was a lavish spread.

Having Xia Chenyu, an esteemed guest, in attendance, Fang Bai's parents Fang Qiang, Liu Caifeng, and Fang Wu felt somewhat worried and uneasy, fearing that their hospitality might not be up to par.

"Xia... Chenyu, our place is humble and can't compare to big cities. Our simple meals might not be to your taste, so please don't take offense!"

Fang Qiang said sheepishly. To him, a meal with chicken, fish, meat, and eggs was already quite grand, but he worried that Xia Chenyu, who grew up in luxury and wealth, wouldn't be accustomed to such food.

"Uncle, you're too modest. I really like these dishes! I genuinely do!"

Xia Chenyu said with a smile.

Xia Chenyu was telling the truth. When she was very young, because her mother had no official status, she became a "sacrificial piece" in the Anxi Shen Family's internal strife and was driven out. That was the darkest time in Xia Chenyu's life. Later, when Shen Dongyang took over as the family head, he secretly gave her and her mother some money, which is how they overcame their hardship.

Growing up with her mother, Xia Chenyu detested her cold-hearted father who had abandoned them, as well as the Shen Family. What she longed for the most wasn't endless wealth but rather a family like Fang Bai's, where everyone was gathered together, chatting and laughing warmly.

At that moment, sitting with Fang Bai, being fussed over by his parents and relatives, she felt incredibly happy and content, as if everything she ate was a rare delicacy.

Xia Chenyu even thought that if she could truly become a part of this big happy family, it would be wonderful.

"Chenyu, you gave my uncle and aunt such expensive items, and we don't have much to give you in return. This pearl is an heirloom from our Fang Family; you take it!"

During the meal, Yang Mei suddenly took Xia Chenyu's hand and put the luminous pearl that she had received from Fang Bai into Xia Chenyu's hand.

When Fang Bai heard that the luminous pearl he had brought out had turned into an ancestral treasure in his mother's words, and she spoke with such conviction, he couldn't help but laugh to himself.

"Auntie, this pearl is too precious..."

Xia Chenyu looked down at the luminous pearl in her hand and couldn't help but gasp.

Yang Mei didn't know the true value of this pearl, but Xia Chenyu had a pretty good idea.

Last year, Xia Chenyu attended an auction on Hong Kong Island with friends and saw a luminous pearl being auctioned. It was smaller than the one she now held in her hand, and its quality was inferior, yet it fetched a high price of five million.

From this, Xia Chenyu estimated that the pearl she was holding must be worth much more than the one auctioned.

Even though Xia Chenyu now had assets worth over a hundred million, she was still taken aback by Yang Mei's generosity, and a secret thrill ran through her.

Yang Mei giving her the "family heirloom" indicated a certain attitude, signifying that she had already accepted her as part of the family.

Seeing Xia Chenyu's shocked yet delighted expression, Yang Mei lied with a smile, "This luminous pearl was given to me by Fang Bai's grandmother. Now I'm passing it on to you. You must take good care of it and someday pass it on to your daughter-in-law..."

Although Xia Chenyu was bold and outgoing, hearing Yang Mei's words still made her cheeks flush with embarrassment, and she clutched the luminous pearl tightly in her hands, as if she feared it would fly away if she loosened her grip.

Chapter 264: Boss Fang

Fang Bai saw his mother's claims become more and more preposterous, treating Xia Yu as if she were already a daughter-in-law, and couldn't help but smile and shake his head in disbelief. However, since Xia Chenyu did not deny it and seemed quite pleased about it, he simply chose not to explain.

Xia Chenyu initially wanted to stay and attend Fang Wu's wedding with Fang Bai the following day, but she had to rush back to Zhongzhou City after lunch due to an urgent matter at her company.

Before leaving, Xia Chenyu gave Fang Wu a cash gift of ten thousand yuan as a wedding present, then told Fang Ying and his family to visit her at "Beauty Company" in Zhongzhou City the day after tomorrow.

The next morning, the wedding of Fang Wu and Jiang Han was lively and bustling.

What surprised the Fang Qiang family was that, in addition to the relatives and friends they had invited, many uninvited guests also came, and almost all these uninvited guests were the town's "big shots."

Among the uninvited guests were Wang Bin, who temporarily took charge of the town's police work after Liu Yang was brought down, and a few officers who were on good terms with Wang Bin.

Besides Wang Bin, heads of various departments in the town also arrived one after another.

These people did not stay for the meal, but instead offered a cash gift, a few congratulatory words, and then left.

Fang Qiang understood that these "big shots," whom they would normally never be able to approach, had come to their house only because of Fang Bai.

Just yesterday, Mayor Lu, due to a single phone call from Fang Bai, dropped all his work and rushed to the town's police station at the earliest opportunity, and after meeting Fang Bai, behaved with respectful humility. Subsequently, enraged by Fang Bai's arrest, he immediately stripped Fang Qun and Liu Yang of their official positions...

These events were witnessed by some officers at the Fang Temple Town police station, and the news quickly spread through them to the local leaders, making them realize that Fang Bai was a person of great importance.

Although these officials seemed powerful in the town, compared to Mayor Lu, they were insignificant. It was not easy for them to get an audience with the mayor on ordinary days, and Fang Bai's arrival presented them the opportunity to connect with Mayor Lu; hence today's occurrence of people arriving uninvited.

Fang Bai was also well aware of this, knowing that these officials were keen on making a good impression with him to create opportunities for their future advancement due to his close relationship with Lu Xinghe.

However, Fang Bai was not usually interested in such official matters, but if a chance arose, like encountering an upright but disadvantaged official like Wang Bin, he wouldn't mind putting in a good word to help.

After the lively and joyful wedding ended, Fang Wu and his newlywed wife Jiang Han once again expressed their gratitude to Fang Bai.

The downfall and arrest of Fang Qun and the dismissal of the town police chief Liu Yang were all due to Fang Bai; Fang Wu's transfer to a school in the city was also helped by a word from Fang Bai... When Jiang Han, the bride, learned about these matters from her husband, Fang Wu, she felt both grateful and in awe upon meeting Fang Bai.

Even Fang Xiaojuan, who worked at the town government office and was Fang Bai's cousin, was unexpectedly transferred to a department with real authority in the town after this incident.

Following this event, the status of Fang Bai's family within the Fang Family clan soared dramatically, and from then on, no one dared to look down on them.

Not long after Fang Wu's wedding, Fang Bai and his family drove away from Fang Temple Town and returned to their home in Zhongzhou City.

The next morning, Xia Chenyu called Fang Bai upon learning that he had returned to Zhongzhou City and invited him to visit "Beauty Company."

Since Fang Bai was now a stakeholder in "Beauty Company," and having not visited for a while, he heard about the company's robust growth and was eager to see it for himself. Therefore, upon receiving Xia Chenyu's invitation, he immediately accepted.

When Fang Bai drove up to the "Beauty Company" headquarters, he found Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei standing side by side, eagerly awaiting his arrival.

"Welcome, Boss Fang, to the company for your guidance!"

As Fang Bai parked the car and walked over, Xia Chenyu stepped forward to greet him and bowed slightly like a receptionist, a smile gracing her face as she spoke.

Her voice was sweet and sultry, enough to make one feel weak at the knees, as her large, watery eyes gazed directly into Fang Bai's, emanating a seductive charm.

"Sister Xia, what act are you putting on now?"

Fang Bai asked, both annoyed and amused.

Xia Chenyu straightened up, giggling as she said, "As the elusive behind-the-scenes boss, it's only right that I welcome you warmly on your rare visit! If you're not satisfied with this, I can gather all the employees in the building to line up and welcome you... and let me tell you, most of our staff are beauties!"

"No, I can't handle that!"

Fang Bai knew Xia Chenyu could make it happen and quickly shook his head and waved his hands, saying, "I'm not some big boss, at best just a partner!"

"Fang Bai!"

Su Yifei stepped forward and embraced Fang Bai in a bear hug, then punched him in the chest and complained, "That's not cool of you! You had someone getting married at home and didn't call me? I love joining in on the fun! Had President Xia not told me, I would have had no clue! You're the one who values love over friendship!"

Fang Bai laughed, "Next time something like that happens, I'll definitely invite Brother Fei."

Su Yifei said, "As compensation, you've got to teach me a few moves this time, no matter what! A few days ago, that girl Linglong came back from Yanjing and insisted on challenging me in martial arts. I ended up getting thrashed... Ah, as her brother, it was such an embarrassment!"

Upon hearing this, Fang Bai burst into laughter. He knew that Su Linglong's cultivation level had reached the middle stage of Yellow Level martial artists, while Su Yifei was not even close to entering the room; he couldn't even be considered a martial artist compared to Su Linglong.

"Come on... don't just laugh! Are you going to teach me martial arts or not? Give it to me straight!"

Su Yifei's face turned red with Fang Bai's laughter, pretending to be angrily embarrassed.

"Don't you have a master? Why not ask him to teach you?"

"You mean the old butler, Su Fu? Don't even mention it, even he can't stand against Linglong now. Learning from him would be a waste of time. No way, I'm set on you teaching me! If you don't, I'll make sure Linglong ignores you!"

Su Yifei 'threatened' Fang Bai fiercely.

Fang Bai rolled his eyes, "Do you really think Linglong would listen to you?"

"I..."

Su Yifei seemed to be at a loss for words, as if choked up.

Chapter 265: Product Spokesperson

A moment later, Su Yifei let out a sigh and looked at Fang Bai with a "pathetic" expression. "A woman will not stay for long once she's grown. Ever since Linglong started practicing Ancient Martial with you, she's been singing your praises every day as if you were her elder brother... Fang Bai, if I also called you big brother, would you teach me Martial Arts?"

Fang Bai said, "Teaching you Martial Arts is no problem, but your future achievements will mainly depend on yourself."

Hearing Fang Bai's agreement, Su Yifei immediately brightened up and hurriedly said, "I know, 'A master leads you to the door, but progress is up to the individual.' If I don't learn well, I won't blame you!"

Others might not know Fang Bai's capabilities, but Su Yifei did. His sister, Su Linglong, had only been learning Ancient Martial for a few months under Fang Bai and had transformed from a fragile girl who couldn't truss a chicken into a master of Ancient Martial who could beat him to a pulp. He was immensely envious.

Su Yifei had been obsessed with Martial Arts since childhood. If not for the heavy responsibility of reviving his family, he would have traveled all around, sought famous masters, and dedicated himself to the cultivation of Martial Dao. Now that he had finally met Fang Bai, a master of Ancient Martial, he naturally wanted to seize the opportunity and ask for his guidance.

Under Xia Chenyu's lead, the three of them entered the headquarters building of the Beauty Company for a tour.

Fang Bai had visited the Beauty Company once several months ago. Back then, the Beauty Company had only rented one floor, and there were only a dozen or so employees, all listless and dispirited due to the company's impending closure; the atmosphere was heavy with despondency.

But now, after several months of rapid development, the Beauty Company had grown robust and wealthy, renting the entire building to serve as its headquarters. The staff had grown several times over, all bustling with energy and busily at work, giving off the air of a major corporation.

"Sister Xia, Yifei, you two have done quite well these past few months! At this rate, it won't be long before the Beauty Company becomes a leading powerhouse in Huaxia's beauty industry! And you two will be earning a fortune!"

After a quick tour of the Beauty Company's headquarters building, the three came to Xia Chenyu's luxurious office at the top floor. Fang Bai, sipping on a cup of tea personally brewed by Xia Chenyu, spoke with a smile.

"You, the absentee landlord, have made quite a fortune too!"

Su Yifei laughed heartily, "Every day, watching the numbers in your bank account skyrocket, isn't it thrilling?"

"To tell the truth, I haven't even looked at how much money I have in my account! Hmm, I should really check it carefully later and see if you two have been embezzling my money!"

Fang Bai's words were, of course, just a joke. He trusted Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei's integrity—they wouldn't shortchange him a penny. Besides, Fang Bai wasn't in need of money for the time being. Even if Xia Chenyu and Yifei had indeed "embezzled" his share, he wouldn't mind.

Regarding the profit sharing of the Beauty Company's three new products, Fang Bai had a separate account to which the company regularly transferred funds. After opening the account, Fang Bai had set it aside and never checked it—he really didn't know how much money was there.

"Boss Fang, you are our God of Wealth now. We're not even close to worshipping enough, let alone embezzle your money! That would be a death wish!"

Su Yifei laughed and continued, then he patted Fang Bai's shoulder earnestly and said, "Fang Bai, you are my benefactor. It's my honor to know you!"

Su Yifei's words were also heartfelt.

Before meeting Fang Bai, Su Yifei was designated by Su Hongyuan as the next heir of the family. Yet, within the family, many people were discontent, believing that Su Yifei was too young and inexperienced to shoulder such a heavy responsibility.

Especially a few months ago, when Su Yifei decided to collaborate with the "Beauty Company," many family members vehemently opposed the move. They thought that investing in a small company on the brink of extinction like the "Beauty Company" was a pure waste of the family's resources, with all disadvantages and not a single benefit, leaving even Su Hongyuan hesitating and undecided.

Led by his indignation, Su Yifei then issued a "military order," promising that if the investment in the "Beauty Company" failed, he would automatically forfeit his position as the next heir of the family. Only then did this investment pass within the family.

After funding the "Beauty Company," many members of the Su Family watched with schadenfreude, waiting to see Su Yifei's failure. However, to their surprise, the three new products of the "Beauty Company" quickly became well-known in Zhongzhou City and even throughout the province, with the momentum to sweep the nation.

In just a few months, not only had the Su Family's investment been fully recouped, but they had also earned profits amounting to billions. Thus, those members of the Su Family who had wished for Su Yifei's misfortune were dumbfounded, and Su Yifei's status in the family was further solidified after this battle.

As for Xia Chenyu's "Beauty Company," it also staged a fabulous turnaround in just a few months. From a small company on the verge of collapse, it leapt into one of the top ten companies in sales revenue in the Huaxia beauty industry, creating a miracle and myth in the beauty world of Huaxia and even globally.

Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei both understood that without the three beauty recipes provided by Fang Bai, their success would have been impossible. Therefore, Fang Bai was not only Su Yifei's noble benefactor but also Xia Chenyu's lucky star.

"I'm the one who should be most grateful to Fang Bai! Without his help, my company might have gone bankrupt by now, and I, Xia Chenyu, might have ended up begging on the streets!"

Xia Chenyu, reflecting on the ups and downs of her life over the years, felt as if it was all a dream. Seeing Fang Bai's face, with its warm, sun-like smile, she couldn't help but get emotional.

"Alright, alright, enough with the sentimentality from you two. Let's talk about the company's future development plans. If there's anything you need from me, just say the word!"

As one of the company's key stakeholders, Fang Bai had become a hands-off boss, leaving the company's development up to others and feeling a bit embarrassed about it.

Xia Chenyu said: "Regarding the company's next development plan, Eldest Young Master Su and I have already discussed it. We plan to invite a popular celebrity to be the spokesperson for our products, to expand their popularity and break into more markets."

"Which celebrity have you invited?"

As soon as Xia Chenyu mentioned celebrity endorsement, Fang Bai's mind stirred, instantly thinking of Ye Wumei, the big star who had gone through life and death with him.

Ever since Fang Bai had rescued Ye Wumei from "Wrathful Beauties" and imparted to her the Wind Art called "Wind Art," Ye Wumei had been keeping in touch with Fang Bai. She even visited Fang Bai's rented courtyard in Yanjing under the guise of "seeking guidance."

Fang Bai felt that with Ye Wumei's figure, appearance, temperament, and her fame in Huaxia, she couldn't be more suitable to be the spokesperson for the "Beauty Company."

Of course, if Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei had invited another celebrity for endorsement, Fang Bai wouldn't have any objections.

Chapter 266: The benefits should not benefit outsiders

"We're planning to invite the 'National Sweetheart' Ye Wumei to be our spokesperson, Fang Bai, what do you think?"

Although Xia Chenyu had already made a decision with Su Yifei, she still wanted to seek Fang Bai's opinion.

"I also think it's more appropriate to invite Ye Wumei as the spokesperson."

Fang Bai nodded and said.

Su Yifei sighed and said, "The only problem is that Ye Wumei isn't easy to invite! I checked last time and found that Ye Wumei hasn't endorsed any products since her debut. We've offered her an endorsement fee of fifty million, but there's still no response from her side... If she ends up refusing, we'll have to invite someone else."

Fang Bai hadn't expected that Ye Wumei had never endorsed any products, but thinking about the financial power of the Ye Family, she wouldn't have needed to endorse products to earn money, and if it weren't for her love for singing, maybe she wouldn't even attend performances.

"How about this, I'll give Ye Wumei a call and talk to her."

As he spoke, Fang Bai took out his phone, found Ye Wumei's number, and dialed it straight away.

"No way, Fang Bai, do you know Ye Wumei?"

Xia Chenyu gazed at Fang Bai with her big, beautiful eyes, asking incredulously.

"Hmm, she's a friend, I guess!"

Fang Bai put the phone to his ear and said with a smile.

Su Yifei appeared skeptical and asked, "Really? As far as I know, Ye Wumei has always been very reserved and seldom makes friends with the opposite sex... How do you know her?"

"Hello... is this Fang Bai?"

Before Fang Bai could answer, the phone was already connected, and a heavenly and melodious voice came through the receiver, filled with joy and excitement.

This heavenly voice belonged to the "National Sweetheart" Ye Wumei.

At the time Ye Wumei received Fang Bai's call, she was in the living room of a villa in Zhongzhou City, chatting with a close girlfriend and preparing to head to Yanjing for a major philanthropic charity auction.

"Wumei, whose call is it?"

Seeing Ye Wumei's excited and thrilled expression when she saw the number displayed on the phone, her girlfriend couldn't help asking.

"A friend..."

Ye Wumei replied offhandedly, then holding the phone, she ran out to the green lawn outside the villa to take the call.

"It's me."

It had been a while since Fang Bai had met with Ye Wumei, and hearing her voice warmed his heart slightly. He gently asked, "Wumei, have you been busy lately?"

"Not too busy, but I'm not sitting idle... Fang Bai, are you calling my cell for something important?"

Ye Wumei knew Fang Bai was busy and that he seldom contacted her unless there was something important.

At this thought, Ye Wumei felt a tinge of melancholy and slight grievance. After all, how could she not, being a mega-star and beauty adored by many? A mere wave of her hand could prompt countless men willing to go through fire and water for her, so why couldn't she attract Fang Bai's attention?

This made Ye Wumei feel depressed and even insecure about her looks and figure.

However, when they were together, Ye Wumei could still feel that Fang Bai actually liked her a bit, it was just that his personality was low-key and reserved, not fervently expressive like other men.

What Ye Wumei wished for the most was to receive calls from Fang Bai every day, and then just chat simply about life and work, sharing happy and interesting stories, instead of only talking about cultivation.

If Fang Bai could say a few sweet nothings to make the girl happy after they finished their calls, that would be even better.

Of course, Ye Wumei knew this was just a wishful thought, and she really hoped this wish could become reality.

"Well, I do have something I need your help with..."

As if they were connected by telepathy, sensing the grievance and melancholy on Ye Wumei's end, Fang Bai's voice became even softer and he said, "Wumei, it's been a while since we last met, right? If you have time, I'd like to treat you to a meal."

"It's a deal!"

Upon hearing that Fang Bai wanted to treat her to a meal, Ye Wumei's eyes sparkled with joy, and the slight grievance and melancholy she had felt were immediately cast aside, as she sweetly asked, "Tell me, what do you want me to help you with?"

"Here's the thing..."

In just a few words, Fang Bai explained how Beauty Company wanted to invite her to endorse their products and concluded with, "The reason I want you to endorse our product is firstly because you have a great image, excellent temperament, and huge popularity; secondly, 'it's better to keep the benefits within our own circle'—I'd rather let you earn this money than someone else!"

He paused and then said, "Of course, whether you take this endorsement is up to you—you don't have to agree out of consideration for me."

The praise of being "beautiful" and having an "excellent temperament" was something Ye Wumei had heard countless times since her debut, almost to the point of growing calluses on her ears, but now, hearing it from Fang Bai, she was overjoyed and thrilled.

Especially the phrase "it's better to keep the benefits within our own circle," which made Ye Wumei extremely happy; it showed that Fang Bai already regarded her as someone very close to him.

"I know about Beauty Company; it's a rising beauty company with a strong presence recently. I never thought you would be one of the shareholders... Since you've said 'it's better to keep the benefits within our own circle,' how could I refuse?"

"So you're saying you agree?"

"Of course! But there's no need for so much endorsement money, just give a nominal amount—that will do!"

Although Ye Wumei was a top superstar in Huaxia's entertainment industry with undeniable influence, an endorsement fee of fifty million was still a bit excessive for her.

Fang Bai laughed and said, "I heard you never endorse any products before, so it's our honor to have you represent us. Forget about fifty million; even a hundred million wouldn't be too much!"

Ye Wumei said coyly, "You are my lifesaver and taught me Ancient Martial; even without a penny, I would still be willing to endorse your products!"

Fang Bai said, "Let's talk about the endorsement fee when you come to Zhongzhou City later. Discuss it with President Xia and Eldest Young Master Su then."

Ye Wumei said, "I'm already in Zhongzhou City! I have nothing else to do, so why don't I go talk to them now?"

Fang Bai was surprised and then said, "It's quite a coincidence, I'm in Zhongzhou too, talking with President Xia and Eldest Young Master Su right now. Come over, and we'll have lunch together."

"Ah, you're in Zhongzhou City?"

Ye Wumei was overjoyed, almost jumping with excitement, "When did you come back? You're not lying to me, are you?"

"Why would I lie to you? You know where the headquarters of Beauty Company is, right? We're waiting for you here!"

"Great, I'll be there in half an hour!"

After ending the call, Ye Wumei rushed back to the villa's living room, greeted her bestie, and boarded a black bulletproof business car with four family bodyguards, two men and two women, heading straight for the headquarters of Beauty Company.

Chapter 267: Is Ye Wumei Your Little Lover?

Ever since Ye Wumei was kidnapped, to prevent similar incidents from happening again, Ye Wumei's father, who is also the Family Head of the Ye Family, Ye Xing, deployed two male and two female martial artists to personally protect Ye Wumei.

All four martial artists were core members of the Ye Family, each possessing early-stage Profound Level strength. When the four joined forces, they could contend with a mid-stage Profound Level Martial Artist. This level of protection was comparable to the Family Head himself.

"It's settled, Ye Wumei is in Zhongzhou City, she'll arrive here within half an hour."

After hanging up the phone, Fang Bai grinned and said to Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei, who were staring at him with wide eyes.

"Nice one, Fang Bai. We offered Ye Wumei a high price and talked our heads off, but she refused to be the spokesperson. One call from you, and she's hurrying over here... Tell me, what exactly is the relationship between you two? It can't be just simple friends, can it?"

Once sure that Fang Bai wasn't deceiving him, Su Yifei's passion for gossip blazed within him. He sat next to Fang Bai, slung an arm over his shoulder, and pressed for an answer.

"Would a 'simple friend' call out so affectionately with 'Wumei, Wumei'? And there's the saying 'good things should not go to waste outside one's own field'... Fang Bai, come clean, is Ye Wumei your 'Little Lover'?"

Xia Chenyu asked half-jokingly, half-seriously.

Although Ye Wumei was the daughter of Ye Xing, the Ye Family Head, and her status was extremely noble, with countless sons of prominent clans and scions of rich families unable to get close, Fang Bai's uncanny and extraordinary abilities meant that if Ye Wumei were truly his 'Little Lover', Xia Chenyu wouldn't find it strange at all.

If there were no others around, Fang Bai might have teased Xia Chenyu a bit, but Su Yifei was present, making him embarrassed to speak without reservation. Hearing this, he coughed a few times and said

with a wry smile, "Sister Xia, that's a joke we can't afford. If the Ye Family hears this, it could lead to big trouble! There's really nothing between me and Ye Wumei..."

"If there's nothing, why are you coughing?"

Xia Chenyu lifted her delicate finger, tapped it on Fang Bai's forehead, and giggled, "It's because I hit the nail on the head, and you're feeling guilty... Isn't that right?"

Ever since she met Fang Bai's parents in Fang Temple Town and received the "family heirloom" from his mother, Yang Mei, Xia Chenyu's relationship with Fang Bai had unconsciously advanced a step further. The affectionate gesture of tapping his forehead was made subconsciously.

However, noticing Fang Bai's slightly unusual expression, Xia Chenyu realized what she had done, remembering Su Yifei was still watching, and her pretty face blushed slightly.

"I say, the two of you flirting in public like this, have you ever considered my feelings as a single dog?"

Su Yifei joked with Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu, while he inwardly sighed, thinking, "Sister, oh sister, you really need to step up your game, otherwise your sweetheart might be taken away!"

Su Yifei had long known about the good relationship between Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu, but he had assumed they were just friends. Only at this moment did he realize their relationship had transcended friendship and resembled that of lovers.

Compared to the reserved, gentle, and well-behaved Su Linglong, Xia Chenyu, with her alluring and naturally enchanting manner, undoubtedly had a greater impact on men. Therefore, Su Yifei was worried for his own sister when he saw Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu flirting.

Understanding his sister Su Linglong's character very well, despite her seeming to be a bit fragile and stubborn, and given to brooding, Su Yifei knew she wouldn't easily give up on someone she liked. Thus, he planned to find time to talk with her, to prevent her from becoming trapped or hurt by love.

Of course, with Su Yifei's competitive nature, he wouldn't encourage his sister to give up on Fang Bai. Instead, he would encourage her to pursue boldly and bravely, to prevent being eliminated by someone else getting a head start.

"Eldest Young Master Su claims he's a single dog? Heh, Sister Xia, do you believe that?"

The affectionate action that Xia Chenyu had just made led to a somewhat awkward atmosphere at the scene. Hearing Su Yifei's words, Fang Bai immediately shifted the topic onto him.

"Nobody believes that!"

Xia Chenyu also targeted Su Yifei, laughing as she said, "In all of Zhongzhou City, who doesn't know that Eldest Young Master Su is famously romantic? He changes the women by his side every so often... If that counts as being a single dog, then the single dogs in this world are really too fortunate!"

"Cough cough..."

Su Yifei, upon hearing this, couldn't help but cough awkwardly.

Su Yifei was young and wealthy, and naturally, many beautiful women pursued him. Although he occasionally switched female companions, it was nothing like what Xia Chenyu suggested.

In Su Yifei's own words, "I, Eldest Young Master Su, may be romantic and affectionate, but I am never reckless with love, and I don't treat women as playthings to discard like garbage once I'm bored, unlike some other young masters."

"You men always eat from the bowl, but look into the pot, not a good thing among you!"

Seeing that she had embarrassed Su Yifei to a red-faced, continual coughing state, Xia Chenyu spat lightly and then realized her words had inadvertently included Fang Bai in the criticism.

Observing the two men make awkward eye contact and wear embarrassed expressions, Xia Chenyu couldn't help but giggle coyly.

She was a naturally enchanting beauty, with every gesture exuding allure. At this moment, her laughter was unrestrained and flirtatious, stirring the heartstrings of any man, even someone like Su Yifei who had encountered countless romantic escapades, couldn't help but feel his heart flutter and mind bewitched.

"Ye Wumei will be arriving soon. Let's discuss asking her to endorse the product!"

Fang Bai quickly changed the topic again.

Getting the big star Ye Wumei to endorse their product was a significant matter for Beauty Company. Both Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei took it seriously; upon hearing Fang Bai's suggestion, they put aside their joking and gathered around to discuss how to leverage Ye Wumei's fame to promote Beauty Company's new product.

"It's getting late, Ye Wumei should be arriving soon, let's go down and meet her!"

A moment later, after checking the time, Xia Chenyu said to both Fang Bai and Su Yifei.

Ye Wumei was not only a top-tier celebrity known throughout Huaxia but also the daughter of the Family Head of the prominent Ye Family of Lingnan, Ye Xing. With such a distinguished status, wherever she went, no one dared to belittle her. Xia Chenyu's suggestion to go welcome her was a sign of respect.

Although Su Yifei was the Eldest Young Master of the Su Family in Zhongzhou, and his status was not inferior to Ye Wumei's, this time they needed a favor from her. As such, without putting on airs, he joined Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu in the elevator to head down.

The three reached the rest area on the left side of the lobby on the first floor, sitting on the sofa chatting and sipping tea while patiently waiting for Ye Wumei to arrive.

Chapter 268: When Two Beauties Meet

About fifteen minutes later, a black business car stopped outside the building, where a woman clad in a white dress and oversized sunglasses was quickly escorted by four black-clothed bodyguards—two men and two women—from the vehicle towards the lobby on the first floor.

The woman in the white dress had skin whiter than snow, a full chest and rounded hips, a slim waist and long legs, and a graceful figure. As she walked, her movement was like a tender willow swaying with the wind, her posture both light and enchanting, exuding nobility and elegance that captivated onlookers.

Although her large sunglasses covered most of her face making it difficult to discern her features, one could infer from her figure and poise that she must be an exceedingly rare beauty.

The two male and two female bodyguards crowding around the lady in white were all sharp-eyed as swords, vigilantly scanning their surroundings with an imposing demeanor that made Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei feel a considerable pressure.

Now, apart from Su Hongyuan, Su Yifei was the most important figure in the Su Family. Hence, whenever he traveled, he would also be accompanied by bodyguards, and they were not weak.

The four bodyguards who accompanied Su Yifei to Beauty Company this time, although slightly less formidable than the lady in white's entourage, were fiercely loyal. Seeing the woman in the white dress and her party approaching, they immediately stood by Su Yifei's side, ready and alert.

Although Xia Chenyu had stepped into the threshold of cultivation through Fang Bai's teachings, as the company's CEO, she couldn't always handle situations personally as it wouldn't fit her status and could affect her image.

Latterly, through Su Yifei's introduction, Xia Chenyu had hired a few female bodyguards with impressive skills and marksmanship from a Zhongzhou City security company to accompany her when traveling. However, with Fang Bai present, she had no concerns for her personal safety and thus did not have her bodyguards follow her.

"Star Ye has arrived, let's go welcome her!"

Fang Bai was the first to sense the familiar aura emanating from Ye Wumei and said with a smile. Then, he stood up with Xia Chenyu and Su Yifei and walked over to greet her.

The woman in the white dress was none other than Ye Wumei, nicknamed the "National Sweetheart."

Ye Wumei's gaze swept over the three individuals hastening towards her, finally resting on Fang Bai.

Ye Wumei had always been perceived as gentle, refined, noble, and elegant, like a fairy untainted by worldly matters. However, at that moment, she appeared as a stunning angel descended to mortal realms, disregarding her image altogether as she almost ran towards Fang Bai.

"Fang Bai!"

As she approached Fang Bai, Ye Wumei called out excitedly, then removed the sunglasses perched on the bridge of her nose, her eyes brimming with affection as she gazed at Fang Bai, her expression filled with boundless joy.

In other circumstances, Fang Bai would have felt comfortable with Ye Wumei looking at him with such eyes, but with Su Yifei and Xia Chenyu standing beside him, their keen perception would surely reveal that his relationship with Ye Wumei was far from ordinary.

"Haha, Star, you've arrived quite quickly!"

Fang Bai said with a smile as he extended his hand towards Ye Wumei.

Ye Wumei and Fang Bai had shared life-threatening experiences at sea and had even kissed, though it was a necessary action to save Ye Wumei at the time. Indisputably, since then, an element of ambiguity had crept into their relationship.

In recent days, Ye Wumei had made several trips to Yanjing under the pretense of "seeking advice" to see Fang Bai. Whether upon first meeting or leaving, Ye Wumei would initiate a hug with Fang Bai, something he had come to accept as usual.

Originally, Ye Wumei intended to greet Fang Bai with the customary hug upon seeing him, but instead, Fang Bai extended his hand first, clearly replacing the hug with a handshake.

Ye Wumei was initially taken aback, but then quickly understood Fang Bai's intent.

In the lobby of the first floor, aside from Fang Bai, there were several other people present, including employees from Beauty Company. Hugging in front of such a crowd would seem overly intimate, especially since she was still basking in the halo of a major celebrity, and it could have a profound effect if word got out.

"How could I not come quickly when my life-saving hero summons me?"

Ye Wumei extended her delicate jade hand and shook Fang Bai's, smiling softly with a girlish voice.

As she let go, her fingers curled slightly, gently scratching Fang Bai's palm, her eyes gleaming with a mischievous, playful smile.

Seeing Ye Wumei still flirting with him at this moment, Fang Bai's heart skipped a beat, and the corners of his mouth revealed a helpless, bitter smile.

"Ye Wumei, welcome!"

"Welcome, Star Ye, to grace us with your presence!"

After Fang Bai shook hands with Ye Wumei, Su Yifei and Xia Chenyu also respectively offered their greetings with a handshake.

Women are attentive to detail, and Xia Chenyu, already a martial artist, didn't miss the exchange of glances and subtle movements between Ye Wumei and Fang Bai. So, while shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries, she watched Ye Wumei closely, carefully sizing up the hottest superstar of the moment.

Skin fairer than snow, exquisite and stunning features, a figure graceful and poised, an otherworldly aura... Even Xia Chenyu, who prided herself on her beauty, not less than any other woman, couldn't help but admire Ye Wumei deeply.

Xia Chenyu was sizing up Ye Wumei, and Ye Wumei was observing her in return.

Some say that beautiful women are natural enemies, yet they can also share a mutual appreciation.

Xia Chenyu and Ye Wumei belonged to the latter category; both top-tier beauties, their mutual assessment didn't lead to sparks flying but instead, after a few words, a feeling of regret for not having met sooner.

Watching the two beauties chatting intimately, holding hands, and calling each other sisters in the blink of an eye, Fang Bai and Su Yifei exchanged looks, thinking women truly were mystical creatures.

Especially Fang Bai, seeing the two women getting along so well, he secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

"Wumei, what was that you mentioned about a lifesaver just now?"

After chatting for a bit, Xia Chenyu glanced over at Fang Bai and suddenly asked.

"A few months ago, I had a concert in Yanjing, and afterward, I was kidnapped by a very powerful team, thanks to Fang Bai's rescue, I was saved; otherwise, my life would've been over."

Ye Wumei also looked toward Fang Bai, her eyes unreservedly brimming with deep affection.

Xia Chenyu said with a smile, "What a coincidence, Fang Bai has also saved my life and is my lifesaver as well."

"Ah? Really? Chenyu, you must tell me what happened."

Ye Wumei asked with excitement.

Xia Chenyu recounted how she had driven her car into a river and was rescued by Fang Bai. Then with a sidelong glance at Fang Bai, she said, "Not only did he save my life, but he also saved my company. Without his help, 'Beauty Company' would have gone bankrupt a long time ago. I owe him two favors that I can't repay in this lifetime."

"How did he save your company? Chenyu, come on, tell me, I want to hear..."

Ye Wumei, tugging on Xia Chenyu's hand, eagerly urged.

Chapter 269: The Troubles of a Big Star

Seeing the superstar on stage, who seemed like a fairy, also had such a gossipy side, Xia Chenyu couldn't help but chuckle. She noticed there were many people in the hall and whispered, "It's not convenient to talk here. Let's go to my office together and discuss the endorsement deal while we're at it."

"Okay!" Ye Wumei nodded.

Thereupon, Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu, Ye Wumei, and Su Yifei took the elevator to Xia Chenyu's president's office at the top floor.

As for the bodyguards brought by Ye Wumei and Su Yifei, they were ordered to wait in the lobby on the first floor.

After arriving at the office, Xia Chenyu personally made tea for Fang Bai and the other two, and then they sat down to chat.

Since Xia Chenyu, Ye Wumei, and Su Yifei had all received favors from Fang Bai, they quickly grew closer, with Fang Bai bridging the gap between them, and their relationship became as good as that of longtime friends.

Hearing that the three beauty recipes provided by Fang Bai had saved Xia Chenyu's company from the brink of closure, Ye Wumei marveled and her gaze towards Fang Bai held even more admiration.

When it came to discussing product endorsements, because Fang Bai, the shareholder, was her lifesaver and Xia Chenyu, the president, was now her sister, Ye Wumei refused to accept any endorsement fee. After much persuasion, she reluctantly accepted a symbolic one million.

When everything was agreed upon, all four of them were overjoyed. Seeing that it was already noon, they went together to the "Four Seasons Spring" restaurant owned by the Su Family for lunch.

During the meal, the two women sat together, one praising the other's skin for being really nice and the other admiring her figure for being truly amazing. They exchanged beauty and fitness tips, leaving the two men aside.

However, Fang Bai and Su Yifei were not idle either. As they ate and drank, Fang Bai also took the opportunity to give some martial arts cultivation advice to Su Yifei, which gave Su Yifei insight and thrilled him.

Although Su Yifei didn't have an Innate Spiritual Root and wasn't a Martial Dao genius, he had a decent foundation and a good chance of stepping into the Martial Dao. With his average talent, to achieve significant success in the Martial Dao, he would have to put in more effort and endure more hardships.

In Fang Bai's previous world, there were also martial artists without an Innate Spiritual Roots or exceptional talent who, through acquired effort, broke through various limitations and ultimately became an Immortal Emperor.

"Yifei, you may not have talents as outstanding as Linglong, and it'll be difficult for you to catch up with her on the Martial Dao path. However, as long as you keep cultivating, becoming a Profound Level Martial Artist is still within your reach," Fang Bai patted Su Yifei on the shoulder and said.

Su Yifei had been studying martial arts under the old housekeeper Su Fu for nearly twenty years and had yet to enter the ranks of the Ancient Martial World, having nearly given up on the Martial Dao. Wanting to learn martial arts from Fang Bai, he held onto a glimmer of hope.

In his heart, Profound Level Martial Artists were a level he could only look up to. Now, hearing from Fang Bai that he also had a chance to become a martial artist of this level, he was ecstatic. As for catching up with his sister, he no longer considered it.

If he could possess the strength of a Profound Level Martial Artist, not only would he be able to protect himself, but he could also deter members of the family who were defiant towards him and further solidify his position in the family.

After the banquet, Su Yifei had to leave first as he had several business deals to discuss personally.

Fang Bai intended to return to Fang's Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic to see if there was anything he could help with, but he was conscripted by the two women, Xia Chenyu and Ye Wumei, to play the role of escort for a shopping trip.

Accompanying women on a shopping trip is no easy task, but because there was some ambiguous relationship between Fang Bai and the two women, and Fang Bai rather liked them, he felt awkward refusing their request and agreed to join them.

One woman was the highly exposed and renowned president of "Beauty Company"; the other was a superstar with a huge fan following and was the center of attention, especially Ye Wumei. If she went shopping without a disguise, it could lead to fan chaos once recognized, with unthinkable consequences.

Therefore, before heading out, the two women prepared thoroughly in Xia Chenyu's office, donning sun hats, masks, and oversized sunglasses to cover their entire faces except for their eyes, making it difficult for acquaintances to recognize them.

Fang Bai saw the two women bundled up tightly and couldn't help but reflect: people chase fame and fortune, but once they have achieved it, they face all kinds of problems.

Take Ye Wumei, for instance, who wanted to enjoy some shopping; she could only do so in secret, unable to live as freely and unrestrained as ordinary people.

The two women fussed over their appearance in front of the mirror for quite a while, and feeling satisfied that there were no issues, finally called Fang Bai to head downstairs together.

"Fang Bai, didn't you drive here? We can just ride in your car," said Xia Chenyu, turning to Fang Bai when they reached the lobby on the first floor.

Both she and Ye Wumei had their bulletproof business vehicles and drivers, but they wanted to go out for fun today and didn't wish for their bodyguards to follow, as that would spoil their enjoyment.

"Sure, let's ride in Fang Bai's car!"

Ye Wumei's eyes lit up, and she immediately agreed.

"Riding in mine is fine, just don't complain about it being low-end!"

Fang Bai said with a smile.

The bulletproof business cars of Xia Chenyu and Ye Wumei were worth millions, and Fang Bai's hundred-thousand-yuan sedan was indeed not on the same level as theirs.

"Not at all! We aren't going to any banquets or balls, the more low-key, the better!"

Ye Wumei replied cheerily.

When Xia Chenyu and Ye Wumei went out, their bodyguards could not be easily avoided, so the two ladies gave their respective bodyguards time off, allowing them to do as they pleased, waiting for a call to action.

Xia Chenyu's bodyguard was a highly paid professional; as the employer, whatever Xia Chenyu said, the bodyguard had to listen and could not disobey.

However, Ye Wumei's bodyguards were different as all four were members of the Ye Family, specifically appointed by the family head, Ye Xing, to protect Ye Wumei. They only took orders from Ye Xing and even Ye Wumei had no right to command them.

"Miss, we don't object to your going out, but wherever you go, we must accompany you... This is the family head's order."

Seeing that Ye Wumei was getting ready to go out, one of the female bodyguards responsible for her close protection hurried over to her side and spoke to Ye Wumei with a serious expression.

"Sister Ye Li, we'll just go out for a bit and come back, there won't be any trouble," Ye Wumei said with a smile to the female bodyguard.

The female bodyguard named Ye Li spoke firmly, "Then please take our business vehicle and let us accompany you!"

Ye Wumei had finally managed to get a chance to go out and have fun with Fang Bai, and definitely didn't want four bodyguards following them and ruining the atmosphere. Grabbing Ye Li's arm and shaking it, she pleaded, "Sister Ye Li, please, just let the three of us go have fun!"

"No way!"

Ye Li shook her head resolutely.

"I'm now a mid-level Yellow Level martial artist, and Chenyu has the same cultivation level as me. Fang Bai is even more formidable than both of us combined. With the three of us going out together, even if we encounter bad people, there won't be any problem!"

Ye Wumei argued, still not willing to give up.

Chapter 270: I'm Not a Child

Ye Wumei had recently learned from Fang Bai that like herself, Xia Chenyu had not only been saved by Fang Bai but had also received his teachings, which turned her into a Martial Artist.

Ye Wumei originally thought that she had a closer relationship with Fang Bai, but she hadn't expected that Xia Chenyu also had multiple layers of relationship with him, including being one of the shareholders in Xia Chenyu's company. This realization made her feel a sense of crisis, so she especially cherished the opportunities to be with Fang Bai.

Fang Bai had saved Ye Wumei's life from the Wrathful Beauties, but this matter was only known to a few core members of the Ye Family. At this moment, the four bodyguards protecting Ye Wumei were members from the side branches of the Ye Family, not qualified to participate in core family affairs, and therefore did not know much about Fang Bai.

The four bodyguards knew that Ye Wumei had the strength of a Martial Artist at the middle level of the Yellow Level and could see that Xia Chenyu possessed the same level of cultivation as Ye Wumei, but they felt no aura fluctuations from Fang Bai and assumed he was just an ordinary person.

When Ye Wumei said that Fang Bai was stronger than both her and Xia Chenyu combined, the four bodyguards simply didn't believe it. They thought Ye Wumei was deliberately exaggerating Fang Bai's abilities to get rid of them.

"Miss, the Family Head assigned us to protect your personal safety. We must fulfill our duty and tolerate no negligence. If you truly do not wish for us to protect you closely, that's fine, as long as you can obtain the agreement of the Family Head."

Ye Li spoke coldly, and after she finished, she also glanced at Fang Bai with a look of disdain and contempt, and even a bit of scorn, clearly thinking of Fang Bai as a freeloader.

Fang Bai was the man Ye Wumei liked and one of the men she respected the most; seeing Ye Li's disdainful attitude towards Fang Bai, the usually good-tempered Ye Wumei also got a bit angry and snorted, "Let's fight!"

Ye Wumei immediately took out her phone and dialed her father Ye Xing, who was far away in Lingnan.

While Ye Wumei was calling her father, Ye Xing was in a conference room of the Ye Family's villa in Lingnan, presiding over a secret meeting that only core family members were allowed to attend.

Ever since the kidnapping incident involving Ye Wumei, numerous interests of the Ye Family in Huaxia and around the world had been violated. After investigations, it was determined that it was related to the internationally infamous organization, Wrathful Beauties. Outraged, Ye Xing specifically convened this meeting to deploy defensive and counteractive measures.

Regarding the Wrathful Beauties, although many had heard of this organization, very few actually knew what it specifically did.

Some said it was an evil criminal organization conducting shady business, its members both male and female, each one a heartless demon.

Others claimed it was a private charity organization dedicated to helping those in difficulty, all of its members being women, each gentle and beautiful, like angels sent to Earth from heaven.

Ever since its inception, Wrathful Beauties was shrouded in mystery. It started in obscurity, its members acting discreetly, receiving almost no attention. However, in recent years, it suddenly gained prominence, rising meteorically, becoming powerful in the eyes of the public, and seemingly capable of contending with other long-established major powers in the world.

In the Lingnan Ye Family, aside from a few core members such as Ye Xing, the vast majority of the Ye Family members were unaware of the reasons behind the powerful and morally ambiguous Wrathful Beauties, known for their polarizing reputation, repeatedly targeting the Ye Family recently.

As the Family Head, faced with the repeated provocations of Wrathful Beauties, Ye Xing showed a strong side, preparing to mobilize all of the family's resources and strength to strike back effectively after the internal family meeting, thus telling the world that the Ye Family was not to be trifled with.

As Ye Xing was presiding over the meeting, his phone on the desk before him suddenly vibrated. He glanced at the screen, saw that it was his daughter calling, and his heart skipped a beat. He immediately grabbed the phone and pressed the answer button.

Since his daughter's last kidnapping by Wrathful Beauties in Yanjing, Ye Xing had, against all objections, assigned four Profound Level Martial Artists from the family to protect her closely. Even so, every time his daughter went out, he and his wife still worried. When his daughter called, his first thought was whether something had happened to her.

"Wumei, are you alright?"

Ye Xing walked aside with the phone and asked nervously in a low voice.

"Dad, don't worry, I'm fine."

With a bond as strong as theirs, Ye Wumei could hear the concern in her father's voice over the phone. A warmth filled her heart, and she continued, "Dad, could you please tell Ye Li to ask them not to follow me all the time... I have no personal space at all, it's driving me crazy!"

Upon hearing that his daughter was okay, Ye Xing breathed a sigh of relief and asked with a smile, "What's wrong with Ye Li and the others?"

Ye Wumei replied irritably, "I ran into two friends in Zhongzhou City, and now the three of us are planning to go shopping. But Ye Li and the others insist on tagging along... Tell me, can we have fun with them around?"

"Wumei, I have no objections to you going shopping with your friends, but for your personal safety, I must have Ye Li and the others follow you. Otherwise, how could I be at ease?"

Ye Xing, though he doted on his daughter, would never indulge her whims when it came to her safety.

The last time his daughter was kidnapped, although Fang Bai intervened and the danger was averted, Ye Xing had been terribly frightened and could not take it lightly anymore.

"Dad, Fang Bai is here! Do you think Ye Li and the others are stronger than Fang Bai?"

Ye Wumei said, clearly annoyed.

"What? You mean... one of your two friends is Mr. Fang Bai?"

Ye Xing's spirits lifted as he asked hastily.

"Yes! Now can you be at ease?"

Ye Wumei glanced at Fang Bai beside her and said somewhat smugly.

"At ease! Of course, I'm at ease! With Mr. Fang, a high-level martial artist, accompanying you, what do I have to worry about? But Wumei, in front of Mr. Fang, you must show him respect, listen obediently, and not upset Mr. Fang..."

"I know, Dad, I'm not a child anymore..."

Ye Wumei interrupted her father and muttered under her breath.

"You girl... From now on, you can't simply call him by his name; you must say 'Mr. Fang.' That's how you show respect... Got it?"

Ye Xing knew that Fang Bai was an extraordinary individual, skilled in both medicine and martial arts, who had not only saved his daughter's life but also imparted knowledge. Although he was a top martial artist at the Profound Level within the Ye Family, he was nothing compared to Fang Bai.

Ye Xing held Fang Bai in awe and had repeatedly instructed his daughter to treat Fang Bai with the respect due to a mentor to foster goodwill for the Ye Family. That way, should the Ye Family ever face difficulties, Fang Bai would not stand idly by.