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Although the target of her mission this time was Nangong Xuyao's mother, she still felt a bit nervous when she heard she was really going to meet the woman in person.

A woman who could secure the position of the Nangong family matriarch for so many years was undoubtedly not on the same level as her mother, Lin Wanqin.

Therefore, the little tricks she used in front of her mother might not work in front of Mrs. Nangong.

Her most important goal today was to win Mrs. Nangong's favor. Of course, this wasn't just to complete the system's mission, but also for her and Nangong Xuyao's future. She was quite sure Nangong Xuyao liked her currently. However, if she wanted to become the wife of the young master of the Nangong family, then the support of Mrs. Nangong, Nangong Xuyao's mother, would be crucial for her.

Soon, Nangong Xuyao brought Ye Xiyuan to his mother, who was also the current Nangong family matriarch, Murong Yanshu. He then solemnly introduced, "Mother, this is the Ye Xiyuan I mentioned to you before."

As the hostess today and current matriarch of the Nangong family, Murong Yanshu did not need to socialize with others. At this moment, she was sitting there watching everything happening at the banquet. The butler was standing beside her, attending to her.

Therefore, the moment Nangong Xuyao brought Ye Xiyuan into the banquet hall, she had already seen them. Or rather, she had already known of such a person's existence even before Ye Xiyuan arrived.

Of course, she also knew that Ye Xiyuan had once saved Nangong Xuyao's life. Thus, in the beginning, although she had never met this girl called Ye Xiyuan, she still had a good impression of her.

However, even with that good impression, she still sent people to investigate Ye Xiyuan's background. Of course, she knew her son would investigate the girl too.

Unlike Nangong Xuyao though, after receiving the investigation report, her fondness for Ye Xiyuan plummeted. Being a woman herself, she saw through all of Ye Xiyuan's little tricks. She was well aware that Ye Xiyuan was a very scheming girl.

In normal circumstances, she might have admired such a tactful and clever girl. But if her own son liked such a girl, that was another story. She hoped her future daughter-in-law would be a prestigious young lady who could be cunning but used her skills for the greater good, not on trivial matters. Considering Ye Xiyuan's upbringing, she was not fit for the responsibility of being the matriarch of a great family.

When Ye Xiyuan entered with Xuyao just now, she could see the ambition in the girl's eyes from afar.

Ambition was fine, but if one's abilities weren't up to par, then all ambition was a joke.

“So you’re Xiyuan!” Although her heart had gone through countless thoughts, there was not a trace of it on Murong Yanshu’s face. “I’ve heard from Xuyao that if it weren’t for you back then, he might have...”

When she spoke to this point, her voice choked up a little.

Indeed, she truly was grateful to Ye Xiyuan for saving Nangong Xuyao. Nangong Xuyao was her only son, he was her life. She didn’t dare imagine what she would do if something really happened to him back then. “Auntie, I just happened to be passing by,” Ye Xiyuan said, seeming a bit shy. She smiled and said, “Besides, even without me, someone else would have been there. Young Master Nangong has good fortune on his side, and he would have been fine for sure.”

Although Murong Yanshu wasn’t as intimate with Ye Xiyuan as she appeared on the surface, she was still in a good mood hearing those words. She smiled and nodded, “It seems girls really are the warmest! Miss Ye, you have a pleasant way of speaking.”

Hearing Murong Yanshu’s praise, Ye Xiyuan bashfully lowered her head.

In fact, she was already calling out to the System in her heart, “System, what is the current favorability rating of Nangong Xuyao’s mother toward me right

Seeing Murong Yanshu’s expression, she felt her mission today would be completed very soon. As expected, with the halo of being Nangong Xuyao’s lifesaver, it was much easier to gain Murong Yanshu’s favorability..

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However, when she heard the system’s mechanical voice reply, she felt it was impossible.

“According to the system’s detection, Muyan Yanshu currently has a favorability rating of only 50% toward you. You need to achieve a favorability rating of 80% or more to complete the task.”

“What?” After getting the system’s reply, Ye Xiyuan almost couldn’t control her expression. “Nangong Xuyao’s mother clearly likes me a lot. How could the favorability rate only be 50%? Did you test it wrong?”

Murong Yanshu had been so cordial to her, so how could the favorability rate be so low? She didn’t even reach the passing line.

The mechanical voice rang out in Ye Xiyuan’s mind again, even more stern this time. “The system’s analysis is never wrong. I hope the host continues to make efforts. If the host continues to question the system’s accuracy, there will be punishments.”

Hearing the word “punishment”, Ye Xiyuan couldn’t help but shiver. Just thinking about the agonizing punishment last time made her feel afraid. “Xiyuan, what’s wrong?” Seeming to sense something off with Ye Xiyuan beside him, Nangong Xuyao asked with concern, “Are you not feeling well?”

Murong Yanshu also looked concerned. "Miss Ye, how about I have someone take you to rest for a while?"

Looking at Murong Yanshu's concerned appearance, Ye Xiyuan felt a chill in her heart. If it weren't for the system detecting such a low favorability rate from Murong Yanshu, she might have actually believed that the other party was genuinely concerned about her. It seemed that the women in these major families were not to be underestimated, as even she was almost convinced by that caring expression.

If she was really taken away to rest now, she was afraid she wouldn't be able to come out of tonight's banquet anymore. It seemed that gaining Murong Yanshu's favor really wasn't easy at all!

"Auntie, I'm fine." Ye Xiyuan revealed an innocent smile and said, "It's just that Auntie is so friendly, I felt pleasantly surprised by the warmth."

Just as they were speaking, a servant rushed in and whispered a few words into the butler's ear, as if reporting something.

Soon, Murong Yanshu stood up and looked at Nangong Xuyao. "Mr. and Mrs. Huangfu have arrived. Let's go welcome them now! "

As one of the four major families, now that Mr. and Mrs. Huangfu had personally come, as hosts they naturally had to personally greet them. As Murong Yanshu spoke, she only looked at Nangong Xuyao and didn't even mention Ye Xiyuan.

For a moment, Ye Xiyuan felt a bit awkward, as she didn't know if she should follow or stay in place.

"Xiyuan, let's go together!" Nangong Xuyao seemed to also notice Ye Xiyuan's unease. Looking at Ye Xiyuan beside him, he suggested with a smile, "You're my female companion today, so it's only proper for you to come along with me."

Hearing Nangong Xuyao's words, Ye Xiyuan was very happy. But before she could reply, she was interrupted by Murong Yanshu.

"Xuyao, it might not be appropriate for Miss Ye to join us. The guests arriving now are the patriarch and matriarch of the Huangfu family. So, how should Miss Ye accompany us in what capacity? It might be better for her to wait here for a while!"

After saying this, Murong Yanshu turned to Ye Xiyuan and continued with a smile, "Miss Ye, you don't mind my arrangement, do you?"

"Of course not, Auntie is right," Ye Xiyuan said with a smile. "I'll only feel more reserved coming along, so I'll just stay here,"

At a time like this, she naturally wanted to go along. But Murong Yanshu had already said it this way, if she insisted on following them, she would only offend Murong Yanshu. Then it would be even harder to gain favor with Murong Yanshu later. Since this was the case, she might as well show herself as decent and magnanimous. She wanted to see if she could gain more of Murong Yanshu's favor this way.

Nangong Xuyao had wanted to say more, but hearing that Ye Xiyuan was so insistent, he didn't continue to persuade. However, he still had the butler stay behind to attend to Ye Xiyuan.

Ye Xiyuan watched Murong Yanshu and Nangong Xuyao leave, keeping smiling, and not showing any grievance.

Murong Yanshu's impression of Ye Xiyuan improved somewhat seeing her tactful behavior. She felt at least this girl knew her own status and wouldn't pester them unreasonably.

When Ye Xiyuan heard the system report that Murong Yanshu's favorability rate had risen to 55%, she breathed a sigh of relief. At the same time, she secretly rejoiced that she had guessed right. At this rate, completing the mission tonight should be possible.

After Murong Yanshu and Nangong Xuyao left, she turned around and looked at the butler with a smile, "Uncle, if you're busy, you can leave first. I'll be fine alone."

After speaking, she beamed sweetly at the butler, looking like a little girl unaware of the ways of the world.

The butler's expression didn't change. He continued speaking respectfully, "Miss Ye, since the Young Master ordered me to stay by your side, then my duty now is to take good care of you."

Seeing the butler's insistence, Ye Xiyuan didn't say anything more. Moreover, she felt it might actually be good for the butler to stay with her now.

She had already noticed quite a few young ladies at the banquet were hostile towards her. Now that Nangong Xuyao was gone, those women were ready to make trouble for her!

Of course, she wasn't afraid of these people. But she had come today with a mission. If the mission failed because of these people, it would be too disappointing. Therefore, with the Nangong family butler present, he could at least deter these people a little.

What was most important for her now was to think of a way to quickly improve Murong Yanshu's impression of her. Although Murong Yanshu's favorability of her had risen a bit, there was still some distance from success.

On the other side, Murong Yanshu had already brought Nangong Xuyao to the entrance. They happened to run into Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying coming in. Behind them was their youngest son, Huangfu Ruixiang.

Because Nangong Xuyao's father, who was also the head of the Nangong family, was overseas for business and couldn't make it back, everything tonight had to be handled by Murong Yanshu as the matriarch.

After the meeting, everyone engaged in some small talk..

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Just as Huangfu Jingzhang and the others were exchanging greetings with Murong Yanshu, Li San pushed Huangfu Ruiling in. Ye Lengan was beside him.

When the two sides met, the atmosphere suddenly seemed a bit awkward.

Clearly, they were one family, but they had come in two separate groups. Moreover, now that the two sides were standing together, there was a distinct feeling of separation, making it seem like they were not one family at all.

Murong Yanshu naturally felt the awkwardness in the atmosphere. She quickly went up to greet them, "Ruiling is here too!"

Although they were not familiar with each other, she was still the matriarch of the Nangong family. Naturally, she could not address Huangfu Ruiling as Young Master, so calling him by name was reasonable.

However, when she saw Huangfu Ruilings arrival today, she was really taken back. All along, Huangfu Ruiling had never attended any banquets, let alone bringing a female companion. It was also for this reason that the young master of the Huangfu family had always been very mysterious. Everyone only knew that he sat in a wheelchair and was exceptionally handsome, but very few had seen him in person. Under normal circumstances, the Huangfu family would be represented by the head of the family, Huangfu Jingzhang, and his wife, Zhongyu Liuying.

Of course, this did not affect Huangfu Ruilings popularity. Among the four major families, Huangfu Ruiling was the only young master who held the majority of the family's real power. Although it was not clear for what reason he had always remained as the young master, it was evident that as long as he was willing, he could take the position of the family patriarch at any time.

Some people speculated whether it was because Huangfu Jingzhang was Huangfu Ruilings father, and he didn't want to compete with his own father, which was why he had remained as the young master all this time.

However, given their distant relationship, it didn't seem like they had a strong emotional bond. So, it was all just speculation, and no one could really understand the true reasons behind their dynamics.

"Mrs. Nangong." Huangfu Ruiling nodded gently and then introduced, "This is Ye Lengan, my girlfriend."

When these words were spoken, it was as if a small pebble had been dropped into a calm lake, immediately causing ripples to spread in all directions.

Originally, the fact that Huangfu Jingzhang and Huangfu Ruiling had come separately but met at the entrance had already attracted the attention of many people.

Many people at the banquet had already turned their attention to this situation, and there were also occasional glances from some prestigious young ladies. After all, there were quite a few outstanding young men present here. Nangong Xuyao was the young master of the Nangong family, and

Huangfu Ruiling was the young master who held most of the power in the Huangfu family. Even the least accomplished Huangfu Ruixiang was a direct descendant of the Huangfu family, the son of the current family head.

Regardless of which one, they were all excellent candidates for a marriage alliance. Especially these three, not only did they have prominent family backgrounds, but they were very handsome, and their abilities were also top-notch. Nangong Xuyao was now involved in the family business, and even Huangfu Ruixiang had entered the family business, not to mention Huangfu Ruiling.

Among these three, Huangfu Ruiling was the most highly regarded by the crowd. Despite being in a wheelchair, he had already established himself as someone in a position of great power.

Who would have thought that Huangfu Ruiling would announce in front of so many people that the girl beside him was his girlfriend! Although that girl was indeed stunningly beautiful, she did not look like a daughter from a prestigious family like them.

One had to know that female companions and girlfriends were completely different concepts. When a girl appeared beside Nangong Xuyao, they were a little jealous, but they didn't think much of her. After all, she was just a female companion who could be replaced at any time.

However, the girlfriend was different, especially now that she was introduced in front of so many people. Girlfriend, that meant they were in a stable relationship. They might even get married in the future.

At that moment, many young ladies' hearts at the scene must have felt broken.

Even Murong Yanshu, who had come up to greet him, was stunned for a moment. However, as the matriarch of the Nangong family, she had seen many occasions. She immediately recovered and looked at Ye Lengan with a smile, saying, "Miss Ye, welcome to the banquet. I hope you have a wonderful time."

Although Nangong Xuyao didn't like Ye Lengan, he wouldn't give Ye Lengan a hard time on such an occasion. After all, Huangfu Ruiling was standing beside

Ye Lengan..

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However, he did not expect that he had underestimated Ye Lengan. Now, she had actually become Huangfu Ruiling's girlfriend.

"Thank you!" Ye Lengan smiled lightly and nodded.

On the other side, Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuyings faces turned particularly unpleasant. They had not expected Huangfu Ruiling to be present today. What was even more unexpected for them was that Huangfu Ruiling already had a girlfriend. Moreover, without their consent, he had announced it in front of so many people, which was a clear sign of not taking them, as parents, into consideration at all.

Especially Zhongyu Liuying. When she looked at Ye Lengan, her eyes were filled with disgust. Unlike Huangfu Jingzhang, she had long known of Ye Lengan's existence. However, she didn't take Ye Lengan to heart. She only planned to wait until school started before directly confronting Ye Lengan.

She even thought that Huangfu Ruiling might have already disliked Ye Lengan even before school started. Then she didn't have to do anything.

However, she did not expect Huangfu Ruiling to stay in Paris for the New Year because of Ye Lengan. Now, he even brought Ye Lengan to attend the Nangong family's banquet and announced

that Ye Lengan was his girlfriend in front of so many people. It was as if they, as parents, were being disregarded completely.

“Brother, when did you get a girlfriend?” Huangfu Ruixiang smiled and asked, “Why haven’t I heard of it before?”

It might seem like a simple question, just a younger brother asking his older brother a very ordinary question. However, if one listened closely, one could discern the underlying message he wanted to convey. That was, Ye Lengan, this so-called girlfriend, had never met their parents and had not received their approval.

As soon as these words were heard, the young ladies who had their eyes on Huangfu Ruiling at the event started to become restless once again. So, she hadn’t received the family’s approval yet? In that case, did it mean there was still a chance for them?

“Ruixiang, what are you talking about!” A trace of disdain flashed across

Zhongyu Liuyings eyes as she said, “Not everyone is worthy of our acknowledgment. Not everyone can enter the gates of our Huangfu family.”

Although Huangfu Jingzhang did not say anything, it was very obvious that he had the same thoughts.

Obviously, the family of three seemed to be on the same side, opposing Ye Lengan, the so-called girlfriend of Huangfu Ruiling. They were using their actions to send a signal to the others that they did not acknowledge Ye

Lengan.

Ye Lengan’s face didn’t change at all when she heard this. She still had a faint smile on her face. Because she knew very well that she did not need to appear at this time.

Huangfu Ruilings eyes flashed with a hint of coldness as he lifted his head and looked at the family of three across from him, saying coldly, “It’s not up to you to decide who can enter the Huangfu family. It’s up to me. Ye Lengan is my girlfriend and my future wife. In the future, she will become the matriarch of the Huangfu family.”

Everyone was shocked. Huangfu Ruilings words clearly asserted Ye Lengan’s status. She wasn’t just a girlfriend; she was also his future wife.

After all, a girlfriend and a future wife were two completely different concepts. Although Young Master Huangfu had acknowledged her as his girlfriend, feelings could change. However, a future wife signified a committed and lasting relationship.

For a moment, when everyone looked at Ye Lengan, their eyes changed. If they had looked at Ye Lengan indifferently just now, they were now looking at her with respect and apprehension.

Although they wouldn’t treat Ye Lengan like they treated Huangfu Ruiling, they didn’t dare look down on this girl anymore.

“Nonsense!” Huangfu Jingzhangs face suddenly became gloomy. When he looked at Huangfu Ruiling, he was even more angry, “Do you know what you are saying? I will never admit it.”

He did not expect Huangfu Ruiling to elevate the status of this girl named Ye Lengan in front of so many people. A girl of unknown origin, what qualifications did she have to become the matriarch of the Huangfu family? He would never let this girl called Ye Lengan enter the Huangfu family..

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"I don't need your acknowledgment." Huangfu Ruiling raised his head and looked at Huangfu Jingzhang with no trace of warmth in his eyes. "I am not discussing with you now, but informing you. Also, I don't need your opinion."

He didn't have any excessive emotional attachment to these so-called family members. As long as everyone didn't interfere with each other, they could coexist peacefully. However, if they wanted to meddle in his affairs, that would be challenging his boundaries, and he would not simply let it slide.

Hearing this, Huangfu Jingzhang was furious. When he looked at Huangfu Ruiling and said angrily, "You unfilial son, do you know what you are talking about? I'm your father. Is this how you treat your father?"

He always felt conflicted about his son, Huangfu Ruiling. For some reason, he had never been able to feel close to his son throughout his upbringing. However, after what happened back then, he also carried a sense of indebtedness toward his son.

However, he never expected that Huangfu Ruiling would eventually seize his authority. He wasn't sure how exactly this had happened, but when he found out, most of the power in the Huangfu family was already in the hands of Huangfu Ruiling. When he learned of this, he was both anxious and angry, but he was also powerless to change the situation and had to accept the reality.

The only thing that made him feel better was that although Huangfu Ruiling had significant power, he had no intention of taking over the position of the family patriarch. Therefore, he was still the head of the Huangfu family. He was the one who handled all the external affairs of the Huangfu family. This also allowed him to maintain his superficial dignity.

Therefore, his feelings for his son, Huangfu Ruiling, were somewhat complicated. On the one hand, he feared Huangfu Ruiling, not only because he had quietly seized significant power, but also because of his identity in the Hidden World. On the other hand, he couldn't help but feel proud for having such an outstanding son. It was because of such complicated feelings that he and Huangfu Ruiling didn't get along well with each other.

Now, he suddenly heard Huangfu Ruiling announce Ye Leng'an as his girlfriend without their consent. He felt like he had returned to the time when Huangfu Ruiling had taken over the power without a word. This made him feel indignant.

"I know what I'm talking about." Huangfu Ruiling did not flinch because of Huangfu Jingzhang's anger. Even his expression did not change. "My decision doesn't need your consent, just as you don't need to inform me about what you want to do."

Hearing such words, Huangfu Jingzhang was so angry that he could not even speak.

"Dad, don't be angry. Brother didn't mean it that way." Huangfu Ruixiang hurriedly went forward and patted Huangfu Jingzhang's back to calm him down. "Let's talk it out; Brother will listen."

"I have nothing to say to this ungrateful son." Obviously, Huangfu Jingzhang at this moment did not listen to any advice. "He's grown capable now and has the ability to fight against his father. So, he wants to infuriate me."

Although he was speaking to Huangfu Ruixiang, it was clear to anyone with discernment that Huangfu Jingzhang's words were directed at Huangfu Ruiling.

Unfortunately, Huangfu Ruiling did not even look at him.

As for Ye Leng'an, she didn't say anything. She just stood quietly beside Huangfu Ruiling, like a beautiful vase.

Seeing that things were getting worse, Murong Yanshu quickly stepped forward and said with a smile, "Mr. and Mrs. Huangfu, today is the day our Nangong family holds a banquet. So I kindly request that you give me face and not pursue this matter any further. After all, children have their own blessings, and we adults should not interfere too much."

This was both a warning and a persuasion. This was the Nangong family's place, so it was better for him to settle the Huangfu family's matters when they returned. Although the Nangong family was not as powerful as the Huangfu family, it was still one of the four major families.

Huangfu Jingzhang did not say anything else. After he snorted coldly, he directly continued walking forward. Before he left, he looked deeply at Huangfu Ruiling. Obviously, his departure was not a sign of compromise but rather a recognition that today was the day of the Nangong family's banquet, and their family matters didn't need to be aired in such an unsightly manner here.

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Zhongyu Liuying naturally followed closely behind her husband. However, she stole a glance at Ye Lengan.

Initially, she had planned to find a suitable time to talk with Ye Lengan. But now, it seemed that she really had to bring it forward. Otherwise, some people might indeed misunderstand their status and think that with their beauty alone, they could climb up to the upper echelons, without considering their actual background.

Seeing Huangfu Jingzhang and the others leave, Ye Lengan felt a little disappointed. If the other party had really continued to make a fuss, then she could have directly rebuked them. She did not expect that the other party was quite weak in the battle. Huangfu Ruiling had not even said a few words before they surrendered.

Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Leng'an's expression and knew what she was thinking. He shook his head in amusement and said, "There is still a long way to go. Are you afraid that you won't have a chance in the future?"

After hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Ye Lengan couldn't help but roll her eyes. "In your opinion, am I a warmonger?!"

No matter what, she would never admit it. If Huangfu Ruiling dared to say yes, then he would be in big trouble.

Seeing the threatening look in Ye Leng'an's eyes, Huangfu Ruiling shook his head with a smile. "How could it be! I know that An'an is definitely a very gentle person, and she usually doesn't like to argue with others."

Although they had not been in love for long, his survival instincts were still very strong. Especially now that Ye Lengan was staring at him threateningly! He naturally wouldn't speak nonsense.

Moreover, no matter what Ye Lengan was like, she was the cutest in his eyes.

Murong Yanshu heaved a sigh of relief. Today was the important day of the Nangong family's banquet. As the hostess, she naturally didn't want any mistakes to happen. If they had really quarreled here just now, the banquet would have been half ruined.

Fortunately, Huangfu Jingzhang could see the situation clearly and did not continue to make trouble here. Otherwise, it would have turned into an unsightly spectacle, and as the hostess, it would have been embarrassing for her.

Murong Yanshu personally led Huangfu Ruiling into the banquet hall. Compared to Huangfu Jingzhang, the nominal family head, Huangfu Ruiling, the actual person in charge, was obviously more important.

During this time, Murong Yanshu couldn't help but glance at Ye Lengan a few times. She really couldn't see what kind of ability such a young girl had to be able to make someone like Huangfu Ruiling fall in love. Obviously, other than her beauty, she did not find anything special about this girl.

Nangong Xuyao, on the other hand, couldn't help but show a trace of disgust in his eyes every time he looked at Ye Lengan. He hadn't forgotten what he had heard from Ye Xiyuan about Ye Lengan two-timing.

He couldn't understand how someone like Huangfu Ruiling could fall in love with Ye Lengan. Moreover, Huangfu Ruiling seemed to blindly love her, believing whatever she said.

After instructing her people to take care of Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan, Murong Yanshu left with Nangong Xuyao.

After making sure Huangfu Ruiling was far enough away that he couldn't hear her, Murong Yanshu asked as she walked, "Xuyao, do you know Miss Ye?"

Hearing his mother's sudden question, Nangong Xuyao was stunned for a moment. Then, he began to organize his thoughts in his mind, thinking about how to phrase his response in the best way possible.

This was because this matter did not only involve him but also Ye Xiyuan. He was worried that if he said anything wrong, his mother would have a bad impression of Ye Xiyuan.

When Nangong Xuyao didn't answer, Murong Yanshu spoke again, "What? Is my question difficult to answer? Who exactly is Ye Leng'an?"

Obviously, her son was hesitating, wanting to hide something. This made her very unhappy. Of course, it didn't mean that her son had to tell her everything, but she didn't think this was a secret. If her son didn't say anything, it must be for a special reason.

She felt that this reason should be related to the female companion he brought with him today.

“No, I’m just thinking about how to best answer your question.”

After thinking about it for a while, Nangong Xuyao finally told her about the relationship between Ye Leng’an and Ye Xiyuan. Although he didn’t know what his mother would think of Xiyuan if she found out, he felt that it was better not to hide such a thing. Perhaps his mother had already investigated it.

After hearing Nangong Xuyao’s description, Murong Yanshu suddenly understood. No wonder when she heard Ye Leng’an’s name earlier, it sounded familiar! It turned out that she had seen Ye Leng’an’s name in Ye Xiyuan’s investigation report.

Because the description of Ye Lengan had been brief and concise, she hadn’t paid much attention to it. She didn’t expect Ye Lengan to be so capable! She had become Huangfu Ruilings publicly acknowledged girlfriend, and even made him say the words “future wife.” It could be seen that this girl was definitely not just beautiful.

At the very least, Ye Lengan was a very scheming person. Otherwise, how could she win Huangfu Ruilings love?

Nangong Xuyao didn’t know what his mother was thinking. He quickly returned to Ye Xiyuan’s side.

Ye Xiyuan was sitting alone eating a small cake, her eyes occasionally glancing at the crowd around her. This made her seem a little out of place in the atmosphere of the banquet.

Actually, she didn’t want to sit here alone. It was just that she didn’t know anyone around her, and Nangong Xuyao, who could introduce her, had left temporarily.

Although the butler was by her side, she couldn’t do anything. She could only sit there quietly and wait for Nangong Xuyao to come back.

Soon, she saw Nangong Xuyao walking towards her. She immediately put down the cake in her hand, got up, and walked towards him.

“Brother Nangong, you’re back!” Ye Xiyuan walked up to Nangong Xuyao with a bright smile. “Where is Auntie?”

She didn’t forget that the main target of attending today’s banquet was to impress Murong Yanshu.. If she wanted to gain her favor, Murong Yanshu had to be present, right?

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“Mother still has something to do.” Nangong Xuyao looked at Ye Xiyuan in confusion. “Is there something wrong?”

He was very surprised that Ye Xiyuan had suddenly asked about Murong Yanshu. Moreover, even though his mother could be said to be amiable when facing Ye Xiyuan, there was an underlying tension that couldn’t be concealed. His mother was the matriarch of the Nangong family, and even if she could be reserved, Xiyuan would still feel uncomfortable.

“No, I just feel that Auntie is very amiable. I still want to have a good chat with her! That’s why I asked.” Ye Xiyuan wore a smile on her face, with a hint of hidden resentment in her eyes. “Since Auntie has something to attend to, I won’t disturb you further.”

Right now, Murong Yanshu’s favorability towards her had yet to reach the system’s requirements, so her mission had yet to be completed. If she didn’t

see Murong Yanshu for the rest of the night, wouldn’t her mission tonight fail? If so, she would have to lose some intelligence points.

The National Mathematical Olympiad was about to begin. If her intelligence points decreased, it would be very difficult for her to win the championship. Furthermore, Ye Lengan was right in front of her. Although she had a strong aversion to Ye Lengan, she had to admit that Ye Lengan was indeed the biggest stumbling block on her path to first place in the Mathematical Olympiad.

If she failed this mission, then winning first place in the Mathematical Olympiad would definitely be affected.

Thinking of this, she could not help but feel a little frustrated. Moreover, she couldn’t let Nangong Xuyao see anything strange.

“I didn’t expect you to like my mother so much!” Nangong Xuyao was a little surprised, but then he smiled and said, “Usually, even my cousins feel a little pressure when they interact with my mother. I didn’t expect you to actually want to have a good chat with her. It seems like you and my mother really have a connection. She’ll be very pleased when she finds out.”

“Auntie is your mother. Of course, I like her very much.” When Ye Xiyuan said this, her face couldn’t help but blush, and her voice became softer. “Besides, I also hope that Auntie will like me.”

Nangong Xuyao’s expression softened when he saw Ye Xiyuan’s flushed cheeks. “Yes, Mother will like you.”

He had already made up his mind that he would find an opportunity to introduce Ye Xiyuan to his mother later. Only through interaction would his mother truly understand what kind of girl Xiyuan was. Once she got to know

Xiyuan, she would surely like her. Then, when he pursued a relationship with Xiyuan, there was a good chance that he would have his mother’s support.

Of course, he didn’t tell Ye Xiyuan about this because he wasn’t sure if his mother would have time later, and he didn’t want Xiyuan to be disappointed.

In fact, if he could, he also hoped to be like Huangfu Ruiling, to be able to directly announce the status of the girl he liked without needing anyone’s consent. He only needed to do whatever he wanted to give the girl he liked the greatest sense of security.

However, he couldn’t do this because his situation was completely different from Huangfu Ruilings. Huangfu Ruiling already had great power and did not need to take into account anyone’s opinions.

However, he was different. Although they were both young masters, the power of the Nangong family was still in his father's hands. Moreover, his cousins were all eyeing him covetously, waiting for him to make a mistake so that they could replace him.

Therefore, he had to think twice about everything he did and take every step carefully. This also meant that there were many things that he could not do as he pleased.

Even though he liked Ye Xiyuan now, it hadn't reached the point where he couldn't live without her. He did want to take things further with Ye Xiyuan though. If things went well, he even had the thought of spending the rest of his life with her.

However, he would not go against his family for Ye Xiyuan. Compared to Ye Xiyuan, the power of the family was more important to him. Therefore, he wanted to take things slowly.

Ye Xiyuan didn't know what Nangong Xuyao was thinking at the moment. She was a little annoyed, but she still changed the topic. "By the way, Brother Nangong, the Huangfu family came just now, right? Why aren't you with them?"

She didn't know much about the Huangfu family. The Ye family was not qualified to mingle with the four major families. If she hadn't saved Nangong Xuyao, she wouldn't have had the right to be associated with the Nangong family..

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"I don't need to accompany them on such an occasion." As Nangong Xuyao spoke, he glanced at Ye Xiyuan. He thought for a moment and said, "Not only is the Huangfu family patriarch here, but Huangfu Ruiling is here too. There's also..."

He felt that he still needed to tell Ye Xiyuan, after all, the banquet venue was only so big, and it would be very easy to bump into them. It was better to give her a heads-up rather than meeting unexpectedly. However, before he could finish speaking, he was interrupted by Ye Xiyuan.

"Ye Lengan is here too, isn't she?" Ye Xiyuan blurted out.

If Nangong Xuyao brought up a topic related to Huangfu Ruiling, it could only be about Ye Lengan.

"That's right." Nangong Xuyao wasn't surprised that Ye Xiyuan could guess it. "In the past, Huangfu Ruiling never attended these banquets. But today, he came over and announced in public that Ye Leng'an was his girlfriend."

As for Huangfu Ruiling declaring Ye Lengan as his future wife, he did not say it out loud. Because, although Huangfu Ruiling said so, the future was full of uncertainties. When two people were deeply in love, they naturally made promises about the future. However, as long as they weren't married, there were always variables to consider.

"What?" Ye Xiyuan was so shocked that she almost couldn't control her expression. However, she soon realized that she had overreacted, so she immediately calmed down and forced a smile, saying, "I didn't expect Young Master Huangfu to like Ye

Lengan so much. Now, he's actually declaring their relationship in front of so many people. Ye Lengan is really lucky!"

Although she said that, she was extremely jealous of Ye Lengan. She didn't expect Ye Leng'an to be so skilled at managing her relationship that she could make the young master of the Huangfu family publicly announce her identity. On the other hand, she had been in an ambiguous relationship with Nangong Xuyao for so long, but she still hadn't gotten a clear status.

In fact, it had been so long before she was qualified to attend the Nangong family's banquet. What did she lack compared to Ye Lengan that made her constantly lose to her?

"Who knows if they can make it to the end!" Nangong Xuyao's tone carried a hint of disdain. "Even if they're married, they can still divorce. They're just boyfriend and girlfriend now, and it's still full of uncertainty."

After hearing Nangong Xuyao's words, Ye Xiyuan didn't feel comforted at all. Instead, she felt even more depressed. At least Ye Lengan now had a recognized status, while she had nothing but the label of a friend.

Now that Ye Lengan had been publicly acknowledged, Nangong Xuyao said that it was full of uncertainty. What about her? She didn't even have a status now, so what was she to Nangong Xuyao?

Nangong Xuyao didn't know what Ye Xiyuan was thinking. He felt that he had already done a lot for Ye Xiyuan. If he didn't like Ye Xiyuan, he wouldn't have planned so many things.

On the other side of the banquet venue, Ye Lengan and Huangfu Ruiling were resting.

Ye Lengan watched as the people present with cups and glasses clinking, engaged in conversation that seemed to be testing each other. She had a bored expression on her face.

"Why? Are you feeling bored?" Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Leng'an's expression and said with a smile, "These kinds of gatherings can be like this. If you're feeling bored, we can leave early!"

Originally, his purpose in bringing Ye Lengan to the Nangong family's event today was simply to reveal her identity to others. Now that the goal had been achieved, there was no need to stay any longer.

"Forget it!" After hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Ye Lengan couldn't help but roll her eyes. "We just got here not long ago, and now we're leaving? Are you here just to annoy the host?"

One had to know that they had just arrived here not long ago, at most only for half an hour. If they were to leave now, wouldn't they be a laughingstock? "They won't have any objections," Huangfu Ruiling said lightly. "So, if you don't like it, we will leave now."

The Nangong family probably didn't expect him to come. Even if he left now, the Nangong family wouldn't say anything. However, even if they had opinions, it had nothing to do with him. He never cared about those unimportant people..

“Forget it. Since we’re here, let’s have some fun!” Ye Lengan looked at

Huangfu Ruiling and said with a smile, “But speaking of which, your family’s combat strength is really not good! I originally thought that they would still say something. Before I had a chance to respond, they just left directly.”

“They have no right to tell me what to do.” When talking about his family, Huangfu Ruilings tone was very flat, as if he was talking about unimportant people. “It’s just that some people can’t see the reality clearly. It’s stupid to want to interfere with my affairs.”

Thinking of what Zhongyu Liuying had said about the young lady of the Ye family in the Hidden World, a hint of darkness flashed across his eyes. His mother was probably too free, so she had time to care about his matters. Perhaps he should find something for her to do.

Ye Lengan wasn’t surprised by Huangfu Ruilings words. She looked around the banquet.

“What are you looking at?” Noticing Ye Leng’an’s actions, Huangfu Ruiling asked, “Are you looking for someone?”

“No, I’m just curious,” Ye Lengan shook her head and said, “Tonight is the Nangong family’s banquet. I just wanted to see if Ye Xiyuan came. According to Nangong Xuyao’s feelings for her, she should be attending the banquet tonight.”

“An’an, do you know...” Huangfu Ruiling opened his mouth, wanting to tell her about Nangong Xuyao mistaking his lifesaver.

However, he had just started when he was interrupted.

“Brother!” Huangfu Ruixiang came from somewhere. He came to Huangfu Ruiling with a trace of fear in his eyes. “Dad wants you to go over.”

He felt quite unlucky to be ordered by his father to go find his elder brother.

He didn’t know why, but from childhood to now, he had always felt a deep fear towards his elder brother. It used to be somewhat manageable, but now his elder brother’s presence was even more imposing than before.

When facing his elder brother, he always felt like he was an ant, as if the other party could pinch him to death at any time.

Therefore, many times, he would rather face his dignified father than his brother.

Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but frown when he was interrupted. He said directly, “I won’t go.”

He had wanted to take this opportunity to tell Ye Lengan about Nangong

Xuyao mistaking Ye Xiyuan as his lifesaver. Now that he was interrupted by Huangfu Ruixiang who suddenly appeared, his expression naturally turned sour.

Seeing that Huangfu Ruilings expression wasn't good, Huangfu Ruixiang couldn't help but swallow nervously. He braced himself and said, "Uh, Brother, Dad really has something to talk to you about. Could you come over for a moment?"

Right now, he only wanted to complete the mission as soon as possible. He felt that if he continued to stay here, he might even lose strength in his legs later!

Huangfu Ruilings brows furrowed even more tightly as he looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, his eyes filled with impatience. However, before he could speak, a slender and gentle hand rested on his shoulder.

"Ruiling, you should go!" Ye Lengan placed her right hand on Huangfu Ruilings shoulder and said, "Since your father is looking for you at this time, there must be something urgent. Don't worry, I can stay here alone."

She was not an innocent and weak girl. If someone thought that she was vulnerable because of her appearance, they might end up at a disadvantage.

Huangfu Ruiling naturally understood what Ye Lengan meant. He was not worried about Ye Lengan because he knew Ye Leng'an's strength. He simply did not want to see Huangfu Jingzhang. However, since Ye Lengan had said so, Huangfu Ruiling naturally would not refuse.

"Li San, push me over," Huangfu Ruiling said lightly.

Seeing such a situation, Huangfu Ruixiang was stunned. What he said was useless and even made Huangfu Ruiling unhappy. However, Ye Lengan changed Huangfu Ruilings mind with just one sentence. Could it be that it was true that even heroes had a hard time resisting the charms of a beautiful woman?

It was unclear whether it was intentional or because he didn't care, but Huangfu Ruiling didn't ask Huangfu Ruixiang to come along.

This was exactly what Huangfu Ruixiang wanted. He came over to invite Huangfu Ruiling was just an excuse. His main goal was Ye Lengan..

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Looking at the girl in front of him, Huangfu Ruixiangs eyes flashed with amazement, but at the same time, he felt a trace of regret. So what if she was beautiful? For a big family like theirs, the most important thing was still their background. No matter how one looked at it, this Ye Lengan was definitely not worthy enough to enter the Huangfu family's door.

"Don't you have something to say to me?" Seeing that Huangfu Ruixiang remained silent, Ye Lengan took the initiative to speak up, "If you don't, Ruiling will be back very soon."

She was not a fool. Naturally, she could see that Huangfu Ruixiangs purpose was to send Huangfu Ruiling away. However, she did not expect that after Huangfu Ruiling left, this Huangfu Ruixiang actually did not seize the opportunity but stood there in a daze. He was really stupid.

“You know about it?” After hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, Huangfu Ruixiang frowned. When he looked at her, there was a hint of wariness in his eyes. “Since you knew, why did you let Brother leave?”

“Why must he stay?” Ye Lengan found a chair and sat down. She looked a little lazy as she said, “Since you all want to have a talk with me sooner or later, even if it’s not today, it will happen eventually. In that case, why not settle it today?”

Huangfu Ruixiangs face was still full of vigilance. He looked at Ye Lengan, his eyes searching the surroundings. “Are you planning to do something in secret?”

For instance, something like recording, and then handing it over to Huangfu Ruiling. Not only could it earn Huangfu Ruilings sympathy, but it could also further distance him from these family members.

Seeing Huangfu Ruixiangs expression, Ye Lengan knew what he was thinking. She was speechless. “You’re thinking too much. With such a vivid imagination, it’s a waste not to become a screenwriter. Alright, if you have something to say, say it quickly. If you don’t want to tell me, then leave.”

Actually, she wanted to use the phrase “Get lost” more. However, she felt that it was better to restrain herself on such an occasion.

Although Huangfu Ruixiang didn’t trust Ye Leng’an, he still spoke up, “Miss

Ye, you’re very smart. Since you know that I’m here to look for you, you should know why I’m here, right?”

Ye Lengan was right. If he continued to drag this out, his brother would be back soon. It would be bad if his brother happened to see him confronting Ye Lengan.

Although he had received a mission from his parents to persuade Ye Lengan to break up with Huangfu Ruiling, he was still very worried. However, in the end, he still did not want to offend Huangfu Ruiling. Although he was

Huangfu Ruilings younger brother, he was certain that if he crossed Huangfu Ruilings bottom line, the other party would undoubtedly not hesitate to take action against him.

“I don’t know.” Ye Lengan shrugged, looking like she didn’t care at all. “So, if you have something to say, just say it! Don’t make me guess, I don’t like guessing games.”

Ye Leng’an’s words instantly made Huangfu Ruixiang speechless. He knew very well that the other party was trying to fool him. However, he couldn’t say anything because there were some things that he really hadn’t said.

He took a deep breath and calmed himself down before continuing, “Miss Ye, you’re a smart girl, so you should know why I’m here today. You just don’t want to admit it. Yes, Brother did admit that you’re his girlfriend in front of so many people today, but what does that mean? You are his girlfriend today, but you may not be tomorrow. If you break up, you won’t get anything.”

“Oh, really?” Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, who was standing there, and said with a smile, “Then what do you think I should do? Should I ask Ruiling to marry me now?”

She only dared to say such words in front of Huangfu Ruixiang. Because she had a very strong premonition. If she were to talk about marriage in front of Huangfu Ruiling, the next moment she would be dragged to the Civil Affairs

Bureau.

As for her age and timing, they were not obstacles at all for Huangfu Ruiling.

She was still very young. In fact, she was not even an adult in this life yet. She did not want to get married early.

Therefore, what she said now was just to fool the person in front of her.

After hearing Ye Leng'an's words, a hint of mockery flashed across Huangfu Ruixiang's eyes. “Miss Ye, it's not that I look down on your position in my brother's heart. Since my brother only introduced you as his girlfriend, it means that he has no intention of getting married yet. Therefore, even if you propose marriage, he might not agree.”

“While that's one way to look at it, what if he does agree?” Ye Lengan seemed unwilling to give up. “Wouldn't that be even better? I mean, I'm just bringing it up, and whether he agrees or not, it doesn't seem like I have much to lose, does it? Actually, now that I think about it, I should thank you. If it weren't for you today, I wouldn't have thought of this. If we do end up getting married, it would be all thanks to your suggestion!”

Hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Huangfu Ruixiang was so angry that he almost vomited blood. He suppressed the impatience in his heart and continued to persuade her, “Miss Ye, I think it's best if you don't mention anything about marriage in front of Brother. Otherwise, if you anger him, it will be the day you break up.”

He was sure that Huangfu Ruiling would not get married just because of Ye Leng'an's words. After all, he had never thought that Huangfu Ruiling was someone who would enter marriage so easily. Even if he liked Ye Lengan now, he didn't know how long he would like her.

However, he couldn't afford to bet on that one-in-a-million chance. What if Huangfu Ruiling really married Ye Lengan on a whim? When his father found out that he was involved, he might end up in big trouble!

“Oh, then forget it.” Ye Lengan nodded her head and immediately changed her mind. It was as if what she said just now was just a casual remark. Looking at Ye Leng'an's expression, Huangfu Ruixiang felt that his patience had reached its limit. He suppressed the displeasure in his heart and continued, “Miss Ye, I think that you only approached Brother for the sake of benefits. As long as you're willing to break up with my brother, we won't bargain with you. Just name your price..”