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At this moment, Ye Xiyuan had completed her exam, but she didn't exhibit the same carefree attitude as Ye Lengan, who could just leave whenever she pleased. Instead, she waited outside the examination hall along with the other students, eager to receive the results as soon as possible.

Even though she knew that this mission had likely ended in failure, a glimmer of hope still clung to her. What if Ye Lengan had merely been playing mysterious games? So, she still had a chance.

While comforting herself internally, Ye Xiyuan suddenly experienced a wave of unease. It was as if something was slipping away from her. More disconcerting was that her previously clear mind now felt shrouded, leaving her in a state of bewilderment.

She couldn't pinpoint what had transpired, but she sensed that she had lost something crucial in the blink of an eye.

Ye Xiyuan was confounded by these events, and her anxiety intensified. She continually called out to the system in her mind, desperately seeking a response. Yet, her pleas remained unanswered, further fueling her agitation.

This situation, which had occurred many times before, had never unsettled her this deeply. She especially noticed that her ability to think clearly had diminished, as if something was obstructing her thoughts.

Meanwhile, it was sometime later that Huangfu Ruiling finally released his grip on Ye Lengan.

"How are you feeling now, more settled?" Ye Lengan inquired, a hint of amusement in her eyes. "You don't need to worry. I'm unquestionably real and won't ever leave your side."

Huangfu Ruiling offered no words in response to Ye Lengan's playful comment, merely nodding in silence.

"Ruiling, what do you think would happen if Ye Xiyuan discovered that her so-called system had disappeared?" Ye Lengan's face carried a mischievous smile. "All along, she has relied on Zhongyu Zhenhua to reach her current status. If she loses Zhongyu Zhenhua's assistance, her future could become quite entertaining."

"She won't meet a pleasant fate," Huangfu Ruiling said, a trace of chilling intent flashing in his eyes. "Or, perhaps we can deal with her now."

Just the thought of how much Ye Lengan had suffered due to Ye Xiyuan stirred an uncontrollable anger in him. To be honest, if it weren't for his concern that Ye Lengan might get upset, he might have ordered her elimination long ago. After all, in their eyes, Ye Xiyuan was nothing more than an ordinary person, just an insignificant ant.

"For now, refrain from taking any action against Ye Xiyuan," Ye Lengan advised, shaking her head. "This matter concerns her and me; it should be resolved between

us. Nonetheless, although she once caused me considerable misery, Ruiling, you should genuinely thank her. Without her, I might not have been reborn, and we might not have crossed paths."

Furthermore, even if they had crossed paths, Huangfu Ruiling might not have fallen for her in her previous state. In the past, she was not as remarkable and wouldn't have captured Huangfu Ruiling's attention.

"I will never feel gratitude towards anyone who has harmed you," Huangfu Ruiling calmly stated. "Moreover, I believe that even without her presence, we would eventually meet. As long as it's you, I would recognize you at first glance, even in a crowd."

"I trust you," Ye Lengan responded with a smile, knowing that Huangfu Ruiling found comfort in her words. She didn't believe they were insincere.

"By the way, An'an, what's the story behind the cultivation world you mentioned?" Huangfu Ruiling shifted the conversation to a lighter topic, avoiding the heaviness of the previous subject. "You mentioned you spent many years in the cultivation world?"

"Yes, I did!" Ye Lengan nodded, her tone tinged with nostalgia. "I had already reached the Ascension Stage, just a step away from becoming an immortal. Who would have thought that I would die so abruptly?"

Upon waking up again, she had already returned to this world. Despite experiencing life and death twice, she remained profoundly grateful to God for providing her with two opportunities for a fresh start..

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Now that she had returned, those who had once harmed her should be mentally preparing themselves for her retaliation.

"What is the cultivation world like?" Huangfu Ruiling inquired, "Are there many people who can achieve ascension there?"

"I'm not entirely sure." Ye Lengan shook her head. "During my time there, I devoted nearly all my time to cultivation, and I paid little attention to external matters."

Otherwise, she wouldn't have become a formidable practitioner at the Ascension Stage at such a young age. Regrettably, she was only one step away from ascending to become an immortal.

Nonetheless, she didn't harbor any unhappiness over this matter. Being able to return and unravel past grievances was a positive development. Most importantly, her return to this world unexpectedly brought her a love she had never anticipated.

Looking at Huangfu Ruiling by her side, Ye Leng'an's lips curved into a slightly sweet smile. She then continued with a grin, "But now, I feel that not succeeding in my ascension was actually a blessing in disguise, returning to this world. Otherwise, how could I have met you?"

This, in its own way, could be considered fate smiling upon her!

"You're undoubtedly the best gift given to me by fate." Huangfu Ruiling gazed at Ye Lengan with affection in his eyes. "Though I wish you never experience any pain, I'm grateful that you came into my life."

"How is the Hidden World faring now?" Ye Lengan, as if something had just occurred to her, suddenly asked, "You inquired about ascension earlier, and I wanted to ask as well. Can people in the Hidden World achieve ascension?"

She maintained her strong interest in the Hidden World, eager to comprehend the distinctions between it and the cultivation world.

"In the Hidden World, no one has reached the level of ascension," Huangfu Ruiling explained. "Although I'm unsure about the nature of the cultivation world you were in, it's undoubtedly distinct from the Hidden World.

Present-day Earth has an inadequate amount of spiritual energy. While the

Hidden World boasts a more abundant reservoir of spiritual energy compared to the mortal world, it's still insufficient.'

"I see. That explains why someone like Zhongyu Zhenhua, who had only reached the Golden Core stage, could become the head of the Zhongyu family!" Ye Lengan nodded, enlightened. "However, even so, the residents of the Hidden World undoubtedly have much longer lifespans than those in the mortal world.'

"Not only that, but their strength is significantly greater, and those with advanced levels of cultivation are not daunted by the firearms of the mortal world," Huangfu Ruiling continued. "If the people of the Hidden World sought to rule the mortal world, it would undoubtedly disrupt the balance. Hence, there is an unspoken understanding between the mortal world and the Hidden World, signifying that they should remain unrelated to one another."

"Indeed, it seems the right approach." Ye Lengan nodded in agreement. "The Hidden World is inhabited by cultivators who can silently take a life with a flick of their finger. If they harbored intentions of invading, it would be a cataclysmic disaster for the mortal world."

"That's why the Hidden World has an enforcement unit for this purpose," Huangfu Ruiling elaborated. "People from the Hidden World are not free to venture into the

mortal world. Furthermore, even after arriving, they are strictly prohibited from harming ordinary people. Violation of these rules incurs severe penalties.”

“What kind of...” Ye Leng’an’s words were interrupted by a knock on the door.

While Huangfu Ruiling was somewhat annoyed by the interruption, he didn’t cast blame. He knew that Li San was outside and had observed Ye Lengan entering. Li San wouldn’t permit any disruptions unless it was absolutely necessary.

Huangfu Ruiling settled into the wheelchair behind the desk and Ye Lengan took a seat opposite him.

Only after a response was acknowledged did the person who had knocked on the door enter.

It was one of the secretaries, who entered with trepidation and reported, “Mr.

President, Mrs. Huangfu is outside. She wishes to see you.”

To be honest, she had no desire to enter at all. If she hadn’t drawn the short straw, she certainly wouldn’t have ended up in this situation.

Though Mrs. Huangfu was the CEO’s mother, it was evident that their mother-son relationship was strained. Nonetheless, Mrs. Huangfu’s attitude was uncompromising, and she nearly barged in. While Li San tried to stop her, he remained silent..

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Therefore, the secretaries had no choice but to bring someone in to deliver the news. Clearly, she was the unfortunate one.

“Let her in,” Ye Lengan spoke directly before Huangfu Ruiling had a chance to respond. It wasn’t because she was trying to show respect to Huangfu Ruiling’s mother but rather because she could sense the secretary’s predicament. There was no need to complicate matters between a mother and her son with the involvement of an outsider.

Upon hearing Ye Lengan’s words, the secretary seemed a bit taken aback, as she was unsure of the young girl’s identity. Therefore, she wasn’t sure if she should obey her at this moment.

“Weren’t you listening?” Huangfu Ruiling’s gaze at the secretary felt as icy as if it had been frostbitten.

The secretary immediately left upon hearing this.

Soon after, Zhongyu Liuying entered, accompanied by a young girl.

The young girl was about the same age as Ye Lengan. She wore a short pinkish-purple shawl jacket, which accentuated her perfect figure, and a light yellow velvet knee-length dress. She completed the look with a pair of black high heels. Her black hair had a natural curve as it fell upon her shoulders. Her clear, bright eyes, arched eyebrows, slightly trembling long eyelashes, and flawless, rosy complexion made her appearance striking. Her delicate lips were akin to rose petals.

The young girl followed Zhongyu Liuying, but her aura was considerably stronger than Zhongyu Liuyings. Standing side by side, it almost seemed as if Zhongyu Liuying were the girl's maidservant.

Observing their entrance, Ye Lengan couldn't shake the feeling that Zhongyu Liuying had ulterior motives.

Evidently, Zhongyu Liuying didn't expect to encounter Ye Lengan here and blurted out, "Why are you here?"

"Why wouldn't I be here?" Ye Lengan gazed at Zhongyu Liuying with a faint smile, with no regard for the fact that she was Huangfu Ruilings mother. "Can't you tell that, right now, the unwelcome person here is you?"

Zhongyu Liuying was infuriated by Ye Lengan's words. "You... you uncultured girl, who allowed you to spout nonsense here? This is my son's office. Get out." Following Zhongyu Liuyings outburst, neither Huangfu Ruiling nor Ye Lengan made any move, not even lifting an eyelid.

This act of disregard left Zhongyu Liuyings complexion darkened.

The woman who had been accompanying Zhongyu Liuying couldn't hide a trace of disdain upon witnessing the scene. Initially, she believed that

Zhongyu Liuying, as the mother of Huangfu Ruiling, could at least have a say. However, it seemed that in Huangfu Ruilings eyes, his mother wasn't as significant.

Seeing that both of them were being ignored, Zhongyu Liuying wanted to lash out but was interrupted by Huangfu Ruilings words.

"Why did you come here today?" Huangfu Ruilings voice remained cold. "If you have something to say, then say it. If not, leave. I have a lot of work to attend to here."

"You have time to accompany this little b*tch, but no time to speak with me?" Zhongyu Liuying was on the verge of losing control. "Huangfu Ruiling, I am your mother. Is this how you treat your mother?"

"It's precisely because you are my mother that you can stand here," Huangfu Ruiling said, his gaze cold as he looked at Zhongyu Liuying. "Furthermore, if you just came here to assert your authority as a mother, please leave. I don't have that much time to waste here with you."

Upon hearing this, Zhongyu Liuying grew even angrier. She wanted to erupt in anger. However, when her eyes met Huangfu Ruilings frigid gaze, all her anger dissipated

She continued to mentally prepare herself and reminded herself of the purpose behind her visit today.

Taking a deep breath, Zhongyu Liuying spoke once more, "Ruiling, I previously mentioned the matter of the Ye family's daughter, Ye Wanwan. Tonight, Wanwan has personally come from the Hidden World. Even as the host, you should at least entertain her properly."

After her statement, Zhongyu Liuying turned her head to look at the girl she had brought with her and said with a smile, “Wanwan, haven’t you already met Ruiling before? You can use this opportunity to catch up!”

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As Zhongyu Liuying spoke, her gaze turned disdainful when she looked at Ye Lengan. She hadn’t forgotten the humiliation she endured the last time she had gone to find Ye Lengan. If Ye Lengan was so ungrateful, she had no right to stay by Ruilings side.

Previously, the Ye family had discussed the idea of a marriage alliance, but Huangfu Ruiling later declined. To Zhongyu Liuying’s surprise, the young lady of the Ye family had come in person. So she promptly brought Ye Wanwan to the door.

In her view, only someone like Ye Wanwan was worthy of Huangfu Ruiling.

What’s more, the most crucial factor was that if Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Wanwan got together, there was a high likelihood that Huangfu Ruiling would spend most of his time in the Hidden World.

Then, the position of the family head would naturally return to Huangfu Jingzhang. At that point, she would still be the matriarch of the Huangfu family.

Ye Wanwan took a step forward, her face adorned with a courteous and polite smile. “Ruiling, long time no see. I remember the last time we met was at the meeting of the major families a few years ago. Since I had some business over here today, why don’t we have a meal together?”

It was as if Ye Lengan didn’t exist.

In her eyes, Ye Lengan was indeed no threat to her. She was the daughter of the Ye family in the Hidden World, with exceptional alchemy skills and high regard within the family. She naturally didn’t consider a mortal girl like Ye Lengan a threat.

Ye Lengan, however, remained unruffled. She raised an eyebrow and looked at Huangfu Ruiling, her gaze exuding interest. It was as if she were saying, “You’re quite fortunate with the ladies!”

Of course, she was only jesting. Even though something like this had happened, she didn’t feel angry. She understood that, in the end, this matter had little to do with Huangfu Ruiling.

However, for some reason, she felt uncomfortable deep down whenever she faced Ye Wanwan. It was as if they were fated to be enemies.

Was it because Ye Wanwan had taken an interest in Huangfu Ruiling that she felt this way? However, she hadn’t experienced these feelings when facing Zhongyu Yiran earlier!

Huangfu Ruiling completely ignored Ye Wanwan’s words. He didn’t even glance at her but instead fixed his gaze on Zhongyu Liuying, speaking coldly, “I recall saying before that my affairs are not up for your discretion. Or do you think this lesson hasn’t been enough for you?”

Huangfu Ruilings words caused Zhongyu Liuying to alternate between pale and flushed. She hadn’t expected Huangfu Ruiling to be so dismissive, speaking this way to her in front of Ye Wanwan and Ye Lengan.

She wanted to say something and assert her maternal authority, but facing Huangfu Ruiling, she felt a bit timorous. Her expression turned awkward. "Ruiling, don't blame Mrs. Huangfu." Ye Wanwan didn't appear to be angered by Huangfu Ruilings neglect. Instead, she stood up once more and smiled, saying, "I don't mean anything else. It's just friends having a meal together. I don't think this lady is so petty that she'd get upset over something so trivial."

As she ended her words, Ye Wanwan's gaze briefly landed on Ye Lengan. Although it was a quick look, a hint of disdain and hostility flickered in her eyes when she looked at Ye Lengan.

Hearing this, Huangfu Ruiling was far from pleased. He wanted to say something, but Ye Lengan halted him with a look.

"Then you've misunderstood." Ye Lengan remained undaunted. She locked eyes with Ye Wanwan and spoke with a smile, "Actually, I'm a pretty possessive woman, so I don't like my boyfriend dining with other girls. Miss, you're not so small-minded to get angry over such a trifling matter, are you?"

Obviously, Ye Wanwan hadn't anticipated Ye Lengan to respond so directly, bluntly displaying her possessive nature.

She was somewhat taken aback but proceeded, "Miss, you should understand that if you're too overbearing, choking your man, your relationship is likely to come to an end. You don't mean to say that your man can't have any female friends in the future, do you?"

Following the news that the Huangfu family had rejected the marriage proposal, she had thoroughly investigated Huangfu Ruiling. Therefore, she was well aware of the so-called girlfriend in Huangfu Ruilings life.

Nonetheless, even though she was aware of Ye Lengan's existence, she had never regarded her with any importance. From her perspective, she doubted how long Huangfu Ruilings affection would last. No matter what, Ye Lengan couldn't measure up to her. She had great confidence that Huangfu Ruiling would ultimately choose her.

As a result, she was unsurprised to find Ye Lengan in Huangfu Ruilings office. In fact, when facing Ye Lengan, she always assumed a haughty demeanor.

However, there was something she found displeasing about Ye Lengan the moment she laid eyes on her. And it wasn't an ordinary aversion but a profound rejection from her very soul.

"It's not that exaggerated," Ye Lengan responded with a smile, "I don't mind my boyfriend having friends of the opposite sex. I'm only concerned about the presence of those with ulterior motives, posing as friends but intending to encroach upon my territory."

Upon saying this, Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruiling and adopted a coquettish tone, "Darling, do you think you'd be upset if I acted this way?"

"Of course not." Huangfu Ruiling readily cooperated. Seeing Ye Lengan's display of coquettishness, he also found it novel. "As long as you say the word, I can rid myself of any opposite-sex friends."

Hearing Huangfu Ruilings reply, Ye Leng'an's mouth twitched. She felt that this was overly exaggerated. Moreover, she herself wasn't capable of such high-handedness.

However, at this moment, she couldn't possibly interfere.

So, she gazed at Huangfu Ruiling with an expression of gratitude. 'Darling, I knew you were the best.'

She then turned to Ye Wanwan, provocatively saying, "See, even my darling agrees. Miss Ye Wanwan, you can leave now. The exit is right over there..

Goodbye!'

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Upon hearing such a clear directive to leave, Ye Wanwan's expression soured. She chose to disregard Ye Lengan and turned her attention to Huangfu Ruiling.

"Ruiling," she began, "The Ye and Huangfu families have always had a good relationship. Yet, your girlfriend boasts so shamelessly. Is she trying to sabotage our families' relationship?"

Huangfu Ruiling furrowed his brows and cautioned, "Don't use my name so casually. Miss Ye Wanwan, are you implying that you can represent the Ye family?"

Faced with Huangfu Ruilings direct question, Ye Wanwan hesitated in response. Although her father was the current family head and she held a significant position in the family, she couldn't fully represent the Ye family.

Huangfu Ruilings statement felt like a stinging slap to her face.

"Ruiling." Ye Wanwan attempted to salvage the conversation. "With the Family Competition about to start, can't we sit down and discuss the matter?"

While speaking, she shot a challenging look at Ye Leng'an. The young woman from the mortal world couldn't comprehend the gravity of the situation. Even if she did understand, she had no way to participate. This exemplified the stark contrast between Ye Wanwan and Ye Lengan. Their starting points were worlds apart.

Huangfu Ruiling raised his head, his gaze cool, as he remarked, 'Given that this is a family competition, the Ye and Huangfu families are now in opposition. Do you genuinely believe there's anything left to discuss between us as adversaries?'

This response left Ye Wanwan's face flushed with anger.

Ye Leng'an couldn't help but cover her mouth, stifling a laugh. Though she tried to conceal it, the office was small, and few individuals were present, making her restrained laughter conspicuously audible.

Ye Wanwan's countenance had already deteriorated, and upon hearing Ye Leng'an's subdued laughter, it only grew worse. She shot Ye Lengan a gaze filled with murderous intent.

“Hey, don’t look at me like that.” Ye Lengan quipped in response to the look, showing no fear. In fact, she found it amusing. didn’t make that statement; I just laughed. I didn’t offend you. You can’t possibly think I’m an easy target to tease, can you?”

“Are you mocking me?” Ye Wanwan retorted through gritted teeth, her anger intensifying. As the Ye family’s daughter, her willingness to marry Huangfu Ruiling was an act of courtesy. However, now that she had come in person, she was met with such treatment. Even a young woman from the mortal world dared to ridicule her.

This thought kindled Ye Wanwan’s anger, and without any warning, she extended her hand. A ball of flames flew towards Ye Lengan. As an alchemist, she possessed excellent control over fire. The flame on her body had been discovered by her father in a secret land within the Hidden World.

With her father’s assistance, she had managed to harness this spiritual fire. It had since fused with her, allowing her to manipulate it as she wished. The existence of this spiritual fire had facilitated her significant advancements in alchemy.

However, she didn’t intend to harm Ye Lengan. She simply aimed to teach her a lesson. After all, the rules of the Hidden World were clear, and she didn’t want to incur the wrath of the law enforcement team over a girl like Ye Lengan.

Huangfu Ruiling refrained from intervening, as he knew that this small flame posed no real threat to Ye Lengan. However, when he looked at Ye Wanwan, his gaze radiated a chilling intensity.

Witnessing Huangfu Ruiling’s inaction, Ye Wanwan felt a surge of relief. In her view, it seemed that Huangfu Ruiling didn’t hold Ye Lengan in particularly high regard. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have remained passive in the face of Ye Lengan’s predicament..

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Meanwhile, Zhongyu Liuying stood at the side, on the brink of exclaiming in astonishment. Even though she possessed a good understanding of the Hidden World, she lacked the innate talent for cultivation. Therefore, most of her knowledge in this area remained theoretical. Witnessing such a situation unfold before her eyes had left her utterly uncomposed.

In the presence of all those watching, the flame had already advanced close to Ye Lengan. Just as it seemed about to collide with Ye Lengan, something unexpected occurred. Ye Lengan extended her hand and swiftly caught the small flame.

“How is this possible?” Ye Wanwan’s eyes widened in disbelief as she gazed at Ye Lengan. She exclaimed, ‘You’re also a cultivator.’”

The revelation that Ye Lengan, whom she had previously disregarded, was a cultivator, left Ye Wanwan astounded. What was more, the crucial detail was that she possessed a spiritual fire. Though it wasn’t the core entity of the spiritual fire, it was merely a small clone. Nonetheless, even in this form, it possessed significant power.

Even individuals with formidable cultivation abilities might dodge it with effort, but it was virtually impossible to catch it directly as Ye Lengan had done.

"Is this so strange?" Ye Leng'an responded as she tightened her grip. She continued, "Do you think that only those from the Hidden World can cultivate? There's always someone better than you. Don't assume that you're the best."

"Give my spiritual fire back," Ye Wanwan demanded, noticing Ye Leng'an's actions. She grew increasingly anxious. "Otherwise, I won't let you off."

While she was uncertain about Ye Leng'an's intentions, seeing the spiritual fire clone in Ye Leng'an's grasp made her uneasy.

"Give it back to you?" Ye Lengan seemed to find this idea amusing. "Have you ever heard of a situation where someone attacked you with a weapon, and after they took your weapon, they returned it to you voluntarily? Do you think I should laugh at your naivety or did I give you the illusion that I'm easy to bully?"

As she spoke, Ye Leng'an's hand movements did not cease. Instead, she clamped her fist more tightly, and the flame, held within her hand, not only failed to injure her palm but seemed to struggle, much like it was being pinched.

"You..." Ye Wanwan seethed with anger at Ye Leng'an's audacious attitude. She leveled a threatening gaze at Ye Lengan and warned, "Ye Lengan, you better think carefully before taking action. Remember, Huangfu Ruiling won't protect you forever."

For any reason, Ye Wanwan refused to back down. The moment she laid eyes on Ye Lengan earlier, she felt incredibly uneasy. It was as though Ye Lengan posed a significant threat to her. Despite their first meeting, it felt like encountering an archenemy. Perhaps that was what they meant by a natural discord!

Moreover, she was the daughter of the Ye family. Throughout her life, no one had ever compelled her to submit.

"Heh, it seems you don't attach much importance to this." Ye Leng'an's lips curled into a wry smile as she continued, "In that case, I'll handle it directly for you!"

With these words, Ye Lengan clenched her fist.

In an instant, the small flame that had rested in Ye Leng'an's hand vanished.

"Ye Lengan, you b*tch!" Observing the flame's disappearance, Ye Wanwan teetered on the verge of losing her composure. Her eyes reddened, and blood oozed from the corner of her mouth. She gazed at Ye Lengan with a glare filled with intense hatred. "You actually dared to destroy my spiritual fire. I'm going to kill you."

Despite the destruction affecting only a small clone of the spiritual fire, the spiritual fire's potency would be considerably diminished. While the spiritual fire wielded full power in the past, it now retained only about half. Moreover, the spiritual fire had already merged with her, and the loss of one of its clones was damaging, leaving her injured. She had suffered internal injuries, which would require at least two to three months to heal. Unfortunately, the Family Competition was about to commence, and her situation was far from ideal.

“From the moment you initiated an attack against me, you should have been mentally prepared for this,” Ye Lengan chuckled as she observed Ye Wanwan’s resentful eyes. She continued, “Did you think I should just sit there and await my demise? In the battle, there are victors and vanquished. You initiated the attack, and now, you can’t blame anyone but yourself..”

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“You...’

Upon hearing these words, Ye Wanwan felt her chest ache even more, and she subsequently spat out a mouthful of blood.

“Wanwan, are you alright?”

Witnessing this situation, Zhongyu Liuying was deeply worried. She promptly approached and supported Ye Wanwan while expressing her concern, saying, “I should get you to the hospital immediately!’

Zhongyu Liuying was unsure how the situation had taken such a turn.

Initially, she had only wanted to bring Ye Wanwan to see Huangfu Ruiling. Her intention was to make Huangfu Ruiling realize that Ye Wanwan was his best choice. However, she had never expected that Ye Wanwan would suddenly take action. What was even more surprising was that Ye Lengan was not an ordinary person and even got Ye Wanwan injured.

Ye Wanwan wasn’t an ordinary person; she was the daughter of the Ye family. With Ye Wanwan being injured on their turf, it didn’t matter who had struck first. In the end, they would definitely not come out unscathed. The Ye family would never let this matter slide, and as for the Huangfu family, there was no guarantee they’d be on their side.

Now that the situation had escalated to this point, what could they do?

However, Ye Wanwan didn’t pay any heed to Zhongyu Liuying’s well-meaning intentions. When Zhongyu Liuying approached to help her, she pushed her aside and took out a pill from her storage bag, swallowing it directly. Once her breathing eased a bit, she raised her head, gazing at Huangfu Ruiling, and spoke, “I will definitely report today’s events to my father. Huangfu Ruiling, by underestimating me like this, the Ye family won’t let you off. Don’t assume that the Huangfu family will protect you just because you possess some skills. Let’s see whether I, as the young lady of the Ye family, or just a family branch, carries more weight within the Huangfu family.”

She knew that Huangfu Ruiling was exceptionally powerful. Many years ago, she had witnessed him in action. Back then, his prowess had allowed her to escape unscathed. Even in a wheelchair, he couldn’t hide his grace. That was the moment she fell for Huangfu Ruiling and desired to marry into the Huangfu family.

Yet, despite Huangfu Ruiling’s exceptional strength, he was still a mere member of a branch of the Huangfu family, and his physical disability had him reliant on a wheelchair. Therefore, no matter how much she pleaded, her father would not consent to their union.

She had worked diligently to raise her status within her family. Only by doing so could she persuade her father to agree to her choice. Ultimately, she succeeded. Consequently, she immediately arranged for someone to send word to the Huangfu family, revealing her intention to form an alliance.

She had initially believed that her proposal would be readily accepted by the Huangfu family. After all, it was a win-win situation for both families. Furthermore, she intended to marry a branch member; there should have been no issue.

However, reality had dealt her a severe blow. The Huangfu family flatly rejected the alliance proposal and even stated that they had the sole right to arrange marriages for their disciples.

Upon hearing this response, her father was incensed and even ordered her to abandon her plans. She refused to concede and had thus traveled from the

Hidden World to the mortal world, all to meet Huangfu Ruiling personally. She wanted to show him her exceptional qualities and gain his consent to their union.

But she never anticipated that her visit would be met with scorn, not welcome.

“Wanwan, let’s not be hasty.” Zhongyu Liuying said, full of anxiety, as she stepped in to mediate, “Let’s discuss this matter carefully.”

Should Ye Wanwan indeed report the incident, the Ye family would undoubtedly not easily let it go. At that point, it was easy to imagine the choices the main family might make to quell the matter.

“It’s too late to realize your mistake now.” Ye Wanwan looked at Huangfu Ruiling and continued, “Huangfu Ruiling, if you apologize now and promise to break up with Ye Lengan, I might consider sparing you.”

“Ruiling, you should agree quickly!” Before Huangfu Ruiling could respond,

Zhongyu Liuying urged him, “Do you really want the main family to punish you?”

If this matter escalated, not only would Huangfu Ruiling be implicated, but even Huangfu Ruixiang would be affected. Although Ruixiang’s talent in cultivation might not match that of Huangfu Ruiling, it was by no means inferior.. If he were disdained by the main family due to this incident, what future would await him?

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Huangfu Ruiling didn’t even spare a glance for Zhongyu Liuying. He simply said to Ye Wanwan with indifference, “If you want to file a complaint, go ahead.”

His nonchalant demeanor was almost as if he was about to ask, “Shall I escort you there?”

Seeing Huangfu Ruiling’s attitude, Ye Wanwan’s anger flared up even more. She turned away and left. Before departing, she couldn’t resist shooting a hateful glance in the direction of Ye Lengan.

Zhongyu Liuying stood in place, watching Ye Wanwan depart and then observing Huangfu Ruiling, who remained composed. She found herself at a loss, unsure of what to do.

Ultimately, Zhongyu Liuying followed after Ye Wanwan. Her top priority was to figure out how to prevent Ye Wanwan from filing a complaint.

However, when she came out, Ye Wanwan had already disappeared without a trace. So, Zhongyu Liuying returned to the office.

Upon entering the office, she saw Huangfu Ruiling, who remained remarkably calm. She then glanced at Ye Lengan, the source of all the trouble, and her anger intensified.

Without hesitation, she pointed at Ye Lengan and scolded, "Ye Lengan, do you even understand what you've done? You've caused such a massive mess, and you don't show an ounce of remorse!"

"What is there to feel remorse for? I haven't done anything wrong!" Ye Lengan shrugged, entirely unconcerned. "I was merely defending myself. As for her getting hurt, it was because her skills were lacking. She can't blame anyone

"Do you know who she is?" Zhongyu Liuying felt like she was on the brink of losing her composure. "She's the young lady of the Hidden Worlds Ye family! Your actions right now are making you an enemy of the Ye family. If you want to die, don't drag us into it!"

"I don't care who she is," Ye Lengan retorted. Compared to Zhongyu Liuying's agitation, Ye Lengan remained surprisingly composed. "However, if you expect me to stand there and get beaten, that's absolutely impossible."

Hearing this reply, Zhongyu Liuying felt like her head was about to explode.

She believed that if she continued talking to Ye Lengan, she might faint at any moment. So, she turned around and said to Huangfu Ruiling directly, "Ruiling, what should we do now? The main family won't stand up against the Ye family for you."

"This matter has nothing to do with you, and you don't need to worry," Huangfu Ruiling remarked, glancing at Zhongyu Liuying with a tone of warning. "Furthermore, you'd better refrain from getting involved in such matters in the future, or else you'll have to bear the consequences yourself."

"Ruiling, why don't you understand?" Zhongyu Liuying tried to persuade him earnestly. "Ye Lengan is not suitable for you at all. Look at the speed at which she causes trouble. All she'll do is drag you down."

"Stay out of my business," Huangfu Ruiling replied coldly, gazing at Zhongyu Liuying. "If you want to continue living comfortably within the Huangfu family, then behave yourself. Otherwise, I can't guarantee you'll maintain this level of comfort in the future."

Confronted by that icy stare, Zhongyu Liuying couldn't help but shudder. When she looked at Huangfu Ruiling, she felt a genuine fear brewing in her heart. Here was her son, the one she had

carried in her womb for ten months, and yet, in the face of this son, she inexplicably felt a sense of dread deep within her.

“Are you threatening me?” Zhongyu Liuying asked, suppressing the fear in her heart. She felt a tinge of sadness as she added, “Ruiling, I’m your mother! How can you treat me this way?”

“This is not a threat,” Huangfu Ruiling responded with an unwavering tone. “I’m merely stating a fact.”

Being looked at with such eyes, Zhongyu Liuying felt like she was on the verge of suffocation. Overwhelmed, she turned and left without uttering another word.

Her hasty footsteps, however, seemed more like a hasty escape.

“You seem to have scared her away,” Ye Lengan remarked, finding the situation amusing. “I never expected your own mother to be afraid of you!”

“She meddles too much,” Huangfu Ruiling stated calmly. “And she hides her self-interest under the pretense of doing what’s best for me. The real reason she’s so angry is that she failed to secure any benefits.”

“Does it really matter to you what happens to Ye Wanwan?” Ye Lengan inquired, raising a hand to support her chin. She blinked at Huangfu Ruiling and asked, “She’s the young lady of the Ye family, after all.”

Seeing Ye Lengan’s expression, Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but laugh. So, he directly asked, “What would you do if I said yes? Tell me, what’s your plan?”

He was curious to hear whether Ye Lengan could articulate a coherent plan.

“There’s no other plan!” Ye Lengan straightened up and leaned back. She spread her hands and adopted a nonchalant attitude. “The one who starts the provocation is in the wrong. No matter how you reason with me, I don’t feel like I did anything wrong. Besides, I already showed restraint. Ye Wanwan is indeed quite audacious. She actually dared to play with fire in front of me. She’s overestimating herself. I merely destroyed the fire clone, and that was already an act of restraint.”

She was the ultimate fire manipulator! If she had really wanted to take action, she could have easily used that fire clone to extinguish the source of the fire on Ye Wanwan’s body. It was just a small spiritual fire, yet Ye Wanwan dared

to act so arrogantly in front of her. It was simply asking for trouble.

“That’s right!” Huangfu Ruiling added. “If that’s the case, why do you even care about what she does? I don’t think you should be concerned about such matters.”

“I’m just afraid you’ll end up at a disadvantage!” Ye Lengan smiled and explained, “If the Ye family comes knocking at your door, I’m afraid you won’t know how to handle it.”

“Even if the Ye family does come, they won’t gain any advantages,” Huangfu Ruiling said nonchalantly. “Although the Ye family is known for alchemy, there are other alchemical families in the Hidden World that have been keeping a close eye on them. While they might not be as powerful as the Ye family, they’ve always been coveting the Ye family’s position. The Ye family excels in alchemy, but in terms of cultivation, they can’t compare to other families.’

If the Ye family acted unreasonably, there were ways to nurture other alchemical families so they could potentially replace the Ye family. Despite being an alchemical family, the Ye family was undoubtedly not as formidable as the Huangfu family..

Chapter 449 - 449: First Place 1

Outside the examination hall, students participating in the Mathematical Olympiad competition, along with their school’s principal and teachers, remained anxiously waiting. Despite the winter chill, they persevered and waited outside.

Ye Xiyuan was among them. Though she maintained a facade of composure, her heart was brimming with anxiety, especially as the system remained unresponsive to her repeated calls. It nearly doubled her apprehension.

While the system had shown signs of issues recently, she knew she couldn’t succeed without its help. She had just submitted several clothing design drafts to Ye Li, and the company’s hopes for the fashion design competition now rested on her shoulders.

Without the system’s aid, victory was impossible. She dreaded the prospect of losing her utility and how her father, Ye Li, might treat her.

She couldn’t rely on Murong Yanshu any longer. They hadn’t crossed paths since the last banquet. Even phone calls to the Nangong family only received a dismissive reply from the servants claiming she was too busy. She knew clearly that Murong Yanshu had distanced herself from her following the revelations made by Nangong Xuyao at the event. Though she retained the title of Murong Yanshu’s goddaughter, she couldn’t bask in her godmother’s glory.

Now, she could only pray for divine intervention, hoping to secure first place in the Mathematical Olympiad competition. Only then could she reap the rewards from the system. With her augmented beauty and innate excellence, finding a man superior to Nangong Xuyao shouldn’t be too challenging.

Shengan High School’s principal, Zheng Anyang, remained outside, not in his car, anxiously awaiting the results. Despite his confidence in Ye Lengan, he couldn’t completely ease his mind as the results hadn’t been announced yet.

“Hey, Principal Zheng, you’re waiting for the results!” The principal of Capital No.1 High School approached, looking at Zheng Anyang with a smiling face. He quipped, ‘Principal Zheng, you seem full of confidence this time! I wonder if the outcome will align with your wishes!’

“Hehe, the results will be revealed soon, won’t they?” Zheng Anyang replied with a confident smile. “I know Capital No.1 High School has dominated for several years. It’s time for you to take a step back!”

“It’s all about one’s own abilities,” Principal Zhou asserted with confidence. “As long as Principal Zheng’s students possess the capability, they’ll claim the top spot.”

Despite his words, Principal Zhou exuded strong faith in his own students. After all, over the past few years, their school had consistently emerged as the victor in the Mathematical Olympiad. Most of the capital’s finest students had congregated at Capital No.1 High School, and with their robust teaching staff, the quality of their students was unparalleled.

“Of course,” Zheng Anyang concurred, flashing a confident smile. “When the time comes, we’ll see the abilities of our two schools’ students.’

“It appears Principal Zheng is indeed quite confident!” Principal Zhou nodded and grinned. “I heard that a student from your school submitted her paper half an hour into the exam!”

This information was not a secret; it was likely that everyone in the examination hall was aware. When the student left the examination hall, she had done so openly, with no intention of concealing anything.

Zheng Anyang was aware that Principal Zhou was referring to Ye Lengan, but he remained composed and responded, “Indeed, there is such a student.”

“Then it seems that your school’s students are truly remarkable!” Principal

Zhou smiled and remarked, “They say several professors from the Capital

University’s Mathematics Department were involved in setting the

Mathematical Olympiad this time. It’s said to be the most challenging paper in history. Yet, your student submitted her paper within half an hour. It seems that you’ve educated her well!”

Though Principal Zhou praised the student, his expression showed no admiration. Instead, he appeared to be enjoying the spectacle, indicating his skepticism regarding the student’s ability to excel in all the questions..

Chapter 450 - 450: First Place 2

After hearing Principal Zhou’s words, Zheng Anyang’s heart skipped a beat. However, he maintained a calm demeanor. “While we are teachers, we can’t interfere too much in the students’

affairs. As for the difficulty of the questions, it varies from person to person. Some find them difficult, while others may find them easy. It depends on the students' abilities."

When he heard that the questions were very difficult, he felt a bit uneasy. It wasn't that he didn't believe in Ye Leng'an's abilities, but Ye Leng'an had turned in her paper quite early this time, which made him feel somewhat uneasy.

However, in the end, he chose to trust Ye Lengan. It wasn't for any other reason, but the confidence Ye Lengan displayed seemed genuine. Besides, he was well aware of Ye Lengan's abilities.

"It seems that Principal Zheng has a lot of confidence in your students," Principal Zhou nodded and said with a smile. "I just hope that the student won't disappoint you."

"We'll know the results shortly, won't we?" Zheng Anyang also smiled and said, "I just hope that when Principal Zhou learns the results, you can face them calmly."

"Naturally," Principal Zhou said confidently, with a hint of pride on his face. "You're aware of Li Quan from our school, I'm sure. He's exceptionally talented in mathematics. I believe you also know that Capital University's Mathematics Department has already reserved a spot for him. It's a bit of a pity, though.

This year, he's in his senior year, the last chance for him to bring honor to Capital No. 1 High School."

When Principal Zhou mentioned Li Quan, Zheng Anyang's mouth twitched slightly, and he didn't say anything more.

At that moment, a person emerged with a red list and affixed it to the notice board. Clearly, this was the result of the Mathematical Olympiad competition. The champion would soon be revealed.

Upon seeing the red list, many people swarmed to it, eager to be the first to

know the results. Zheng Anyang and Principal Zhou, as school principals, couldn't join the crowd. Instead, they stood a short distance away, waiting for their school representatives to inform them of the outcome.

In just a short while, Zheng Anyang spotted Qian Tong hurrying over with an excited smile on his face,

Seeing the excitement on Qian Tong's face, Zheng Anyang's heart eased. Just from Qian Tong's expression, he knew that the result was as they expected.

The thought of outperforming Capital No. 1 High School this time couldn't help but make his heart race.

Principal Zhou, however, remained as steady as a rock, evidently not believing that Shengan High School could surpass Capital No. 1 High School. He believed it was probably because Sheng'an High School had performed well that Qian Tong was so excited.

“Principal, Principal, first place!” Qian Tong rushed over to Zheng Anyang, unable to contain his excitement. “This time, the first place goes to Ye Lengan, it’s Ye Lengan; she secured the first place.”

“Really?” Upon receiving a confirmed answer, Zheng Anyang’s previously high-strung heart gradually relaxed. He tried to suppress the excitement inside, but his smile gave him away. “Principal Zhou, what a pity! I thought that Li Quan from your school would win the championship for the third consecutive year. I didn’t expect that in the final year, our school’s student would actually surpass him. It’s a real shame.”

Principal Zhou’s expression wavered as he asked with doubt, “Is the first place really from your school this time? Could you have made a mistake?”

“Principal Zhou, rest assured,” Qian Tong assured him, patting his chest. “I’ve double-checked it several times, and it’s Ye Lengan from our school. As for Li Quan from your school, he’s in second place.”

This assurance was like a sharp arrow piercing Principal Zhou’s heart, causing his expression to turn somewhat ugly.

If he was confident just moments ago, he was now feeling quite frustrated.

At this point, Zheng Anyang continued to drive the knife into Principal Zhou’s heart. “Principal Zhou, I think there’s something you don’t know! The first place this time, Ye Lengan from our school, is the same one who turned in her paper after only half an hour..”