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Earlier, he and his father had already heard about Ye Lengan from his mother. That was why they had sent him here to negotiate with Ye Lengan. No matter how much Ye Lengan asked for, the Huangfu family could afford to pay. As long as Ye Lengan was willing to leave Huangfu Ruiling, money would not be a problem.

“Any amount is acceptable?” After hearing Huangfu Ruixiangs words, Ye Lengan rolled her eyes and continued, “But why do I feel that I’m at a disadvantage by doing this?”

It seemed that Huangfu Ruixiang really thought of her as an inexperienced young girl. She dared to say that if she really took the money and broke up with Huangfu Ruiling, then the next second, all the evidence would be handed over to Huangfu Ruiling, letting him know how unworthy his girlfriend was.

“How could you be at a disadvantage?” Seeing Ye Lengan seem to be tempted, Huangfu Ruixiang hurriedly continued. “You’re only Brother’s girlfriend now.

We don’t know what will happen in the future. If you break up, you’ll really be left with nothing.”

“Is that so?” A hint of concern appeared on Ye Lengan’s face. “But Huangfu Ruiling said he definitely won’t break up with me and we will definitely get married in the future.’

“Miss Ye, then you’re really too naive.” Huangfu Ruixiang continued persuading her, “All so-called promises are just like flowers in the mirror and the moon in the water. Who knows if they can be fulfilled in the future? Moreover..”

At this point, Huangfu Ruixiang looked Ye Lengan up and down. “Miss Ye, our Huangfu family is not some small family. Moreover, Brother will be the head of our Huangfu family in the future. His future partner can be any young lady from a prestigious family, but it definitely won’t be you. So you might as well take the money as soon as possible. As long as you have money, you can have anything you want! ”

“Oh!” Ye Lengan appeared very tempted. She looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and tentatively asked, “Then how much can you give me?”

Seeing Ye Lengan already tempted, Huangfu Ruixiangs eyes flashed with disdain. Then he generously said, “Miss Ye, how much money do you need to break up with Brother? As long as you say it, we will definitely agree.”

In Huangfu Ruixiangs eyes, Ye Lengan appeared to be quite inexperienced, so even if she made extravagant demands, he didn’t expect her to ask for too much money. He had no worries that the price she mentioned would be something they couldn’t afford.

“Oh, really?” Ye Lengan looked pleasantly surprised. “No matter how much I say, you’re willing to give it to me? You’re not deceiving me, are you?”

“No, I won’t!” Hearing Ye Lengan doubting him, Huangfu Ruixiang quickly assured, “Miss Ye, I’m helping my parents convey their opinion. So even if I can’t take it out, they can. Don’t worry. But after you get the money, you must break up with Brother. Otherwise, we won’t let you off.”

“Of course, I’m a person of my word. As long as it’s something I promise, I’ll definitely do it.” Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and continued, “That is to say, I can name any price I want, right? You won’t regret it when I say it, will you?”

“We definitely won’t go back on our word.” Huangfu Ruixiang said anxiously, “So, Miss Ye, name your price!”

At this point, there was a hint of urgency in his tone. It had been some time, and he couldn’t be sure how long his father could continue to hold Huangfu Ruiling back. If they couldn’t reach an agreement before Huangfu Ruiling returned, everything would be in vain.

Moreover, if he happened to accidentally let Huangfu Ruiling see what he was doing, his fate would undoubtedly take a turn for the worse. He was concerned that he might not even live to see the sunrise tomorrow in that case.

“Since you’ve said so, I won’t stand on ceremony.” Ye Lengan pretended to be deep in thought, then said, “Ten billion. As long as you give me Ten billion, I’ll agree to break up with Huangfu Ruiling. How about it? My price is very reasonable, isn’t it!”

“What? Ten billion!” Huangfu Ruixiang cried out in shock. He immediately realized he had lost his composure. He quickly lowered his voice and looked at Ye Leng’an sharply.. “Miss Ye, do you know what you’re saying?”

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One hundred billion was not just an extravagant demand; it was an astronomical figure. Not to mention him, even his father would have some difficulty taking out ten billion all of a sudden. Of course, this didn’t mean that his father didn’t have ten billion, but to suddenly produce that amount of money would be really difficult.

“I know!” Ye Leng’an nodded and looked at Huangfu Ruixiang with a smile. “Didn’t you tell me to name my price just now? I think ten billion is a very suitable price.”

Seeing Ye Leng’an’s nonchalant expression, Huangfu Ruixiang’s eyebrows twitched. He gritted his teeth and said, “Ten billion. Miss Ye, even robbing a bank you can’t get ten billion. Don’t you think the price you offered is too preposterous?”

He didn’t expect Ye Lengan to be so bold as to ask for ten billion. Now, it appeared that her appetite was much larger than he had anticipated, and it took him by surprise.

“Robbing a bank is illegal. I’m a law-abiding citizen and will never do such a thing,” Ye Lengan said with a smile. “Besides, I think my price is very reasonable! I’m even making a disadvantageous deal by asking for this ten billion. Don’t you know that Huangfu Ruilings net worth is far more than ten billion?”

Huangfu Ruixiang felt the veins on his forehead were about to pop out. He rubbed his temples, his eyes threatening. “Miss Ye, do you think you’re worth ten billion? Did you even consider your own worth before making such a demand? Ten billion, it’s quite a stretch for you to ask for that kind of sum.”

“Why not? Weren’t you the one who told me to name my price?” Ye Lengan raised her head and looked at Huangfu Ruixiang with a faint smile. “That’s why I say sometimes it’s better not to make rash promises. Otherwise, when you can’t fulfill what you’ve said, you’ll have to blame others.”

Her expression seemed to mock Huangfu Ruixiang, implying that he was all talk and no action, and her gaze was filled with disdain and a hint of doubt.

Meeting Ye Leng’an’s gaze, Huangfu Ruixiang felt his patience was nearing its limit. “Miss Ye, it seems you have no sincerity in negotiating with me. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have said an amount like ten billion. You’re just toying with me, right?”

He didn’t think Ye Leng’an was sincere at all. If she were truly sincere, she wouldn’t have named such a ridiculous price. It seemed he had been played by Ye Lengan this whole time.

“Am I playing you, or are you playing me?” Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruixiang contemptuously. “Weren’t you the one who told me to name the price? And just now you solemnly swore no matter what price I offered you could afford it. Now that I’ve told you the price already, yet you’re making excuses. I don’t think you have any sincerity at all.”

“You...” Huangfu Ruixiang was so angry he could barely speak. “I did tell you to name your price, but I didn’t ask you to throw out an exorbitant demand! Ten billion, you really have the audacity to ask for that much! Ye Lengan, who do you think you are?”

“It’s precisely because I know who I am that I’m asking for so much,” Ye Lengan said with a smile. “Besides, I think the price I mentioned is already low. After all, Huangfu Ruilings net worth speaks for itself. Just ten billion, and I already feel like I’m shortchanging myself.”

“Do you think you can get ten billion just by being at my brother’s side?” Huangfu Ruixiang’s face was full of sarcasm. “Don’t tell me just because my brother calls you his girlfriend, you actually think you can enter our Huangfu family? Ye Lengan, it’s important to know your own status. You should know who you are. Right now, you still hold some novelty for my brother, so he’s willing to grant you the title of girlfriend in public. When he grows tired of you, you’ll be nothing. It’s an honor that

we're willing to give you a chance now. If you don't cherish it, don't blame us for being impolite to you.."

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If Ye Lengan really didn't know what was good for her, then his father and mother wouldn't let it go so easily. At that time, it would be hard to say what the outcome would be.

"Since you think I'll eventually be abandoned by Huangfu Ruiling, why are you wasting time negotiating with me now?" Ye Lengan curled her lips with a faint smile. "That means you actually have no control over Huangfu Ruiling, and that's why you're trying to approach it through me, isn't it? You came here today under orders from your parents, right? To put it bluntly, even they can't control Huangfu Ruiling. Otherwise, wouldn't it be faster if they directly ordered Huangfu Ruiling to break up with me? So, the real control is in my hands now. I'm the one who can make decisions, right?"

"You..." Hearing this, Huangfu Ruixiangs expression changed. His gaze towards Ye Lengan sharpened. "You knew everything all along. So from beginning to end, you never intended to break up with Brother. From the start, you were just toying with me, weren't you?"

If earlier he had thought Ye Lengan was an inexperienced country bumpkin, now he could see that she had been pretending all along. She clearly saw everything, she had engaged in this long conversation with him without ever seriously considering breaking up with Huangfu Ruiling.

"Hehe, did I ever tell you that when you already know certain things, it's better to keep them to yourself." Ye Lengan smiled brightly. "Speaking so openly about them just makes you look foolish."

Ye Lengan's words made Huangfu Ruixiangs face extremely gloomy. If looks could kill, he would have cut Ye Lengan into a thousand pieces by now.

Ever since he was young, no one had dared to speak to him this way. Now, this

Ye Lengan was acting so boldly. Wasn't it just because she had Huangfu Ruiling backing her up? If she didn't have Huangfu Ruiling, would she still dare to be so arrogant?

"Miss Ye, it seems you've chosen to become our enemy." Huangfu Ruixiang no longer had the patience to continue beating around the bush with Ye Lengan. "Since you won't take our offer, don't blame us for not being polite. Don't think that Brother can protect you forever. If he abandons you in the future, you better think about your own fate."

He didn't believe Huangfu Ruiling would stay with Ye Lengan for life. It was impossible for someone as cold-hearted as Huangfu Ruiling to genuinely fall for someone. After some time passed, when Huangfu Ruiling got bored of her, he would abandon her.

His parents' decision to intervene was primarily to save face for the Huangfu family. Huangfu Ruiling's public announcement of Ye Lengan as his girlfriend had damaged the family's reputation. So they wanted to resolve this matter as soon as possible. That was why they decided to directly look for Ye Lengan and address the issue at its source.

"That would be my business, so you don't need to bother yourselves." Ye

Leng'an smiled coldly. "As for whether or not Huangfu Ruiling and I will break up, that's between us, and it's none of your business. You also can't interfere."

"Ye Leng'an, you really are quite arrogant." Huangfu Ruixiang narrowed his eyes, with traces of resentment in his gaze. "Since you're so confident, I'd like to see if you can actually enter the Huangfu family."

"Why don't you ask your brother and see if I can enter the Huangfu family or not?" Ye Leng'an's gaze landed behind Huangfu Ruixiang. "Ruiling, do you think I can enter the Huangfu family's gate?"

Upon hearing Ye Lengan's words, Huangfu Ruixiang immediately stiffened.

He didn't know if Huangfu Ruiling was standing behind him right now, or if Ye Leng'an was just messing with him. After all, his father should be holding Huangfu Ruiling back.

At the same time, he felt a growing sense of fear. If Huangfu Ruiling was indeed behind him, how long had he been there and had he heard everything?

Although he felt Ye Lengan might be deceiving him, he still stiffened and slowly turned around, his body tense..

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It was like being between a rock and a hard place. At this point, he had no choice but to face the situation head-on.

Sure enough, when he turned around, he saw Huangfu Ruiling sitting in a wheelchair not far behind him.

Even sitting in a wheelchair, Huangfu Ruiling could not hide his imposing manner. There was no extra expression on his face. When looking at Huangfu Ruixiang, it was not as if looking at his younger brother, but rather as if looking at an insignificant stranger.

His face was completely expressionless, and no one could guess when he had appeared or how much he had heard.

"Brother!" The air of superiority that Huangfu Ruixiang had displayed when facing Ye Lengan was completely gone now. In front of Huangfu Ruiling, he was like a quail, asking softly, "When did you come over?"

In fact, what he wanted to ask even more was how much Huangfu Ruiling had heard.

“What does it have to do with you?” Huangfu Ruiling said lightly, “Father is looking for you. Go!”

Upon hearing that, Huangfu Ruixiang was like a released prisoner, wanting to leave immediately. Although he didn’t know how much Huangfu Ruiling had heard, he really didn’t want to stay any longer. He felt that if he stayed, Huangfu Ruiling would definitely settle accounts with him later. At that time, his fate would definitely be miserable.

Not to mention they were biological brothers, even if it was his biological parents, Huangfu Ruiling would act against them, let alone him.

Even though Huangfu Ruiling might settle the score later, for now, it was better to avoid immediate confrontation. As for what would happen in the future, that could be dealt with later.

However, just a few steps after Huangfu Ruixiang had walked away, Huangfu Ruilings voice resounded again.

“Go back and tell Father and Mother not to play so many tricks in the future,” Huangfu Ruilings cold voice sounded again. “If they’re truly idle, I can certainly keep them busy. As for you, I hope you won’t talk to your sister-in-law behind my back in the future. If you have something to say, you can say it in front of me. Don’t be sneaky behind my back.”

The icy words from behind left Huangfu Ruixiang feeling as though he had plunged into an icy abyss, his entire body frozen.

He knew very well that Huangfu Ruilings words were a warning to him. He didn’t dare turn around. Just hearing those words made him unable to help feeling fear in his heart. If he saw Huangfu Ruilings expressionless face, he was really afraid he would have nightmares tonight.

However, at the same time, he harbored a sense of resentment deep inside. Huangfu Ruilings tone was arrogant and aloof, and his cold words made him feel dissatisfied. But he only dared hide his dissatisfaction and resentment in his heart and did not dare show it outwardly.

Huangfu Ruixiang hurriedly left.

“How did you get back so quickly?” Even seeing Huangfu Ruiling return, Ye Lengan had no intention of standing up. She remained sitting there, smiling brightly. “Your father should be trying to delay you, right? Otherwise, your younger brother won’t be able to complete his mission!”

Since Ye Lengan didn’t stand up, Huangfu Ruiling signaled Li San to push him over to her side, and explained, “He was blabbering too much nonsense, and I didn’t have the patience to listen, so I came back.”

His father was just talking a lot of irrelevant nonsense, very focused on his own agenda. He didn’t have the patience to listen to it all, so after a few sentences, he just came back.

Although Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying tried their best to stop him, they could only watch him leave.

“They’re creating an opportunity for your brother!” Ye Lengan tilted her head and smiled. “Otherwise, how would he have had the chance to negotiate with me?”

“Oh, then what was the result of the negotiation?” Huangfu Ruiling raised his eyebrows and said, “It seems things didn’t go well for you two!”

“Alas...” Ye Lengan pretended to sigh and looked at Huangfu Ruiling. She then pouted and said, “Ruiling, you really don’t seem to be worth much! It was just a mere ten billion, yet they actually refused to take it out. It seems like in their hearts, you’re not worth even ten billion!”

Li San, behind Huangfu Ruiling, couldn’t help but twitch his mouth after hearing Ye Lengan’s words.

Although he was mentally prepared, he still couldn’t help but be shocked when he heard Ye Lengan say ten billion. Then he felt it was normal they couldn’t reach an agreement.

Even though Huangfu Jingzhang was the head of the Huangfu family, the real power was in the hands of the young master.

Taking out ten billion would still be quite difficult for Huangfu Jingzhang. Most importantly, they would never give Ye Lengan ten billion.

“Yes, they are too stingy.” Huangfu Ruiling was not angry at Ye Lengan’s words. He continued along her lines, saying, “Let’s not talk about them. If you want it, I can transfer ten billion to you right now.”

The way Huangfu Ruiling said “ten billion” made it sound as casual as saying “one hundred.” If Ye Lengan asked for it, he could transfer the money immediately.

Hearing Huangfu Ruiling’s extravagant offer, Ye Lengan’s mouth twitched for a moment. She immediately waved her hand and said, ‘Don’t do anything like that, I don’t want it. Moreover, if I really want it, there are ways for me to earn it. ’

She wasn’t bragging. As long as she auctioned some high- grade medicinal pills, she could earn that money anytime.

“Alright, I understand. You’re the best, you can earn ten billion anytime.” Huangfu Ruiling said with a smile. He reached out and patted Ye Lengan’s hair. There was a hint of affection in his voice. “However, if you ever want it, tell me. I’ll give it to you anytime. After all, your ability to earn it is your own skill. When I give it to you, it’s just because I want to.”

He wasn’t surprised by Ye Lengan’s rejection. He had never doubted Ye Lengan’s words. He knew Ye Lengan’s capabilities better than anyone, so he naturally knew it wouldn’t be difficult for her to earn ten billion.

Ye Lengan didn't dwell on the topic either. She smiled and said, "Ruiling, to be honest, your younger brother's combat ability is really too weak. He hasn't even said more than a few words yet he's already lost his cool.. It seems like he hasn't experienced enough of life's challenges in his daily life, which is why he reacts like this!"

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The banquet venue was only so large, and even if they tried to avoid each other, there was a good chance they would run into each other, especially if they weren't intentionally avoiding each other!

Therefore, Ye Lengan was not surprised to see Nangong Xuyao and Ye Xiyuan. Even before coming, she had expected that she might run into Ye Xiyuan.

On the other hand, Ye Xiyuan couldn't help but frown when she saw Ye Lengan. Although she had just heard from Nangong Xuyao that Ye Lengan was also at the banquet, at this moment she really didn't want to see her at all.

Especially since she had previously accepted the mission issued by the system, but now she couldn't find the target of the mission, she was feeling irritated. If she didn't get another chance to see Murong Yanshu tonight, then her mission would be a complete failure.

She was already in a bad mood because of this matter. Moreover, she had to conceal her emotions so Nangong Xuyao wouldn't notice anything wrong. Therefore, she really didn't want to see Ye Lengan tonight.

Especially she and Ye Lengan were both dressed in white gowns tonight. Now standing together, the contrast was stark. She had originally felt that her own outfit today would definitely be the center of attention.

But compared to Ye Lengan, she felt like the green leaf that set off the beautiful flower. Ye Lengan in her formal dress looked like a noble and proud queen, while she stood next to her like a maid.

Such a comparison made her feel extremely embarrassed. In fact, the smugness in her heart just now seemed to be mocking her current situation.

Nangong Xuyao didn't know about Ye Xiyuan's inner turmoil. He didn't have a good impression of Ye Lengan. However, the person beside Ye Lengan was Huangfu Ruiling. As the host, now that he saw Huangfu Ruiling, he couldn't pretend not to see them and just leave.

Moreover, he also wanted to get along well with Huangfu Ruiling. After all, it would be beneficial for him to have good relations with Huangfu Ruiling.

Thinking of this, Nangong Xuyao stepped forward and greeted, "Young Master Huangfu, I hope you can have a good time tonight."

Ye Xiyuan was holding Nangong Xuyao's arm, so she naturally followed him forward. Also, on such an occasion, it would be unlikely for her to simply turn and leave, as it could easily create a negative impression.

Huangfu Ruiling nodded and said, "Young Master Nangong, if you're busy you can go take care of things first. Don't worry about me."

As for Ye Leng'an, she didn't say anything. She just stood there quietly, not even glancing at Ye Xiyuan, as if she didn't care about her existence at all.

Huangfu Ruiling didn't have much feeling towards Nangong Xuyao but felt he was really blind. Otherwise, he wouldn't have mistaken his lifesaver for someone else.

However, he didn't intend to say it here. He wouldn't tell Nangong Xuyao about this first, instead, he would let Ye Lengan know first. When the time came, he would see Ye Leng'an's decision before deciding whether to tell Nangong Xuyao.

After hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Nangong Xuyao immediately understood that they probably didn't want to be disturbed. Therefore, he planned to leave, although today was a good chance to get along with Huangfu Ruiling. However, it was obvious they didn't want to be bothered, and if he tactlessly stayed it might incur their disgust. So at this time, it was better to leave politely.

But before Nangong Xuyao could say anything, Ye Xiyuan spoke first, directing her words at Ye Lengan: "Ye Lengan, we're all classmates, aren't you going to say hello?"

Originally she didn't want to meet Ye Lengan here. But seeing Ye Leng'an's arrogant look, she couldn't help but speak up. Perhaps she couldn't stand the idea of Ye Lengan having any advantage.

Upon hearing Ye Xiyuan's voice, Ye Lengan couldn't help but roll her eyes. "Ye Xiyuan, I've realized you really like to seek attention from me! And your memory seems to be quite poor, doesn't it? Didn't I emphasize this before? When we meet, let's treat each other as strangers.. Why do you keep coming up to me again and again?"

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On a day like today, she really didn't want to pay any attention to Ye Xiyuan. Unfortunately, Ye Xiyuan insisted on coming over, and she really lacked some tact.

Ye Xiyuan was seething with hatred at these words. However, in front of so many people, she still put on an aggrieved appearance. "Ye Lengan, even if we can't be sisters, we're still classmates. Since we're classmates, isn't it natural to greet each other loudly in front of so many people? Are you too sensitive?"

Seeing this, Nangong Xuyao couldn't help but frown. However, as the host here, he couldn't casually reprimand the guest. Moreover, Huangfu Ruiling was watching attentively from the side, making it even more impossible for him to say anything.

However, he still went to Ye Xiyuan's side, reached out his hand, and quietly held Ye Xiyuan's hand to express his support.

At the same time, when he raised his head to look at Ye Lengan, his eyes were filled with coldness. Clearly, Ye Leng'an's attitude made him extremely displeased.

"Yes, I am very sensitive, so don't provoke me. Moreover, I don't think those words you just said were a greeting to me. To me, it sounded like a provocation."

While speaking, Ye Lengan turned her head and looked at Nangong Xuyao, saying directly, "Young Master Nangong, since Ye Xiyuan is your person, please take care of her and ensure she doesn't

provoke me again. Otherwise, I'm afraid I won't be able to restrain myself and might just eliminate her."

As far as Ye Lengan was concerned, whether in their past life or present life, she and Ye Xiyuan were destined to never get along peacefully. She would definitely take revenge for her past life. However, now was not the right time yet, because she had yet to uncover Ye Xiyuan's secret. She was certain that her tragic death in her first life was definitely related to some secret of Ye Xiyuan's. Therefore, she chose to wait for the time being.

However, if Ye Xiyuan insisted on provoking her like this, she might not be able to hold back and would have to take action. At that time, no matter what the secret was, she wouldn't care anymore.

Initially, Nangong Xuyao had intended to avoid any confrontation with Ye Lengan to save face for Huangfu Ruiling. However, Ye Leng'an's words pushed him to his limit. He raised his head, and when he looked at Ye Lengan, there was clear disgust in his eyes. "Miss Ye, for Young Master Huangfu's sake, I don't want to argue with you, but you can't take advantage like this! Xiyuan merely came to greet you. Is there a need to ridicule her like this? After all, not everyone is as ill-mannered as you."

Ye Leng'an's behavior really annoyed him. He had known earlier about Ye Leng'an's hostility towards Ye Xiyuan. He could also see that Xiyuan had been trying to resolve the misunderstanding between them. However, Ye Lengan did not appreciate it at all, and even mocked and ridiculed her every time, putting Xiyuan in a difficult position.

He really didn't understand where Ye Leng'an's sense of superiority came from. Without Huangfu Ruilings support behind her, did she think she would have the qualifications to stand here?

Moreover, Ye Lengan had enjoyed so many years of good fortune thanks to Ye Xiyuan. Now that everything was back to normal, what was there for Ye Lengan to be unhappy about?

Upon hearing this, Ye Lengan still had a smile on her face, but it was a smile filled with coldness. "Young Master Nangong, I do indeed lack manners, but I have one advantage. I won't put a warm face against someone else's cold butt. Moreover, the most important thing is that I won't continue to pester someone after they have repeatedly emphasized their desire for distance."

Huangfu Ruiling, who was standing at the side, had no smile on his face. As he looked at Nangong Xuyao, his eyes were completely cold. "Nangong Xuyao, is this how the Nangong family treats its guests, pointing at your guest's nose and calling them ill-mannered? Perhaps this is the upbringing of your Nangong family!

If Huangfu Ruilings attitude could be considered gentle before, then now he was already a ruthless killing god. Even as he sat there, the chill emanating from him was enough to send shivers down the spines of those around him. Even just looking at him would make one shudder.

Nangong Xuyao might have had some regrets when he uttered that last sentence, However, after hearing Ye Lengan's rebuttal, he felt that he had done nothing wrong at all..

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However, when Huangfu Ruiling spoke up to defend Ye Lengan, he felt a chill run through him. It was also at this moment that he could clearly feel that although Huangfu Ruiling was sitting in a wheelchair, he was the true authority figure of the Huangfu family.

Huangfu Ruiling in front of him had relied on ruthless means to seize the real power of the Huangfu family back then. He had really lost his mind just now to actually criticize Ye Lengan like that in front of Huangfu Ruiling.

Even if he was dissatisfied with Ye Lengan, he should have restrained himself in front of Huangfu Ruiling. Now, offending Huangfu Ruiling over someone like Ye Lengan really wasn't worth it.

Nangong Xuyao collected himself and looked at Huangfu Ruiling. He apologized, 'Young Master Huangfu, I'm very sorry for causing you such an unpleasant experience. This is all my fault. I hope you can forgive me this once.'

He didn't feel anything lowering his head in front of Huangfu Ruiling. The man before him was simply too powerful, an existence he could not compare with right now.

"It seems the Nangong family's upbringing really isn't good!"

Obviously, Huangfu Ruiling did not accept Nangong Xuyao's apology.

"Nangong Xuyao, the person you should apologize to is not me."

His intention was clear. He wanted Nangong Xuyao to apologize to Ye Leng'an.

Nangong Xuyao's expression immediately turned ugly. He was still looking at Huangfu Ruiling. "Young Master Huangfu, let's not be too harsh. I don't believe I said anything wrong. I apologize merely because today's events have caused you discomfort. Ye Lengan has consistently targeted Xiyuan, and Xiyuan has been trying to accommodate her. Should this be seen as a fault on our part?"

He knew everything about what had happened between Ye Lengan and Xiyuan. While Ye Lengan might have benefited from the swap incident, she was indeed not responsible for the events that took place back then. However, it was not right for her to repeatedly target Xiyuan in this manner.

Xiyuan had never done anything to wrong Ye Lengan. She had even tried to befriend Ye Lengan every time. Yet Ye Leng'an was unappreciative and always made things difficult for Xiyuan.

"Young Master Nangong, are you joking?" Ye Lengan smiled disdainfully and said, "Don't forget what happened at the auction in Paris. I find it quite strange that every time there's a conflict between me and Ye Xiyuan, you're there to witness it. Yet, after each argument, the next time we meet, Ye Xiyuan still comes to approach me. Isn't this asking for trouble? The relationship between me and Ye Xiyuan is destined to be irreconcilable. So, when we meet, isn't it best for everyone to just pretend we don't know each other?"

Ye Leng'an's words hit Nangong Xuyao like a series of hammer blows, leaving him red-faced and at a loss for words. At that moment, he found it difficult to counter her arguments. In fact, he even started to feel that some of what Ye Lengan said had a hint of truth.

Ye Xiyuan also noticed Nangong Xuyao's expression. She cursed inwardly, then quickly collected herself and said, "Ye Lengan, I know you're angry because I told Young Master Huangfu about you dating another man in Paris. But I only said it out of good intentions. Moreover, even after knowing you were dating another man, didn't Young Master Huangfu still choose to believe you? If you resent me for this matter, then I have nothing more to say."

Nangong Xuyao's previously hesitant expression immediately turned resolute. When he looked at Ye Lengan, his eyes were filled with disgust and contempt.

Just now, he had almost fallen into Ye Leng'an's trap. As a two-timer, what right did Ye Leng'an have to stand here? Wasn't it just because of her relationship with Huangfu Ruiling? He really couldn't understand how a wise and ruthless person like Huangfu Ruiling could like a woman like Ye Lengan, who had almost reached a point of blindness in her actions.

After hearing Ye Xiyuan's words, Ye Lengan looked at her with a faint smile. Just as she was about to speak, her hand was suddenly grabbed by Huangfu Ruiling next to her.

She felt a little puzzled and turned to look at Huangfu Ruiling, confusion in her eyes..

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Huangfu Ruiling didn't explain anything. He just smiled at Ye Lengan, then turned to look at Nangong Xuyao with icy coldness in his eyes. "Young Master

Nangong, I heard that you treat Ye Xiyuan so well because she once saved your life, right?"

Huangfu Ruiling's abrupt change of topic made Nangong Xuyao almost unable to react for a moment, but he quickly said, "That's right. Without Xiyuan, I might have died. She's my lifesaver."

Indeed, a significant part of his affection for Ye Xiyuan stemmed from the fact that she had once saved him. The debt of gratitude played a significant role in why he had developed feelings for her.

Back then, when he thought he was really going to die, the first person he saw when he opened his eyes was Ye Xiyuan. At that time, Ye Xiyuan was like an angel to him.

When Nangong Xuyao looked at Ye Xiyuan beside him, his eyes were filled with tenderness, as if recalling the past.

Noticing the gentleness in Nangong Xuyao's eyes, Ye Xiyuan smiled, but she felt guilty inside. Because she knew very clearly in her heart whether this life-saving favor was real or fake. When she went to that alley, Nangong Xuyao's injuries had already healed completely, and she didn't know who actually saved him. She had just taken Nangong Xuyao somewhere else.

When Nangong Xuyao opened his eyes and saw her, he immediately assumed she was his lifesaver. So she naturally didn't refute it. She even lied that in order to save Nangong Xuyao, she had used a very precious medicinal pill given to her previously by a very mysterious old man she had saved.

Only she knew that initially, in order to save Nangong Xuyao, she had spent a lot of points to exchange for a pill from the system. However, that pill could only stop his wounds from bleeding and aid in the recovery of injuries, but it couldn't instantly heal someone completely. That pill remained untouched, neatly stored in a drawer in her room.

In fact, when she lied to Nangong Xuyao, she felt very guilty, worried that one day the person who really saved Nangong Xuyao would suddenly appear and expose all her lies.

But as time passed, no one appeared at all. This made her bolder and bolder, to the point where she even believed that she was indeed Nangong Xuyao's lifesaver.

Now that Huangfu Ruiling suddenly brought up this matter, she immediately had a bad feeling in her heart, as if something beyond her control was about to happen.

"Hehe," Huangfu Ruiling sneered coldly, then continued, "Nangong Xuyao, I'll give you a friendly piece of advice. It's better to thoroughly investigate certain matters. After all, a life-saving favor is not to be taken lightly. Don't end up finding out you had mistaken who saved your life, and all your passion had been poured into the wrong person."

Hearing this, Nangong Xuyao frowned. "Young Master Huangfu, what do you mean?"

At this moment, all of his attention was on Huangfu Ruiling, so he didn't notice that Ye Xiyuan beside him had frozen up as if frightened by something.

Ye Xiyuan's face was deathly pale now. She didn't know if Huangfu Ruiling had found out something and that was why he had said such words. Or did Huangfu Ruiling know who Nangong Xuyao's real lifesaver was, so he intended to expose it today?

If Huangfu Ruiling really exposed her lies, what should she do? She could almost imagine that if Nangong Xuyao found out everything she said was false, all the kindness he had shown her would be taken back.

Not only that, Nangong Xuyao would never tolerate being lied to. If he found out she was a fake lifesaver, would he start taking revenge on her? If Nangong Xuyao's current tenderness all turned into sharp blades piercing her, could she withstand it?

The more she thought about it, the more apprehensive Ye Xiyuan felt. At this moment, her back was drenched in cold sweat. She just wanted to leave this place immediately, to not let Huangfu Ruiling continue speaking. She couldn't bear the consequences.

"I didn't mean anything special." Huangfu Ruiling looked deeply at Ye Xiyuan, the corners of his mouth curled mockingly. "I just feel that life-saving favor is a big deal. If in the end, you find out you had mistaken who saved your life and repaid the wrong person, won't you become a joke?"

"Don't worry, Young Master Huangfu. I've already investigated this matter very clearly, there is absolutely no mistake."

Nangong Xuyao didn't understand what Huangfu Ruiling meant. He stared fixedly at Huangfu Ruiling as if wanting to discern some clue from his expression. Unfortunately, he could glean nothing.

Ye Xiyuan dared not even take a deep breath, fearing that any sudden movement might arouse suspicion from Nangong Xuyao beside her.

“Since Young Master Nangong insists, I have nothing more to say.” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Nangong Xuyao meaningfully, a profound smile at the corner of his lips. He continued, “I only hope that you can remember every word you said today and not regret it. After all, in this world, there’s no such thing as a cure for regret.”

Having said that, he withdrew his gaze and looked at Ye Leng’an, a hint of fondness in his eyes. “Let’s go over there and take a look. There are many snacks over there, you’ll probably like them.”

Although Ye Lengan had many questions in her heart, she did not ask anything. She just nodded and left with Huangfu Ruiling.

Nangong Xuyao, who remained in his place, didn’t show any outward signs, but he felt a knot in his heart. He didn’t believe that Huangfu Ruiling’s words today were without purpose. Clearly, Huangfu Ruiling knew something, but he was unwilling to speak it outright.

Even though Nangong Xuyao had long ago determined Ye Xiyuan to be his lifesaver, at this moment he couldn’t help but feel a trace of doubt in his heart.

Ye Xiyuan tried her best to suppress the unease in her heart. She turned and looked at Nangong Xuyao beside her, saying, “Brother Nangong, are you suspecting me because of Young Master Huangfu’s words? Do you think I wasn’t the one who saved you back then?”

She knew she shouldn’t ask these questions, but she couldn’t control herself and let them slip out. However, at the same time, her heart was filled with fear about what Nangong Xuyao’s response would be..

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“Of course not, Xiyuan. Don’t overthink it.” Nangong Xuyao looked at Ye Xiyuan gently, reached out, and stroked her hair, smiling as he said, “How could I misunderstand you because of a few words from someone else?

Moreover, you’re not that kind of person.”

After hearing Nangong Xuyao’s words, Ye Xiyuan’s voice trembled slightly as she asked, “Nangong, do you really believe in me?”

At this moment, she simply could not suppress the panic in her heart. She always felt that because of Huangfu Ruiling’s words tonight, all her previous efforts might be rendered useless.

No, she absolutely could not let things develop like this. If she lost Nangong Xuyao, she would never be able to match up to Ye Lengan.

Nangong Xuyao gently pulled Ye Xiyuan into his embrace, his tone gentle. “Xiyuan, of course I believe you.”

“So, I hope you won’t let me down.” This was the sentence Nangong Xuyao did not say aloud.

Huangfu Ruiling’s words tonight had indeed planted seeds of doubt in his heart. He was not very clear on what kind of person Huangfu Ruiling was, but he could be certain that Huangfu Ruiling

would never say these things to him for no reason. Therefore, he would definitely investigate the matter again. Of course, this was something he would not let Ye Xiyuan know about. On the other side, after making sure they had walked far enough, Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruiling and asked in confusion, "Ruiling, what did you mean by those words to Nangong Xuyao today?"

"It's nothing." Huangfu Ruiling shook his head and said, "I'll tell you when we go back later."

He had planned to tell Ye Lengan about Nangong Xuyao, but the current situation wasn't suitable for such a conversation. This was a crowded party venue, with people coming and going. Even if he were cautious, there was no guarantee that someone wouldn't overhear their conversation.

Therefore, it was better to wait until there were just the two of them left before he said it.

After hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Ye Lengan raised her eyebrows but did not continue asking anything more.

However, a doubt had taken root in her heart at this moment.

Ye Lengan did not dwell on it further. She directly picked up a plate and started choosing her favorite snacks.

After taking the snacks, she returned to Huangfu Ruiling's side and sat down. Then she chatted with him while tasting the snacks, occasionally feeding him a bite or two.

It was evident that Huangfu Ruiling did not like these sweet snacks. However, he still ate what Ye Lengan fed him. From his slightly furrowed brows, it could be seen that he was not fond of these snacks.

Seeing Huangfu Ruiling's expression, Ye Lengan at his side felt amused and teased him from time to time.

The two of them got along harmoniously and intimately. On the other side, Huangfu Jingzhang, Zhongyu Liuying and Huangfu Ruixiang all had stern faces, looking like they wanted to avoid contact with anyone.

Initially, they had intended to try and keep Huangfu Ruiling occupied, allowing Huangfu Ruixiang to negotiate with Ye Lengan so that she would willingly break up with Huangfu Ruiling. However, they ended up with this outcome, and they were even warned by Huangfu Ruiling. How could their mood possibly improve in such a situation?

Those around them who originally wanted to go up and greet them, taking the opportunity to build ties, all consciously avoided them after seeing their gloomy expressions.

It wasn't that they didn't want to take advantage of this opportunity to get on good terms with the Huangfu family. It was just that the Huangfu family patriarch obviously looked very unhappy right now. Approaching them at this time might not lead to friendship but rather arouse their suspicion.

"Just who exactly is this Ye Lengan?" Huangfu Jingzhang's face was gloomy as he asked Zhongyu Liuying beside him, "Since you already knew of her existence, why didn't you deal with it earlier?"

There was a hint of blame in his tone. He felt that if Zhongyu Liuying had dealt with Ye Lengan as soon as she found out about her, today's incident would not have happened.

"I only found out about it recently." Zhongyu Liuying's expression was not very good either, but she still patiently explained, "I had originally planned to deal with it after the New Year. I didn't expect that Ye Lengan would actually have the ability to directly have Ruiling announce her status in front of so many people.."

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"How could she be Ruiling's other half!" Huangfu Jingzhang said with certainty. "The elders in the family will definitely not agree to this either."

"But will Brother listen to the elders?" Huangfu Ruixiang spoke up softly beside him. "He doesn't even listen to you all, I doubt the elders can stop anything."

After all, although Huangfu Ruiling was only the Young Master in name, he had already grasped great power in the Huangfu family. The elders' advice was not even within Huangfu Ruiling's considerations.

Moreover, although they were speaking here, it was still unknown whether the elders would even step in. Who's to say the elders wouldn't be afraid to offend Huangfu Ruiling and not dare to say much?

Although Huangfu Ruixiang's voice was soft, it was loud enough for Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying to hear clearly.

At the same time, it made Huangfu Jingzhang's already somber expression become even more gloomy. Although he was unwilling to admit it, what Huangfu Ruixiang said was very likely.

After a long silence, Huangfu Jingzhang looked toward Zhongyu Liuying and spoke again, "How are things on the Ye family's side? Didn't the young lady of the Ye family, Ye Wanwan, have plans to marry Ruiling?"

"Indeed there is such a matter."

When it came to the Ye family, Zhongyu Liuying's expression lightened somewhat. "Wanwan is quite compatible with Ruiling. At such a young age, she already occupies an important position in the Ye family. If we can get Wanwan's help, our standing in the Hidden World's Huangfu family will also be much higher."

Although the Huangfu family was already one of the four great families in the capital, they were still insignificant compared to the Hidden World's Huangfu family. If it wasn't for Huangfu Ruiling's prominent status in the Hidden World's Huangfu family, they would truly have no standing at all in front of the Hidden World's Huangfu family.

"Then settle this matter as soon as possible," Huangfu Jingzhang said. "It's best if you can find a way to let Ruiling meet Wanwan. Once Ruiling sees

Wanwan, he will know what kind of woman is most suitable for him."

Zhongyu Liuying frowned. "This will be difficult. As the young lady of the Ye family, Wanwan rarely leaves the Hidden World. Moreover, if we tell her the whole truth, this marriage might be called off."

"That disobedient child," Huangfu Jingzhang couldn't help but feel the anger welling up inside him. "He doesn't even know what's best for him. That Ye

Lengan, with no status, background, or abilities, all she has left is her face. What benefit can such a woman bring to his future?"

"As for Ye Wanwan, why don't we just make it official?" Zhongyu Liuying suggested, "Once things are settled, there will be no way for Ruiling to oppose it. Both the Ye family and the Huangfu family are prominent families in the

Hidden World. As soon as the news is released, it will become a fait accompli. Even if Ruiling finds out, he won't be able to change the course of events. Not just us, the Hidden World's Huangfu family will also put pressure on him!"

Upon hearing Zhongyu Liuying's words, Huangfu Jingzhang fell into deep thought, evidently also considering the chances of success in doing this.

On the other hand, Huangfu Ruixiang, hearing his parents' conversation, couldn't help but feel alarmed. He immediately tried to dissuade them, "Dad, Mom, you can't really be thinking of doing this! If Brother finds out, he will definitely fall out with you."

What kind of person Huangfu Ruiling was, didn't his parents know clearly?

After so many years, how could they still not understand their eldest son? Was Huangfu Ruiling someone who could be coerced? He was afraid that his parents would make too big a fuss over this and be unable to resolve it in the end.

"He dares!" Huangfu Jingzhang's voice was loud, but strangely carried a hint of unease. "Am I, as his father, no longer allowed to interfere in his marriage affairs? Moreover, the one I've chosen for him is the young lady of a prestigious family in the Hidden World. Isn't this good for him?"

"Dad, you know Brother's temperament. If he really flares up over this, how will you resolve it?" Huangfu Ruixiang also sensed Huangfu Jingzhang's lack of confidence.. He continued, "I think you should discuss properly with Brother first before making any decisions!"