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When Ye Lengan entered the principal's office and saw the person seated inside, she understood why the principal had summoned her.

At that moment, Zheng Anyang was in his chair, wearing a slightly impatient expression as he glanced at the person sitting across from him. However, he felt somewhat powerless in this situation.

In reality, if this wasn't his own office, he would have preferred to avoid the situation altogether and not deal with the person before him. He recalled that the last time, it was also Ye Xiyuan's parents who had come to file a complaint.

Initially, he had a favorable impression of Ye Xiyuan. She had good academic performance and was modest in her demeanor. However, during the recent Mathematical Olympiad class, Ye Xiyuan didn't participate at all, nor did she request leave. Consequently, the results of the competition were plain for all to see.

Now, it was once again due to Ye Xiyuan that her parents had come to complain. Unfortunately, the key person involved was absent, which left him in a difficult position. Moreover, Ye Xiyuan's parents appeared quite arrogant, as if it were a privilege for their daughter to attend this school. It was truly trying.

"Principal, did you have something to talk to me?"

Even though she could clearly discern the situation, Ye Lengan didn't spare a glance at Lin Wanqin and Li Deze. Instead, she walked directly to Zheng Anyang's desk.

Zheng Anyang's expression remained unchanged, and his tone was matter-of-fact as if he were simply narrating a fact without any reproach.

"This is Ye Xiyuan's mother, and she has come to say that you hit Ye Xiyuan."

"Oh," Ye Lengan responded indifferently and didn't say anything more.

"Ye Lengan, don't attempt to evade responsibility." Seeing Ye Lengan's nonchalant attitude, Lin Wanqin couldn't suppress her anger. She promptly stood up, went over to Ye Lengan, and launched a barrage of accusations. "Deze is a witness, and you admitted that you hit Xiyuan yourself. Don't think you can get away with it."

Upon finishing her statement, she turned to Zheng Anyang and spoke rapidly as if firing off a string of bullets. "Principal Zheng, you mustn't favor Ye

Lengan just because she excels academically. You should know that Xiyuan's academic performance is also quite good."

When discussing Ye Xiyuan, Lin Wanqin couldn't help but hold her head high, her pride unapologetically displayed. In her view, Xiyuan was exceptional, and the recent failure to secure a place in the Mathematical Olympiad was but a momentary setback.

“Mrs. Ye.” In response to Lin Wanqin’s accusations, Zheng Anyang’s eyes darkened. “You need not worry. If what you say is true, I will naturally handle it impartially. However, before taking any action, I must first understand the details of the matter.”

“Principal Zheng, are you attempting to shield Ye Lengan?” Lin Wanqin saw Zheng Anyang’s words as a pretext. “If you can’t handle this matter fairly, I won’t let it rest. Even if it means lodging a complaint with the Education Bureau, I’ll do so.”

“Mrs. Ye, I haven’t had the chance to take any action, and you already assume that I’ll be biased, is that it?” Zheng Anyang looked at Lin Wanqin with a sharp gaze. “If you’re so concerned about my handling of this matter, you should have gone directly to the Education Bureau or the police, rather than coming to me.”

Lin Wanqin wanted to say more, but Li Deze held her back.

“Auntie, please don’t worry.” Li Deze hurriedly restrained Lin Wanqin. “You should trust the principal; he will certainly handle it fairly.”

Lin Wanqin couldn’t discern it, but Li Deze could clearly see that the principal’s expression was far from good. If this continued, offending the principal was inevitable. Not to mention whether Ye Lengan would be held accountable, the days of both him and Xiyuan at the school would undoubtedly be challenging.

Ignoring Lin Wanqin and Li Deze, Zheng Anyang turned his attention to Ye Lengan and asked, “So, Ye Lengan, do you have anything to say?”

“I did slap Ye Xiyuan.” Ye Lengan nodded and replied, “However, it was Ye Xiyuan who initiated the physical contact. I was just defending myself. If you consider it, this could be seen as self-defense!”

“You’re lying. Xiyuan would never do such a thing.” Upon hearing Ye Lengan’s words, Lin Wanqin couldn’t contain herself any longer. “During ordinary times, our Xiyuan wouldn’t even harm a single ant, let alone resort to violence. Ye Lengan, you’re spouting nonsense. You’re trying to defame Xiyuan to absolve yourself of blame..”

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“Blame?” Ye Lengan chuckled upon hearing Lin Wanqin’s words. “Ms. Ye, if you think I’m guilty, go ahead and call the police! Don’t create a scene here.” “Ye Lengan, you’re the one who just hit someone. How can you be so arrogant?” Lin Wanqin, looking at Ye Lengan’s unreasonable behavior, felt a pain in her chest. “Are you so sure that Principal Zheng will protect you?”

Zheng Anyang, on the side, furrowed his brow when he heard these words. He had hardly said a few words, and yet Ye Xiyuan’s parents repeatedly accused him of covering for Ye Lengan. Did he

really appear to be such an unjust person? If they believed he was unfair, they shouldn't have come to him in the first place.

With parents like this, it seemed that Ye Xiyuan was no angel either.

"Auntie." Lin Wanqin didn't notice, but Li Deze had been keenly observing Zheng Anyangs expression. When he saw Zheng Anyangs frown, he quickly said, "Our principal will definitely handle this matter fairly. Don't worry."

Now he was beginning to regret why he had asked Lin Wanqin to intervene in this matter. Without clarifying the situation, they had already seriously offended the principal.

Lin Wanqin, on the other hand, had no significant ties to the school, and her interactions with the principal were likely to be limited after today. However, Li Deze and Xiyuan were still attending classes at this school, so offending the principal was definitely not a wise move.

After Li Deze's persuasion, Lin Wanqin began to calm down. She looked at Zheng Anyang, evidently waiting for an explanation.

"Both parties are sticking to their respective stories." Zheng Anyang said, "So, I can't determine who is right or wrong. However, since Ye Xiyuan is not present, and you are the ones explaining the situation, why don't you bring Ye Xiyuan here to confront her face-to-face? This way, I can make a more informed judgment."

"No need to bring Xiyuan here. I can represent her fully." Lin Wanqin didn't agree with Zheng Anyangs suggestion. "I am her mother and can seek justice on her behalf."

Looking at Lin Wanqin's demeanor, Zheng Anyang couldn't help but show some impatience. "You claim that Ye Lengan assaulted Ye Xiyuan for no reason, but Ye Lengan is saying that Ye Xiyuan initiated the conflict. Since you weren't present, why are you so confident that Ye Xiyuan's account is accurate? Is it because she's your daughter?"

Zheng Anyangs probing question made Lin Wanqin's face turn even more unpleasant, and she found it difficult to respond. From her perspective, Zheng Anyangs actions seemed to be aimed at protecting Ye Lengan.

"Deze witnessed it," Lin Wanqin said, not realizing it, but Li Deze had been closely monitoring Zheng Anyangs expressions. Upon noticing Zheng

Anyangs furrowed brow, she quickly spoke, "We have a witness right here, Principal Zheng, and he won't lie, will he?"

All eyes turned to Li Deze.

For a moment, Li Deze felt a bit uncomfortable, but he ultimately stated,

"That's right, I saw it."

“Alright, there’s no need to continue bickering here,” Ye Lengan frowned and interjected, “Li Deze didn’t witness the entire incident, and he’s always favored Ye Xiyuan, so his account may not be entirely objective.”

“Ye Lengan, you...” Lin Wanqin began to argue, but under Ye Lengan’s icy gaze, she fell silent.

“I have a better idea,” Ye Lengan said coldly, looking at Lin Wanqin. “There are surveillance cameras in that area. Can’t we just review the footage?”

Indeed,” Zheng Anyang slapped his forehead. “I almost forgot about that.” He immediately picked up the phone on his desk and called the security room.

After Ye Lengan finished speaking, she found a seat on the sofa and took out her phone.

At this moment, she wasn’t using her phone for leisure. Instead, she intended to hack into the school’s security system before the surveillance footage was retrieved. Her purpose was not to edit the surveillance video, just to remove the audio from it..

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The conversation between her and Ye Xiyuan was really not suitable for others to know. Otherwise, it would cause a huge uproar. Moreover, even if there was no sound, as long as there was a picture, one could still see what was going on. At the very least, they could definitely see that Ye Xiyuan made the first move.

The others didn’t know what Ye Lengan was doing; they could only see her playing with her phone.

Zheng Anyang did not care about this at all. In his opinion, Ye Lengan’s actions were very normal. Perhaps it should be said that he was a little biased towards Ye Lengan! In his view, such a genius student, even if not studying seriously, could achieve results that ordinary people couldn’t catch up with.

However, Lin Wanqin and Li Deze obviously didn’t think so.

Especially Lin Wanqin. Ye Lengan’s nonchalant action of playing with her phone was like a silent provocation to her. The matter had yet to be clarified, and Ye Lengan was actually playing with her phone here. It was a complete disrespect towards her. Such an arrogant attitude made her face turn even uglier.

After about ten minutes, the security captain came in with a CD.

“Show me the surveillance footage!” Zheng Anyang ordered.

“Well...” The security captain looked troubled. “Principal, there seems to be a problem with the surveillance cameras in that place. I don’t know what’s going on. At that time, the sound was not recorded at all.”

“No sound?” Zheng Anyang frowned, then shook his head and said, “It doesn’t matter if there’s no sound. It’s fine as long as we can see what’s going on. Show us the surveillance footage first!”

The security captain immediately went forward. After some operation, the video played on the computer.

In that surveillance footage, it was clear that Ye Lengan had been walking peacefully. Even when she saw Ye Xiyuan, she had no intention of bothering her. Then, it was Ye Xiyuan who stopped Ye Lengan, and it seemed like an argument occurred between them. Soon after, Ye Xiyuan raised her hand and moved forward, as if she was about to strike Ye Lengan. However, Ye Lengan grabbed her wrist and delivered a backhanded slap.

After that, Ye Lengan said something, and Ye Xiyuan’s face suddenly turned pale, as if she had suffered a huge blow.

Although there was no sound from the surveillance camera, it was still very clear what had happened. At the very least, it could be seen that things were just as Ye Lengan had said. Ye Xiyuan had attacked first, and Ye Lengan had only retaliated after that.

After watching the surveillance footage, Lin Wanqin’s face shifted from pale to flushed. Obviously, she didn’t expect that Ye Xiyuan was the one who made the first move.

Li Deze, who was standing at the side, didn’t look too good either. He almost couldn’t believe that the person in the video was really Ye Xiyuan. Usually, the Ye Xiyuan he met was kind. She would smile at everyone as if she was always full of enthusiasm.

However, Ye Xiyuan in the video looked very unfamiliar, and her expression was even a little ferocious. For a moment, he couldn’t tell which one was Ye Xiyuan’s true face.

Zheng Anyang looked at Lin Wanqin with a straight face and said in a serious tone, “Mrs. Ye, the matter is very clear now. Just as Ye Lengan had said, the one who started the fight was Ye Xiyuan. So, do you still want to pursue the matter?”

“But Xiyuan didn’t hit Ye Lengan, did she?” Lin Wanqin’s expression was ugly as she said, “Then why did she still hit Xiyuan?”

In her opinion, Ye Lengan had gone too far. Even if Xiyuan really did make the first move, she didn’t really hit her, did she? Ye Lengan had clearly stopped Xiyuan’s actions, so why did she still hit Xiyuan? This was simply revenge.

“Mrs. Ye, you really have double standards!” Hearing this, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but laugh coldly. “Is it possible that only your daughter can hit others, but others can’t hit your daughter? Since Ye Xiyuan chose to attack, then you should be prepared to be attacked, right?”

“Ye Lengan, is this your upbringing?” Lin Wanqin’s expression turned even uglier after being mocked by Ye Lengan. “I can tell from the surveillance footage that you must have said something to anger Xiyuan, which is why Xiyuan attacked you. So, you deserve it..”

“No, it’s Ye Xiyuan who deserved it,” Ye Lengan said calmly. She didn’t seem to be angry at all and even added with a smile, “She was the one who initiated the physical confrontation, so if she got hit, it’s her own doing.”

“Ye Lengan, you...” Lin Wanqin was frustrated. She took a step forward and raised her hand as if to slap Ye Lengan, but when she met her icy gaze, she froze, unable to bring herself to follow through with the action.

Ye Leng’an’s eyes were cold, carrying a hint of chilling determination. “Mrs. Ye, haven’t you learned from Ye Xiyuan’s example? We have no relationship now. If you dare to hit me, I will retaliate. Don’t blame me if I have to be forceful.”

Lin Wanqin’s hand remained suspended, unable to make the decisive strike, but she was equally unwilling to back down. She stood there, caught in an uncertain dilemma.

“Mrs. Ye, this is a school,” Zheng Anyang interjected. “Ye Lengan is a student of our school, and regardless of right or wrong, it’s not your place to intervene. If you make a move here, don’t blame us for being stern.”

With Zheng Anyang taking a firm stance, Lin Wanqin reluctantly lowered her hand.

“Now that the matter is resolved, Mrs. Ye, please leave,” Zheng Anyang instructed her. “As for Li Deze, if you have no further business here, return to your class. Causing such a commotion instead of attending classes is unacceptable.”

Hearing Zheng Anyang’s words, Li Deze couldn’t help but feel embarrassed.

He knew that the principal was displeased with him because of this incident.

So, at this point, he couldn’t afford to challenge the principal any further. After a quick farewell, Li Deze left the principal’s office.

Lin Wanqin didn’t leave immediately. She glanced at Zheng Anyang, her tone revealing a sense of dissatisfaction. “Principal Zheng, are we just going to let this matter slide? Ye Lengan hit Xiyuan, which is a fact. Shouldn’t we investigate an act of violence on campus?”

“If you acknowledge that committing violence on campus is wrong, why did Ye Xiyuan initiate the physical confrontation?” Zheng Anyang responded with impatience. “You just witnessed it. Ye Xiyuan was the one who started it. If you insist on pursuing this matter, I will have to take action against Ye Xiyuan for initiating the altercation.”

Zheng Anyang had lost his patience with Lin Wanqin’s persistent questioning. He was also unhappy with Ye Xiyuan for causing this trouble, and he made it clear.

Upon hearing Zheng Anyang’s unsparing words, Lin Wanqin’s face turned grim, and her tone sharpened as she responded, ‘Principal Zheng, is your decision truly fair?’

“If you find it unfair, you can always have Ye Xiyuan transfer to another school,” Zheng Anyang retorted. “As for you, if you wish to file a complaint with the Education Bureau, you are welcome to do so. However, let me remind you: Sheng’an is a private school. I am not appointed by the Education Bureau but by the board of directors. So, if you aim to have me removed from my position, you should approach the board of directors, not the Education Bureau.”

Lin Wanqin’s expression alternated between pale and red in response to Zheng Anyang’s stern words. Her tone softened as she spoke, “Principal Zheng, please don’t misunderstand. I didn’t mean that.”

She naturally couldn’t go to the board of directors. Shengan High School was an elite institution, and the members of the board of directors were not people she could easily meet. Moreover, Zheng Anyang’s position as principal was backed by influential figures. Even if she did approach them, it would be futile.

Furthermore, she had only come today to seek justice for Xiyuan and had no intention of transferring her daughter to another school.

“Mrs. Ye, if there’s nothing else, please leave.” Zheng Anyang pointed towards the door, making it clear that he wanted her to depart. “I have other matters to attend to, and I won’t be able to accommodate you any further.”

This clear indication to leave made Lin Wanqin’s expression unpleasant. However, given the current circumstances, if she continued to push the matter, Xiyuan might indeed be expelled from school. Reluctantly, she departed.

Before leaving, she couldn’t help but issue a threat to Ye Leng’an. “Ye Leng’an, we’ll see how this unfolds. I won’t let you off for how you treated Xiyuan.” After making this sharp remark, she left angrily.

Ye Lengan shrugged her shoulders indifferently, not even sparing a glance at Lin Wanqin. Clearly, she didn’t take her threat seriously.

Fortunately, Lin Wanqin had left, or she would have been infuriated by Ye Leng’an’s nonchalant attitude.

“You!” Zheng Anyang looked at Ye Lengan and couldn’t help but rub his forehead. He said with a hint of exasperation, “Can’t you just behave yourself?”

There’s only half a year left. Can’t you spend it peacefully?”

“Principal, this matter truly had nothing to do with me,” Ye Lengan replied, smiling and defending herself. “You saw it yourself. I had no intention of getting involved with Ye Xiyuan. Now, the other party has been relentless in pursuing me.”

Zheng Anyang shook his head helplessly, well aware of the history between Ye Lengan and Ye Xiyuan. “You two have quite a complicated relationship! If this happens a few more times, I might actually grow a few more white hairs.”

“It’s fine,” Ye Lengan said with a smile. “Principal, you’re still young. Your hair won’t turn white.’

Zheng Anyang couldn’t help but chuckle at Ye Leng’an’s response. He waved his hand and said, “Alright, go back to class! You rarely visit the school, and it’s time for your teachers to see you. Otherwise, they might forget you are their student.’

Ye Lengan left the principal’s office without further comments.

At that moment, Ye Xiyuan, who was at home, remained unaware of the situation at the school. She sat in her room, feeling bewildered and unsure of how to proceed.

Since her rebirth, she had relied on the system for guidance. However, Ye Lengan had just informed her that the system had been destroyed. She couldn’t come to terms with this reality.

So, after returning to her room, she continued to call out for the system, hoping to hear its mechanical voice once again..

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An unknown amount of time passed, and the depth of despair in Ye Xiyuan’s eyes became unmistakably clear.

At this moment, even if she was reluctant to believe it, she understood that Ye Lengan was speaking the truth. The system had indeed disappeared, and all the advantages she had gained after her rebirth were gone.

Thinking of this, Ye Xiyuan felt that her entire life had become hopeless. Since her rebirth, she had received everything thanks to the assistance of the system. With the system gone, she was overwhelmed with confusion, not knowing what to do next.

“Xiyuan, are you resting?” Suddenly, there was a knock on the door.

Although she had no desire to see anyone at the moment, upon recognizing Lin Wanqin’s voice, she welcomed her inside. After all, since returning to this family, her mother was the only one who truly cared for her.

Lin Wanqin entered the room and saw Ye Xiyuan sitting on the bed with a pale face. Her heart ached at the sight. She approached the bedside, sat down, and gently touched Ye Xiyuan’s cheek marked with a handprint.

“Ye Lengan has gone too far,” she said as she examined her daughter’s face. Simultaneously, a pang of guilt hit her. “Xiyuan, if only I hadn’t mixed you two up all those years ago, none of this would have happened.”

“Mom, it’s not your fault.” Ye Xiyuan shook her head. “In the end, everything happened because Pang Tingting was jealous of you and resorted to such actions.”

Upon hearing Pang Tingting’s name, Lin Wanqin found an outlet for her anger. “That b*tch! She’s the reason our mother-daughter bond was severed for over a decade. I wish I could devour her flesh and drink her blood. Unfortunately, she left the capital without a trace.”

“She left?” Ye Xiyuan frowned. This was the first time she had heard of this development. “Where did she go?”

“I don’t know.” Lin Wanqin shook her head. “If I knew, I wouldn’t let her off so easily. But let’s not dwell on her. Xiyuan, in the future, when you encounter Ye Lengan, try to avoid direct conflicts. It won’t be in your favor, especially since your school’s principal seems inclined to favor Ye Leng’an.”

“Mom, how do you know this?” Ye Xiyuan furrowed her brows and then had a sudden realization. “Did you go to the school?”

Upon hearing Ye Xiyuan’s unexpected question, Lin Wanqin’s face fluctuated between pale and red. She had indeed gone to the school, but instead of achieving justice for her daughter, she had been subjected to mockery. Therefore, it was difficult for her to reveal the details.

After a moment of silence, she couldn’t help but let out a sigh. “This Ye Lengan is truly inscrutable. Her academic performance was nothing remarkable in the past, so how has she suddenly improved so drastically? It seems that the principal highly values her achievements and probably hopes that she will shine in the college entrance examination in two and a half years. ”

“College entrance examination!” Ye Xiyuan suddenly latched onto this point. She looked at Lin Wanqin and said, “Mom, I want to skip a grade. Please help me with the necessary procedures. I want to skip to the third year of high school and take this year’s college entrance examination in June.”

“What?” Lin Wanqin was taken aback by Ye Xiyuan’s request. She even reached out to touch Ye Xiyuan’s forehead, worriedly asking, “Xiyuan, are you sure you’re alright?”

“Mom, I’m fine,” Ye Xiyuan gently pushed Lin Wanqin’s hand away. “I’ve thought it through. There’s no need to waste more time in high school. I’m confident that even if I take this year’s college entrance examination, I can definitely become the top scorer.”

Her mother’s actions at the school today, while not explicitly explained, had certainly left the principal displeased. Moreover, during her participation in the Mathematical Olympiad competition, she noticed that there was already some distance between her and the principal. In that case, she might as well take the college entrance examination. This would not only bring her into the limelight but also allow her to overshadow Ye Lengan.

Didn’t Ye Lengan recently achieve first place in the national Mathematical Olympiad? If she could secure the title of the top scorer in the college entrance examination, she would be on par with Ye Lengan.

She had previously taken the college entrance examination. While it had been a while, she still remembered the questions. Compared to other candidates, she held numerous advantages. Therefore, she couldn’t afford to let this opportunity slip away..

In her previous life, she took the college entrance exam two and a half years later. However, during the prep process before the college entrance exam, she couldn't even count how many times she went through past college entrance exam questions. So, it was only natural for her to remember this year's college entrance exam questions.

If she took the college entrance exam and aced it securing the top spot when Ye Lengan was still in her first year, this would put her way ahead of Ye Lengan.

"Xiyuan, I understand what's on your mind. You're doing this to prove you're better than Ye Lengan, right?" Lin Wanqin held Ye Xiyuan's hand and offered her advice. "But don't make impulsive decisions just to compete with her. You have to understand the college entrance exam is crucial for your future. You can't afford to be careless."

"Mom, trust me, I'll get excellent results." Ye Xiyuan's eyes gleamed with confidence. "I'll become the top scorer in the college entrance exam, bring honor to you, and let everyone know I'm better than Ye Leng'an."

Indeed, even without the system, she still had her unique advantages. Being reborn gave her knowledge about many future events. She was almost like a prophet now. With this ability, why should she worry about her future?

The recent distress she experienced was a momentary lapse, swayed by Ye Lengan. Losing her system added to her confusion. However, since she had a chance at rebirth, it meant that even the heavens deemed her past unjust and granted her this opportunity.

Seeing Ye Xiyuan's confident demeanor, Lin Wanqin finally nodded. "Alright, I promise you. I'll help you apply for grade skipping tomorrow. But can you handle it? Remember, you also promised your father that you'd participate in this design competition."

"I remember," Ye Xiyuan said with a trace of pride. "I'll definitely win the design competition."

In her previous life, she might not have been on par with Ye Lengan, but she had some knowledge about the company. At the very least, she remembered this grand design competition. So, she also remembered what the winning design looked like.

The designer who secured first place should still be an unknown and struggling designer at the moment. In her previous life, that person had skyrocketed to fame thanks to this design competition. This time, she was confident that she could also win the championship with that same design.

However, before the competition, she needed to find a way to prevent the original designer from participating. Otherwise, two identical designs would be a disaster.

The next morning, Lin Wanqin once again went to Shengan High School to assist Ye Xiyuan with the grade- skipping process. Despite their unpleasant encounter with Zheng Anyang the previous day, she put her daughter's future first.

Fortunately, Zheng Anyang seemed to overlook their prior conflict. This eased her mind.

Upon learning that Ye Xiyuan planned to skip a grade to attend the third year of high school and take the college entrance exam this year, Zheng Anyang was quite surprised.

He really couldn't understand why the first-year students this year were so

high-profile, with each of them not following the usual routine. However, he didn't try to stop them; instead, he made a suggestion similar to Ye Leng'an's.

He recommended that Ye Xiyuan remain in her first-year class. Later on, she could directly register for the college entrance exam or consider which third-year class's teacher was willing to accept her. Lin Wanqin clearly didn't expect Zheng Anyang to be so agreeable, so she immediately insisted on letting Ye Xiyuan go to the third year. She mentioned that they could let Ye Xiyuan take a grade-skipping exam first, then decide which third-year class would be willing to accept her.

She didn't want Ye Xiyuan to stay in the first-year class. After all, even if it was only half a year, there was a vast difference between staying in the first year and advancing to the third year. It was clear that the third year was a better environment for preparation, which would boost her confidence in the college entrance examination.

Shortly after, Ye Xiyuan took the grade- skipping exam and excelled, leading teachers from the third year to compete for her. Ultimately, she chose to join Class One.

This outcome should have pleased Zheng Anyang. However, Ye Xiyuan's recent behavior left a negative impression on him..

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So, even though Ye Xiyuan's grades were excellent, his expression remained somewhat indifferent.

Moreover, with Ye Leng'an's brilliance in the picture, Ye Xiyuan was still overshadowed when standing before Ye Lengan.

The news of Ye Xiyuan taking the grade-skipping exam, advancing to the third year, and entering Class One with high scores quickly circulated throughout the school. Many admired Ye Xiyuan's abilities.

It could be said that, due to the grade-skipping decision, Ye Xiyuan once again became the center of attention at Sheng'an.

This gave Ye Xiyuan an air of confidence, even while walking. Even the shadow that had lingered over her due to the Nangong Xuyao incident had significantly dissipated.

When Ye Leng'an heard that Ye Xiyuan skipped a grade and was preparing for this year's college entrance examination, she was momentarily surprised but then smiled. She clearly understood Ye Xiyuan's purpose.

Ye Xiyuan's swift recovery speed left her impressed. It appeared that Ye Xiyuan intended to use her rebirth advantage to achieve excellent results in this year's college entrance examination.

However, Ye Xiyuan was likely to be disappointed this time. With her presence, how could she allow Ye Xiyuan to succeed fully?

In the afternoon, Ye Lengan skipped her class and headed to Huangfu Ruiling's office. She claimed a comfortable spot on the sofa.

"Why are you staring at me like that?" Ye Lengan couldn't help but roll her eyes at Huangfu Ruiling. "Hurry up and work! Don't say I delayed your work later! I haven't done anything!"

"You don't need to do anything, just sitting there quietly is enough to attract all my attention." Huangfu Ruiling put down the files in his hands, stood up and came to the front of the sofa, sat next to Ye Lengan, and directly hugged her into his arms.

"So you're saying it's my fault!" Ye Lengan pushed Huangfu Ruiling a bit, speaking unhappily, "So according to you, it would be better for me to come less in the future, to avoid distracting you from your work."

"How could it be a distraction!" Huangfu Ruiling did not let go of Ye Lengan, but instead lowered his head, taking a whiff of the faint fragrance coming from her hair. He then continued, "I'm very happy that you could come here."

"Show some restraint, stop behaving indecently. Don't forget, I'm still underage!" Ye Lengan joked, "You wouldn't want people to accuse you of tempting a minor, would you?"

"Minor?" Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow. "Are you sure?"

"Absolutely certain." Ye Lengan pronounced with confidence, "You can check my household registration, it clearly says I'm underage."

Despite the cumulative age of her three lifetimes, she wasn't sure how old she actually was. But since she's returned to this life, she's naturally considered underage. So, she was still very young.

Her words caused Huangfu Ruiling to burst out laughing.

"Alright, you better get back to work!" Ye Lengan pushed Huangfu Ruiling a bit. "Once you're done with your work, we'll go on a date."

Hearing this proposition, Huangfu Ruiling suddenly felt motivated. As tempting as it was to have her in his arms, her proposal was even more enticing.

They each had their own tasks to keep busy with, even when they were together, they were often occupied with their own matters. Even then, he found the mutual accompaniment comforting.

However, if they could find time for a date, that would be even better. He, too, wished to do all the things regular couples do when they were in love with Ye

Lengan.

He then got back to his work.

Meanwhile, Ye Lengan comfortably leaned on the sofa, starting to play with her phone. This time, she genuinely was just playing around, watching videos, and browsing the web, with no particular aim in mind.

However, soon a piece of news caught her attention. As she read on, her brow furrowed slightly.

“What’s wrong?” Despite working, Huangfu Ruiling still had a part of his attention on Ye Lengan. When he sensed something amiss with her, he couldn’t help but inquire.

Ye Leng’an rose, went to Huangfu Ruilings side, and handed him the phone. “Take a look at the news..

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“It’s the Ye Group’s press conference.” Huangfu Ruiling glanced at the message on her phone. “Is there a problem? The Ye Group mainly focuses on fashion, so it’s normal for them to plan a new product launch. The designs on there are above average. They may not compare to internationally renowned designers, but they do have some unique features.”

He hadn’t expected Ye Lengan to be interested in the news about the Ye family.

“These are the new products,” Ye Lengan said as she looked at the designs. Her brows furrowed tightly. “If I remember correctly, these designs are set to be released two years from now, and the one releasing them isn’t even from the Ye Group.”

“So, you mean that the Ye Group is plagiarizing designs set for release two years from now?” Huangfu Ruiling quickly grasped the situation.

“To be precise, it’s Ye Xiyuan who’s doing the plagiarizing,” Ye Lengan sneered and continued, “I didn’t expect Ye Xiyuan to have no moral boundaries.”

“Indeed.” Huangfu Ruiling shared his disdain. “Plagiarizing others’ hard work is truly detestable.”

“Unfortunately, even if we know, it’s not of much use.” Ye Leng’an shook her head. “Ye Xiyuan was reborn, so she knows about these designs. But even the original designers who had their work plagiarized aren’t aware of it. So...”

Before she could finish, she checked her phone again.

“What’s wrong?”

“The Ye Group is about to participate in the largest domestic fashion design competition,” Ye Lengan said. “If that’s the case, Ye Xiyuan will undoubtedly plagiarize someone else’s work again. This time, she would have already returned to the Ye

family by now, and she'd certainly remember the winning designs of this design competition."

"She won't be able to plagiarize this time." Huangfu Ruiling smiled and said,

"The organizer of this fashion design competition is a subsidiary of the Huangye Group. Since Ye Xiyuan remembers this event, when it's time for the live competition, we can simply change the theme."

Upon hearing Huangfu Ruiling's words, Ye Lengan was momentarily taken aback but then burst into laughter. "Ye Xiyuan will be utterly dumbfounded. Why is reality different from her memory? I'm afraid she'll also struggle to come up with some designs."

The thought of such a scenario made her laugh even heartier.

"Alright, focus on your work!" Ye Lengan picked up her phone and returned to the sofa, resuming her activities.

Observing Ye Lengan's changing moods, a hint of tenderness gleamed in Huangfu Ruiling's eyes.

When it was nearly evening, Huangfu Ruiling had completed all his work.

After dinner, they decided to watch a movie.

In the cinema, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan waited in the lobby while Li San went to buy tickets.

"Brother?"

While Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan were quietly conversing, they suddenly heard a familiar voice, Huangfu Ruixiang's voice, to be precise. The surprise in his voice was evident.

Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan looked up to see Huangfu Ruixiang standing not far from them with a perplexed expression. However, the first person to catch their attention was the familiar individual standing beside Huangfu Ruixiang. It was none other than Zhongyu Yiran.

Huangfu Ruixiang hadn't expected to encounter Huangfu Ruiling in such a place. In his eyes, Huangfu Ruiling was someone who lived life on a higher plane and wouldn't usually visit such down-to-earth places.

What he had just witnessed, the sight of Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan waiting for a movie as an ordinary couple, was something he wouldn't have imagined happening in real life. It was apparent that Huangfu Ruiling was genuinely fond of Ye Lengan! Otherwise, why would he make so many changes for her?

But then again, his father had opposed Ye Lengan due to their relationship and said things he shouldn't have, causing him to lose his position as the family head.

Zhongyu Yiran, who stood next to Huangfu Ruixiang, remained so quiet that she might as well not exist. However, at this moment, she kept her head low, and the jealousy and resentment in her eyes were almost palpable.

“Are you here to watch a movie too?” Huangfu Ruilings tone was casual, devoid of strong emotion. It didn’t even seem like he was speaking to his younger brother; it was as if he was addressing someone unimportant.

“Yes,” Huangfu Ruixiang replied. “Yiran said there’s a newly released movie that’s really good, so I’m accompanying her to watch it.”

During this period, Zhongyu Yiran had been openly and discreetly showing her favor to him, and he had noticed. He was genuinely interested in Zhongyu Yiran. After all, no man could resist being attracted to such a beauty.

However, in the past, Zhongyu Yiran’s focus had been solely on Huangfu Ruiling, so he hadn’t had a chance,

Of course, he understood that Zhongyu Yiran’s favor toward him was primarily due to her inability to get close to Huangfu Ruiling. He didn’t mind because he also didn’t have deep feelings for Zhongyu Yiran.

Zhongyu Yiran was indeed beautiful. He could flirt with her, perhaps even date her, but he would never marry her.

Despite her last name being Zhongyu, she was given that name because his mother liked her, and she had no connection to the Zhongyu family. She couldn’t even be considered a distant relative. Regardless of her beauty, she couldn’t be his wife.

Of course, he wouldn’t convey these sentiments to Zhongyu Yiran.

“Then go ahead,” Huangfu Ruiling continued, his tone even carrying a hint of disdain. It was as if he wanted to say outright that they should not disturb him.

Huangfu Ruixiang was not blind to social cues, so he took his leave immediately and departed with Zhongyu Yiran.

“I didn’t expect those two to truly get together.” Ye Lengan found it amusing. “It seems that Zhongyu Yiran is quite determined. If she can’t be your wife, she’ll be your brother’s wife. No matter what, she wants to become a part of your family!”

“What nonsense are you saying!” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Lengan with a frown. “Don’t speak recklessly. She could never enter the Huangfu family.”

“But I think the two of them are getting along well!” Ye Lengan looked in the direction they had left with a smile. “Who knows, they might genuinely end up together! Then, won’t I become Zhongyu Yiran’s sister-in-law?”

Thinking about it made her feel quite repulsed..

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“Sister-in-law?” Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow upon hearing Ye Leng’an’s words. “I didn’t expect Aryan to already be thinking about marrying me in the future. It seems like you can’t wait!”

Hearing that, Ye Leng’an’s cheeks flushed, and she reached out, pinching a piece of soft flesh at Huangfu Ruilings waist. She executed a 180-degree turn and playfully asked, “Is that so? Can’t wait, huh? Are you happy?”

Ignoring the pain in his waist, Huangfu Ruiling gazed at Ye Lengan with a more serious expression than before, leaning in close to her ear with a magnetic, low voice, he said, “I’m very pleased.”

As she heard his deep voice, she felt her cheeks grow even warmer. Even without seeing her reflection, she knew her face was undoubtedly turning red.

“Let’s drop this topic,” Ye Lengan quickly changed the subject. “Why do you think Zhongyu Yiran can’t become Huangfu Ruixiangs wife? I think they make a good couple! Who knows, she might marry your brother soon.”

“That’s impossible,” Huangfu Ruiling asserted firmly. “My parents will never allow Huangfu Ruixiang to marry Zhongyu Yiran. Perhaps they could be lovers discreetly.”

“Zhongyu Yiran is quite capable.” Ye Lengan shook her head. “And, when it comes to marriage, the most critical factor is Huangfu Ruixiangs stance, isn’t it? If he’s determined, the outcome may be different.”

“Do you want a bet?” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Lengan and proposed, “Let’s bet on whether Zhongyu Yiran can enter the Huangfu family.”

“Are you talking about a legitimate marriage?” Ye Lengan raised an eyebrow and inquired, “What’s the wager then?”

“If I win, you must agree to one request of mine.” Huangfu Ruilings eyes flashed with a touch of darkness as he continued, “Conversely, if you win, I’ll agree to one of your requests. Deal?”

“Deal!” Ye Lengan promptly accepted. However, she added a condition, “There’s one more condition. You can’t interfere or cheat.”

“Don’t worry, I won’t meddle,” Huangfu Ruiling assured her. “I won’t get too involved in their affairs. If they want to marry, I won’t object. If they don’t want to marry, I won’t force them.”

Ye Lengan nodded.

Soon, Li San returned with the movie tickets.

Time flew by, and before they knew it, it was time for the Huangfu familys Patriarch Handing Over Banquet. From early in the morning, those who received invitations had started preparing for the evenings event.

This wasn't an ordinary banquet; it was the occasion when the Huangfu family would be changing its patriarch. Although the Huangfu family was one of the four major families, their power slightly exceeded the other three. It was widely known that most of the family's authority had already shifted to the young master, Huangfu Ruiling. Officially, however, the family head was still

Huangfu Jingzhang.

But who would have expected that the Huangfu family would suddenly announce a change in leadership? This abrupt news took everyone by surprise, though it was an internal family matter that outsiders couldn't pry into.

During this period, receiving an invitation from the Huangfu family became a point of pride for the upper echelons of the capital. Some even tried every means to secure an invitation.

By evening, nearly all invitees had arrived early. On such an important occasion, punctuality was a must.

Ye Lengan naturally attended the banquet, remaining by Huangfu Ruiling's side without wandering around.

When others noticed Ye Lengan's presence, they were somewhat surprised. However, upon further thought, they realized it was nothing out of the ordinary. At a previous Nangong family's banquet, many heard Huangfu Ruiling openly admit that Ye Lengan was his girlfriend. Thus, her attendance at this event was expected.

As one of the key figures, Huangfu Jingzhang naturally had to attend.

However, his complexion was far from pleasant; from start to finish, there was not a hint of a smile on his face, making it evident that he was currently harboring inner turmoil.

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Zhongyu Liuying, who had been standing beside him, wasn't faring much better. Despite having applied thick makeup, it couldn't conceal the weariness etched on her face.

Huangfu Jingzhang was on the verge of losing his position as patriarch tonight. Consequently, she could no longer be the matriarch of the Huangfu family. The days of being revered by those noblewomen who used to gather around her were over.

If tonight's person taking over as the family head were Huangfu Ruixiang, her mood would undoubtedly be entirely different from now. Having her son as the family head was certainly preferable to her husband holding that position. It was much like why so many people aspired to become empress dowagers.

However, Huangfu Ruiling, who was about to assume the role of family head, had been cold and unemotional since he was a child, showing no affection toward his mother. If such a person were to become the family head, her future circumstances could be easily anticipated.

Just the thought of this made her feel uneasy. If possible, she would have loved for something to happen to Huangfu Ruiling now, and the position of the family head, whether it went to Huangfu Jingzhang or Huangfu Ruixiang, would be acceptable.

Unfortunately, this was merely wishful thinking, something that could never be realized.

After Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan entered the venue, they proceeded directly to the lounge.

Ye Lengan remained by Huangfu Ruiling's side, occupying a chair next to him. She was currently observing the event through the venue's surveillance cameras, and suddenly, she spotted a familiar figure.

"Hmm?" Ye Lengan fixed her gaze on one of the positions in the surveillance footage and mumbled to herself in a puzzled tone, "How did he end up here?"

"Who are you referring to?" Huangfu Ruiling followed Ye Lengan's line of sight and explained with a smile, "Shengan High School is an elite school. Do you think he could secure the position of principal on his own? There are family factors at play. Although the Zheng family doesn't compare to the four major families, they are still a well-known first-class family in the capital."

Indeed, the person Ye Lengan observed was their school's principal. Previously, she had been unaware that their principal hailed from such a prestigious background. No wonder he could firmly hold the position of principal and not fear any of the students in the school.

"This is entirely beyond my expectations!" Ye Lengan couldn't conceal her surprise. "I truly couldn't tell back when we were at school!"

"Actually, quite a few people in high society are aware of this," Huangfu Ruiling explained. "But when you were with the Ye family before, the Ye family wasn't at this level, so you weren't aware."

Ye Lengan nodded and said nothing further.

Inside the venue.

"Sister-in-law, you don't look well!" Nangong Xiyu looked at Zhongyu Liuying with a concerned expression, though she couldn't hide the schadenfreude in her eyes.

"Today is a good day! You should be overjoyed!"

Little did she expect that Zhongyu Liuying would also have such a day! In the past, Zhongyu Liuying had always looked down on her, a branch member of the Nangong family, with the status of the Huangfu family's matriarch, frequently belittling her.

Now, Huangfu Jingzhang was no longer the family head, and even Zhongyu Liuying's identity as the family's matriarch had been lost. It was genuinely gratifying!

"You're overthinking things. I'm perfectly fine." Zhongyu Liuying naturally understood that Nangong Xiyu was mocking her, but she wasn't going to let her gloat. "Today, Ruiling is taking over as the family head, so, of course, I'm happy. From now on, the family head will be my son. How could I not be delighted?"

She intended to make it clear to Nangong Xiyu that, even though her husband had stepped down from the position of the family head, the one ascending to the position of the family head was her

son. Regardless, Nangong Xiyu would never measure up to her. Even if she weren't the family's matriarch, she was still the family head's mother.

"That's good." Nangong Xiyu covered her face and smiled. "I thought you had been brooding all this time! I heard that you and big brother have been trying to persuade Ruiling to change his mind!"

Nangong Xiyu didn't believe Zhongyu Liuying at all. Who didn't know that Zhongyu Liuying and Huangfu Ruiling had a terrible relationship? Not just her, even Huangfu Jingzhang was the same. Moreover, after the incident back then, it was likely that Huangfu Ruiling had no feelings for his parents..