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“Are you sure?” Huangfu Ruiling leaned closer with a smile. “Think about it!”

Looking at the suddenly enlarged handsome face in front of her, Ye Lengan felt a faint ripple in her heart. Her cheeks flushed slightly and she pushed

Huangfu Ruiling away, saying, “Just talk, why are you getting so close?”

In the past, she had always been very calm when facing Huangfu Ruiling. She didn’t know why, but now that the two of them were a couple, she sometimes felt a hint of restraint. Especially when she saw Huangfu Ruiling’s smile, it seemed like she couldn’t help but become entranced by it.

Huangfu Ruiling didn’t insist and took the opportunity to retreat. However, he still looked at Ye Lengan and continued the previous topic, “We’re now a couple, but you’ve been addressing me by my name all this time. Isn’t it a bit odd? In relationships, don’t we usually have nicknames?”

Addressing each other by names like this made it sound like calling out to strangers.

After hearing Huangfu Ruiling’s words, Ye Lengan was speechless for a

moment. “Is it really necessary to dwell on something as trivial as a name?” As long as their relationship was strong enough, she felt that names and such didn’t really matter that much. She hadn’t expected Huangfu Ruiling to be so concerned about it.

Huangfu Ruiling didn’t say anything, just looked straight at Ye Lengan.

Under Huangfu Ruiling’s gaze, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but surrender. “Alright, alright, you’re right. We should have nicknames between us. Then from now on I’ll call you by your name, Ruiling, is that okay?”

Since Huangfu Ruiling was so insistent, she decided not to say anything more about it. After all, it was just a name, and changing it wouldn’t be a big deal.

Although still a little dissatisfied with how Ye Lengan addressed him, Huangfu Ruiling didn’t continue pursuing the issue. “Then it’s settled. From now on, I’ll call you An’an.”

Ye Lengan didn’t have any objections to this.

Soon, the dishes were served one after another, and the two of them started eating.

While peeling prawns for Ye Lengan, Huangfu Ruiling said, “You went to the Public Security Bureau today, right?”

He was quite familiar with Ye Lengan’s personality, and if it weren’t for something important that required her to leave, she probably wouldn’t have suddenly invited him out for lunch today.

“Yes.” Ye Lengan nodded. “I went to meet Auntie Zhuang. After all, we used to have a master-servant relationship. It’s good to meet and clarify things. As for the responsibility of Ye Anyun and the others, I don’t plan to pursue it.”

Although she had replaced quite a bit of furniture, it wasn't because of any damage; it was because she didn't like the presence of strangers, which was why she changed them. So, in reality, she hadn't suffered any losses. Even if responsibility were to be pursued, it would simply amount to a straightforward apology. Furthermore, ignorance was not a crime, and they were genuinely unaware, so there was no need to insist on investigating further.

"As long as you're happy." Huangfu Ruiling didn't give too much advice on the matter. "Then I'll have the lawyer handle the rest for you! There's no need for you to be involved again."

"Alright." Ye Lengan nodded with a smile. "I was already planning to get a lawyer anyway, but since you've taken over, I won't worry about it anymore."

"Mm." Huangfu Ruiling put the peeled prawns in Ye Leng'an's bowl and continued, "By the way, don't forget about the banquet tomorrow night. I'll come pick you up in the evening. We'll go get your hair done first, then head to the Nangong family."

"Is the banquet being held at the Nangong family's residence?" Ye Lengan was a little surprised. "I thought people from big families like you didn't like inviting so many guests over to your homes!"

"It's not the Nangong family's ancestral home, just a manor," Huangfu Ruiling explained. "My parents and younger brother will be there too. But you don't need to care about them, just pretend they don't exist."

After hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Ye Lengan raised her eyebrows. "If I have an unpleasant encounter with them, can I confront them directly?"

"If they make you unhappy, feel free to cause a scene," Huangfu Ruiling said with a doting smile. "With me backing you up, no matter what you do, it's fine.."

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He did not have any deep feelings for his so-called family. He didn't know if he was just naturally indifferent to kinship or what, but in any case, he had

never been close to them since he was young. Even without that incident happening back then, his relationship with them would not have been any better.

But Ye Lengan was different. She was the first person he had ever felt a deep connection with, the first person who had stirred his heart, and the partner he wanted to spend his future with. From the moment they got together, he had never considered separating from her. In fact, he was even willing to give his life for her if it came to that.

Therefore, it was clear which one was more important between the two.

“Then it seems our first meeting probably won’t be too pleasant.” Although she said this, there was no sign of gloom on her face. Instead, she had a hint of a smile. “What a pity.”

Since Huangfu Ruiling had already said so, it seemed that his family might not be very pleased with her presence. However, she didn’t mind. She was well aware that Huangfu Ruiling didn’t hold them in high regard, so she didn’t feel the need to take the matter too seriously.

Moreover, she was never someone to willingly compromise herself. If Huangfu Ruiling were to allow her to be mistreated for the sake of his family, it would indicate that he wasn’t the right person for her. Three-legged frogs are hard to find, but two-legged men are abundant. If Huangfu Ruiling were to let her be mistreated, she would find herself a new boyfriend.

Of course, these were just thoughts in her mind. If she said them out loud, she was afraid Huangfu Ruiling would get angry.

After dinner, Huangfu Ruiling naturally went back to continue working at the company.

As for Ye Lengan, she planned to go home. She hadn’t thoroughly researched the Seven Star Flower after obtaining it. Now that she had time, she was going to go back and study it properly.

After Huangfu Ruiling returned to his office, before he could start listening to his subordinates’ reports, he saw Li San walk in with a grave expression.

He waved his hand for the two managers to leave first, then looked at Li San and asked, “What’s the matter?”

Li San had followed him for a long time and naturally knew his personality very well. So he wouldn’t disturb him while working unless there was something really important.

Li San stepped forward and placed the documents in his hand on Huangfu Ruiling’s desk, saying, “Master, previously you had ordered an investigation into whether there was any connection between Nangong Xuyao and Miss Ye.

The results are out now.”

Seeing Li San’s somber expression, Huangfu Ruiling leaned back in his wheelchair and directly asked, “Did you find something?”

Previously, he thought that Ye Lengan and Nangong Xuyao shouldn’t have had any connections. It seemed things were a little out of his expectations now. And he didn’t like such surprises.

“Yes.” Li San nodded and reported, “It turns out that previously, Nangong Xuyao was once gravely injured after being betrayed. Later, he was saved by Miss Ye who happened to pass by.”

“An’an saved Nangong Xuyao?” Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but frown.

“An’an has forgotten about it. Did Nangong Xuyao forget about this matter

Nangong Xuyao’s attitude toward Aryan was completely unlike how one would treat their lifesaver! Even if Nangong Xuyao liked Ye Xiyuan, he shouldn’t have treated his benefactor this way for Ye

Xiyuan's sake. Of course, if Nangong Xuyao was an ungrateful person to begin with, that would be another story.

"I don't know what happened in the middle, but Nangong Xuyao thought the person who saved him was Ye Xiyuan." Li San continued. "It's also because he owes her his life that Nangong Xuyao treats Ye Xiyuan so well."

"As expected of a blind man," Huangfu Ruiling sneered coldly. "But this is good too. At least he has no chance anymore."

He was jealous that Ye Lengan had once saved Nangong Xuyao before. Because he didn't want anyone else to have such an intimate connection with

Ye Lengan, especially one involving saving a life. However, he was still unhappy that Nangong Xuyao had mistaken his benefactor. Because Ye Lengan's credit had been falsely claimed by someone else..

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"Master, should we inform Nangong Xuyao about this matter?" Li San asked.

"No need for now," Huangfu Ruiling said lightly. "I'll tell Aryan about this first.

She can decide what to do after thinking it over, then we'll make a decision."

Although he felt unhappy about the connection between Ye Lengan and Nangong Xuyao, he wouldn't hide this matter from her. Ye Lengan was one of the people involved, so she should know about it. Also, he wouldn't let anyone else take credit that belonged to Ye Lengan.

The next afternoon, Ye Lengan arrived at the cafe where she had previously met with Pang Tingting. She didn't arrive early, but right on time.

It had been a while since she last saw Pang Tingting. When she saw her again, she was shocked. The person in front of her looked almost like a different person compared to before.

Although Pang Tingting wasn't a great beauty in the past, she could be considered a girl-next-door type. Plus working as a senior executive at a foreign company, she knew how to dress up. Her whole image was that of an elite career woman. At the very least, when she walked down the street, she was the kind of woman who could attract attention.

However, the current Pang Tingting had completely transformed her appearance. The once confident and lively demeanor had vanished, replaced by an air of desolation and disarray. Furthermore, she appeared to have aged about ten years in her overall appearance. It was evident that she hadn't been doing well during this period.

Upon seeing Ye Lengan arrive, Pang Tingting immediately stood up. She had already been waiting here since the morning. Anyway, she was just fretting at home, so she might as well come earlier and wait.

While waiting, she was in a very nervous state the whole time. The wait was long, and although they had set a time, she still worried whether Ye Lengan would show up or not. If Ye Lengan didn't

come today, what should she do next? These days, almost every day was torment for her. She had thought about leaving the capital before, but couldn't bear to leave everything behind her.

Moreover, if she left now, she didn't know how she would survive. Therefore, she endured the torment while persisting.

The only person who could help her now was Ye Lengan. She couldn't help but feel fortunate that she had gotten Ye Leng'an's contact information back then. Otherwise, she wouldn't know what to do.

When she finally saw Ye Lengan arrive, she stood up but didn't know what to say. Seeing Ye Lengan's surprised expression, she couldn't help but touch her own face, smiling bitterly. "My appearance has changed a lot compared to before, hasn't it?"

In fact, she was very clear on just how haggard she looked right now. These days, she had no mood to take care of herself at all.

Ye Lengan didn't reply. She sat down opposite Pang Tingting and went straight to the point without any preamble. "You said yesterday that you have something related to my parentage, right?"

"That's right." Pang Tingting steadied herself and looked at Ye Lengan. "Before, I didn't pay much attention to that thing because I had always thought you were Ye Shen and Li Zhaohui's biological daughter. But at the banquet, when you said you weren't their biological child, I remembered that thing."

At this point, Pang Tingting raised her head to look at Ye Lengan. She took a deep breath before continuing, "I can give it to you, but you must help me."

"Oh, are you negotiating terms with me?" Ye Lengan wasn't in a hurry; she leaned back, exuding an air of laziness. "How do I know if you're not trying to deceive me? Also, if you just randomly bring something and claim it's related to my identity, how would I know?"

"I'm not lying to you," Pang Tingting said anxiously upon hearing Ye Leng'an's words. "You're the only one who can help me now, so I won't lie to you."

"Heh, then take it out!" Ye Lengan said calmly. "If you want to negotiate terms with me, you should at least show your cards! You can't expect me to help you just based on your words. You should know that you're currently under the Ye family's blockade, so helping you will come at a cost.."

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After hearing Ye Leng'an's words, a hint of hesitation appeared on Pang Tingting's face. She didn't know if she should take it out, because that item was now her only trump card. She was afraid that once she took it out, Ye Lengan would snatch it away, and she would really be in tears.

After all, Ye Lengan had not promised her anything so far. In fact, Ye Lengan hadn't even promised to help her. She was afraid she would end up with nothing in the end.

Ye Lengan could see Pang Tingting's hesitation. She was in no hurry and slowly said, "Actually, you can take your time to think about it. I'm not in a rush at all. Maybe you still need to go back and ponder it over. Let's talk after you've thought it through!"

She didn't like empty talk, so if Pang Tingting wanted her to take action, she had to show some sincerity first. Otherwise, there would be nothing to discuss next.

"No, I'm willing to take it out." Seeing that Ye Lengan seemed about to leave, Pang Tingting became a little anxious. "I can show you the item, but you have to promise me that after confirming, you'll definitely help me."

She was at a disadvantage now and had no choice. So even if it was risky, she could only take out the item first.

After speaking, Pang Tingting took out a box from her bag and opened it. Inside was a very unique bracelet.

It was a platinum bracelet, but what made it especially unique was that it wasn't adorned with ordinary gemstones. Instead, it featured violet-colored glass with a glassy transparency. On the small pendant at the end of the bracelet, there seemed to be two English letters engraved. It could be said that while this bracelet might not be considered priceless, it was still quite valuable.

Ye Lengan was a little surprised. Pang Tingting was at her wit's end, yet she hadn't sold this bracelet.

"Actually, it's not that I don't want to sell this bracelet, but I don't dare to." Pang Tingting seemed to discern Ye Lengan's thoughts. She smiled bitterly and said, "Back then at the entrance of the hospital nursery, I saw a woman dressed all in black, wearing sunglasses, a hat, and even a mask. She had wrapped herself up tightly. At that time, she was looking at you through the glass. But for some reason, when she saw me arrive, it was like she didn't want to meet anyone and hurriedly left. When leaving in such a rush, she accidentally left the bracelet behind. It was also because of this that when I had the idea to switch the babies, you were the first one I thought of. So I switched you with Ye Xiyuan. As for this bracelet, after I brought it home, I was very scared. I was also afraid the other party would come to my door, so I didn't dare do anything with it and could only hide it away."

"Do you remember any distinctive features of that woman in black?" Ye Lengan furrowed her brow and inquired, "Or maybe you can recall her approximate age or any other details about her? Can you remember anything?"

"I don't know." Pang Tingting honestly shook her head. "That woman was wrapped up too tightly. I couldn't see her at all clearly. Also, I only caught a glimpse of her. We didn't interact at all."

This was all she could remember. Moreover, she didn't find anything suspicious back then, so she didn't consciously think too much about it. If without the bracelet, she felt she might have forgotten about the whole thing already.

After hearing Pang Tingting's words, Ye Lengan sank into thought. She subconsciously felt the woman Pang Tingting met was likely the woman who had approached Ye Shen and Li Zhaohui before. But who exactly was that woman? What was her connection to Ye Lengan?

Seeing Ye Lengan sitting opposite her without saying a word, Pang Tingting's heart was filled with anxiety.

She had already told her everything she knew, without any omissions. She didn't know if Ye Lengan believed her words. If Ye Lengan was doubtful, what should she do next?

After a long while, Ye Lengan finally spoke again. "Pang Tingting, what do you want?"

She could still tell if Pang Tingting was lying or not. That woman in black was obviously the most crucial breakthrough if she wanted to find out about her parentage. That bracelet was the only clue to finding the woman in black. So she really had to get the bracelet back today.

Hearing Ye Lengan's words, Pang Tingting was ecstatic. Because she knew Ye Lengan had already believed her words, which meant she now had the leverage to negotiate with her. With the backing of Huangfu Ruiling behind Ye Lengan, as long as Ye Lengan was willing to intervene, the Ye family wouldn't be able to trouble her in the future.

However, after the ecstasy, she felt a little lost. Because she really wanted too much. Now that Ye Lengan had suddenly asked this, she didn't know how to reply for a moment.

"I..." Pang Tingting opened her mouth, thought for a bit, and then said, "I want a job. Also, I need you to help me pay off the loan on the house I'm currently living in. And I..."

"Stop!" After hearing Pang Tingting's words, Ye Lengan made a gesture to stop her, then looked at Pang Tingting with a faint smile and said, "It seems you know who that woman in black is! Then tell me first!"

"What?" Hearing Ye Lengan's sudden words, Pang Tingting couldn't react in time. "Didn't I already say earlier? I couldn't see clearly at all, so how could I know who she was?"

"Oh, so you didn't know!" Ye Lengan feigned a sudden realization, and then, with a mocking look in her eyes, she turned her gaze back to Pang Tingting.

"Since you don't know, your bargaining chip right now is merely a bracelet. The principle of equivalent exchange. Before you make any demands, you should think carefully about what cards you have to negotiate with me."

Pang Tingting did seem quite ambitious, demanding so much when she only had a fragment of information, which couldn't even be considered a significant clue. It made one wonder if she

genuinely believed Ye Lengan would agree to all these demands. She might appear to be a bit naive in thinking she could get her way so easily.

Seeing the sarcasm in Ye Leng'an's eyes, Pang Tingting immediately sobered up. However, she still felt very indignant. "Ye Lengan, you promised before to help me. Are you going back on your word now? My requests are nothing more than a small favor for you, and they're not unreasonable at all.."

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"That's right! You give me clues, and I'll provide you with help to get out of this predicament." Ye Lengan looked at Pang Tingting sitting opposite her. The corners of her mouth curled into a cold smile. "But that doesn't mean you can make unreasonable demands. I'm not a philanthropist, and even if I were, I wouldn't help people like you."

Did Pang Tingting think too highly of herself? Did she really believe the clues in her hands were worth a fortune? Moreover, even if they were worth a lot, it would still depend on whether she, the buyer, was willing to pay such a high price!

After hearing Ye Leng'an's merciless words, Pang Tingting's heart was filled with unwillingness. "Ye Lengan, the requests I mentioned are very simple for you, aren't they? What's more, you were one of the reasons I ended up like this today. Don't you think you should compensate me?"

Upon hearing this, Ye Lengan looked at Pang Tingting as if she were an idiot. "Pang Tingting, I thought you were quite clever. I didn't expect you to be so stupid! The reason you were suppressed by the Ye family today was because you swapped their biological daughter back then, which had nothing to do with me. Also, don't forget how you misled the Ye family to deal with me."

Pang Tingting probably wanted to drag others down because she was feeling guilty. However, since she chose to involve herself in the situation, it was quite shameless for her to blame others for retaliating against her.

After being confronted by Ye Lengan in this manner, Pang Tingting felt short of breath. After much hesitation, she spoke again, saying, "So what can you offer me? The Ye family keeps pressuring me, and I'm really struggling to cope. Right now, you're the only one who can help me. Ye Lengan, yes, I did something wrong to the Ye family, but don't forget, it's also because of me that you've been able to enjoy this wealthy lifestyle for so many years."

Indeed, what she had done hurt the Ye family. However, from another perspective, Ye Lengan was a beneficiary in this matter. If it weren't for her, how could Ye Leng'an have lived in the Ye family for so many years enjoying all the glory and privileges of being the Ye family's young lady?

"Heh, did you ever ask for my opinion?" Ye Lengan said coldly with a laugh. "Why don't you think about what would have happened if I were completely useless after being exposed? Pang Tingting, there's no need for you to bargain with me. Let's just get to the point. You definitely can't stay in the capital anymore. However, after leaving, given your age and the pressure from the Ye family, it would be absolutely

impossible for you to find a good job. I can arrange for you to leave the capital and find you a suitable job. Of course, if you still want a job like before, that's impossible."

The main reason Pang Tingting was able to become a senior executive in a foreign company was because she had an affair with one of the directors. To put it bluntly, she slept her way into that position. Although Pang Tingting was capable, she was not qualified for such a high position. But she could still be an ordinary manager.

"Leave the capital?" Upon hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Pang Tingting immediately frowned. Her tone was filled with unwillingness, "Can't I stay? Aren't you very capable? Why can't you protect me? This is just a matter of a few words, isn't it?"

Now everyone knew Ye Lengan was Young Master Huangfu's person. As long as Ye Lengan said one word, she wouldn't need to leave the capital and her plight would still be resolved.

She had just returned to the capital not long ago and did not want to leave this place.

"Pang Tingting, stop dreaming." Ye Lengan smiled coldly. "After leaving the capital, you might still be able to live out the rest of your life in peace. Of course, you can also choose to stay in the capital. I can give you a sum of money to buy this information from you. However, whatever happens in the future will have nothing to do with me."

As for whether Pang Tingting had the ability to keep that money, that was her own business.

"Ye Lengan, aren't you worried that I won't hand over this bracelet to you?" Pang Tingting was still unwilling to give up so easily. "This bracelet is valuable. As long as I sell it, I can still get a considerable amount of money.."

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She didn't believe that Ye Lengan truly didn't care about what she had. If it was really just about money, wouldn't it have been better for her to sell the bracelet from the beginning?

"Then do as you please." Ye Lengan looked indifferent. "You can do whatever you want. However, before you act, think carefully about the consequences and whether or not you mind adding me as an enemy."

If Pang Tingting really decided to do this, she would indeed be making an enemy out of Ye Lengan. She would not show mercy to enemies.

Pang Tingting was shocked and abruptly looked up at Ye Lengan, her eyes filled with astonishment. Obviously, she didn't expect Ye Lengan to say that.

Moreover, she could tell that Ye Lengan was not just making an empty threat. If she really dared to sell the bracelet, they would become enemies.

With the Ye family already causing difficulties for her, adding Ye Lengan as an enemy would indeed make her situation even more dire.

Ye Leng'an sat there leisurely drinking the fruit juice. She didn't say anything to rush Pang Tingting but waited for her to think things through.

Although Pang Tingting's previous executive position was partly due to her affair with one of the directors, it was undeniable that she still had some capability. At the very least, she should have a clear mind and be able to carefully consider what choices were best for her.

After a while, Pang Tingting finally raised her head again and looked at Ye Lengan. "Then where exactly do you want me to go?"

Ye Leng'an raised her eyebrows. After thinking for a bit, she said, "Jin City! I can arrange a job for you in Jin City and help you settle down there. As for the house you're living in now, I'll help you deal with it."

If it solely relied on Pang Tingting, there was no way her house could be properly dealt with. The Ye family would definitely interfere. By then, Pang Tingting's house might end up facing mortgage delays and eventual foreclosure by the court. At that point, she might even end up owing money to the bank after the auction.

It shouldn't be difficult to arrange for Pang Tingting to go to Jin City. She could just ask Li Tianfu for help then. It was likely that Li Tianfu would not reject such a small matter. After all, she wasn't asking for a high-ranking position for Pang Tingting, just something that aligned with her abilities.

If Pang Tingting wanted to continue living her previous extravagant lifestyle, that would be impossible. But as long as she worked hard, she could still have a stable life.

"Alright." After some consideration, Pang Tingting gritted her teeth and agreed, "I promise you, but you must arrange for me to leave as soon as possible."

Other than agreeing to Ye Lengan, she had no other choice left. If she kept struggling to stay in the capital, her final outcome would likely be extremely miserable. And to be honest, without Ye Leng'an's help, even if she wanted to leave the capital, it would have been very difficult.

"Give it to me!" Ye Lengan pursed her lips, signaling Pang Tingting to hand over the bracelet.

Pang Tingting didn't hesitate. She closed the box and passed it to Ye Leng'an. She wasn't worried that Ye Lengan would go back on her word. By this point, she had no other option but to trust Ye Leng'an.

Indeed, there was no apparent reason for Ye Lengan to deceive her, especially if she had intentions of forcibly taking something from her. In that case, there would be no need for these lengthy negotiations.

After receiving the bracelet, Ye Lengan instructed, "After you go back, pack up your things as soon as possible. In two days, I'll have someone escort you out of the capital. As for your house, if there's any money left over after dealing with it, I'll transfer it directly to your card."

With that, Ye Lengan stood up and left.

Pang Tingting, who was left behind, couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

Although the conditions Ye Lengan proposed today differed greatly from what she had envisioned. The matter was now resolved. She was about to leave this place and start anew.

Losing everything she had worked hard for over the years, she felt very heartbroken and unwilling. However, this was the best outcome now. In the end, everything that happened today was the result of the mistakes she made back then. Starting over was her retribution!

After losing everything, this was the first time Pang Tingting reflected on herself in this way.. Perhaps it was because she had nothing left that she was willing to start reflecting!

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After sitting for a while, Pang Tingting finally got up and went home.

On the other hand, after leaving the cafe, Ye Lengan did not linger outside for too long. Instead, she returned to the villa.

Back at the villa, she began examining the bracelet. While the bracelet did seem valuable, there was nothing particularly distinctive about it, and it could be found in regular jewelry stores. The only clue seemed to be the two letters on it. After careful examination, the letters were “ZX.” This should be an abbreviation for a name, but it wasn’t clear whether it was an abbreviation for the name of the mysterious woman in black.

When Huangfu Ruiling arrived at the villa, Ye Lengan was sitting on the sofa holding a chain, seeming to be in a daze. She didn’t even notice him come in.

Now that the two were dating, Ye Lengan had recorded Huangfu Ruilings fingerprints for the convenience of letting him in when he came to visit. Usually when she was refining pills in the alchemy room, she might not hear the doorbell. Or when she was too focused on something, she also wouldn’t hear it.

“What are you thinking about so intently?” Huangfu Ruiling asked softly.

Huangfu Ruilings voice immediately brought Ye Lengan back to her senses.

She looked up at Huangfu Ruiling and seemed a bit surprised by his appearance.

Then she glanced up at the clock again. When she saw the time displayed, she couldn’t help holding her forehead. “It’s evening already! Time passed so quickly I didn’t even notice.”

She didn’t expect to have sat there the entire afternoon. If Huangfu Ruiling hadn’t come, who knew how long she would have remained immersed in her thoughts!

“What’s wrong?” Huangfu Ruiling frowned and looked at Ye Lengan with concern in his eyes. “Didn’t you go see Pang Tingting this afternoon? Did something happen?”

Ye Leng’an stood up and said, “I did find out some things. It’s getting late, so let’s talk as we walk!”

Huangfu Ruiling didn’t ask further.

The two quickly got in the car and set off towards the beauty salon.

“Ready to tell me now?” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Lengan, raising his eyebrows as he said, “From your expression, it seems like you’ve had quite a substantial gain today! To keep you lost in thought for such a long time, it’s evident that this clue is significant!”

“That’s not it.” Ye Lengan smiled and shook her head. “Pang Tingting doesn’t know much more than Ye Shen and Li Zhaohui. However, she did give me something that might be helpful.”

After saying that, Ye Lengan told him everything she had learned from meeting Pang Tingting today.

Huangfu Ruiling nodded, then said, “Then give me the bracelet. I’ll get someone to investigate it! ”

“Alright!” Ye Lengan didn’t decline. “You can take the bracelet when we get back! ”

She would not refuse Huangfu Ruilings help. The Huangfu family was very powerful, so they would surely investigate much faster than her. Moreover, she did not feel the need to reject Huangfu Ruiling. Now that she was Huangfu Ruilings girlfriend, it was normal to accept help from her boyfriend.

As the two chatted, they soon arrived at a high-class beauty salon.

Before even entering, they saw two rows of people standing on either side of the door to welcome them.

As soon as they entered, a woman in a suit and skirt, dressed like an elite woman, walked up and respectfully said, “Young Master, Miss Ye, welcome.”

Then she turned to Ye Lengan and continued, “Miss Ye, our chief stylist Feiya is ready. Would you like to come with me now?”

“Yes.” Ye Lengan nodded.

Even in the face of such a reception, Ye Leng’an’s expression remained unchanged, appearing remarkably composed.

Seeing Ye Lengan’s composure, the elite woman beside her was also slightly surprised. She had not heard of Miss Ye’s name before, so it was clear she was not from the four major families. Yet in the face of such a grand reception, this Miss Ye was completely unfazed, showing her steady mentality..

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If her earlier respect for Ye Lengan was due to the young master, then her current respect was undoubtedly directed towards Ye Lengan herself.

Huangfu Ruiling did not follow her in but chose to wait outside.

“Miss Ye, you can call me Linda,” said the elite woman as she led Ye Lengan inside. “I will be serving you throughout the styling process today. Now let’s first take a look at the dress you’ll be wearing tonight!”

While speaking, Linda brought Ye Lengan to the inner room.

As soon as Ye Lengan entered, she saw a long white dress in the middle. Layers of white feathers were pinned to the dress, making it look extremely heavy. Under the store's lighting, the scattered diamonds on the feathers shimmered with a subtle golden and silvery gleam. It resembled a graceful swan gliding across a lake. The lake's water sparkled with golden ripples under the sunlight, and the swan's feathers glistened with a silvery-white sheen as they touched the water.

"Miss Ye, this is the dress you'll be wearing tonight," Linda introduced. "It's a masterpiece by the renowned Parisian designer Master Élise. She personally designed and handcrafted it, taking three months to create this classic piece." Ye Lengan nodded. Clearly, she really liked this gown too. At first glance, she was indeed amazed by it.

This was a substantial gown that wasn't easy for one person to put on. Linda brought in two female store attendants to assist, and with their combined effort, Ye Lengan was finally dressed in the gown.

The gown fit her perfectly as if it had been custom-made for her. There was no extra fabric or seams, and it showcased her exquisite figure beautifully.

Seeing Ye Lengan wearing the gown, Linda's eyes flashed with a hint of amazement.

The dress was pure white, with the scattered diamonds sparkling with a captivating radiance. Overall, it exuded a sense of purity and elegance.

With the gown on, Ye Lengan's neck and shoulders exposed outside the dress looked even whiter, so white it was as if emitting a glow. Her arms hung loosely at her sides, wrapped in white feathers. Her fair arms and the white feathers complemented each other, making her arms appear even more slender and fair.

Dressed like this, Ye Lengan looked like an earthly angel, pure and flawless. At the same time, she also resembled a well-protected princess unsoiled by the mortal world.

However, if you looked into her eyes now, you'd know she was no angel or princess, but a proud queen. Even the pure white dress could not suppress the arrogance in her heart, just like a haughty white swan.

These two contrasting auras somehow fused perfectly on Ye Lengan, making her whole demeanor even more enchanting, even fatally attractive.

After Ye Lengan got changed, a female shop assistant soon walked in, followed by two security guards behind her.

The shop assistant stopped in front of Ye Lengan, holding a square jewelry box in her hand.

The box had no markings on it and looked very simple.

Linda put on a pair of white gloves handed to her by one of the security guards before opening the box.

Despite the modest exterior of the box, inside lay a necklace comprised of several diamonds, each weighing over one carat, connected together. As the diamonds moved closer to the central one, they

became more abundant. The central diamond was a gem that appeared to be at least ten carats in weight and possessed extremely high clarity.

On one side of the necklace was a pair of teardrop diamond earrings.

On the other side was a matching bracelet.

Linda put on the white gloves and helped Ye Lengan put on the jewelry.

After putting on the jewelry, Linda brought Ye Lengan to the makeup room.

Upon entering the makeup room, she saw a somewhat flamboyantly dressed man waiting there.

Without even guessing, Ye Lengan knew this must be the chief makeup artist Feiya that Linda had just mentioned. When she first heard Feiya's name, she thought it was a woman. She didn't expect it to be a man.

Seeing Ye Lengan enter, Feiya's eyes lit up. He immediately stood up and circled around Ye Lengan, muttering continuously, "This truly is a masterpiece of God! She's already so stunning even without makeup."

After Ye Lengan sat down, Feiya looked her over again and again but didn't make a move.

Linda frowned and couldn't help urging, "Feiya, why haven't you started yet?"

Young Master is still waiting outside!"

Usually, she had never seen Feiya dally like this! Young Master had brought Miss Ye here and was still waiting outside, yet Feiya had yet to begin the makeup.

"Sister Linda, it's not that I don't want to start!" Feiya, with his fingers delicately poised and his voice in a sultry tone, said, "It's just that Miss Ye is so perfect that if I were to work on her, I'd feel like I'm defiling this beauty."

A flawless face like this was absolutely stunning even without makeup. Usually, when he did makeup it was to help others conceal flaws and enhance certain features. However, Miss Ye had no visible imperfections on her face, making it difficult for him to know where to begin.

In the end, under Linda's urging, Feiya applied a light layer of primer to Ye Leng'an's face, then added a touch of lip gloss to her lips.

This was undoubtedly the simplest makeup he had ever done, yet it was also the most satisfied he had been with any makeup he had ever applied. It could be said that this was the most perfect makeup he had ever created in his professional career.

After finishing the makeup, Feiya began styling Ye Lengan's hair. The hairstyle was very simple, with all her hair pulled back and formed into a low bun. This revealed Ye Leng'an's slender neck while leaving two wisps of bangs on both sides of her cheeks. Combined with the priceless necklace, she sparkled brilliantly.

It was hard to say if Ye Leng'an's fair complexion or the diamonds on her were more dazzling.

With the styling finished, Ye Lengan walked out.

While waiting outside, Huangfu Ruiling was also handling some business matters for the group. When he heard movement, he immediately looked up and saw Ye Lengan, who had finished her styling, walking out slowly.

Seeing Ye Lengan dressed in a pure white gown, a hint of amazement flashed through his eyes. At the same time, there was also a trace of confusion. For a moment, the pure white dress really resembled a wedding gown.

Ye Leng'an looked like a bride walking towards him at a wedding, dressed in a pure white gown, moving gracefully in his direction.

Huangfu Ruiling lifted his head and reached out to Ye Lengan.

Ye Leng'an, not understanding the reason, but still placed her hand in Huangfu Ruiling's large palm..

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Huangfu Ruiling took Ye Leng'an's hand, then lowered his head and gently kissed the back of her hand. His expression looked devout and holy as if he wasn't kissing the back of her hand, but his faith, his sole lifelong pursuit.

Seeing Huangfu Ruiling's actions, Ye Lengan's eyes grew blurred and her heart shook. Then, the corners of her mouth curved into a sweet smile.

The moment that smile appeared, it was as if spring had arrived and the earth had come back to life. Originally cold and noble like an empress, she now seemed like a pampered princess, pure and flawless.

In a manor in the suburbs of the Nangong family, it was brightly lit at this time. All kinds of luxury cars came and went as they held a top-class banquet for the wealthy families of the capital.

When the Ye family's car stopped at the entrance, those attending the banquet couldn't help but take a second look. After all, those who could attend the Nangong family's banquet were all first-class families in the capital. The cars arriving here were often worth tens of millions.

Now, a car worth only a few million appeared among them, making it seem somewhat out of place.

However, those attending the banquet were all raised in well-bred families and had good manners. So, while they found it peculiar, they only glanced briefly and didn't pay too much attention to it.

Ye Xiyuan sat in the car, her cheeks a little flushed, though it was unclear if it was from shyness or some other reason. In the past, she had always felt that even if the Ye family wasn't considered a first-class family in the capital, they were at least a wealthy clan. But today, after coming here, she finally understood what a top family was like.

Now, sitting in the car, she could almost feel the curious gazes of the people outside. However, she had already come this far, she couldn't just keep sitting in the car. What's more, Nangong Xuyao had invited her here today. At a time like this, she couldn't afford to show any signs of being overly cautious or Nangong Xuyao's favor towards her might decrease.

Taking a deep breath, Ye Xiyuan opened the car door and slowly got out.

When they saw Ye Xiyuan get out of the car, many people paused to take a look. Clearly, no one had seen this girl before and didn't understand why she would be in this place. After all, anyone with eyes could see she didn't fit in.

However, they soon knew why she was here, because they saw that after the girl got out of the car, Young Master Nangong had actually come out of the manor and walked over to the girl.

"Xiyuan, I'm sorry, I was planning to go pick you up."

As soon as Nangong Xuyao heard Ye Xiyuan arrive, he immediately came out.

He looked apologetic and said, "Something came up here at the last minute, so

I couldn't go over. I'm sorry you had to come alone."

Since he had invited Ye Xiyuan to be his female companion, he naturally should have gone to pick her up. However, he was delayed by his mother before he could leave, so he had no choice but to let Ye Xiyuan come by herself.

"It's fine." Ye Xiyuan tilted her head and smiled brightly. "I'm not a child anymore. I don't need to be picked up and escorted everywhere. I can come on my own! Are you worried I might get lost?"

Hearing Ye Xiyuan's words, Nangong Xuyao couldn't help but laugh. When he looked at Ye Xiyuan, his gaze grew even gentler.

Only then did he notice Ye Xiyuan's attire and his eyes were full of admiration. Ye Xiyuan wore a pure white off-the-shoulder long formal gown, her beautiful collarbone faintly visible. The dress fabric was so white it seemed almost translucent, emitting a soft glow, like the wings of an angel, yet it revealed nothing. The hem of the dress formed graceful, gentle curves from high to low, elegantly flaring out to showcase her porcelain-like legs. The skirt was adorned with crystals that sparkled like countless beautiful morning dewdrops.

She didn't wear any extra jewelry, just a small crown in her tied-up hair. It made her look as beautiful as an innocent princess.

Although he had seen Ye Xiyuan dressed up before, there had never been a time when he was so thoroughly impressed.

Ye Xiyuan was very satisfied seeing Nangong Xuyao's admiration.

Ye Li had spent a huge amount to prepare this gown for her for tonight's banquet. The timeline was extremely tight, and they had to pay extra to ensure it was ready for today..

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It couldn't be denied that this gown accentuated all her best features and made her the most dazzling presence at the entire banquet.

Although Ye Xiyuan was clearly aware of this, her face still looked innocent.

"Brother Nangong, what's wrong? Why aren't you saying anything?"

Ye Xiyuan's words brought Nangong Xuyao back to his senses. He smiled and looked at Ye Xiyuan. "Nothing, I was just captivated by you, Xiyuan. You look so beautiful today!"

Hearing Nangong Xuyao's straightforward words, Ye Xiyuan's face immediately flushed red. She raised her head and said coquettishly, "Brother Nangong, what are you saying?"

"I'm just telling the truth." Nangong Xuyao said with a hint of playfulness in his smile, "Tonight, my female companion will definitely be the center of attention. So..."

As Nangong Xuyao spoke, he stretched out his arm and continued, "I wonder if I have the honor of inviting my beautiful companion to go in with me?"

"Brother Nangong, if you keep spouting nonsense, I'll ignore you," Ye Xiyuan said playfully.

Despite her words, Ye Xiyuan extended her hand and hooked it through

Nangong Xuyao's arm.

The two walked hand in hand towards the banquet venue. Just looking at their backs, it was clear that they were an extraordinary couple.

Seeing this scene, many young men and women nearly gritted their teeth.

Those men who had initially wanted to approach Yexi Yuan to try their luck and maybe have an exciting encounter tonight found themselves intercepted before they even had a chance. What was more, the one who intercepted them was none other than the young master of the Nangong family. They dared not make any moves now. After all, beautiful women were not in short supply, and it certainly wasn't worth offending the Nangong family over one woman.

As for those women, the one they hated to the point of gnashing their teeth was obviously Ye Xiyuan. Many young ladies had set their target on Young Master Nangong tonight. But now, a woman who came out of nowhere had taken the lead. How could they accept that? If she had been from one of the four major families, perhaps they wouldn't have been so angry. But now that woman was someone they didn't even recognize, and she had arrived in a rundown car worth several millions. She clearly didn't belong to their social circle.

The way that woman was dressed, drawing so much attention to herself, it was as if she was desperate for everyone to notice her. She really had no shame,

Many of the young ladies present had already secretly made up their minds to find an opportunity to make things difficult for that woman later, wanting to let her know that there were certain circles she couldn't just casually enter. Without the necessary status and power, she wouldn't fit in, no matter how hard she tried.

Ye Xiyuan was unaware of their plans. At this moment, she had already followed Nangong Xuyao into the banquet hall.

Unlike her previous birthday banquet, the scale of the banquet held by the Nangong family this time was much grander, by who knows how many times. At the venue, glasses clinked, and everyone was dressed in couture gowns, mingling in small groups and engaging in conversations. Just observing from a distance, she could feel the difference in the social status of these people compared to the attendees at her own banquet.

It could be said, the attendees of today's banquet were the top families of the entire capital. And she had now become one of them.

Just thinking about this, her heart surged with excitement. At the same time, the ambition in her heart grew wildly like weeds.

The moment Ye Xiyuan appeared, she attracted everyone's attention. Not just because of her beauty, but because she was standing beside Nangong Xuyao.

Everyone knew that Nangong Xuyao had never had a woman by his side before.

Throughout the years, Nangong Xuyao had always attended events alone, and not even the young women from his family accompanied him. However, at this Nangong family event, he openly brought a woman with him. What was most notable was their intimate interactions, which didn't resemble a simple friendship at all.

"Xiyuan, let me take you to meet my mother!" Nangong Xuyao said gently to Ye Xiyuan by his side, "My mother has been wanting to see you for a long time."

"Meeting Auntie?" A hint of nervousness flashed in Ye Xiyuan's eyes.. "Brother Nangong, what kind of person is Auntie? Do you think she'll like me?"