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Chapter 831: Missing You the Most!

"Understood, Mr. Fang!"

Wu Xiuyun saw Fang Bai excuse Shao Lihua, thinking that Shao Lihua was really lucky. If it had been someone else, things might not have been so easy, and Shao Lihua might really have lost her job.

After thinking it over, Wu Xiuyun, with a pleasant expression, said to Shao Lihua, "Prepare yourself. I'll speak to President Xia, and starting tomorrow, you'll be transferred under me to assist with my work alongside Xiao Ling and Xiao Juan!"

"Ah?"

Shao Lihua was stunned, wondering if she had heard wrong.

It was not until Wu Xiuyun entered the elevator with Fang Bai that Shao Lihua reacted. She turned to the colleague who had come to congratulate her and said, "Xiao Yuan, am I dreaming? Pinch me... harder... ouch... that hurts..."

Shao Lihua yelped in pain as a colleague pinched her arm, then she wiped the tears from her face and broke into laughter.

"This Mr. Fang... is a good man!"

Shao Lihua murmured to herself as she watched the retreating figure of Fang Bai.

Accompanied by Wu Xiuyun, Fang Bai took the elevator to the top floor and arrived in front of Xia Chenyu's office door.

"Come in!"

Wu Xiuyun knocked on the door a few times, and upon hearing Xia Chenyu's voice inside, she gently pushed open the door and entered with Fang Bai.

"President Xia..."

"Xiuyun, have a seat, pour yourself some water... Wait until I finish reviewing this contract..."

Xia Chenyu was intently reviewing a contract and, thinking that only Wu Xiuyun had come in, spoke without looking up.

Wu Xiuyun glanced at Fang Bai, who motioned for her to be silent, then he quietly walked behind Xia Chenyu, wrapped his arms around her from behind, and whispered in her ear, "President Xia, you have a visitor. Aren't you going to say a few words to them?"

Xia Chenyu was startled at first by the sudden embrace but then her face brightened with immense joy upon recognizing his voice.

"Boss Fang, you still know to come and see me! You've left the business to others and have nothing to worry about, but you've kept me incredibly busy!"

Xia Chenyu turned her head and looked at Fang Bai with a playfully reproachful expression.

Fang Bai chuckled and said, "If you feel tired, you could let someone else manage the company. After all, the money I'm making now is enough to support you!"

Xia Chenyu rolled her eyes at him and shook her head vigorously, saying, "No way! The Beauty Company is the legacy my mother left me, filled with the efforts of our family. How could I just let it go?"

Fang Bai laughed heartily and said, "I knew you wouldn't be able to let go!"

Xia Chenyu sighed, "It seems I'm destined to lead a life of hard work..."

She paused, then said to Xiuyun standing nearby, "Xiuyun, go ahead with your tasks. I'll talk with Fang Bai for a bit. If there's anything else, you can report back to me later!"

"Alright, President Xia!"

Wu Xiuyun knew that Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu had a lot to catch up on, and she didn't want to be a third wheel, so she quickly left the room and closed the office door behind her.

"When did you get back? You didn't even tell me!"

After Wu Xiuyun left, Xia Chenyu playfully wrapped her arms around Fang Bai's neck, making him sit on the chair while she sat in his lap, her eyes gleaming as she spoke with a tender, reproachful voice.

Fang Bai said, "I've been back for two days. I didn't tell you because I wanted to surprise you!"

Xia Chenyu hummed, "Be honest, did you see so many uniquely beautiful women from different countries during your travels that you became enchanted and forgot about me?"

"How could that be!"

Fang Bai solemnly said, "During these few months of my travels, though I was abroad, my heart was in Zhongzhou, constantly thinking of my President Xia, the great beauty!"

"The one in your heart probably isn't just me, right?"

Fang Bai earnestly said, "Of course, it's only you!"

"Liar!"

Xia Chenyu extended her delicate finger, tapped Fang Bai's forehead, and said, "What about Rushi, Ruhua, Yaorao, Linglong, Mingyue, Wen Rou, Wumei, Dragon Maiden... Have you never thought about them?"

The women Xia Chenyu mentioned all had somewhat ambiguous relationships with Fang Bai, and it was only a few months ago, during their joint practice of the Offensive and Defensive Great Formation taught by Fang Bai, that she realized there were already so many ladies close to Fang Bai.

Now, as she recited these women's names like she knew them by heart, her tone drenched in acidity, her belly full of quiet resentment.

Fang Bai chuckled awkwardly, "Well... I do occasionally think of others, but I think of you the most!"

Xia Chenyu retorted irritably, "I suppose you say the same to the other women, don't you?"

Before Fang Bai could reply, she squeezed forcefully into his embrace as if trying to merge their bodies into one, murmuring, "Fang Bai, do you know? During these months you were away, I nearly went crazy thinking about you, listless every day at work... I've just realized how indispensable you've become in my life!"

"Me too!"

Fang Bai earnestly said, "My life would be incomplete without you too!"

Xia Chenyu looked into Fang Bai's eyes, deep as a starry sky, and said, "Promise me, next time you go out, remember to call me every day so I can feel at peace!"

Fang Bai nodded and said, "Hmm, I will remember that!"

Their gazes locked earnestly, and shortly after, their lips met in a passionate kiss.

After the kiss, they held each other tightly, silent, savoring each other's heartbeat as time quietly slipped by.

"I wish this moment could last forever..."

Xia Chenyu, resting her head on Fang Bai's shoulder, her eyes slightly closed, her cheeks flushed with rapture, murmured softly.

Fang Bai gently combed through Xia Chenyu's hair with his fingers and whispered, "It is said that at the pinnacle of Martial Dao, one achieves immortality and everlasting existence! I hope one day we both reach that realm so we can stay together forever!"

Xia Chenyu's face showed longing and anticipation, and she asked, "Martial Dao... Is it really as magical as you say?"

Fang Bai said, "Your current cultivation level is still low, so you can't perceive the true charm of Martial Dao! As your strength increases, you'll discover it can create many miracles!"

Fang Bai wanted to say that in his previous life he had lived for many thousands of years and could have lived much longer if not for an assault during his ascension, but such tales were too shocking and earth-shattering, so he decided to keep them buried in his heart for now.

The couple remained close, whispering sweet nothings, and by noon, Xia Chenyu personally cooked a meal and they dined together.

During the meal, Xia Chenyu spoke excitedly and enthusiastically about the recent half-year developments of Beauty Company.

Chapter 832: Not the Right Time

Now, Beauty Company has surpassed Belle Group under Anxi Shen Family in both market share and sales volume, becoming the leading giant in Huaxia's industry and has started planning to enter the international beauty market.

The series of products under Beauty Company are selling like hotcakes, with astonishing profits, and as one of the major shareholders, Fang Bai receives a huge dividend every quarter.

However, Fang Bai is not very interested in money and has never deliberately checked how much his dividend amounted to. It was only when Xia Chenyu reminded him during a meal that he took out his cell phone, logged into his bank account and casually glanced at it, indeed finding that there were several billion more in the account.

"Chenyu, you don't need to transfer money into my account anymore. You keep that money to develop the Beauty Company!"

Fang Bai put away his phone and said with a smile.

Xia Chenyu shook her head and said seriously, "How could that be okay? This is your dividend, it's what you deserve!"

Fang Bai said, "The money in your hands can generate even more money! In my hands, no matter how much more there is, it can only lie in the account and sleep, which is a waste!"

Xia Chenyu said, "But you still need to carry some money with you, right? You're a celebrity now, after all, and a celebrity should have the style of one! If you ask me, you should get the flashiest car; your clothes and shoes should also be the best and most expensive, to match your status!"

Fang Bai shook his head with a smile, "No need, I think it's quite good as is! Plus, I've always had quite a bit of money on me, enough for me to squander!"

Xia Chenyu gave him a meaningful glance, full of charm, and said, "Listening to you, it seems like you have so much money you can't even spend it all!"

Fang Bai laughed and said, "You've got it right! It really isn't easy for me to spend all the money I have now!"

With a snort of laughter, Xia Chenyu said, "The world's wealthiest person today has a fortune of tens of billions and has never said something like that! You really are someone who is easily satisfied!"

Fang Bai blinked and said, "Tens of billions? I have that too!"

Xia Chenyu said, "The tens of billions I'm talking about are not Huaxia Currency, but US Dollars! Tens of billions of US Dollars, converted to Huaxia Currency, is hundreds of billions!"

Fang Bai said, "I'm talking about US Dollars too!"

Xia Chenyu, seeing his serious expression, snorted with a laugh, "My Boss Fang, when did you learn to boast too!"

Fang Bai shrugged, "How long have we known each other, when have I ever boasted?"

"That's true... Fang Bai, do you really have tens of billions of US Dollars?"

Xia Chenyu recalled all the encounters with Fang Bai. Although Fang Bai had been high-profile and showy at times, he had never made any outlandish claims. The statement that he had tens of billions of US Dollars seemed unbelievable to Xia Chenyu.

However, thinking about the various miraculous techniques and abilities owned by Fang Bai, if he really set his mind on making money, becoming the world's wealthiest person really wouldn't be an issue.

"Yeah, really!"

Fang Bai nodded, and recounted the time he had earned tens of billions of US Dollars in the gambling city of Las Vegas in America, and how he had later acquired a treasure during his travels that was rich enough to rival a country, from the Hattori Clan in Japan.

After listening, Xia Chenyu started calculating Fang Bai's wealth for him. The more she calculated, the more shocked she became. It occurred to her that if Fang Bai were to disclose his wealth, the position of the world's wealthiest person would probably have to change hands immediately.

"You never thought of making money, yet here you are with so much; I'm working my heart out, up early and going to bed late, thinking of every possible way to make money, yet I'm nowhere close to you... Sigh, compared to you, I feel like such a failure," Xia Chenyu said with a look of discouragement.

Fang Bai reached out and pulled her into his embrace, kissing her on the face, "We're in this together, my money is your money! How about I give you all the money to manage, what do you think?"

Xia Chenyu's flirtatious eyes were like silk as she gave Fang Bai a sidelong glance and spoke in a honeyed voice, "You're giving me hundreds of billions of US Dollars? Boss Fang, are you trying to keep me as your mistress?"

Fang Bai laughed heartily, reached out to gently scrape her pretty nose, and said, "That's right, I do want to keep you, to have you as my bed-warming maid!"

With a gaze full of enchantment, Xia Chenyu's beautiful eyes swirled. She slithered her hands around Fang Bai's neck like a snake and said in a seductive voice, "Then my dear Boss Fang, don't leave tonight. Let this bed-warming maid warm your bed and take good care of you, okay?"

Fang Bai saw her teasing and couldn't help but feel stirred. He took a deep breath, forcibly suppressing the rising passion and said with a wry smile, "It's not the right time... now is not the right time..."

Xia Chenyu knew what Fang Bai meant by "not the right time."

She had heard Fang Bai say before that neither of them had reached the Innate Realm and couldn't indulge in sexual pleasure. Otherwise, the loss of their Prime Yang and Prime Yin would have a significant impact on their future Martial Dao journey. Therefore, even if they occasionally felt passion, they would control themselves well.

In fact, Xia Chenyu hadn't thought so much about it. If Fang Bai truly had a need, Xia Chenyu would not hesitate to give her body to him without a second thought for the future.

Fang Bai was well aware of Xia Chenyu's sincerity, but he did not want to ruin their cultivation for a moment of pleasure.

"Have you received an invitation from Su Yifei?"

Fang Bai changed the subject and asked.

As one of the major shareholders of the Beauty Company and a good friend of Xia Chenyu due to Fang Bai's relationship, it was natural for Su Yifei to invite Xia Chenyu to his engagement ceremony.

Xia Chenyu made a sound of acknowledgment and asked in return, "You have an invitation too, right?"

Fang Bai nodded and said, "How about we go together tomorrow?"

Xia Chenyu really wanted to attend Su Yifei's engagement ceremony at the Su Family alongside Fang Bai, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, as if they were a close couple. However, after some thought, she still shook her head and said, "Never mind."

"What's wrong?"

Fang Bai was taken aback.

Xia Chenyu chided, "Isn't it because of you?"

"Because of me?"

Fang Bai was clueless.

Xia Chenyu sighed, "When we go to the Su Family tomorrow, Su Linglong will surely be there, and I heard that Tang Wenrou will be there too. If we're too intimate, I'm afraid they'll get jealous! For the sake of your harem's harmony, let's just go our separate ways!"

Fang Bai touched his nose and laughed dryly, "Chenyu, you're always so thoughtful..."

Xia Chenyu snorted, "You haven't come to see me once in the past six months, so to punish you, you're not allowed to go anywhere today. You're going to accompany me shopping, have meals with me, and enjoy a full day of fun with me!"

Fang Bai said, "Alright! Today I'll wholeheartedly accompany President Xia!"

After having lunch together, the two flirted in Xia Chenyu's office for a while. Then, Xia Chenyu donned a hat and sunglasses and, linking arms with Fang Bai, the two went out shopping together.

They played until the evening, and Fang Bai finally returned Xia Chenyu to her office. Then, under her reluctant gaze, he left.

Chapter 833: The Su Family Welcomes Guests

This morning, the Su Family Estate in Zhongzhou was abuzz with extraordinary excitement.

Luxury cars from all directions converged and parked in the estate's lot, with each vehicle's occupants being distinguished figures from across the Huaxia spectrum.

Today marked Old Master Su Hongyuan's birthday as well as the engagement of Su Yifei and Tang Ya.

Su Hongyuan was the legendary figure who led the rise of the Su Family in Zhongzhou and wielded significant influence throughout the Zhongzhou and Huaxia Business Community.

Su Yifei, the most favored grandson of Old Master Su, although young, had already started to manage many of the Su Family's important industries and was being groomed as the next generation successor of the family.

As for Tang Ya, she was the treasured daughter of Tang Haiyang, the second in command of the Anxi Tang Family.

Like the Su Family, the Tang Family was a well-known prominent clan in Huaxia and held considerable sway within the Huaxia police circles.

The guests who came to congratulate were mostly friends and relatives of the Su and Tang families, along with some business partners who had dealings with both families and sought to use this opportunity to strengthen their relationships with the two elite families.

Su Hongyuan's third son, Su Licheng, Su Yifei's father, along with his wife Jiang Shan, their children, and some of the Su Family's direct relatives, stood at the estate's main entrance to receive the myriad of guests.

Though Su Licheng himself was a classic playboy who indulged in the pleasures of life, both of his children were extremely outstanding, inheriting the best traits from their parents.

His son, Su Yifei, was a business prodigy, and there was a high possibility he would become the Su Family's next head.

His daughter, Su Linglong, was intelligent and cultured, with an ethereal quality and stunning beauty; it was yet uncertain which fortunate young master would be able to marry her.

At this moment, Su Linglong stood gracefully beside her mother Jiang Shan, clad in a red dress symbolizing celebration, a smile playing on her lips, charming as a flower, drawing frequent glances from many male guests.

As guests passed by Su Licheng and the others, they greeted with either a fist salute or a handshake, offering a "Congratulations" along with a few pleasantries, after which they were led by the Su Family's direct relatives to sit at the prearranged tables on the lawn inside the Su Family courtyard.

The birthday banquet for Old Master Su and the engagement ceremony of Su Yifei and Tang Ya would take place here on this lawn.

At the moment, nearly a hundred tables and chairs were set upon the freshly trimmed lawn, surrounded by many colorful balloons, adorned with vibrant floral arrangements. A well-known domestic band hired by the Su Family was playing light and melodious music, contributing to the festive atmosphere.

Around nine in the morning, hundreds of guests had gradually arrived and taken their seats.

Many of the guests were acquainted with one another. They either stood or sat, engaging in lively discussions or whispering amongst themselves, causing quite a commotion on the spacious lawn.

Standing outside the main gate to receive guests, Su Linglong occasionally glanced at her watch, then looked into the distance as though awaiting someone's arrival, appearing indifferent to some of the male guests who, harboring affection, approached to chat with her.

"Linglong, what's the matter with you? When guests talk to you, you barely pay them any heed... Your every word and action now represent the image of the Su Family! You must be careful!"

Jiang Shan saw that her daughter was preoccupied and, without knowing what was bothering her, frowned and softly chided her.

"I...I'm fine...I understand, Mom, I will be careful!"

Facing her mother's reproach, the normally obedient and filial Su Linglong withdrew her gaze, her pretty face once again lighting up with a smile as she warmly greeted the guests.

Squeak—

With the sound of brakes, a limited-edition red Ferrari raced up and stopped in the parking lot. From it emerged a strikingly beautiful woman dressed in a red OL suit, striding energetically towards the entrance of the Su Family home.

The ravishing beauty had an innate seductive charm about her, and every frown and smile revealed an allure that turned heads and captivated souls. Any man who glanced her way would feel a primitive surge of possessiveness, wishing they could pin her down and ravage her without restraint.

Su Yifei and Su Linglong both brightened at the sight of the stunning woman, then moved forward to greet her with joyful expressions.

"President Xia, welcome! Your presence amidst your busy schedule brings great honor to our Su Family!"

Su Yifei approached the gorgeous woman, shook her hand, and said with a smile.

The stunning lady was none other than Xia Chenyu, the president of Beauty Company. She had delegated her company duties to her personal secretary Zhao Xiaomeng and the sales department manager Wu Xiuyun, driving herself to the Su Family Estate to attend Su Yifei's engagement ceremony.

"Young Master Su is one of our major shareholders at Beauty Company and also a friend of mine. How could I miss your engagement ceremony? I'm not late, am I?"

Xia Chenyu said with a smile.

Su Yifei laughed heartily and replied, "Not late at all! Not late at all! Honestly, I'm delighted that you could come, President Xia!"

"Sister Chenyu, you've arrived?"

Linglong, who stood next to her brother, took a step forward and greeted Chenyu with a smile.

Linglong and Chenyu had known each other for a while, but it wasn't until Linglong was summoned by Fang Bai to Yanjing to practice the Offensive and Defensive Great Formation he had taught them that she discovered the renowned president of Beauty Company, Xia Chenyu, was also one of Fang Bai's intimate confidantes, just like herself.

Linglong had no schemes or jealousy in her heart; she just hoped to have a place in Fang Bai's heart, and her "live and let live" personality made her extremely popular among Fang Bai's circle of close female friends.

"Linglong, hello!"

Chenyu walked up to Linglong, took her hand, and appraised her for a moment before saying with a laugh, "Linglong, you look so pretty today! Be careful not to upstage your future sister-in-law at the engagement ceremony!"

Linglong giggled and said, "That won't happen, my future sister-in-law is even prettier than me, right, big brother?"

Su Yifei, certain that he wouldn't offend his sister for the sake of his future wife, hastily replied, "Both of you are beautiful! Equally beautiful!"

"Sister Chenyu, has he... has he not arrived yet? I sent him an invitation the other day!"

After exchanging pleasantries with Chenyu, Linglong couldn't help but ask in a low voice.

"He? Who's he?"

Chenyu looked at Linglong with a teasing smile.

Linglong blushed and stomped her foot, "It's Fang Bai... You know very well who I'm talking about, Sister Chenyu!"

Chenyu chuckled, "Oh, Fang Bai! I'm not sure when he'll be here... Mmm, he should be arriving soon, I guess!"

As they spoke, an unremarkable black sedan pulled up in the parking area ahead. Dressed in a rare black suit, Fang Bai got out of the car and walked briskly towards them.

Chapter 834: The Parents of Su Linglong

At that moment, the parking lot was almost exclusively filled with luxury cars worth over a million, so Fang Bai's sedan, worth only about a hundred thousand, stood among them like a chicken among cranes, embarrassingly out of place.

Some guests who did not recognize Fang Bai looked at him with strange eyes, their expressions full of contempt and disdain.

Indifferent to the odd looks cast his way, Fang Bai got out of his car and immediately saw Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong talking at the entrance of the Su Family Estate. He then spotted one of the banquet's main figures, Su Yifei, and his parents, and walked over with a smile.

The Martial Arts Techniques of Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong had been taught by Fang Bai. The two had long since developed a deep connection with him. As soon as Fang Bai had stepped out of his car, they sensed his familiar aura and their faces simultaneously lit up with joy.

"Speak of the devil and he shall appear!"

Xia Chenyu laughed as he and Su Linglong turned toward Fang Bai.

Fang Bai, dressed in a black suit, stood tall and handsome, his extraordinary martial prowess adding a charm that perfectly displayed masculine allure, and the extraordinary celestial aura he naturally exuded was fatally attractive to women.

Not only did Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong's eyes sparkle, but several female guests around them were also captivated by Fang Bai, thinking to themselves what a bewitching gentleman he was, and resolved to inquire about his background to see if an opportunity for acquaintance might arise.

"Haha, Brother Fang, welcome!"

Su Yifei too saw Fang Bai, whispered something to his parents beside him, then strode towards Fang Bai.

Some guests, seeing Su Yifei hurrying towards a young man, were slightly moved, wondering who this young man could be to excite the Eldest Young Master Su so much that he personally went to greet him from such a distance.

Those guests who had previously scorned Fang Bai for his ordinary sedan were now dumbfounded, thinking they must have been mistaken, and that this young man might indeed be the scion of a prominent clan, simply not one for ostentation.

"Congratulations, Eldest Young Master Su!"

"Haha, thanks!"

Fang Bai and Su Yifei met, embraced in a manly hug, and then chatted with a smile for a few moments.

"You know, Brother Fang, I'm already engaged, when will you and my sister make it official?"

Su Yifei glanced back at his sister, who was overjoyed by Fang Bai's arrival, and asked in a low voice.

Fang Bai touched his nose and said, "Linglong and I have agreed privately, we'll talk about marriage in a few years..."

Besides his sister Su Linglong, Fang Bai had several other close female friends, which Su Yifei was somewhat aware of. He sighed upon hearing this and said seriously, "Brother Fang, I know you're a man of great ability and your future is boundless, and many kinds of women will appear by your side, but..."

He paused, looking again at Xia Chenyu standing next to his sister, and continued, "What I want to say is, Linglong is wholeheartedly and deeply in love with you, she has no room for another man in her heart. As her brother, I hope that no matter what, you will never let her down!"

Fang Bai nodded earnestly and said, "Alright!"

Su Yifei knew that Fang Bai was a man of his word, a simple "Yes" was his solemn promise to himself.

"I trust you!"

Su Yifei's face brightened with a smile as he said, "Let's go! Let's head to the estate! Later at the party, I will introduce you to some well-connected friends, all elites from various fields in Huaxia. I believe they would be very pleased to meet you, the renowned Divine Doctor from Yanjing!"

Walking side by side, they soon approached Su Licheng and Jiang Shan, where Fang Bai greeted the couple with the respect due to the younger generation.

Su Licheng and Jiang Shan knew how much their precious daughter admired Fang Bai, so they paid special attention to him. Seeing Fang Bai in a sleek black suit, effortlessly dashing and gracefully confident, they felt he was quite handsome and a good match for their daughter.

The only pity was that Fang Bai came from an ordinary family, which was somewhat lacking in status.

However, they had heard that Fang's Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic, owned by Fang Bai's family, had recently flourished and gained great fame, becoming the second most prestigious clinic in Zhongzhou City after Rejuvenation Hall, which impressed Su Licheng and his wife considerably.

Jiang Shan, as a mother-in-law observing her potential son-in-law, found herself increasingly satisfied with everything about him and smiled as she inquired about some trivial family matters from Fang Bai.

Meanwhile, Su Licheng was more concerned about Fang Bai's job and income issues, as these would affect his daughter's future happiness.

"Fang Bai, I heard from Linglong that you are doing very well at Yanjing Hospital and are highly regarded by the dean, right? Hmm, how much is your current monthly salary?"

Although Fang Bai was revered by Old Master Su, Su Hongyuan, for saving his life, Su Licheng spoke confidently in front of him, adopting a senior's tone, as Fang Bai might also become a son-in-law to the Su family.

"Licheng, Fang Bai's probation period just ended not long ago, so he has just started to receive a salary, which won't be too high! However, Fang Bai's medical skills are excellent, and the hospital leadership values him. He will definitely get promotions and raises in the future... right, Fang Bai?"

Jiang Shan knew her husband was a very pragmatic man and worried that if Fang Bai mentioned a lower salary than her husband expected, it might disappoint him, and he might say something inappropriate, hurting Fang Bai's pride and creating awkward tension. So she began speaking on Fang Bai's behalf.

Fang Bai nodded with a smile and said, "Aunt Jiang is right! My current salary isn't very high, but it's just enough to get by!"

Su Linglong had previously told her parents about some of Fang Bai's work at Yanjing Hospital, but she hadn't inquired in detail about his salary, which led to Su Licheng's question today.

Chenyu, overhearing Fang Bai describe his salary as "not very high" and "just enough to get by," couldn't help but smirk internally, thinking that if Fang Bai's billions of US Dollars were considered "just enough," how were others supposed to live?

The Su family was unaware of the vast wealth owned by Fang Bai, and it was uncertain what they would think upon finding out.

Sure enough, hearing about Fang Bai's modest salary, Su Licheng could not hide his disappointment.

Initially, Su Licheng was not favorable towards Fang Bai, but since his daughter Su Linglong was deeply enamored with him and his wife Jiang Shan sided with their daughter, he had reluctantly accepted Fang Bai, albeit somewhat unwillingly.

Su Licheng's ideal son-in-law would come from a distinguished family, at least one that was a suitable match for the Su family, like the Huas from Rejuvenation Hall in Zhongzhou, the Tangs and Shens from Anxi, the Li Family from Donghai, as well as the Wangs, Dongfangs, and Lus from Yanjing, among whose young and eligible bachelors he would have preferred a son-in-law.

Chapter 835: Shock

In Su Licheng's eyes, aside from Fang Bai's exceptional medical skills, he had no other significant merits. If Fang Bai were to become the Su Family's son-in-law in the future, the Su Family would not gain much

benefit from him. On the other hand, if the Su Family formed an alliance through marriage with other prominent clans, it would be a win-win situation.

Because of this matter, Su Licheng had privately urged his daughter more than once to give up on Fang Bai. However, Su Linglong possessed a gentle exterior but a firm interior, and once she settled on Fang Bai, she showed an attitude that she would marry no one but him.

Additionally, what made Su Licheng feel helpless was that beside his wife Jiang Shan supporting their daughter, Old Master Su as well as his son Su Yifei also declared their support for Su Linglong.

Old Master Su even criticized Su Licheng for this, saying he was short-sighted and failed to see that Fang Bai was a stock with potential. Although Su Licheng felt unconvinced in his heart, he didn't dare to contradict his own father.

"Barely enough? It seems your salary really isn't much!"

Su Licheng sighed, his expression one of deep sorrow, and said, "I don't expect my daughter to be extremely wealthy in the future, but I also don't want her to suffer hardships. I really worry that if Linglong ends up with you in the future, will you be able to provide her a carefree life and bring her happiness?"

Everyone present could tell that Su Licheng's words ultimately came down to his disdain for Fang Bai and his belief that Fang Bai was unworthy of his daughter.

Jiang Shan couldn't help but give her husband a disapproving look and chided, "Licheng, Fang Bai is still very young. Even if he doesn't have money now, he can earn it in the future! Haven't you heard Linglong say how famous Fang Bai is in the Yanjing medical community now? Once a doctor becomes famous, he gains both fame and wealth!"

Su Yifei glanced at Fang Bai and saw that he wasn't the slightest bit angry, breathed a sigh of relief, and said with a bitter smile, "Dad, you really know too little about Fang Bai! Not only is Fang Bai a well-known 'Divine Doctor' in the Yanjing medical community, but he's also one of the major shareholders of 'Beauty Company,' just like our Su Family! Now, do you think he lacks money?"

Su Licheng was taken aback, and then remembered that the Shen Family from Anxi and the Li Family from Donghai, represented respectively by Shen Huanian and Li Dongyang, had conspired to frame the Beauty Company, nearly causing a product quality crisis for the company. Fang Bai turned the tide by providing irrefutable evidence that the Shen and Li families had set up the trap, causing their public images to plummet and their industries to suffer massive losses while the Beauty Company rose in power, quickly becoming the leading corporation within the Huaxia business sector.

Fang Bai had live-streamed the entire process of providing evidence during that incident, which was broadcast nationwide. Although Su Licheng hadn't watched the live stream, he later heard about the event and was surprised that Fang Bai was the Vice President of the Beauty Company.

If Su Yifei hadn't suddenly mentioned it, Su Licheng would have genuinely forgotten the connection between Fang Bai and the Beauty Company.

"Yifei, are you saying that Fang Bai... is also a shareholder of 'Beauty Company'? And a major one? How many shares does he have?"

Upon hearing his son's words, Su Licheng was greatly shocked.

Although Su Licheng had little ability and few real powers, as one of the direct members of the Su Family, he also participated in some of the family's decisions. He knew that the Su Family, as one of the major shareholders of Beauty Company, received tens of billions in profits from the company's sales each year.

If Fang Bai truly was a major shareholder of Beauty Company, just like the Su Family, didn't that mean that the dividends he received from the company could match the entire Su Family's dividends?

Staring at Fang Bai with wide eyes, Su Licheng wore a face of disbelief.

In Su Licheng's view, the Su Family was a century-old prominent clan with massive wealth and resources. Investing in Beauty Company was supposed to be a win-win, but Fang Bai was just a minor doctor with a family background that paled in comparison to the Su Family. How could he possibly become a major shareholder of Beauty Company?

Su Licheng looked down on Fang Bai. Although Fang Bai himself did not mind, Xia Chenyu could not refrain herself anymore and said with a serious tone, "Mr. Su, let me tell you the truth. Fang Bai is the largest shareholder and the hidden major boss of our Beauty Company! My role as the president of Beauty Company is actually just working for Fang Bai!"

Xia Chenyu's words dropped like a bombshell, leaving Su Licheng internally shaken and petrified on the spot.

It was not just Su Licheng who was stunned. Besides Su Yifei, everyone else present also looked at Fang Bai with a dazed stare.

Even Su Linglong had her beautiful eyes wide open, her mouth slightly agape, learning for the first time about this layer of Fang Bai's identity.

"How... how is this possible... how possible..."

Su Licheng muttered to himself, unable to associate the young man of just over twenty, who he always thought was not good enough for his daughter, with the hidden major boss behind the Beauty Company, even as he watched Fang Bai with a faint smile on his lips.

Beauty Company had risen rapidly over the last year, with sales exploding. The Su Family had even profited several billion in dividends. If Fang Bai really was the major boss behind Beauty Company, wouldn't his net worth now be over tens of billions?

However, looking at Fang Bai's attire, nothing was a famous brand, even the car he drove was common among the salaried class, and he had no bodyguards following him. His image was far from what one would associate with the term "wealthy".

Xia Chenyu, seeing Su Licheng still not believing her, curled the corners of her lips and said, "Mr. Su, you might not believe me, but you can't possibly doubt your own son, right?"

"Dad, President Xia is telling the truth! Fang Bai truly is the largest shareholder of Beauty Company! Moreover..."

Su Licheng glanced at Fang Bai and continued, "Moreover, the formulas for the most popular products sold by Beauty Company were provided by Fang Bai. It can be said that without Fang Bai, there would be no Beauty Company as we know it today!"

"Ah?"

Su Licheng felt his brain was not quite up to speed. He opened his mouth to say something but then he heard Xia Chenyu add, "There's something else you should know, Mr. Su. Fang Bai's annual salary at Yanjing Hospital has long surpassed a million, and he is also a specially-appointed professor at Yanjing Medical University. When he says his salary isn't high and barely enough, he's just being modest!"

After pausing, Xia Chenyu continued with another startling revelation, "To tell you the truth, Mr. Su, if Fang Bai wished, he could immediately become the wealthiest man in the world!"

Fang Bai saw Xia Chenyu boasting on his behalf and touched his nose with a smile, but he didn't speak up to stop her, thinking that letting her "intimidate" Su Licheng through his words might be a good thing, averting future troubles from his potential father-in-law looking down on him in his relationship with Su Linglong.

Although Su Licheng was unsure whether the rest of Xia Chenyu's remarks were true or false, the matter of Fang Bai being a major shareholder of Beauty Company seemed to be true, as his own son would certainly not deceive him, would he?

Chapter 836: Don't I Look Like I'm Very Rich?

Thinking of Fang Bai's current net worth of tens of billions and his future income that would increase with the profitability of the Beauty Company, Su Licheng couldn't help repeatedly swallowing his saliva, his heart growing hotter with excitement.

Although Su Licheng was already in his forties or fifties, he still didn't let go of his profligate ways, enjoying eating, drinking, and making merry with friends, as well as collecting antiques, calligraphy, paintings, gems, and jades, and he often showed them off in front of his friends.

And no matter whether it was wining and dining, making friends, or collecting antiques, calligraphy, paintings, gems, and jades, all required a significant amount of money to support. Even though Su Licheng was a direct relative of the Su Family and received a considerable dividend every year, that

money still wasn't enough for him. If it wasn't for his wife Jiang Shan keeping a tight rein on finances, he would have squandered the family's annual dividends long ago.

Originally, Su Licheng thought that once his son Su Yifei took over as the Family Head, he could secure some benefits for himself. But Yifei had confided to him that the Su Family's wealth belonged to all its members and that he couldn't misuse it for personal gain, or he would face the joint suppression of the family members, and potentially even lose his position as Family Head. Upon reflection, Su Licheng dropped the idea of making money through his son.

Now that he knew Fang Bai was a major shareholder of the Beauty Company, Su Licheng's mind started to race. He thought if Fang Bai became his son-in-law, he could drop some hints when he was short of cash. Fang Bai, out of consideration for his daughter, would surely offer him some sort of financial tribute, wouldn't he?

With Fang Bai having a net worth of over tens of billions, even a few billions slipping his way would suffice for his spending for a long time.

With this in mind, Su Licheng became excited, and his attitude toward Fang Bai shifted from cold to warm.

"Linglong, it's enough to have your mother, your brother, and me here. You accompany Fang Bai and President Xia inside to sit!"

With a radiant smile, Su Licheng patted Fang Bai on the shoulder and said, "Fang Bai, from now on, consider the Su Family as your own family, and come over to visit often. Let's father and son chat more and bond! Okay?"

Jiang Shan, seeing her husband change his tune so quickly, without a trace of shame, exchanged looks with her son Su Yifei and daughter Su Linglong, all of them shaking their heads and giving wry smiles.

Fang Bai, excellent at reading people, knew that although Su Licheng was somewhat dissipated and mercenary, he wasn't inherently bad. Plus, as he was Su Linglong's father, Fang Bai wasn't going to quibble over matters and smiled, nodding in agreement, "Of course! I will definitely come often!"

Su Linglong led Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu to the lawn inside the Su Family Estate, and they sat down at a dining table that bore their names on placards; a server immediately brought them tea.

"Fang Bai, don't take to heart what my dad said just now!"

After sitting down to the left and right of Fang Bai, Su Linglong spoke in an apologetic whisper.

Fang Bai chuckled and replied, "The love of a parent knows no bounds! Actually, what your father did wasn't wrong; I totally understand him! In this world, which parent doesn't wish for their daughter to marry a good man? Oh, by 'good man,' I mean someone good-looking, with a good character, and a good family background, but most importantly, not lacking in money!"

Su Linglong sighed and said, "My dad is obsessed with money, always has the word 'money' on his lips, and likes to spend recklessly, never knowing thrift. Our family's annual dividends amount to several million, but that's still not enough for his ventures. My mom has argued with him many times over this, and he's never shown any sign of repentance... Ah, there's just no dealing with him!"

Fang Bai stroked his chin, musing, "A love for money... A love for money is fine! Linglong, I'll give your dad some money as a tribute later..."

"No way! No way!"

Su Linglong hastily waved her hands and shook her head, saying, "My dad is the kind of person who always wants more. If you give him ten thousand today, and he spends it all, he'll ask you for twenty thousand tomorrow. It's fine if you give him the twenty thousand, but if you don't, he'll complain all sorts of things... Fang Bai, you mustn't indulge my dad! And... and it's not easy for you to make money..."

Xia Chenyu let out a snicker and said to Su Linglong, "Linglong, stop worrying about Fang Bai! He's got so much money now that he's actually troubled about how to spend it! Him giving money to your dad is just to win him over so that he won't oppose you two being together."

Fang Bai said, "The one who knows me, is Chenyu!"

Su Linglong blinked and fixed her beautiful eyes on Fang Bai, asking, "Sister Chenyu just said that you're the real power behind Beauty Company and that if you wanted, you could immediately become the richest person in the whole world... Is that true?"

Fang Bai responded, "What? Do I not look like I'm very rich?"

With a smile, Su Linglong shook her head and said, "Not at all! In my mind, rich people are like my dad, eager to buy the best things in the world to enjoy and then show off to their friends... You, on the other hand, give the impression of being, at most, a white-collar worker with a decent income!"

Fang Bai smiled wryly, pointed to his own nose, and asked Xia Chenyu, "A white-collar worker? Do I really look like a white-collar worker?"

Holding back laughter, Xia Chenyu nodded and said, "You really do! But even if you're a white-collar worker, you're the most handsome and richest white-collar worker in the world!"

"So still a white-collar worker then!"

Fang Bai sighed, "It seems being too low-profile isn't good either; people don't take you seriously! I've decided, tomorrow I'll change my clothes, shoes, car... I need to package myself properly. Everything I eat, wear, or use has to be the most expensive and luxurious so that everyone can tell at a glance that I'm wealthy!"

Su Linglong and Xia Chenyu knew Fang Bai was just joking. When he had first led them on the path of Martial Dao, Fang Bai had said that the wealth and status of the world, to a Martial Artist, were like passing clouds, and that true power was all that mattered.

Conversely, if one possessed absolute power, wealth, status, and fame were all within easy reach.

Xia Chenyu's dedication to expanding and strengthening Beauty Company wasn't to gain wealth or status. It was her mother's legacy, a spiritual token for her.

As for Dongfang Rushi in Yanjing, she was also indifferent towards wealth and status. Her reasons for being active in the business world were due to the heavy responsibility of her family's legacy and fighting for the prosperity of her family.

Xia Chenyu, who already knew how much wealth Fang Bai had, leaned over to Su Linglong and whispered the amount in her ear.

After hearing it, Su Linglong's face filled with shock. She covered her mouth and took a long while to recover her senses. She thought to herself, no wonder Xia Chenyu said Fang Bai was worried about how to spend his money; spending a few hundred billion US dollars in a short amount of time really wasn't easy.

Moreover, every quarter Fang Bai's account received huge dividends from Beauty Company, continually amassing his fortune like a snowball growing larger as it rolled.

Thinking of this, Su Linglong was no longer so opposed to the idea of Fang Bai giving some money to her father as a tribute.

Chapter 837: Turns Out Officer Tang Can Be Shy Too

Around ten o'clock in the morning, the guests invited by the Su Family had all arrived and taken their seats at the various dining tables on the lawn.

Shortly after, the three main characters of today's banquet, Su Hongyuan and Old Master Su of the Zhongzhou Su Family and their grandson Su Yifei, along with Tang Ya, the daughter of the second-in-command of the Anxi Tang Family, appeared on the lawn, surrounded by some direct members of both the Su and Tang families.

The trio wore red Tang suits, meticulously designed by a renowned Huaxia fashion designer. Old Master Su looked radiant and vigorous, while Su Yifei and his fiancée Tang Ya, a handsome man and a beautiful woman complementing each other, made many guests secretly envious.

The guests at the scene stood up and applauded to congratulate the three.

"Officer Tang came today as well!"

Xia Chenyu made a slight face at Fang Bai while standing among the members of the Tang Family, speaking to him with a smirk.

Fang Bai had already noticed Tang Wenrou, although his gaze was not steadily on her, his Divine Sense constantly kept track of her.

Tang Wenrou gave Fang Bai a stunning impression today.

In Fang Bai's memory, Tang Wenrou always appeared in a police uniform, but today, unusually, she had shed her uniform for a form-fitting white dress.

This dress not only perfectly showcased Tang Wenrou's graceful and voluptuous curves but also highlighted her noble and elegant demeanor befitting a lady of a prominent clan.

This version of Tang Wenrou, though less heroic, was more enchanting.

Actually, it was not only Fang Bai who was stunned. Many guests were deeply drawn to her upon seeing Tang Wenrou.

Even though Tang Wenrou stood among a group of the Tang Family members, not being the tallest, her snowy skin and lovely features still made her the most dazzling presence. Even the beautifully dressed bride-to-be, Tang Ya, seemed less brilliant in comparison, with many men's gazes lingering on her.

Tang Wenrou stood there quietly, her demeanor cool, not mingling with anyone, a stark contrast to the festive atmosphere of the event. Fortunately, both the Su and Tang families were aware of her nature and didn't mind.

However, few noticed that Tang Wenrou's gaze occasionally darted towards Fang Bai, then swiftly moved away as if afraid of being caught watching him.

Witnessing Su Linglong and Xia Chenyu seated on either side of Fang Bai, Tang Wenrou's gaze flickered complexly, slightly furrowing her brows, and lightly biting her lip to show her displeasure.

"My Boss Fang, have you noticed that Officer Tang is secretly watching us over there? But her eyes are tender when she looks at you, and frustrated when she looks at me... Hmm, I can almost smell the sour scent... She must have spilled jealousy in her heart,"

Xia Chenyu chuckled and whispered into Fang Bai's ear.

Naturally, Su Linglong could hear Xia Chenyu's words. She glanced stealthily at Tang Wenrou and indeed found that the officer's beautiful eyes frequently, albeit subtly, glanced this way.

Su Linglong knew that both Xia Chenyu and Tang Wenrou, just like herself, were deeply infatuated with Fang Bai, albeit each expressed their love in different ways due to their different personalities.

Xia Chenyu was extroverted and passionate, often taking the initiative.

Tang Wenrou was reserved and rarely smiled, a passive type. If Fang Bai did not invite her out, she would not take the initiative to ask him.

His personality was somewhere between Chenyu and Wen Rou, neither overly enthusiastic nor cold and aloof, so among the several close female friends around Fang Bai, he was the one who could make friends with anyone, truly being able to mingle well no matter the situation.

Seeing Chenyu's body seemingly glued to Fang Bai, her lush lips whispering into Fang Bai's ear, their closeness appeared extreme. From afar, Wen Rou felt even more displeased, her brows furrowed as she huffed softly.

"Chenyu, you're really stirring things up!"

Sensing the "killing Qi" emanating from Wen Rou and seeing Chenyu, who had almost snuggled into his arms with a mischievous smile on her face, Fang Bai knew she was doing it on purpose for Wen Rou to see, and he said with a bitter smile.

Where there are people, there are rivers and lakes; where there are rivers and lakes, there are grudges; where there are grudges there is strife.

Although there wasn't any real resentment among the several close female friends around Fang Bai, since they had fallen for the same man, they competed to win his heart. Though outwardly cordial, in their hearts, they were constantly trying to outdo one another.

However, each woman was smarter than the next. They wouldn't make their competition fierce and public, as that wouldn't make Fang Bai happy and wouldn't be good for anyone.

"Officer Tang is looking beautiful today! Even though she didn't intentionally dress up, she certainly stole the show from the almost newlyweds!"

Chenyu, noticing Wen Rou's irritation and feeling a bit smug, wasn't the type to push her luck, seeing the opportunity, she straightened up and put some distance between her and Fang Bai, laughing as she did.

Fang Bai nodded deeply, saying in agreement, "Yeah, I'm used to seeing Wen Rou in a uniform, suddenly seeing her in a dress really is a different charm!"

Chenyu said, "A woman dresses for the one who pleases her. Officer Tang dressed up like this, surely for you!"

Fang Bai laughed, "Is that so? Then I should take a good look!"

Saying so, he brazenly looked towards Wen Rou, his gaze filled with desire.

Wen Rou noticed Fang Bai's intense gaze, her heart fluttering with joy, yet she also felt slightly embarrassed, looking down at the ground, not daring to meet Fang Bai's eyes.

"So even Officer Tang can get shy!"

Chenyu chuckled softly.

Linglong was also covering her mouth and giggling. She had known Wen Rou for quite some time, and the decisive, assertive Ice Queen she knew was hard to reconcile with the shy and demure Wen Rou in front of her.

Once the commotion settled down and the guests returned to their seats, Su Hongyuan and Old Master Su, on behalf of the Su Family, gave a heartfelt welcoming speech.

Yifei and Tang Ya stood side by side next to Su Hongyuan, their eyes meeting occasionally, both faces displaying blissful smiles, evidently showing that their relationship was solid.

Fang Bai heard from Linglong that the union between Yifei and Tang Ya was not like other prominent clan arrangements, merely for family interests. They had dated for nearly half a year, going from acquaintance to understanding and then to love, their feelings rapidly deepened.

Tang Ya admired Yifei's frank and forthright nature, brave and responsible, while Yifei also liked Tang Ya's elegance, beauty, and intelligent gentleness. Both felt that the other was the person worth committing to for life.

Chapter 838: Divine Doctor Fang, Do You Have a Girlfriend?

As one of the most prestigious guests invited by the Su Family, Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu were seated quite close to the front. Su Yifei's gaze swept over the guests, and he quickly spotted them.

Su Yifei flashed a grin at Fang Bai, then turned to his fiancée Tang Ya at his side and whispered something to her. Tang Ya's beautiful eyes also looked their way.

Fang Bai waved at them, as a way of greeting.

After Su Hongyuan finished delivering the welcome speech, he walked among the hundreds of guests with Su Yifei and Tang Ya, shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries, accepting their congratulations.

"Ah, Divine Doctor Fang, it's been such a long time since I've seen you! Your name has now become renowned in Yanjing, and you've become a very busy man. It wouldn't have been easy to invite you had you not happened to be in Zhongzhou!"

When Su Hongyuan reached Fang Bai's table, he not only spoke to Fang Bai first, but also treated him with great respect, which truly surprised some of the guests around them who did not know Fang Bai.

After all, the guests sitting at this table included several influential figures from Zhongzhou City's political and business circles. It was somewhat unusual for Old Master Su to engage with them secondarily, choosing instead to speak with a man in his early twenties.

Fang Bai replied with a smile, "Old Master Su, you seem younger and more vigorous every time I see you! I wish you a fortune as vast as the waters of the East Sea, and a life as enduring as the pines on Mount Nan."

Su Hongyuan laughed loudly, "Ha ha, my current vitality is all thanks to Divine Doctor Fang! If it weren't for Divine Doctor Fang's miraculous rejuvenation saving my life back then, these old bones of mine would probably have already been taken by King Yama!"

Hearing Su Hongyuan's words, some of the guests began to understand, thinking that it was no wonder Old Master Su treated this young man so kindly, considering he had saved the elder's life.

After chatting with Fang Bai for a few moments, Su Hongyuan went on to shake hands and exchange pleasantries with Xia Chenyu.

Xia Chenyu was the president of Beauty Company, which had risen to become the leading enterprise in the Huaxia business sector, enjoying the height of its success. Furthermore, the Su Family and Beauty Company were important business allies. Naturally, the other guests had no qualms about Old Master Su choosing to greet her after Fang Bai.

While Su Hongyuan was interacting with the other guests at the same table, Su Yifei, holding hands with his fiancée Tang Ya, approached Fang Bai. He introduced her with a smile, "Xiao Ya, let me introduce you: this is Fang Bai, my good brother, and the lifesaver of both my grandfather and sister!"

Then he said to Fang Bai, "Fang Bai, this is Tang Ya, and she will be my wife soon!"

Tang Ya extended her hand and shook hands with Fang Bai, her smile conveying warmth, "I've long heard of Divine Doctor Fang's great reputation."

Fang Bai asked in surprise, "Miss Tang, you know of me?"

"Yes, I've heard Cousin Wen Rou mention you."

Tang Ya nodded with a smile, then glanced over towards Tang Wenrou and continued, "Within the Tang Family, my relationship with Cousin Wen Rou is the best and deepest, even closer than real sisters. Cousin Wen Rou has told me a lot about you, praising you as a man rarely found in heaven and absolutely unmatched on earth... In my memory, Cousin Wen Rou hardly ever praises men, but she is full of admiration when it comes to you, Divine Doctor Fang!"

"Is that so?"

Fang Bai replied with a smile, "Then I must make sure to thank her properly next time!"

"Divine Doctor Fang, do you have a girlfriend?"

Tang Ya suddenly asked. Without waiting for Fang Bai to answer, she continued, "Divine Doctor Fang has an exceptional appearance, the type that girls really like. I have a good sister who's beautiful and comes from a good family. If Divine Doctor Fang is willing, I could introduce her to you sometime, how about that?"

As soon as she said this, before Fang Bai could react, Su Linglong had already become nervous, and even Xia Chenyu's eyes narrowed slightly.

Fang Bai caught a hint of slyness in Tang Ya's eyes and guessed she might already know about him and Wen Rou. The introduction of a girlfriend was definitely her teasing him, so he replied seriously, "Miss Tang, I appreciate your kindness. However, I am still young and haven't achieved much in my career, so a girlfriend... let's wait and see..."

With a snort of laughter, Tang Ya said, "Divine Doctor Fang, the good sister I'm talking about is my cousin Tang Wenrou... What, are you not interested in her?"

Fang Bai was taken aback, and seeing Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong looking at him with barely concealed amusement, he chuckled awkwardly, "Well... haha... Officer Tang is indeed nice... We... uh... you know..."

Tang Ya rolled her eyes, pretending to be annoyed, "What's with this and that? If you're not interested in Cousin Wen Rou, I'll introduce her to someone else! Let me tell you, the line of suitors for Cousin Wen Rou could stretch from Anxi City to Zhongzhou. If you're too late, she'll become another man's girlfriend! Forget it... I'll call Wen Rou over and ask her!"

With that, she waved at Tang Wenrou, who was stealing glances their way, signaling her to come over.

Tang Wenrou, not knowing why her cousin Tang Ya was summoning her, walked over with a puzzled face. She saw Fang Bai smiling at her, moved her lips as if she wanted to say something, but when she saw Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong next to Fang Bai, she felt a sourness in her heart and simply turned her head away, ignoring Fang Bai.

"Cousin, did you call me over for something?"

Tang Wenrou asked.

"Of course it's a good thing!"

Tang Ya took Tang Wenrou's hand, pointed towards Fang Bai, and said, "Haven't you been talking about Divine Doctor Fang quite often in front of me? And you seem to admire him a great deal. Now that Divine Doctor Fang is here, do you have something you'd like to say to him?"

Tang Wenrou's pretty face turned red, and she immediately shook her head, asserting, "I have nothing to say! Cousin, if there's nothing else, I'm going to leave!"

As she made to go, Tang Ya grabbed her, saying, "Don't leave, I haven't finished speaking! I think Divine Doctor Fang is a decent person, and the two of you would be a good match. I'd like to introduce you to him as his girlfriend. What do you think? I know you are someone who makes quick decisions, so if you agree, just nod. If not, then shake your head!"

Tang Wenrou saw that her cousin actually posed such a question in front of everyone, and her face grew even redder. She was secretly in love with Fang Bai but was too embarrassed to admit it openly, especially with Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong, her two "rivals," present. So, she couldn't decide whether to shake her head or nod.

"Xiao Ya, let's go greet the other guests!"

Su Yifei knew that Fang Bai was a ladies' man who had captured his sister's heart, not to mention the unclear relationships he had with Xia Chenyu and Tang Wenrou. Hearing Tang Ya asking like this, fearing it would make things awkward for them, he quickly pulled Tang Ya away by the hand.

On his way out, he looked back at Fang Bai, winking and grimacing, as if to say, "Bro, I'm out; you've got to deal with this on your own!"

Chapter 839: Are You and Fang Bai Having a Falling Out?

"Wen Rou, when did you arrive in Zhongzhou?"

After Su Yifei and Tang Ya left, Fang Bai looked at the quietly blushing Tang Wenrou, who was looking down without speaking, and softly asked.

He knew that Tang Wenrou was filled with silent resentment and was in a bad mood. He wanted to comfort her with a few words, but under the watchful eyes of everyone, and with Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong standing nearby, he could not make any intimate gestures. Otherwise, he would have already grabbed Tang Wenrou's hand and pulled her into his embrace, coaxing her with sweet words.

"I... I don't want to talk to you!"

Tang Wenrou raised her head, gave Fang Bai a resentful look, then bit her lip and walked away with heavy steps.

"Officer Tang's jealousy is quite strong!"

Xia Chenyu crossed her arms and, looking at Tang Wenrou's retreating figure, chuckled.

Fang Bai shrugged his shoulders, seeing Tang Wenrou returned to her mother's side, and felt it inappropriate to follow her.

"Wen Rou, what's wrong?"

Liu Hongzhuang noticed her daughter's unhappy face and asked with concern.

"It's nothing!"

Tang Wenrou responded gloomily.

Tang Wenrou really wished she could become an ostrich at that moment and bury her head in the sand, so she wouldn't have to see Fang Bai together with Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong, adopting an 'out of sight, out of mind' approach.

"What are you mother and daughter whispering about?"

Tang Chongshan, having just finished exchanging pleasantries with several elders from the Su Family, returned with a smile and noticed his wife and daughter seemed to be discussing something, so he asked.

Liu Hongzhuang said, "Our beloved daughter seems a bit unhappy."

"Oh?"

Tang Chongshan looked at his daughter and said with a laugh, "Who has upset our Wen Rou? Tell daddy, and I'll take care of it for you!"

"If only you could handle it!"

Tang Wenrou muttered under her breath and glanced over at Fang Bai.

Tang Chongshan followed her gaze to Fang Bai and suddenly realized, and said, "Are you having a misunderstanding with Fang Bai?"

Tang Wenrou bit her lip and remained silent.

A father knows his daughter best.

Although his daughter and Fang Bai had never openly acknowledged their relationship, as someone who had been through it all, Tang Chongshan could tell that not only did his daughter like Fang Bai, but she was also so deeply in love that she couldn't pull herself away.

Sometimes, Tang Chongshan would find his daughter sitting alone at the stone table in the courtyard, hands propping up her cheeks, her face involuntarily revealing a "silly smile," seemingly recalling some blissful, sweet moments, a reaction only a girl deep in love would have.

Tang Chongshan was a very open-minded father who rarely interfered in his daughter's affairs. Since his daughter liked Fang Bai, and Fang Bai indeed seemed to be a fine person, he chose to support them unconditionally.

However, as parents, Tang Chongshan and Liu Hongzhuang occasionally wanted to ask how things were progressing between their daughter and Fang Bai. But whenever they brought it up, Tang Wenrou would cover her ears and run away, refusing to say anything, leaving the couple both amused and helpless.

In Tang Chongshan's view, a little strife between a couple in love was perfectly normal. Plus, he didn't think his daughter was genuinely angry with Fang Bai by the looks of her current demeanor.

"President Xia from the Beauty Company and the young lady Linglong from the Su Family... they seem to get along very well with Fang Bai!"

Liu Hongzhuang was more concerned about Fang Bai, who might potentially become her son-in-law, than her husband was. She glanced towards Fang Bai and saw Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong standing on either side of him, the trio chatting joyfully. She couldn't help frowning slightly and whispered.

Tang Chongshan had just been exchanging pleasantries with the Su Family and hadn't paid much attention to Fang Bai's situation. Hearing his wife's comments, he started observing closely and after a while, he too realized that the relationship between Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu, and Su Linglong wasn't merely platonic, and he began to frown.

"I heard that Linglong and Fang Bai used to be classmates at Zhongzhou Medical College, and now they work together at the same hospital in Yanjing. Their relationship must be quite good as classmates and colleagues. As for President Xia from the Beauty Company... Hongzhuang, have you forgotten? Last time, during the Beauty Company's product quality crisis, Fang Bai appeared as the Vice President of the Beauty Company..."

"Oh... I remember now!"

Reminded by her husband, Liu Hongzhuang realized and said, "At that time, Fang Bai revealed a video of Shen Huanian and Li Dongyang conspiring to sabotage the Beauty Company. Both the Shen Family and the Li Family were disgraced and lost their reputation terribly, helping the Beauty Company to turn the tide beautifully! But it's strange, when did Fang Bai get involved with the Beauty Company? How did he become the Vice President?"

Tang Chongshan said, "Who knows! When I have the time, I'll ask that young man Fang Bai what's going on!"

Tang Wenrou knew somewhat about Fang Bai's involvement with the Beauty Company, as Fang Bai had told her some details. Her lips moved, she wanted to tell her parents, but then thought it would be inappropriate, hesitated for a moment, and ultimately decided not to speak.

Liu Hongzhuang said, "Girls in love are usually very sensitive. Could it be that our daughter is upset seeing Fang Bai together with Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong?"

"Who knows!"

Tang Chongshan sighed, "Maybe Wenrou is overthinking it, maybe Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu, and Su Linglong are just friends."

Liu Hongzhuang looked towards Fang Bai again and then slightly shook her head, whispering softly, "But I feel that Fang Bai's relationship with those two girls is not ordinary... A woman's intuition is sometimes very accurate!"

She paused, then added, "Chongshan, what if Fang Bai really gets together with Xia Chenyu or Su Linglong? What about our daughter? She's just come out of the shadow of Jianfei's sacrifice and has fallen for Fang Bai. If Fang Bai's affection shifts to another girl, how big a blow would that be to our daughter!"

Tang Chongshan pondered, "Although I haven't had much interaction with that lad Fang Bai, he doesn't seem like someone who easily tires of old relationships... Hmm, Fang Bai is a very outstanding young man, very likely to be liked by girls. Maybe it's Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong who are actively pursuing him?"

Liu Hongzhuang worried, "Even so, our daughter doesn't stand a chance! You know our daughter's personality—aloof and not fond of communicating. How could she compete with Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong?"

The couple kept their voices very low, not wanting their daughter to overhear and feel upset.

Little did they know, their daughter was now a Profound Level Martial Artist, and given their proximity, even with their quiet voices, she could hear everything clearly.

Upon hearing her mother's last words, Tang Wenrou's expression darkened as she thought to herself that her mother was right. Compared to Xia Chenyu and Su Linglong, she held no advantages. How could she possibly compete with them?

Her relationship with Fang Bai might end up being nothing but a waste of effort, wouldn't it?

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Chapter 840: Go for it, Wen Rou! I believe in you!

"Wen Rou, come here!"

Tang Chongshan waved toward his daughter Tang Wenrou and waited for her to come to his side. Seeing that there were not many people around, he gazed intently at his daughter's face and said in a grave voice, "I know you really like Fang Bai, but in the future, you might face significant competition. If you fail in this competition, you will lose Fang Bai... I know that is not the outcome you want to see, right?"

Tang Wenrou lowered her head and remained silent; this was an acknowledgment.

"You are my daughter, so I also do not want to see the man you like being taken away by someone else! I hope that in this competition, you will not shy away from difficulty but face it head-on! You have to treat this competition as a battle, strive to win it, and then reap the fruits of your victory! Your mother and I will fully support you from behind!"

A layer of mist swiftly covered Tang Wenrou's eyes, and her fists clenched involuntarily as she thought to herself, "Yes, I can't belittle myself, I can't just stand by and watch them snatch Fang Bai from my side! I must compete with them, I must protect my love!"

While Tang Wenrou thought this, she also understood that when competing with Xia Chenyu, Su Linglong, and the others, she must keep a proper measure, striving without anger and fighting without breaking ties. Otherwise, she might increasingly grow distant from Fang Bai, or even lose him completely.

Tang Wenrou knew that not only she, but Xia Chenyu, Su Linglong, and the other women must be thinking the same.

So, when Fang Bai had gathered all the women to practice the Offensive and Defensive Great Formation, on the surface, they all maintained a friendly atmosphere, showing no signs of the competitive intentions they harbored inside.

Tang Chongshan extended his hands and patted his daughter's shoulders, adding, "Your mother says you have a cool demeanor and are not good at socializing, which may put you at a disadvantage. But I think this may very well be an advantage! Sometimes, women with character can be more attractive to men! Keep it up, Wen Rou, I believe in you!"

Tang Wenrou did not speak again, but she clenched her fists once more.

Their family conversation was overheard by Fang Bai, who was standing at a distance, and all he could do was give a bitter smile to himself.

In both his past life and his current one, Fang Bai had always been a man with many romantic passions, with no shortage of close female acquaintances around him, inevitably resulting in complicated entanglements.

However, in his past life as the Immortal Emperor, his female acquaintances each resided in a different part of the Immortal Realm, and they seldom met unless facing a common threat. Then they would come together to confront the enemy, while he would take time to accompany one of them, wandering joyfully through the Immortal Realm without neglecting any of them.

Thus, even though his past life's female acquaintances had their complaints, a few gentle words from him would soothe their grievances, which vanished into thin air, and they got along harmoniously during their occasional gatherings.

Of course, in his previous life, Fang Bai and his female acquaintances were all at the Immortal Emperor Level, blessed with tens of thousands of years of life span; regardless of which one he accompanied, it was often for many years, or even decades, comforting their longing for each other.

In this world, however, a person's life spanned but a few short decades, so Tang Wenrou and the others felt an urgency with time, all hoping Fang Bai could spend more time by their side.

Nevertheless, Fang Bai believed that as their Cultivation Levels increased and their lifespans grew, their attitudes would change as well. They would devote more time to cultivation and not be too concerned about brief moments of togetherness or affection, achieving the realm where "if love lasts for a long time, does it matter the moment-to-moment?"

Not long after, Su Hongyuan, with Su Yifei, Tang Ya, and the guests, finished mingling and returned to the red carpet at the front. Soon after, someone wheeled in a nine-tiered, oversized cake.

The Old Master Su cheerfully waved his hand, calling over Su Yifei, Su Linglong, and his other grandchildren to his side. Together, they blew out the lit candles, silently making a wish before cutting the cake and distributing a few slices to each table.

Then, in the presence of friends and relatives from the Su and Tang Families, Su Yifei and Tang Ya underwent a simple yet solemn engagement ceremony.

After the banquet officially began, some relatives and friends from both the Su and Tang families, amidst eating and drinking, presented their prepared gifts to Old Master Su as well as to Su Yifei and Tang Ya, the engaged couple.

Their gifts were not necessarily very expensive, but mainly served to express their best wishes to Old Master Su, Su Yifei, and Tang Ya for the latter's upcoming marriage.

"What do you plan to give as a gift?"

Seeing the guests approaching one after another to deliver their gifts, Fang Bai turned to Xia Chenyu beside him and asked.

"What the elderly care about most is health, and what women care about most is beauty. Once you understand that, choosing a gift is easy!"

As Xia Chenyu spoke, she took out two prepared gifts and flaunted them in front of Fang Bai.

Fang Bai couldn't help but chuckle at her gifts.

For Su Hongyuan, Xia Chenyu had prepared a health supplement specifically aimed at the elderly that was soon to be launched by the Beauty Company. This health supplement was made by diluting a spiritual medicine with more than a dozen common herbs, and it had the effects of promoting blood circulation, rejuvenating the mind, and if taken over a long period, it could even stimulate hair growth

and turn gray hair back to black. After being tested by many elderly people, it had received positive feedback.

Although this health supplement had not yet hit the market, it had already caused quite a stir. One could predict that once it was launched, it would become another new profit center for the Beauty Company.

Originally, Fang Bai had given Xia Chenyu many formulas in a single go, and this health supplement was one of them. According to the Beauty Company's plan to release two new products annually, the formulas Fang Bai had given to Xia Chenyu would be sufficient for her to use for many decades.

With these formulas, the Beauty Company could not only dominate in Huaxia, but also ascend to the world throne of the industry in the near future.

The gift Xia Chenyu prepared for Tang Ya was one of the Beauty Company's whitening product lines.

The value of this whitening product line lay in its exclusivity for internal senior staff of the Beauty Company and was not available for sale to the public. It was said that its whitening effects were significantly superior to those on the market, and Tang Ya, being a woman, would surely appreciate it.

"What about you? What do you plan to give?"

After showing off the gifts she intended to give, Xia Chenyu asked Fang Bai in return.

"Mine's simple, one jade carving for each of them... carved by myself!"

As Fang Bai spoke, two small boxes had already appeared in his hands.

Upon opening the small boxes, inside was a Jade Guanyin and a Jade Buddha respectively.

Both the Jade Guanyin and the Jade Buddha were carved from black Water Element Stone, crystal clear and exquisitely refined. They emanated a faint Essence Energy, giving the impression they were filled with a spiritual presence.

