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Chapter 651: An Explanation to Her Parents 1

After Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan left, they didn't return to the Huangfu family but headed to the outskirts for a walk.

Looking at the splendid scenery, Ye Lengan felt considerably better. She turned to Huangfu Ruiling beside her, smiling, "What's this? Worried I might be upset, so you took me out for some fresh air?"

Back at the square, she noticed Huangfu Ruiling's concern. As expected, after leaving, he brought her to the outskirts.

"I did want to take you out for some fun." Huangfu Ruiling smiled, eyes affectionate. "Now that the Family Competition is over, and we might leave the Hidden World soon, it's a good opportunity to enjoy ourselves, isn't it?"

"I thought you were afraid I'd be sad, so you brought me out!" Ye Lengan teased, smiling. "Looks like I misjudged!"

"So, are you happy now that we're out?" Huangfu Ruiling looked at her. "Can this help you forget things you shouldn't dwell on?"

Ye Lengan easily deciphered Huangfu Ruiling's implications. She chuckled and said, "Ling, you're overthinking. Honestly, I don't have any emotional attachment to my biological parents. Although there might be a slight twinge of regret when I see them being so good to Ye Wanwan, it's merely a manifestation of wounded pride, nothing more!"

"They just don't know you're their biological daughter." Huangfu Ruiling, after pondering, said, "Besides, they didn't seem to take your hints seriously."

"Whatever," Ye Lengan replied nonchalantly, "I've dropped enough hints. If they choose not to investigate, that's their decision."

She couldn't outright tell Ye Hongxuan that she was their biological daughter.

Even if they believed her, their feelings for Ye Wanwan wouldn't disappear. She also disdained begging for such familial bonds.

In her first life, she learned that forced relationships might not be genuine and could even be a backstabbing knife.

Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow. "So, you're not upset watching Ye Wanwan continuously take your place?"

"So what?" Ye Lengan shrugged, a sarcastic smile forming. "All of this was tacitly approved by Ye Hongxuan and the others, wasn't it? I don't believe they weren't suspicious after what I said this afternoon. If they're willing to be kept in the dark after growing suspicious, what can I do?"

Even if she revealed everything, could Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu really give up their longstanding relationship with Ye Wanwan? Ultimately, she and Ye Wanwan would coexist in the Ye family. In the past, she had to vie with Ye

Xiyuan for her parents' love. Was she going to compete with Ye Wanwan again? This kind of life wasn't for her, and she disdained such actions. Therefore, she decided to go with the flow.

Huangfu Ruiling nodded and suggested, "After you go back, you'll soon be taking the college entrance examination. After that, we can get engaged. How about that?"

Although he appeared calm, he was anxious inside, worried Ye Lengan might refuse, given her age.

"Okay!" Ye Lengan replied casually. However, she paused, looked at Huangfu Ruiling, and narrowed her eyes, saying, "If I remember correctly, you haven't proposed yet, right?"

Although she didn't care much about superficial things, she was still a girl and wanted a bit of ceremony.

Hearing that, Huangfu Ruiling hesitated for a moment. Then, a smile played on his lips. He leaned in, whispered into Ye Lengan's ear, and said,

"Everything will happen. As for the engagement, it will take place as planned.."

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The warm breath beside her ear made her feel a bit ticklish. She sensed her cheeks burning, and she knew her face must be flushed.

Observing Ye Lengan's different demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling couldn't help but reveal a hint of tenderness in his eyes. Soon, he chuckled, the laughter tinged with a faint indulgence.

Hearing the soft laughter in her ear, Ye Lengan pushed Huangfu Ruiling away and calmly remarked, "We can talk, but keep your distance."

Ignoring Huangfu Ruiling, she walked ahead.

Seeing her shy demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling shook his head with a smile. He quickly caught up, grabbing her hand as they continued walking.

Feeling the warmth in her palm, Ye Lengan made no extra moves and let Huangfu Ruiling lead her forward.

Meanwhile, the atmosphere in the Ye family wasn't as cheerful.

After being returned to her room and ensuring no one else was present, Ye Wanwan slowly opened her eyes. A gloomy expression filled her gaze.

She never expected things to escalate like this. She thought she had been discreet, but to her surprise, she was discovered in the end.

Now she was in a state of panic, unsure of what to do next. With everyone aware of her actions, her image within the family had crumbled. How would she face those people in the future?

Moreover, how should she explain it to her parents? With this turn of events, how would the family perceive her in the future?

Her thoughts were in disarray, and if possible, she wished she had fainted and never woken up to avoid facing the current embarrassing situation.

Just as Ye Wanwan was lost in her thoughts, the door suddenly swung open.

Hearing the door opening, Ye Wanwan's heart skipped a beat, and she immediately closed her eyes. However, she could feel two more people by her bedside.

She knew that, apart from her parents, no one else would come at this time. However, even so, she didn't dare to open her eyes. She didn't know how to explain things to her parents. Originally, she had hoped this incident would elevate her status in the family. Now, it had backfired, and she had become the family's scapegoat.

At this moment, a familiar voice sounded in her ear again.

"Stop pretending. I know you're awake. There's no need to lie to us here."

Ye Hongxuan looked at Ye Wanwan on the bed, his voice cold. His eyes conveyed disappointment and, of course, anger.

Earlier at the square, he refrained from reprimanding Ye Wanwan for two reasons. Firstly, Ye Wanwan had already suffered severe injuries and needed proper rest. Secondly, his actions were aimed at preserving the Ye family's dignity. Even if Ye Wanwan had made a mistake, he couldn't directly scold her in front of such a large audience. Fortunately, Ye Wanwan fainted, so he took the opportunity to have her brought back.

Now back in the family, as he looked at Ye Wanwan lying on the bed, he felt a mix of heartache and fury.

Sensing her husband's anger, Lian Mengzhu pulled his hand and shook her head gently.

She was well aware that this matter was all Wanwan's fault. It was reasonable for her husband to be angry. However, because of this incident, Wanwan had already suffered a very serious injury. In the next few months, she would probably have to lie in bed and recuperate.

This could be considered a lesson. Therefore, she still hoped that her husband could restrain his emotions.

Ye Hongxuan naturally understood what Lian Mengzhu meant, but he really could not control the anger in his heart. He turned to the person on the bed and said coldly again, "Ye Wanwan, can't you hear what I'm saying? Or do you think that as long as you keep pretending to be unconscious here, I won't be able to do anything to you?"

Hearing those words that were almost bone-chillingly cold, Ye Wanwan didn't dare to continue pretending. She immediately opened her eyes, endured the pain in her body, and struggled to sit up.

Seeing this, Lian Mengzhu quickly went forward and helped Ye Wanwan up. Then, she held up a pillow so that her daughter could lean on it and feel more comfortable.

Ye Wanwan leaned against the headboard with her head lowered. She didn't say anything and was panicking.

She did not dare to speak first, nor did she know where to start.

“What, you have nothing to say?” Ye Hongxuan did not soften at all when he saw Ye Wanwan like this. He stared at Ye Wanwan and continued, “Don’t tell me you don’t intend to give me an explanation for what happened this time?”

“Father, I...” Ye Wanwan raised her head and looked at Ye Hongxuan’s dark face. In the end, she could not say anything and could only lower her head silently.

“Ye Wanwan, what were you thinking? You actually used such a method in the Family Competition?” Ye Hongxuan’s voice rose a few degrees. “Now that it’s been discovered, you’ve completely tarnished the reputation of our entire Ye family.”

“Father, I didn’t do it on purpose,” Ye Wanwan mumbled. “I just wanted to win this competition. I know that this competition is related to a spirit stone mine and is very important to our family. That’s why I made the wrong decision..”

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“Then, have you won now?” Ye Hongxuan, furious, sneered. “No, not only did you not win, but you were also exposed on the spot. Our Ye family has lost face in front of all the other families. How will the other families view us now? Nioreover, do you really think your little tricks can deceive everyone? Each person present is an old fox! Aren’t you asking for humiliation by playing tricks in front of them?”

Ye Wanwan couldn’t refute the questions. If she had I,von, she could still explain her actions. However, her actions had been exposed on the spot. Now, not only had she lost the competition, but she had also tarnished the family’s reputation.

Seeing Ye Wanwan’s expression, Lian Mengzhu felt sorry for her. She spoke up from the side, “Hongxuan, Wanwan knows her mistake now. Please forgive her this time! She’s still injured. If there’s anything, why don’t we continue after she’s better?”

“She deserved those injuries,” Ye Hongxuan said mercilessly. “If she hadn’t used those underhanded methods, how could she have been injured by Huangfu Ling?”

Listening to Ye Hongxuan’s words of reproach, Ye Wanwan lowered her head, but she did not feel regret or guilt. She only felt that this failure was because she was too unlucky. If she had done it more discreetly and not been discovered, she would have already won this competition and become an admired figure.

Even her father would only praise her now, not blame her.

Of course, she would never say these words out loud. She knew very well that if she really said that, her father would only be angrier.

Even though he was very angry, she was still his daughter after all. Furthermore, Ye Wanwan was still seriously injured, so when he saw her lowering her head, the anger in his heart dissipated a little.

As Ye Hongxuan's bedmate, Lian Mengzhu naturally noticed his change. She quickly pulled Ye Wanwan's hand and began signaling to her with her eyes. "Wanwan, why don't you apologize quickly? This time, you did make a mistake."

After hearing Lian Mengzhu's words, Ye Wanwan understood and immediately cried out, "Father, this time it's all my fault. I promise that this will never happen again."

Looking at Ye Wanwan's pitiful appearance, Ye Hongxuan, who was originally filled with anger, slowly began to calm down. However, his tone was still not very good. "What about the future? I don't even know how to resolve today's matter. The elders will definitely have a lot of opinions now."

"Hongxuan, this matter is indeed Wanwan's fault," Lian Mengzhu helped put in a good word for her. "However, she did this to win and get the priority to mine the spirit stone mine for our family. Her original intention was good, but the method was wrong."

Ye Hongxuan was silent. After a long while, he sighed and shook his head. He looked at Ye Wanwan and said, "Wanwan, do you know how big of a mess you've caused today? You didn't just embarrass the family today; you also harmed yourself!"

"Hongxuan, what do you mean?" Lian Mengzhu couldn't help but frown. "This has a huge impact on Wanwan, right?"

When Ye Wanwan heard this, she also raised her head abruptly. When she looked at Ye Hongxuan, her eyes were filled with nervousness and anxiety. "I'm talking about Wanwan and Murong Xingrui," Ye Hongxuan continued. "I originally planned to discuss the matter between the two of them with Murong Jingming after the Family Competition. However, now that such a thing has happened, I'm afraid that this matter will change."

In the Hidden World, Murong Xingrui could definitely be considered one of the top candidates for a son-in-law. Countless unmarried girls were eyeing him. He was undoubtedly the most suitable candidate as Wanwan's husband. However, now that such a thing had happened, with Wanwan being publicly exposed for using underhanded methods to try to win, Murong Jingming's thoughts remained unknown.

After hearing Ye Hongxuan's words, Lian Mengzhu was a little anxious.. She immediately stretched out her hand and pulled Ye Hongxuan's hand, saying nervously, "You mean that the Murong family might go back on their word,

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Back then, Murong Jingming had raised this matter in front of so many people. If they reneged now, the Ye family's reputation would truly be irreparable. Moreover, most importantly, everyone would attribute the Murong family's backtrack to this competition.

In the future, finding an equally matched husband would become much more challenging for Wanwan.

"I don't know yet." Ye Hongxuan shook his head, "Murong Jingming is a shrewd character, adept at calculation. Initially, he agreed to the marriage because Wanwan's performance was remarkable. However, with this recent incident, I'm uncertain about his thoughts now."

Hearing this, Ye Wanwan was genuinely anxious. "Father, I..."

She had already lost the competition, and it was a significant defeat. Losing the marriage to the Murong family now would greatly undermine her standing in the Ye family. Therefore, under any circumstance, she couldn't let this marriage fall apart.

Ye Hongxuan raised his hand, halting Ye Wanwan. "I know you're unwilling, but the initiative is no longer in our hands. If Murong Jingming decides not to proceed as agreed, there's nothing we can do."

After all, the matter between Murong Xingrui and Ye Wanwan was merely verbal between him and Murong Jingming. The two families had not formally initiated marriage negotiations or exchanged tokens.

Therefore, even if Murong Jingming chose not to uphold his end, claiming it was a jest, they had no recourse. Moreover, given the current circumstances, they couldn't adopt a forceful stance. Doing so would only bring shame to the Ye family.

"So, we can't take any action now. We can only wait, right?" Lian Mengzhu's tone held a hint of resentment. "Wanwan is outstanding. Why should the initiative be in their hands?"

"Because of what she did today," Ye Hongxuan declared bluntly. "So, we're already at a disadvantage. There's no other way."

Ye Wanwan felt her injuries intensify upon hearing Ye Hongxuan's words. She hadn't expected that she would lose her marriage with the Murong family due to this incident. If only she had known...

In reality, even if she had known, she might have still chosen this method. She wanted to win this competition, as only then could her position be more secure.

"We can't do anything about the Murong family now. We can only wait and see." Ye Hongxuan shook his head, then looked at Ye Wanwan, "Rest well. After a few days, when your body is better and you can get out of bed, you'll go apologize to the Huangfu family with me!"

"What?" Hearing Ye Hongxuan's words, Ye Wanwan lost her composure.

"Father, you want me to apologize to the Huangfu family?"

Today's events had already caused her to lose all dignity. If she apologized to the Huangfu family now, how many people would laugh at her?

Even Mengzhu couldn't help but frown. "Hongxuan, didn't you already apologize to Master Huangfu in the square? Moreover, the Huangfu family is the victor now. Why do we have to go back and humiliate ourselves? Besides, the Huangfu family hasn't given us an explanation about Huangfu Ruiling. If that's the case, why should we go?" In short, she disagreed with Wanwan apologizing. Wasn't this a blatant humiliation?

"That's a different matter." Ye Hongxuan shook his head, unswayed. "Wanwan was fffong to use such methods in the Family Competition. What she needs to do now is to apologize to the Huangfu family. This isn't just for the Huangfu family but also for the elders of our family."

If possible, he didn't want his daughter to apologize and humiliate herself. However, Wanwan's recent actions were too outrageous. The family elders had long been dissatisfied. If Wanwan still refused to express her stance this time, the elders would definitely not let the matter rest.

Ye Wanwan was still unwilling. "Father, I..."

"Enough." Ye Hongxuan raised his hand, looking at Ye Wanwan directly. "The elders are already very dissatisfied with you. If you still don't correct your attitude, your position as the heiress will be in jeopardy. Don't forget, your second uncle's son, your cousin, has always been eyeing the position."

Hearing that, Ye Wanwan gritted her teeth and nodded. "Father, I understand.

I'll go with you to the Huangfu family in two days when I've recovered a little."

The current her had no other choice; she absolutely couldn't lose the position of the heir. Therefore, no matter what, she must obtain forgiveness from the Huangfu family. Only in this way would those elders of their family finally keep quiet.

Seeing Ye Wanwan's obedient appearance, Ye Hongxuan nodded.

Soon, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu left the room, leaving Ye Wanwan alone.

However, at this moment, Ye Wanwan could no longer calm down and rest well..

Chapter 655: Testing the Water

The Family Competition had concluded, and Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan decided to temporarily return to the mortal world.

Regarding the matters concerning the Ye family, Ye Lengan had no immediate plans to expose them. She intended to gather more evidence upon returning to the mortal world before unveiling the truth.

However, before their departure, Huangfu Ruiling needed to attend to the affairs of the Huangfu family.

Ye Lengan, uninterested in these matters, decided to take a stroll. Unexpectedly, before reaching the door, she was hailed by someone in the corridor.

Looking at the person who stopped her, Ye Leng'an's lips curled into an intrigued smile. She turned to the person and calmly asked, "What's the matter?"

The person was none other than Huangfu Ruixiang.

However, when she saw him calling out to her, she was momentarily bewildered. She was sure that during her time in the Hidden World, she had no interaction with Huangfu Ruixiang. The two hadn't exchanged a single word, yet he suddenly stopped her now. She was genuinely curious about the reason.

"Miss Ye." Huangfu Ruixiang stepped forward but maintained a cautious distance. "I have something I'd like to ask you."

Although he suspected Huangfu Ling to be Huangfu Ruiling, he lacked the courage to verify it directly. His current understanding was based on speculations. If he recklessly approached the family head and his guess turned out to be everything he had would crumble.

After careful consideration, he decided to test the waters with Ye Lengan. However, the situation didn't unfold as smoothly as he had hoped. Ye Lengan, being the family head's fiancée, was not someone a mere disciple could approach easily. Especially given their usual inseparable connection, finding an opportunity was a challenge.

Now that an opportunity presented itself, he couldn't let it slip away.

"Oh." Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, a faint smile playing on her lips.

"Who are you? Why stop me? Do you have something to say?"

Huangfu Ruixiang was taken aback. He hadn't expected her complete denial.

"What's the matter? Surprised?" Ye Lengan continued, "I don't recall any interaction between us. Who knows what your intentions are for stopping me in the corridor?"

"I didn't," Huangfu Ruixiang quickly responded to Ye Lengan's words. "Miss Ye, I just..."

His thoughts were in disarray. At this moment, he naturally lost the confidence he had before.

Taking a deep breath, Huangfu Ruixiang tried to calm himself. "Miss Ye, I mean no harm. I just wanted to talk. I heard you came from the mortal world, and I also have ties there. I know someone with a name quite similar to yours. Hence, I wanted to inquire."

While speaking, he kept a close eye on Ye Leng'an, hoping to decipher any hint from her expression.

But Ye Lengan remained calm, showing no signs of change. "So?" she asked, "Did you come all the way here just to tell me about someone with a name similar to mine? The world is vast, and there are so many people. Even if names are not just similar but exactly the same, it's not uncommon. Did you stop me just to say such nonsense?"

“Miss Ye, aren’t you curious at all?” Huangfu Ruixiang became somewhat anxious and hastily continued, “The girl’s name is Ye Lengan, and her boyfriend’s name is Huangfu Ruiling.”

He stared intently at Ye Leng’an, fearing he might miss even the slightest hint of her expression.

“What does it have to do with me?” Ye Lengan spoke indifferently. “As an inner sect disciple, instead of dedicating time to improving your cultivation, you’re here pulling me into irrelevant chatter. Are you that idle?”

“No, I’m not.” Faced with such a cold expression, Huangfu Ruixiang became anxious. He hurriedly added, “Miss Ye, I’m just a bit curious. Do you have any connection with Ye Lengan?”

He didn’t know if the person in front of him was pretending to be clueless or if she wasn’t Ye Lengan at all. Everything might just be his unfounded speculation.

But, the names were undeniably similar. Moreover, if Huangfu Ling wasn’t Huangfu Ruiling, then why could he stay?

“The Ye Lengan you mentioned, I don’t know her.” She looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and continued, “However, if you think you have too much time and it’s unsuitable for cultivation, maybe it’s best for you not to stay in the family.” Hearing this, Huangfu Ruixiang was truly anxious this time. Urgency laced his tone as he said, “Miss Ye, you’ve misunderstood. I really have no other intentions. Also, I’ve been diligently cultivating, not daring to slack off in the least. So please, don’t ask me to leave.”

He never anticipated that a simple probing would almost result in being expelled. He didn’t doubt the weight of her words at all.

The person in front of him was the family head’s fiancée, holding a position in the family second only to the family head. He, on the other hand, was just a minor inner sect disciple, incapable of standing against her. If she genuinely wanted him gone, he believed he might return to the mortal world by tomorrow.

Ye Leng’an looked coldly at Huangfu Ruixiang and continued, “Let’s forget about this incident. However, if you continue bothering me with such nonsense in the future, don’t blame me for being impolite.”

With that, she didn’t spare another glance at Huangfu Ruixiang and left.

Huangfu Ruixiang didn’t dare to breathe loudly.

It wasn’t until Ye Leng’an’s figure disappeared at the end of the corridor that he breathed a sigh of relief. Then, he started to gulp down fresh air.

Simultaneously, a sense of lingering fear gripped him. He feared that his actions today might jeopardize his future.

However, doubts began to surface in his mind. Could his initial speculations be wrong? Was there truly no connection between Huangfu Ruiling and Huangfu Ling?

Yet, in fact, despite spending considerable time in the Hidden World, he had never crossed paths with Huangfu Ruiling..

Chapter 656: A Gift for Principal

After gradually calming his emotions, Huangfu Ruixiang began to contemplate what he should do next.

After today's probing, he started to question whether his initial speculation was indeed incorrect. However, since his arrival at the Huangfu family, he hadn't once encountered Huangfu Ruiling. Moreover, he hadn't heard anyone within the family mention Huangfu Ruiling. The crucial point was that Huangfu Ruiling was conspicuously absent from the current Family Competition.

Earlier, during his attempt to probe, Ye Lengan displayed no signs whatsoever. If the other party hadn't been prepared, then it meant his speculation was flawed.

Regardless of which possibility held true, the current circumstances were highly unfavorable for him. Moreover, if all his conjectures were off the mark, his actions today had undeniably left a negative impression on Ye An'an.

Ye An'an, being the master's fiancée, could easily influence the master's perception with a few words. Even if the master wasn't acquainted with him, he would have formed a negative impression. What prospects could he have within the family?

Contemplating these thoughts, he couldn't help but regret the rashness of his actions today. Had he known, he would have thoroughly investigated to confirm Huangfu Ruiling's presence within the family before making any decisions.

However, now that things had turned out this way, he had no way to change this fact. Moving forward, he should continue to inquire within the family, checking whether Huangfu Ruiling was indeed in the main family. It was said that Huangfu Ruiling held a high position in the main family. Finding Huangfu Ruiling might still be a good thing for him.

Huangfu Ruixiang's appearance had no impact on Ye Lengan whatsoever. She still went out to enjoy herself, and when she encountered Huangfu Ruiling in the evening, she briefed him on the situation.

Upon hearing that Huangfu Ruixiang had come looking for her, Huangfu Ruiling smirked sarcastically. "He's clever, managing to figure it out."

"It's normal for such suspicions to arise." Ye Lengan couldn't resist rolling her eyes at Huangfu Ruiling. "Just look at our names; they differ by only one word. Anyone can see what's going on! Initially, you confidently declared that even if someone figured it out, they wouldn't come to inquire. Now, isn't Huangfu Ruixiang here attempting to probe?"

Huangfu Ruiling responded calmly, "So what? As long as we don't admit it, what can he say? He lacks the capability and the courage to force us to confess."

"That's true." Ye Lengan agreed with a nod. "I didn't say much to him; I just took a firmer stance, and he immediately backed down."

“Because he’s only speculating, with no evidence whatsoever,” Huangfu Ruiling said nonchalantly. “Discussing something he wasn’t certain about would naturally make him feel uneasy.”

Ye Lengan nodded. “However, whatever he thinks is inconsequential now. In a few days, we’ll be returning to the mortal world. Even if Huangfu Ruixiang is suspicious, he won’t uncover anything.”

Huangfu Ruiling added indifferently, “It doesn’t matter even if he finds out. As long as we don’t admit it, it’s pointless even if he’s confident in our identity. Nioreover, even if we do admit it, so what? Does he believe he’ll gain any special privileges?”

“I think that’s probably what he thinks.” Ye Lengan chuckled. “Otherwise, why would he go through so much trouble just to find out if you’re Huangfu Ruiling? If he’s truly certain, he might exploit your younger brother’s identity to seek advantages on the main family’s side.”

“Ideals may be lofty, but reality is harsh,” Huangfu Ruiling said bluntly. “In the Huangfu family, no one will open any doors for him.”

All the elders and important figures within the Huangfu family were aware of his identity, but none of them regarded Huangfu Ruixiang with any particular esteem. This was because he had not shown any favoritism toward Huangfu

Ruixiang, and Huangfu Ruixiang did not possess significant cultivation talent.

In the Hidden World, strength reigned supreme.

“Speaking of which, we’ve spent quite some time in the Hidden World. I wonder if the principal misses me.”

Thinking of Zheng Anyang, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but find it amusing. “I think that after I go back this time, the principal won’t let me take any more leave until the end of the college entrance examination.”

Huangfu Ruiling raised his eyebrows. “But, if you insist on taking leave, your principal will still approve it.”

For so long, every time Ye Lengan requested leave, Zheng Anyang would ultimately yield, despite harboring numerous complaints.

Ye Leng’an considered it and shook her head. “Forget it! The principal isn’t young anymore. It’s better for me not to make him angry often. After all, we have to respect the elderly and care for the young!”

Hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but shake his head in amusement. “If your principal heard what you said, I don’t know if he should cry or laugh.”

“Of course, he should laugh. It means that I miss him!” Ye Lengan stated with righteousness. “However, I have to say that our principal is really not bad.”

To others, she didn't know what kind of person the principal was. However, ever since her rebirth, the principal had afforded her a lot of convenience. Nioreover, he had consistently sided with her. Therefore, she was very grateful to the principal.

Thinking of this, Ye Lengan suddenly decided. "Since that's the case, I'll bring some gifts for the principal when I go back this time!"

"Aren't you afraid that he'll find it strange?" Huangfu Ruiling raised his eyebrows.

"It's nothing," Ye Lengan smiled and said. "Isn't the Zheng family also a big family? The principal must be aware of the existence of the Hidden World. So, even if the gift we bring back is a little unconventional, he won't find it strange. After you've finished your tasks, let's go out together and see if we can find a suitable gift."

Huangfu Ruiling never objected to Ye Leng'an's words, so he nodded readily and continued, "Actually, there are many good things in the Huangfu family's warehouse. You can go in and see if there are any suitable ones.."

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Ye Lengan shook her head, rejecting Huangfu Ruilings suggestion outright.

"Let's go outside! The items in your wareroom are too conspicuous."

The mortal world differed from the Hidden World. Offering overly expensive gifts might not be wise for the principal. Therefore, it was better to explore outside and find something suitable.

Huangfu Ruiling did not object, nodding in agreement. "Alright, let's go for a walk tomorrow! "

Ye Lengan was somewhat surprised. "Have you sorted out the family matters? Why do you have time to accompany me?"

"It's almost settled." Huangfu Ruiling smiled, saying, "So, we can return to the mortal world anytime. You can set the time."

"Is that so?" Ye Lengan nodded. After a moment's thought, she continued, "In that case, let's go back in two or three days! It's been quite a while since I arrived here. I'll return and focus on preparing for the college entrance examination!"

The college entrance examination was an effortless task for her. However, she believed in reviewing to ensure perfection. After all, she aimed to be the top scorer.

Huangfu Ruiling had no objections to Ye Lengan's decision.

After Huangfu Ruixiang returned to his residence, he began searching for information about Huangfu Ruiling. Unexpectedly, things didn't progress as smoothly as he anticipated.

For some reason, he couldn't find any information about Huangfu Ruiling from the main family. When he mentioned Huangfu Ruilings name, no one seemed surprised. It was as if everyone knew about Huangfu Ruilings existence but was unwilling to disclose any information.

Faced with this situation, Huangfu Ruixiang felt defeated. However, if others were unwilling to speak, he couldn't force them. Additionally, being a new inner sect disciple, his influence was limited.

Nevertheless, this situation puzzled him even more. Despite his inquiries, there was no progress. Eventually, he had to give up.

Unexpectedly, Zhong Yating approached him at this time.

Looking at Zhong Yating, Huangfu Ruixiang couldn't help but frown. "Why are you looking for me?"

Since entering the inner sect, there had been little interaction between them. He was well aware of Zhong Yating's admiration for him. However, as an inner sect disciple, he no longer cared about such sentiments. So, they hadn't met recently, and he wondered why she sought him out.

"Ruixiang, is it necessary to act this way?" Seeing his cold attitude, Zhong Yating felt a bit hurt. "Weren't things good between us before? Why such a sudden change in your attitude?"

Hearing Zhong Yating's words, Huangfu Ruixiang seemed impatient. "Is this why you came to find me? I don't think my attitude has changed. You're overthinking. If you don't have anything else to say, I'll go back. I still need to continue my cultivation. You know that the inner sect competition is much fiercer than the outer sect."

After saying this, he turned around to leave. However, before he could take a step, Zhong Yating stopped him.

"Ruixiang, I know what you've been investigating." Seeing him about to leave, Zhong Yating quickly said, "I know some inside information. Don't you want to hear it?"

Huangfu Ruixiang immediately halted. He turned around, looking at Zhong Yating, and asked, "What do you know?"

"Don't you want to investigate Huangfu Ruiling?" Zhong Yating smiled smugly. "I don't think anyone in the Huangfu family would be willing to tell you! Coincidentally, I know some insider information. I just don't know if you want to hear it?"

She had heard that Huangfu Ruixiang had been inquiring about this recently. While she might not know about other matters, she happened to have some insight into this issue.

She accidentally heard it once when she was accidentally called in to serve tea. However, it was just a single occurrence. Later, they realized they had called the wrong person and let her go. After all, she was just an outer sect disciple and lacked the qualifications.

"You really know?" Huangfu Ruixiang's tone was filled with doubt. "How is that possible?"

He couldn't be blamed for doubting. He had secretly asked many inner sect disciples in recent days, and even many senior brothers and sisters didn't know about these things. Even if they did, they refused to tell him.

And Zhong Yating was just an outer sect disciple. How could she possibly know any insider information?

“Logically speaking, it’s indeed impossible for me to know.” Zhong Yating said smugly, “But once, by chance, I overheard the elders talking.”

“What did they say?” Huangfu Ruixiang asked anxiously. “Hurry up and tell me!”

Compared to Huangfu Ruixiangs eagerness, Zhong Yating remained calmer.

“What I know is inside information. Moreover, someone warned me not to speak casually about it.”

After hearing Zhong Yatings words, Huangfu Ruixiang slowly calmed down. “Then what do you want?”

He didn’t believe that Zhong Yating had come just to tell him that she knew some inside information but couldn’t disclose it. Therefore, Zhong Yating must have something to ask of him, prompting her visit.

“Ruixiang, I want to ask you a question.” Zhong Yating suddenly asked, “What is your position in the family? You are also surnamed Huangfu, so you are from the same family, right?”

This had always been her question. She had always felt that Huangfu Ruixiang was a little mysterious, and perhaps, there was a powerful figure in the family backing him.

It was also because of this that she had always regarded Huangfu Ruixiang as her target. After all, her cultivation talent was not high, and entering the family’s inner sect was challenging. However, if someone helped, things would be much simpler..

Chapter 658: Two Conditions

“What does this have to do with you?” Huangfu Ruixiang looked at Zhong Yating warily. “I don’t have to answer your question.”

“Alright then.” Zhong Yating didn’t pursue the matter further. Instead, she asked, “Are you related to Huangfu Ruiling?”

There was only a one-word difference between their names. It was impossible to say that they were not related at all.

“What exactly do you want to know?” Huangfu Ruixiangs tone carried a trace of impatience. “If you have something to say, just say it. There’s no need to beat around the bush here. Since you’re here, you must be planning to tell me.

If you have any conditions, feel free to tell me.”

Facing Huangfu Ruixiangs attitude, Zhong Yating finally spoke after a moment of contemplation, “In that case, help me enter the inner sect!”

This was also her goal today. Of course, she originally wanted to be with Huangfu Ruixiang and then enter the inner sect. However, it was obvious that Huangfu Ruixiang wasn't interested in her at all. Since that was the case, she naturally had to make some plans for herself.

"What?" Huangfu Ruixiang seemed to have heard something unbelievable.

"Are you crazy? How can I do that?"

If it was really that easy to enter the inner sect, he wouldn't have been an outer sect disciple for so many years. This Zhong Yating really thought too highly of him to actually say such words. If he really had such an ability, then he would not be just an ordinary inner sect disciple now.

"You can do it." Zhong Yating looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and said with certainty, "If you really have a relationship with Huangfu Ruiling, then you can definitely do it."

"What do you mean?" Huangfu Ruixiang narrowed his eyes, and a sharp light flashed in his eyes. "What exactly do you know?"

"Ruixiang, I've already stated my condition. You haven't agreed to it yet!"

Zhong Yating looked as if she had won. She did not directly answer Huangfu Ruixiang's question. "There are some things that you want to know, but you have to pay the price."

"But I can't fulfill your condition now." Huangfu Ruixiang said calmly, "So, even if you force me here, it's useless. Change your condition! Change it to something I can do. Otherwise, it's useless even if you keep pestering me here."

Looking at Huangfu Ruixiang's expression, Zhong Yating couldn't help but frown. Then, after thinking for a while, she said again, "Alright, I'll change it to something you can accept. I'll marry you. As long as you're willing to marry me, I'll tell you everything."

Huangfu Ruixiang almost jumped up. "Zhong Yating, do you know what you're saying?"

"I know very well." Zhong Yating looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and said firmly, "In short, you either help me enter the inner sect or marry me. You can choose one of the two conditions. As long as you fulfill it, I'll tell you everything I know."

As Zhong Yating reached this point, her tone lowered, and her voice carried a hint of seduction. "Ruixiang, I can assure you, what I know is definitely more than you can imagine. Moreover, it's absolutely crucial information!"

Looking at Zhong Yating in front of him, Huangfu Ruixiang fell into deep thought. For a moment, he really did not know what he should do.

He couldn't fulfill either of the two conditions of Zhong Yating. He didn't have the ability to help her become an inner sect disciple. At the same time, he didn't want to marry her. Zhong Yating's cultivation talent was not high, and there was not much room for her to improve in the future. Moreover, she was an outer sect disciple, so he looked down on her.

However, the information from the other party was really attractive to him. Moreover, from her words, it could be heard that Huangfu Ruiling's status in the Huangfu family was not low.

He was sure that if he asked Huangfu Ruiling, he would not get any answers. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been an outer sect disciple all these years. If he knew, he would tell his parents and let them communicate with Huangfu Ruiling and the effect would definitely be much better.

However, if he wanted to do that, he first had to know what kind of existence Huangfu Ruiling was on the main family's side.

Zhong Yating was not in a hurry. She smiled and said, "Ruixiang, I won't force you. You can think about it carefully. If you're willing, I can tell you at any time."

He raised his head and looked at Zhong Yating. He struggled for a moment before he said, "Alright, I agree to your second condition. I will marry you. Can you say it now?"

No matter what, he would never marry Zhong Yating, so what he said now was just a delaying tactic. He would decide what to do after he got the information from her.

At that time, although he couldn't marry her, he would compensate her accordingly.

"Ruixiang, do you think I look like a fool?" Zhong Yating's lips curled into a sarcastic smile. "Such empty promises are useless. At that time, if you go back on your word, I can't do anything to you!"

Naturally, she could tell what Huangfu Ruixiang was planning. You want to use delaying tactics, right? Impossible. He wanted to get information from her without giving her any benefits.

"Then what do you want?" Huangfu Ruixiang was a little anxious, and his tone was also filled with dissatisfaction. "You can't expect me to marry you tomorrow! Also, my parents aren't here. They're all in the mortal world. Even if I'm willing to marry you, I have to let them know!"

"I don't need you to marry me immediately, but we have to settle the engagement first." Zhong Yating looked at Huangfu Ruixiang and said, "I can go to the mortal world with you to meet your parents. After meeting your parents, we'll get engaged. Not only do we have to get engaged in the mortal world, but we also have to sign the marriage contract in the Hidden World.

Engagements in the mortal world might not bind the affairs of the Hidden

World, but formalizing a marriage contract changed the situation. If Huangfu Ruixiang later decided to break off the engagement, she could seek intervention from the family or even report Huangfu Ruixiang to the Enforcement Team.

Huangfu Ruixiang did not expect that Zhong Yating had actually calculated everything so well. Now, he was in a dilemma.

Seeing that Huangfu Ruixiang didn't answer, Zhong Yating immediately asked, "Why didn't you agree? Or were you lying to me just now?"

Chapter 659: Apologize in Person

“No, I wasn’t,” Huangfu Ruixiang subconsciously denied, “I’m just thinking about how to tell my parents. After all, this matter is too sudden. I’m afraid they won’t easily accept it.”

“It’s okay; I can give you time to talk to them,” Zhong Yating wasn’t anxious at all. “I’ll tell you once our marriage is decided.”

With that, Zhong Yating stepped forward, stood on her tiptoes, and planted a kiss on Huangfu Ruixiang’s face before turning around and leaving. Her footsteps were light, and she was humming a song, obviously in a good mood.

Huangfu Ruixiang, who was left behind, had his face darkened the moment Zhong Yating turned around. His entire demeanor turned gloomy. He clenched his fists and gritted his teeth, trying to suppress the anger within. It seemed that if he didn’t do this, he would not resist stepping forward and directly confronting Zhong Yating.

He had never thought he would find himself in such a situation. Moreover, it was clear that Zhong Yating wouldn’t easily disclose the truth. However, he was extremely unwilling to marry her.

Perhaps he could wait until Huangfu Ruiling returned to the Hidden World, find an opportunity to go back, and then probe to see if he could learn something from Huangfu Ruiling. If he could directly gather information from Huangfu Ruiling, he wouldn’t be under Zhong Yating’s threat.

Thinking this, he glanced at Zhong Yating, his eyes filled with gloom.

Huangfu Ruiling had no idea about what had happened between Huangfu Ruixiang and Zhong Yating. However, even if he knew, he wouldn’t care.

He didn’t have much affection for his so-called biological parents, let alone a younger brother only connected by blood and with whom he hadn’t spent much time!

In the next few days, Huangfu Ruiling accompanied Ye Lengan to explore the outside. However, in the end, they didn’t settle on any gifts. Thus, Ye Lengan decided to give the principal a bottle of self-made body-strengthening pills.

Soon, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan decided to leave the Hidden World and return to the mortal world. Unexpectedly, just as they were about to leave, they were informed that Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu had come with Ye Wanwan.

Usually, such matters were handled by the Grand Elder. However, Huangfu Ruiling had yet to leave, and Ye Hongxuan had explicitly said he wanted to meet the family head. Consequently, the Grand Elder sent someone to inform Huangfu Ruiling about the situation. Of course, it was Huangfu Ruiling’s decision whether to meet them or not.

If Huangfu Ruiling chose not to meet them, the Grand Elder would handle the situation.

Huangfu Ruiling waved his hand, signaling he understood, and let the disciple who reported the news leave.

“Why are they here at this time?” Ye Lengan couldn’t help but frown. “During the Family Competition, the two families had quite an unpleasant exchange, Why would they come now?”

She thought that after this incident, even if the Huangfu family and the Ye family didn't become enemies, their relationship wouldn't improve.

"I don't know." Huangfu Ruiling shook his head. "Let's go and take a look. We'll know what's going on."

Soon, the two arrived at the hall.

Before even entering, they saw Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu sitting there. Ye Wanwan did not sit but stood beside Ye Hongxuan. Judging from her pale face, Ye Wanwan's body had not fully recovered.

Ye Lengan couldn't help but feel a little suspicious seeing this.

Now, it would be best for Ye Wanwan to rest in bed. This way, her body could recover better. What important matter needed her to come at this time?

Seeing Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan enter, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu quickly stood up and greeted them.

After exchanging pleasantries, everyone took their seats again. However, Ye Wanwan still stood there, not sitting.

After sitting down, Ye Hongxuan did not beat around the bush. He cupped his hands towards Huangfu Ruiling and said directly, "Master Huangfu, our abrupt visit today is for nothing but the things that Wanwan did at the Family

Competition. We came here specially to apologize."

If possible, Ye Wanwan didn't want to mention this matter again. It was the shame of her life, and she wished everyone would forget it.

However, her father insisted she apologize, saying it was a show for the family elders and the Murong family. Helpless, she had to drag her weak body and follow him.

After her father spoke, she stepped forward, bowed, and said sincerely, "Master Huangfu, I'm very sorry. This time, it was all my fault. I shouldn't have used such despicable methods. Please forgive my momentary lapse."

The way she lowered her head and eyes made it seem like she genuinely knew she was wrong.

Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan looked at each other and immediately understood Ye Hongxuan's reason for coming. However, for a moment, neither of them spoke.

Because Huangfu Ruiling didn't speak, Ye Wanwan maintained her posture. She felt humiliated but had no choice but to endure.

A moment later, Huangfu Ruiling spoke. However, he didn't address Ye Wanwan; instead, he spoke to Ye Hongxuan. According to his status, he didn't need to bother with Ye Wanwan.

"Master Ye, there's no need for this. The matter has already been settled in the square."

He didn't say whether he would forgive her or not, only that the matter was over.

Ye Hongxuan naturally understood the meaning behind Huangfu Ruilings words. His expression wasn't good. He didn't expect his concessions today to be useless.

Although Huangfu Ruiling didn't say he wouldn't let go of the matter, he also didn't intend to forgive Wanwan. The current situation wasn't favorable for Wanwan.

Lian Mengzhu frowned and couldn't help saying, "Master Huangfu, Wanwan is still young and inexperienced. Coupled with her eagerness to win, she made this foolish mistake.. I hope, considering the friendship between our families, you can forgive her this time!"

Chapter 660: Seeking Justice

In any case, she had to obtain forgiveness from Huangfu Ling today. This was crucial for Wanwan's future. If even the Huangfu family forgave Wanwan, then others would have no grounds for objections.

Since Huangfu Ruiling showed no signs of relenting, Ye Wanwan maintained her apologetic stance. At this moment, her face was flushed with shame, an experience she had never encountered before.

Being the young lady of the Ye family, everyone had always accommodated and respected her. Yet now, she had to bow down to someone else, and it happened to be in front of Ye Aryan, the person she despised the most.

Although she knew Ye An'an was not the child back then, there was an innate aversion and wariness towards her. She couldn't explain why, but she simply disliked Ye An'an, even bordering on loathing. Now, the person she harbored such feelings for was seated there, while she stood like a guilty party.

"Mrs. Ye, Ye Wanwan is no longer a child," Ye Lengan calmly stated. "She knows exactly what her actions represent. So, there's no need for these lofty words here. A mistake is a mistake; there's no need for excuses. As for forgiveness, shouldn't it be up to us, the victims, to decide? She has the right to apologize, and we have the freedom to choose whether to forgive. Hence, there's no need to bring up the relationship between the two families. If Miss Ye Wanwan truly valued that relationship, she wouldn't have committed such an act."

Ye Leng'an's tone was light, devoid of reproach, yet it left no room for rebuttal.

At least, after hearing this, even Lian Mengzhu found herself speechless.

As for Ye Wanwan, she lifted her head, her face alternating between pale and flushed. When she looked towards Ye Lengan, there was a hint of resentment deep within her eyes.

Ye Hongxuan couldn't help but frown. He looked towards Huangfu Ruiling and continued, "Master Huangfu, are you unwilling to forgive my daughter?"

Though Huangfu Ling had previously mentioned that Ye An'an's status in the Huangfu family was equal to the family head, he harbored doubts. Despite being a loving husband, he couldn't bring himself to treat his wife's status on par with his own within the family.

He never thought Ye An'an could truly represent the Huangfu family in such a significant matter.

“Didn’t my fiancée already answer that?” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Hongxuan coldly. “So, Master Ye, please leave!”

Ye Hongxuan’s expression darkened completely. He hadn’t expected Huangfu Ruiling to be so disrespectful.

Despite both being heads of major families, he was much older than Huangfu Ruiling. Although he didn’t expect him to treat him as an elder, at least his attitude should be better.

Just an incident like today, a matter of mere words, and Huangfu Ruiling was unwilling to relent, it was simply outright arrogance,

“Very well. Since that’s the case, we have nothing to say if Master Huangfu is unwilling to forgive my daughter.” Ye Hongxuan chuckled in anger. “After all, my daughter was in the wrong in this matter. We have nothing to say.

However, besides apologizing today, we also want to seek justice from Master Huangfu.”

Upon hearing this, even Lian Mengzhu and Ye Wanwan involuntarily directed their gazes at Ye Hongxuan. Evidently, they were surprised by this unexpected turn, as their purpose for this trip was clear – to apologize.

Huangfu Ruiling looked up at Ye Hongxuan, his brows furrowed slightly. He calmly said, “Master Ye, if you have something to say, say it. I don’t believe our Huangfu family has done anything to let your Ye family down.”

Ye Leng’an also cast an intrigued look at Ye Hongxuan, curious about what he intended to convey.

Ye Hongxuan didn’t mince words and spoke directly, “Actually, I’ve previously approached your Huangfu family’s Grand Elder. However, it seems he has no intention of resolving this matter properly. Therefore, I hope Master Huangfu can provide an explanation for our Ye family.”

“Just say it, Master Ye,” Huangfu Ruiling said lightly.

“Master Huangfu, there should be someone named Huangfu Ruiling in your family, right?” Ye Hongxuan stated bluntly. “Wanwan used to like him a lot and pleaded with us for a long time. Consequently, we agreed to her marriage with Huangfu Ruiling. However, not only did Huangfu Ruiling disagree, but he also humiliated my daughter. Is he bullying our Ye family?”

Towards the end, Ye Hongxuan couldn’t contain the anger within him and slammed the table hard.

Lian Mengzhu immediately grasped her husband’s meaning and added, “Master Huangfu, if Huangfu Ruiling disagrees with the marriage, he can just say so. However, when we mentioned the marriage, his parents didn’t object; they even agreed. That’s why we accepted this union. But Huangfu Ruiling reneged on his words and even found a woman to humiliate Wanwan. Isn’t this a blatant disregard for our Ye family? Master Huangfu, shouldn’t your Huangfu family provide an explanation for this matter?”

Upon hearing Ye Hongxuan's words, Ye Wanwan's heart skipped a beat. She hadn't expected her father to suddenly bring up this matter. While she did hope her father would seek justice for her previously, ever since she learned of Ye Leng'an's identity, she no longer harbored such thoughts. It wasn't because she believed the matter had been resolved, but because she didn't want her parents to interact with Ye Lengan in any way. She didn't even want to hear Ye Leng'an's name from her parents.

Yet, she dared not speak now, afraid that any misstep might arouse her parents' suspicions or, worse, lead to their abandonment once they discovered Ye Leng'an's identity.

Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan immediately grasped Ye Hongxuan's intention.

"Master Ye, what exactly do you mean?" Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Hongxuan..

"What is this so-called explanation you're seeking? Or do you want our Huangfu family to compensate you?"