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Chapter 671: A Call From His Mother

As time passed day by day, Ye Leng'an found herself with plenty of free time. When not attending classes, she devoted her time to alchemy.

Of course, she didn't neglect Huangfu Ruiling during her regular activities. Whenever she had spare time, she frequently visited the Huangye Group.

Nowadays, people at Huangye Group were already quite familiar with the prospective lady boss.

Today happened to be the weekend, and Ye Lengan had no classes. In school, the graduating class typically had makeup classes on Saturdays and Sundays. However, despite participating in this year's college entrance exam, Ye Lengan was technically a first-year student in name. Therefore, she naturally and rightfully didn't have to attend makeup classes.

The principal had no objections to Ye Leng'an's actions. After her return, Ye Lengan had taken the time to participate in a simulation college entrance exam, scoring full marks in all subjects. This outstanding performance made the principal fully aware of her capabilities, leading to a considerable relaxation in his attitude towards her.

With no classes today, Ye Lengan joined Huangfu Ruiling at the Huangye Group, keeping him company while he worked.

Huangfu Ruiling was engrossed in reviewing various company documents and managing affairs related to the Hidden World. Although not permanently stationed there, he handled most matters, sending them back for execution once reviewed.

Ye Leng'an, on the other hand, sat on the sofa, engrossed in reading what appeared to be an ancient scroll. The characters on it were far from modern, giving it an ancient aura.

Despite working individually in the office, the atmosphere remained harmonious between them, even without much conversation.

However, the tranquility was abruptly shattered by a jarring ringtone.

Glancing at the flashing number on his phone screen, Huangfu Ruiling's expression turned cold. Answering the call, he listened attentively.

After hanging up, he noticed Ye Lengan looking at him with curiosity.

"Who was that?" Ye Lengan asked, sensing it wasn't a business call based on Huangfu Ruiling's tone.

"My mother," Huangfu Ruiling replied casually. "She said Huangfu

Ruixiang returned from the Hidden World and invited me for dinner." "He's back?" Ye Lengan expressed surprise. "Isn't he already an inner sect disciple? He should be cultivating in the Hidden World. Didn't you expect him to stay there for about a year? Why is he back so soon?"

Amused by Ye Lengan's series of questions, Huangfu Ruiling shook his head before responding, "He just took a leave of absence. Even as an inner sect disciple, he can apply for leave. It's not like being in prison; you don't have to confine someone to one place."

"He's quite the troublemaker," Ye Lengan remarked with a sarcastic smile. "Becoming an inner sect disciple and immediately taking leave to come back.

Seems like he's afraid of learning too much!"

Huangfu Ruiling, indifferent to the comments, replied, "Regardless, it's his choice. I've given him a chance. If he doesn't progress, the family won't invest any more resources in him."

"Are you planning to go back?" Ye Lengan blinked curiously. "By the way, it feels like you haven't been back for a long time!"

"No," Huangfu Ruiling responded decisively. "Didn't we agree to go on a date?"

Ye Lengan pursed her lips, smiling. "Didn't you just acknowledge your mother's request on the phone?"

"I didn't," Huangfu Ruiling replied without hesitation. "I merely said I understood, not explicitly agreeing to go back. How she interprets it is her own business, not mine."

Hearing his explanation, Ye Lengan chuckled. "Looks like she might have misunderstood. They might all be waiting for you to come back for dinner. What will you do?"

"That's their concern, not mine," he responded indifferently. "Besides, Huangfu Ruixiang's return isn't that surprising. There's no need to make a fuss about it."

"You're right," Ye Lengan agreed, nodding. "Well, better get back to work!"

Later, let's go watch a movie, have dinner, and then go shopping!' Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "Your decision."

"However, I think we should dress up a bit before going," Ye Lengan suggested, glancing at Huangfu Ruiling. "Otherwise, you'll have to go there in a wheelchair, which could be troublesome. I don't want to push you around everywhere!"

Meanwhile, in the Huangfu family's ancestral mansion...

Zhongyu Liuying put down her phone, looking at Huangfu Ruixiang with confusion. "Tell me, your return isn't a big deal. Why insist on having me call your brother back for dinner?"

Zhongyu Liuying rarely contacted Huangfu Ruiling unless necessary, avoiding his cold remarks. His indifferent tone didn't sound like how a son should speak to his mother.

Moreover, Huangfu Ruiling was now the head of the Huangfu family. Facing

him, Zhongyu Liuying always felt like he was looking down on her. Despite being his mother, she had to look up to him, a difficult pill to swallow. Usually, if it wasn't necessary, she preferred to avoid any interaction with Huangfu Ruiling.

Huangfu Ruixiang's eyes flashed with a thoughtful expression, then he smiled and said, "Mom, this time after I come back, who knows, it might be a long time before I return again. So, taking advantage of this opportunity, it's perfect for the whole family to have a meal together!"

Zhongyu Liuying sneered, saying, "He doesn't treat us as a family! Look at him; he doesn't care about us at all."

Maintaining his smile, Huangfu Ruixiang continued, "Mom, don't think so poorly of my brother. His personality has always been like this; he's just not good at expressing himself. I believe he still cares about us."

Chapter 672: His Fiancée

If his acceptance as an inner sect disciple was indeed connected to Huangfu Ruiling, it would indicate that in Huangfu Ruiling's perspective, his younger brother still held a certain position.

"You have too high an opinion of him." Zhongyu Liuying's face showed a trace of dissatisfaction and resentment. "He's a cold-hearted person. Now, in his eyes, there's only Ye Lengan, and there's no place for the rest of us!"

It could even be said that their current situation was a result of their past actions against Ye Lengan, leading to retaliation from Huangfu Ruiling. Despite being the closest family to Huangfu Ruiling, they were treated this way for the sake of a woman.

"Mom, don't bring up these matters when Brother returns," Huangfu Ruixiang reassured with a smile. "Regardless, Brother is now the head of the family. The entire Huangfu family must follow his orders. It's not wise to clash with him."

"Of course, I understand." Though Zhongyu Liuying harbored resentment, she lowered her voice. "I'm just expressing my thoughts here. I wouldn't dare say such things in front of him. Now that he's the family head, what significance does my role as a mother hold?"

Huangfu Ruixiang naturally sensed the lingering resentment despite Zhongyu Liuying's words.

However, he chose not to persist and changed the subject. "Mom, didn't you mention Brother's high status in the Hidden World's main family? What exactly is his position there?"

This had been a lingering question for him. Although he had heard about it before, he hadn't paid much attention until witnessing the status of family head Huangfu Ling and his fiancée, Ye Anan.

After Huangfu Ruixiang's inquiry, Zhongyu Liuying hesitated for a moment. Then, she spoke with uncertainty, "I'm not entirely sure about that. You know, your brother's matters are never easily disclosed to us. If it weren't for accidentally obtaining some information from Li Yi earlier, we might not know about this."

Her heart was filled with resentment towards Huangfu Ruiling. Their relationship had never been deep, and Huangfu Ruiling had always been cold towards them as parents. Many times, she thought life would have been better if Huangfu Ruiling had died in that incident.

After Zhongyu Liuyings response, Huangfu Ruixiang fell into contemplation.

Suddenly, he felt that Huangfu Ruiling was truly mysterious. He knew nothing about his brother, not even the extent of his strength. It wasn't just him; even their parents were in the dark.

Initially, he believed that Huangfu Ruilings personality had changed due to that incident. However, upon closer inspection, it seemed that Huangfu Ruiling had always been this cold before that event.

“Ruixiang, what’s on your mind?” Zhongyu Liuying gave him a gentle push as she observed his silent demeanor.

“Nothing.” Huangfu Ruixiang snapped back, shaking his head. “By the way, Niom, how is Li Yiran doing? Didn’t I ask you to arrange for her to recuperate elsewhere when I came back?”

“She’s still with Nangong Xiyu.” Mentioning this matter soured Zhongyu Liuyings mood. “Nangong Xiyu is holding onto this matter, insisting that she’s under the family head’s orders to take care of Li Yiran and her baby. So, she refuses to let Li Yiran leave.’

Thinking about Nangong Xiyu’s guarded stance, an unnamed anger flared within her. Despite being the child’s biological grandmother, she was treated as if she would harm her future grandchild at any moment.

Initially, she and Huangfu Jingzhang had planned to deal with the child in Li

Yiran’s belly for Huangfu Ruixiangs sake. However, with time passing, Li Yiran’s belly growing larger, they couldn’t bring themselves to harm their future grandchild.

“What?” Huangfu Ruixiang furrowed his brows tightly, a touch of gloominess in his expression. “Didn’t I emphasize the importance of this matter? Why don’t you take it seriously?”

Zhong Yating now lived in a hotel, clamoring to meet his parents every day. If she saw Li Yiran, she might renege on her promises and conceal all the secrets she knew.

“Ruixiang, what’s wrong with you?” Zhongyu Liuying looked at him with a puzzled expression. “Why do I feel your return is strange this time? Moreover, didn’t you just become an inner sect disciple? Why did you suddenly come back? Did something happen?”

Huangfu Ruixiang didn’t know how to answer the barrage of questions. He didn’t know what to say.

Zhongyu Liuying couldn’t help but worry at his silence. She grabbed his hand, nervously asking, “Ruixiang, tell me the truth. What happened? I just feel that your return is very strange this time.”

After contemplating for a moment, Huangfu Ruixiang decided to confess the truth. “Mom, I didn’t come back alone this time. I brought someone with me my fiancée! ”

After much consideration, he decided to disclose the matter concerning Zhong Yating. Of course, he couldn't reveal the transaction between him and Zhong Yating, so he could only put it this way.

“What?” Zhongyu Liuying almost thought she was hearing things, “What are you talking about? Fiancée?”

Suddenly hearing that her youngest son had brought back a fiancée, she was momentarily unable to comprehend. It had only been a little over a month since Ruixiang went to the Hidden World, and now he had brought back a fiancée. How could she not be shocked?

No wonder Ruixiang had been asking her to arrange things for Li Yiran. It was because of this reason.

Huangfu Ruixiang braced himself, nodded, and continued, “The situation is a bit complicated, and I can't explain it clearly. Anyway, the conclusion is that I brought back a fiancée this time..”

Chapter 673: Let's Not Wait for Him

“After hearing Huangfu Ruixiang's words, Zhongyu Liuying didn't feel happy.

Instead, she asked directly, “Then who is your fiancée?”

She wasn't happy about the so-called fiancée that Huangfu Ruixiang

mentioned. No matter how she looked at it, she felt that things were not that simple.

In their previous contact, she had never heard of any fiancée from Huangfu Ruixiang, let alone any girl he mentioned. But now, a fiancée suddenly appeared. This was weird.

Huangfu Ruixiang was shocked, but his expression did not change. “Mom, don't worry about this. I'm not a child. I know what I'm doing. As for my fiancée, I've already decided.”

After hearing his words, Zhongyu Liuying became even more suspicious. Her face changed dramatically as she grabbed Huangfu Ruixiang's hand and asked, “Ruixiang, were you threatened by her? Is that why you have this so-called fiancée?”

Huangfu Ruixiang also didn't expect Zhongyu Liuying to guess the reason so quickly, but he definitely couldn't say it out loud. “I can't explain the entanglements in this at the moment. But...” At this point, his face turned serious. “Mom, she has something I want. It's very important to me. So, when the time comes, don't give her a hard time.”

Things had already come to this point. It seemed that his parents wouldn't be able to dig out any useful information. Now, all his hopes were placed on Zhong Yating. Therefore, at this time, he really couldn't let Zhong Yating leave just like that.

“Alright, I understand.” She nodded and said with a worried expression, “Then will you marry that woman?”

She could tell that his son did not like that woman, but that woman would definitely bring benefit to him. However, she did not know what Ruixiang was thinking.

“No,” Huangfu Ruixiang said with certainty. “This is just a temporary way to stabilize her. When there’s no more value to be had, I’ll cancel this marriage.”

Zhong Yating had never been a candidate for his future wife. Putting aside the fact that Zhong Yating was just an outer sect disciple, just the fact that Zhong Yating had threatened him was enough to make him unable to tolerate it. Most importantly, he felt that Zhong Yating looked too scary. He did not want to be tied to this woman for the rest of his life.

If it weren’t for Zhong Yating’s agreement, as long as they got engaged here, she would tell him everything she knew, he couldn’t possibly bring her back.

After hearing Huangfu Ruixiang’s answer, Zhongyu Liuying understood.

“Don’t worry about your father. I’ll tell him.”

Huangfu Ruixiang nodded and then said, “So, Mom, you must think of a way to get Li Yiran away as soon as possible. Don’t let her come out and ruin things.”

“I understand.” Zhongyu Liuying nodded. “If there’s no way to get rid of her, I’ll definitely think of a way to prevent her from getting close to you.”

After obtaining Zhongyu Liuying’s approval, Huangfu Ruixiang heaved a sigh of relief.

Just as the mother and son were talking, Huangfu Jingzhang also came back from outside and joined the conversation.

However, Zhongyu Liuying and Huangfu Ruixiang had a tacit understanding and didn’t mention Zhong Yating.

They were waiting for Huangfu Ruiling to come back for dinner. However, what they did not expect was that they did not see Huangfu Ruiling come back until 8:30 pm.

“Did that bastard really say that he was coming back for dinner?” Huangfu

Jingzhang’s expression was very gloomy. “It’s already past dinner time.”

Usually, they would start eating dinner at seven o’clock at the latest. However, it was already thirty past eight, but he still did not see Huangfu Ruiling. This made him feel gloomy after waiting for so long.

Zhongyu Liuying’s expression wasn’t very good either. “He agreed, otherwise, I wouldn’t have asked everyone to wait for him here alone!”

“Call him immediately!” Huangfu Jingzhang gritted his teeth and said. “Making the whole family wait for him here. Does he really think that he’s something just because he became the family head?”

“Dad, maybe there’s something urgent!” Huangfu Ruixiang smiled and comforted him. “Don’t worry. Wait for Mom to call and see what’s going on!”

“What urgent matter could there be?” Huangfu Jingzhang said hatefully. “I think he just doesn’t want to come back and see us. How could I have such a bastard son? If I

had known that he would be so disobedient, he would have died in that accident back then. How good would it have been!"

"Dad!" Upon hearing this, Huangfu Ruixiang immediately stopped him. "Don't say such words again in the future. If Brother finds out, he will definitely feel very uncomfortable."

The walls had ears. If Huangfu Ruiling knew about this, their relationship would only become worse. Moreover, if they really offended Huangfu Ruiling, they would not have a good life.

"He'll feel uncomfortable?" Huangfu Jingzhang said with a cold smile. "In his eyes, there's no such thing as our so-called family."

Every time he thought of Huangfu Ruiling, he felt a sense of congestion in his heart. He believed that this son of his was nothing more than someone coming to collect a debt.

Huangfu Ruixiang opened his mouth and wanted to say something.

However, on the other side, Zhongyu Liuying had already hung up the phone, her expression dark and ugly.

"Where is he now?" Huangfu Jingzhang immediately asked. "Did he forget that there are so many people waiting for him?"

"I can't get through to Huangfu Ruiling's phone," Zhongyu Liuying said with an ugly expression. "But I called the company, and they said that he had already left. Moreover, he left with Ye Lengan."

"Let's not wait for him." The gloominess in Huangfu Jingzhang's eyes seemed to materialize. "Let's eat."

Zhongyu Liuying immediately called for dinner.

However, everyone felt depressed during this meal..

Chapter 674: The Best Kind of Love

On the other side, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan were completely unaware of the situation at the ancestral mansion. At this moment, the two of them were casually strolling through the night market.

After watching the movie, they had initially planned to have dinner together. However, Ye Lengan had a sudden change of heart, expressing a desire to avoid formal restaurants. Consequently, she convinced Huangfu Ruiling to experience the vibrant atmosphere of the night market.

Huangfu Ruiling, always indulgent towards Ye Lengan's whims, had no objections.

Before leaving, both of them underwent a bit of disguise. Coupled with some clever illusions, even if someone they knew were to stand in front of them, it was likely they wouldn't recognize the two.

Hand in hand, they walked through the lively night market. To onlookers, they seemed like an ordinary couple deeply in love, with joyful smiles on their faces.

Ye Lengan held a cup of milk tea in her hand. After taking a big sip, she extended the cup towards Huangfu Ruiling, offering to share.

Huangfu Ruiling didn't decline. Bending down, he took a sip directly from her straw.

However, after just one sip, he couldn't help but furrow his brow. The milk tea was excessively sweet, and the combination of artificial flavors and coloring left him unimpressed. He genuinely couldn't understand why she would choose to have such a drink today.

Seeing his reaction, Ye Lengan couldn't help but chuckle. "Is the taste too unfamiliar for you?"

Huangfu Ruiling didn't mince words. "I can't praise the taste of this thing. I don't understand why so many girls these days enjoy consuming such beverages."

"Perhaps it's just a matter of differing tastes between men and women," Ye

Lengan replied with a smile. "Women tend to favor sweet things like this."

"So, you really enjoy this drink?" Huangfu Ruiling's tone carried a hint of skepticism. "I don't recall seeing you drink this before."

While he didn't claim to know her taste preferences perfectly, he considered himself fairly knowledgeable on the subject. Hence, he found it genuinely surprising that she would like such a drink.

"I wouldn't say I like or dislike it," Ye Lengan said with a smile after another sip. "I just think that having a cup every now and then is quite nice."

In her previous life, she had a strong affinity for milk tea, especially the sweet variety. Perhaps it was because life was bitter during that period, making her crave sweet things.

However, during her time in the cultivation world, this habit had unknowingly faded away. Despite the hardships of cultivation, her inner satisfaction had grown, leading her to lose her taste for overly sweet treats.

Today, while strolling through the night market with Huangfu Ruiling, she felt a sudden craving for a cup of milk tea. Maybe it was due to a change in her state of mind. Drinking something so sweet now didn't provide the same satisfaction as before. It could be attributed to the fact that her current life was entirely different from her past.

Huangfu Ruiling genuinely disliked overly sweet things. However, as long as Ye Lengan enjoyed it, he had no intention of interfering. "If you like it, that's what matters."

"Just this one cup," Ye Lengan said with a radiant smile. Then, she glanced around before continuing, "Didn't you notice? Many people in the night market stroll around holding a cup of milk tea. Ling, do we look like an ordinary high school couple?"

At this point, she couldn't help but burst into a brighter smile.

Indeed, she was currently a high school student, while Huangfu Ruiling was not. So, in a way, her statement held some truth.

Speechless, he reached out and pinched Ye Leng'an's nose, expressing helplessness. "Naughty." His tone carried an endless sense of indulgence, making it irresistible.

Ye Leng'an's smile remained sweet. Then, as if a thought occurred to her, she covered her mouth and chuckled. "If your parents find out that you're currently strolling through the night market, they'll surely explode with anger."

Zhongyu Liuying probably thought Huangfu Ruiling had promised to return for dinner that night. Now, after waiting the entire evening, there was still no sign of him. If they discovered Huangfu Ruiling leisurely wandering through the night market, their emotions could be easily imagined.

"They should have gotten used to it by now." Huangfu Ruiling's tone was cold, devoid of emotion. "Moreover, without me hindering their family reunion, they should be even happier."

His tone was plain, lacking any trace of resentment, as if he were merely stating a mundane fact. However, this detached tone paradoxically accentuated the apparent indifference towards his family.

Ye Lengan nodded in agreement. "Nevertheless, it's quite strange. It's just a minor matter like Huangfu Ruixiang's return, yet your mother personally called you back for dinner."

Typically, Zhongyu Liuying and Huangfu Ruiling rarely communicated. This time, she suddenly called him for such a trivial matter as Huangfu Ruixiang's return, making the situation appear peculiar.

"Perhaps it wasn't her idea!" Huangfu Ruiling sneered. "Regardless of their motives, it has nothing to do with me."

"Then let's not dwell on them," Ye Lengan said, holding Huangfu Ruiling's hand as they walked forward. She smiled and continued, "Since we've come to the night market today, let's savor some of the local delicacies! While the snacks here may not match the sophistication of those in big hotels and high-end restaurants, they possess a unique charm."

Huangfu Ruiling was led forward by Ye Lengan. There was no sign of impatience on his face. When he looked at the girl in front of him, his eyes were filled with boundless love.

Even if the two of them weren't intentionally doing it, the sweet atmosphere radiating from them was simply undeniable.

Many onlookers couldn't help but be drawn to them. Seeing an exceptional young couple, they couldn't help but smile.

Of course, many young girls, upon witnessing this scene, couldn't help but feel envious of Ye Lengan. After all, which girl wouldn't desire such a fairy-tale romance?

Wasn't this scene the epitome of the best kind of love?

Ye Lengan remained oblivious to the gazes of the people around them. She directly pulled Huangfu Ruiling and strolled through the streets and alleys..

Chapter 675: Nangong Riming

After taking a big stroll, it was uncertain if Huangfu Ruiling was still hungry, but Ye Lengan felt a bit stuffed.

She patted her slightly protruding belly, holding hands with Huangfu Ruiling, and lazily said, "I'm so full! It turns out that when you have free time, you should still visit lively places like night markets."

Though they didn't sit down to eat, they encountered various unique snacks along the way. After the tour, they were both pleasantly full.

As for Huangfu Ruiling, she presumed he must be full too. Like any other girl, she handed over all the leftovers to him.

With satisfied stomachs, they continued their leisurely stroll through the night market. Besides food stalls, there were also many stalls for accessories and amusements.

When the two paused in front of a small booth, browsing the accessories, Ye Lengan heard a familiar voice.

"Brother Nangong, let's check out the front!" A sweet voice with a hint of coquettishness echoed.

Ye Lengan turned around and saw none other than Ye Xiyuan.

However, to her surprise, Ye Xiyuan was walking with a tall, rather ordinary-looking, and somewhat sleazy man. Most notably, the man appeared to be almost thirty. No matter how you looked at it, he didn't seem like an older brother, and it was quite a stretch for Ye Xiyuan to call him that.

"Okay, whatever you say." The man put his arm around Ye Xiyuan's waist and subtly pinched her waist, wearing a self-assured smile. He continued, "You know, I always listen to you."

A trace of disgust flickered in Ye Xiyuan's eyes, but she maintained a shy smile. "Brother Nangong, you're really annoying!!"

"Don't you like me like this?" The man didn't show any restraint; instead, he became even more audacious. His hand even began to wander around Ye Xiyuan's waist. "I like you the most too, girl."

Facing the man's impudent behavior, Ye Xiyuan didn't resist and instead smiled coquettishly, leaning into his embrace.

They appeared as an ordinary couple, but perhaps due to the age difference, the scene was somewhat eye-catching.

Probably because Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan had disguised themselves, Ye Xiyuan didn't recognize them at all and walked straight past.

After Ye Xiyuan left, Ye Lengan couldn't help but exclaim, "You won't believe it, but when I heard Ye Xiyuan calling Brother Nangong, I thought Nangong Xuyao was back."

Most surprisingly, she assumed Nangong Xuyao had magnanimously forgiven Ye Xiyuan for all her previous deceit. Just as she was still marveling at Ye Xiyuan's cunning, she suddenly noticed that sleazy man.

It turned out that this Nangong was not the same as the one she thought. Despite both being surnamed Nangong, their appearances were vastly different. Ye Lengan couldn't comprehend how Ye Xiyuan could tolerate the man, let alone call him brother in such a delicate manner.

Upon hearing Ye Xiyuan's coquettish voice, it sent shivers down Ye Leng'an's spine.

"Because Nangong Xuyao gained attention during the Family Competition, he is currently the Nangong family's focal point," Huangfu Ruiling explained calmly. "At this time, he will definitely not easily leave the Hidden World."

Ye Lengan nodded in agreement and added, "That makes sense. Not everyone is like Huangfu Ruixiang, who, after getting such a good opportunity, becomes lazy. He probably thinks that becoming an inner sect disciple means he'll be nurtured by the family!"

"Let him be." Huangfu Ruiling's tone lacked any extra emotions. "The family doesn't raise useless individuals."

In his eyes, Huangfu Ruixiang was nothing more than a wasted opportunity. He had provided him with a chance, but he didn't seem to appreciate it at all.

Ye Lengan chuckled and continued, "However, Ye Xiyuan calling that man

Brother Nangong – is he also a member of the Nangong family?"

"Yes." Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "That man is Nangong Riming, Nangong Xuyao's cousin."

"Cousin?" Ye Lengan was a bit surprised. "Then why is his name Riming?"

Shouldn't names in those big families have one fixed character?"

According to Nangong Xuyao's name, their generation should be of the Xu generation. Why did this sudden anomaly occur?

"He was originally an illegitimate son of Nangong Xuyao's uncle," Huangfu Ruiling explained. "But because Nangong Xuyao's uncle's wife couldn't give birth to a boy, Nangong Xuyao's uncle brought Nangong Riming back. Due to his wife's opposition, his name was never changed to Xu."

"So, that's the reason!" Ye Leng'an understood but was then a bit puzzled. "How did Ye Xiyuan end up with Nangong Riming? She actually fancies someone like Nangong Riming?"

In the past, Ye Xiyuan was always surrounded by handsome men like Nangong

Xuyao and Li Deze. Now, suddenly switching to a sleazy man like Nangong Riming was truly conspicuous! It was almost an overstatement to say that beauty paired with a beast.

“That’s her only chance to get close to the four major families,” Huangfu Ruiling said casually. “Apart from Nangong Riming, I doubt there’s anyone in the four major families blind enough to be interested in Ye Xiyuan!”

After his return, he received reports about Ye Xiyuan’s recent activities.

Therefore, he was well aware of what had transpired with Ye Xiyuan lately.

The reason he paid attention was that Ye Leng’an’s first life had ended badly because of Ye Xiyuan. Although Ye Lengan hadn’t mentioned it, he had discreetly monitored Ye Xiyuan’s actions. If there was any sign of trouble, he intended to nip all potential dangers in the bud.

Furthermore, he believed Ye Lengan might find Ye Xiyuan’s affairs interesting.

Upon hearing Huangfu Ruiling’s words, Ye Lengan was rendered speechless..

“Then she really isn’t picky! How could she tolerate someone like Nangong

Riming? It seems that without Nangong Xuyao’s help, she’s truly desperate!”

Chapter 676: Cutting off Ties

“Nangong Riming should be her best choice now,” Huangfu Ruiling continued.

“Because of the previous plagiarism incident, coupled with the subsequent events, the Ye family’s company has suffered some losses. It’s not a severe setback, but it’s significant.”

“It seems Ye Li is attributing all these losses to Ye Xiyuan.” Ye Lengan smirked sarcastically. “However, now that Ye Xiyuan has connected with Nangong Riming, her position in the Ye family will undoubtedly rise.”

She knew Ye Li’s profit-centric nature all too well. In his eyes, gains outweighed everything. Even if Ye Xiyuan was his biological daughter, he valued benefits over their relationship. Moreover, Ye Xiyuan had only recently returned, so their emotional bond was superficial.

Huangfu Ruiling shrugged, indifferent. “Although Nangong Riming is

Nangong Xuyao’s cousin, he doesn’t hold a prominent position in the Nangong family. ”

“He doesn’t need to have an important position!” Ye Lengan smiled. “For a small family like the Ye family, getting close to the four major families, even if indirectly, is a significant achievement. Moreover, Nangong Riming is from the main family. Establishing any connection with the Nangong family ensures a continuous flow of benefits.’

She couldn’t believe that Ye Xiyuan would be with someone like Nangong

Riming just for benefits. How could someone who had interacted with Nangong Xuyao still choose Nangong Riming?

Huangfu Ruiling nodded, adding, “Nangong Riming isn’t foolish. Though he’s a bastard, being from the main family makes it impossible for him to marry

Ye Xiyuan.”

Even if Nangong Rimings status in the Nangong family wasn’t high, he wasn’t someone the Ye family could reach. Ye Xiyuan’s previous encounter with Nangong Xuyao was just a coincidence, and it wouldn’t have happened without Ye Xiyuan’s deception.

Ye Leng’an chuckled. “Maybe Ye Xiyuan has some tricks up her sleeve to make

Nangong Riming marry her in the end! However, it’s unexpected that Ye

Xiyuan is dating Nangong Riming. Wasn’t the Nangong family’s matriarch Ye

Xiyuan’s godmother? How can she let this happen?”

Earlier, the Nangong family’s matriarch, Murong Yanshu, had celebrated Ye Xiyuan’s adoption as her goddaughter.

Despite the chaos during the banquet, the result remained the same – Ye Xiyuan became Murong Yanshu’s goddaughter. Although Murong Yanshu paid little attention to her afterward, now that Ye Xiyuan had connected with

Nangong Riming again, how would Murong Yanshu accept it? Especially since Ye Xiyuan still held the title of her goddaughter.

“Ye Xiyuan is no longer Murong Yanshu’s goddaughter,” Huangfu Ruiling said with a sarcastic smile. “She was able to get close to Nangong Riming by using Murong Yanshu’s name and creating an encounter with him. Murong Yanshu won’t allow the other party to keep using her. So, after the news of Ye Xiyuan and Nangong Riming broke, she announced the severance of ties with Ye Xiyuan. She no longer has this goddaughter.”

Ye Lengan laughed. “I really don’t know if being Murong Yanshu’s goddaughter or Nangong Rimings girlfriend is better for Ye Xiyuan. She probably wanted both, but unfortunately, Murong Yanshu made the decision for her.’

Maybe Murong Yanshu was involved in this! Murong Yanshu was the Nangong family’s matriarch. It was almost impossible for a small fry like Ye Xiyuan to cause trouble under her nose.

So, she suspected that all of this might be Murong Yanshu’s plan to get rid of Ye Xiyuan. Of course, the ultimate reason was Ye Xiyuan’s greed.

Huangfu Ruiling took Ye Leng’an’s hand and smiled faintly. “Let’s not bother about these things for now. Weren’t you in high spirits just now?”

“That’s true.” Ye Lengan nodded, pulling Huangfu Ruiling. “Let’s go ahead and take a look. I saw a ring there that seemed interesting.”

Ye Xiyuan’s situation was just a joke for the time being. It couldn’t affect her mood anymore. She was only paying attention to Ye Xiyuan because she hadn’t yet avenged her first life.

She wouldn’t let Ye Xiyuan off, but she wouldn’t let hatred take over her life.

With a fresh start and a lover by her side, she wouldn't let hatred affect her.

That night, Ye Lengan and Huangfu Ruiling roamed the night market until past eleven.

In another villa within the Huangfu family's old estate, though it was late at night, Li Yiran hadn't rested. She sat in her room seemingly lost in thought.

The room was large, almost the size of an entire apartment. The decorations were exquisite and valuable. The entire room exuded a subtle luxury.

Despite staying in such a luxurious room, Li Yiran felt no joy. Her belly was bulging, yet she didn't look bloated; instead, she radiated a maternal beauty. It could be said that the current her had an additional charm compared to her previous otherworldly beauty. Li Yiran stroked her belly, a trace of gloominess in her eyes.

She was seven months pregnant and approaching full term. During this period, she stayed in the ancestral mansion, cared for by Nangong Xiyu. Although the child wasn't related to Nangong Xiyu, she took care of her earnestly. Even so, Li Yiran couldn't feel at ease. Especially during the pregnancy, Huangfu Ruixiang hadn't visited once.

She didn't know what Huangfu Ruixiang was thinking, but if she couldn't win his favor, the situation would be unfavorable even after the child's birth..

Chapter 677: Informed of His Return

As Li Yiran pondered, a sudden noise came from the balcony. She promptly rose and approached, opening the balcony door.

Li Yi entered from outside,

Li Yiran hastily closed the door and reproached, "Didn't I say, if there's nothing urgent, don't come to me during this time? If someone sees you now, it'll be impossible to clear my name."

She was aware of Li Yi's feelings towards her. Although he was devoted, he wasn't among her preferred choices. Nevertheless, Li Yi remained her loyal follower.

In ordinary times, she treated Li Yi more amicably when he was useful. If there was no utility, she avoided even glancing at him.

She wasn't concerned about Li Yi leaving her; she knew she was the unattainable in his eyes, an irreplaceable presence.

Upon hearing Li Yiran's words, a bitter smile appeared on Li Yi's face.

However, he quickly composed himself and looked at her, saying, "I came here today because there's something very important I need to tell you."

He didn't understand why he persisted in being devoted to Li Yiran. Despite knowing she was using him, he couldn't let go.

Furthermore, because of Li Yiran, he had virtually lost any standing within the Huangfu family. Once the leader of the Li generation, he was now completely replaced by Li San. What unsettled him most was his inability to access the Hidden World.

Being barred from the Hidden World meant losing his place there in the future. His master's actions unmistakably declared his abandonment. Henceforth, he would be nothing more than a common servant of the Huangfu family in the mortal world.

He understood that everything that happened was because he persistently placed his heart on Li Yiran, leading to his master's decision to let him go.

However, even now, he couldn't resent Li Yiran. He accepted it willingly. Moreover, even at this moment, he couldn't let go of Li Yiran.

Li Yiran's expression didn't improve upon hearing Li Yi's words. She maintained impatience, "What's so important that you come at this ungodly hour? Couldn't you just call and tell me?"

Now residing in the Huangfu family's old mansion, secrecy was crucial.

"Miss Yiran. Young Master Ruixiang has returned from the Hidden World." Li

Yi said, looking at her. "He came back a few days ago."

"What?" Li Yiran immediately retorted, "That's impossible."

For many days, Huangfu Ruixiang hadn't visited her once. Although she was officially resting in the mansion, she couldn't leave, unaware of external events.

"It's true," Li Yi asserted. "Moreover, this time, Young Master Ruixiang didn't return alone. He brought back a girl who is now staying in a hotel under Huangye Group."

Upon hearing this, Li Yiran felt a tremendous shock. Her color faded, and her lips trembled. She almost collapsed, her voice sounding as if forced out. "Impossible."

Concerned, Li Yi hurriedly approached, holding her hand. "Miss Yiran, take a deep breath and calm down."

He anticipated such a reaction when revealing the truth. Nevertheless, it had to be said, considering the child in her belly belonged to Huangfu Ruixiang, who had brought a woman back now.

Li Yiran grabbed Li Yi's arm, her sharp nails sinking into his flesh. Trembling, she asked, "Is what you said true?"

Though tempted to deny it, Li Yi nodded. "It's true. Moreover, that girl claims to be Young Master Ruixiang's fiancée. He... didn't deny it."

Li Yiran's face grew even paler, and she struggled to stand. If not for Li Yi's support, she might have fallen.

"Miss Yiran, calm down," Li Yi urged. "Remember, you are still pregnant. You mustn't get too agitated."

A dull pain emanated from her belly. Li Yiran couldn't help but cover it. After a deep breath, she managed to compose herself.

Li Yi assisted her to sit on the sofa, keeping a vigilant eye on her. Once she calmed down, the stomach pain subsided.

Seeing her complexion improve slightly, Li Yi sighed in relief. He asked, "Miss

Yiran, how do you feel now? Are you okay?"

"I'm fine now." She forced a smile. Observing Li Yi's injured hand, guilt crossed her face. "Brother Li Yi, is your hand okay? It's my fault!"

Seeing her concern, a touch of tenderness appeared on Li Yi's face. He shook his head. "Just superficial wounds. They'll heal soon."

Li Yiran nodded and looked embarrassed. She implored, "Brother Li Yi, can you help me with something? Can you find out who the woman Ruixiang brought back is?"

Under her pleading gaze, Li Yi finally nodded..

Chapter 678: Meeting

In the car, Li San sat in the front, driving, while Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan were in the back seat. The vehicle was heading towards the direction of the Huangfu family's ancestral mansion.

"Huangfu Ruixiang moves quite fast!" Ye Lengan couldn't help but sigh. "He went to the Hidden World for the Family Competition, and now he's brought back a fiancée."

Initially, Huangfu Ruiling had no intention of returning, but Zhongyu Liuying mentioned that Huangfu Ruixiang was bringing back a fiancée, so she insisted that Huangfu Ruiling should go back. Ye Lengan was intrigued, so Huangfu Ruiling decided to take her back to the old mansion.

"He seems too idle!" Huangfu Ruiling said casually. "That's why he had the time to find a fiancée in the Hidden World."

"I wonder if Li Yiran knows about this," Ye Lengan teased. "If she finds out, who knows what kind of trouble she'll stir up!!

"She won't cause any trouble," Huangfu Ruiling asserted. "Although she's officially taking care of her pregnancy, she's practically under house arrest. Second Auntie won't let her have the chance to find out. After all, she also wants Li Yiran's child to be born. So, she won't let Li Yiran be subjected to any stimulation."

Understanding, Ye Lengan said, "She's probably doing this to go against your mother! Your mother probably doesn't want Li Yiran's child to be born, as it would affect Huangfu Ruixiang's search for a wife."

"Li Yiran's child will be born safely," Huangfu Ruiling stated matter-of-factly.

"As for Huangfu Ruixiang's choice of a wife, that depends on his own abilities."

While they conversed, the car arrived at the main building of the ancestral mansion. Li San promptly got out of the car and opened the door for them.

In the main residence, Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying sat on one side, while Huangfu Ruixiang and Zhong Yating sat on the other. Everyone was chatting happily, but the sincerity of their interactions remained uncertain.

Huangfu Jingzhang had a low opinion of Zhong Yating, despite her also being from the Hidden World. She was just an outer sect disciple of the Huangfu family, hailing from a remote village. Now that Ruixiang was an inner sect disciple, how could Zhong Yating be considered a suitable match?

However, since Ruixiang had said it was a temporary arrangement, he didn't mind dealing with this seemingly inexperienced young lady.

Whether it was Huangfu Jingzhang or Zhongyu Liuying, though unable to cultivate, their past roles as patriarch and matriarch of the Huangfu family allowed them to disguise themselves effectively. Zhong Yating, despite her scheming nature as an outer sect disciple, spent most of her time practicing and lacked much involvement in intrigue. Therefore, she couldn't see through Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuyings facade, believing them to be friendly and accepting her as a daughter-in-law.

This led to a seemingly pleasant conversation between the two sides.

As they spoke, Li San pushed Huangfu Ruiling inside, with Ye Lengan alongside.

Upon entering, the room fell silent, and all eyes were on the three newcomers. The atmosphere tensed up.

Huangfu Ruixiang was the first to break the silence. He stood up with a smile, greeting, "Brother, you're back!"

Ye Lengan gestured for Li San to step aside, pushing Huangfu Ruiling towards the sofa.

Li San bowed and retreated, standing on the side, ready for any instructions.

Ye Lengan pushed Huangfu Ruiling to the sofa, sat beside him, and said with a smile, "Continue chatting! Don't mind us."

After Ye Lengan's words, a hint of awkwardness flashed across everyone's faces.

Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying, upon seeing Ye Lengan, subtly furrowed their brows. Although they anticipated Huangfu Ruiling might return with Ye Lengan, her actual appearance still made them uneasy.

However, having witnessed Huangfu Ruilings ruthlessness, they refrained from provoking her. Whether sincere or not, they managed to force a smile at Ye Leng'an.

Huangfu Ruixiang seated himself beside Zhong Yating again and introduced her, "Brother, Miss Ye, this is my fiancée, Zhong Yating. Yating, this is my brother, and this is his girlfriend, Miss Ye."

Zhong Yating shyly smiled, nodding and greeting, "Hello, Brother. Hello, Miss Ye."

"Hello!" Ye Lengan looked at Zhong Yating with interest and said, "I really didn't expect Ruixiang to bring back a girlfriend at this time! "

Zhong Yating lowered her head, appearing shy.

However, she felt a bit guilty at this moment, especially when she saw Huangfu Ruiling. She dared not even glance in Huangfu Ruiling's direction, fearing that something might be amiss.

Before, she could manipulate Huangfu Ruixiang with her own methods. But seeing Huangfu Ruiling made her question her actions. Would dealing with

Huangfu Ruixiang with information about Huangfu Ruiling offend the latter?

However, she couldn't backtrack at this point. She definitely couldn't let Huangfu Ruiling know the intricacies of the situation. Otherwise, she might not even retain her status as an outer sect disciple, let alone become an inner sect disciple.

Hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Zhongyu Liuyings eyes flickered with a hint of shadow. She smiled and said, "Today, I called you back mainly to discuss Ruixiangs engagement. Since Ruixiang hasn't been back for long, let's settle the engagement ceremony during this time."

Zhong Yatings eyes lit up, but she didn't say anything.

Although Huangfu Ruixiang was unwilling, he pretended to be happy and said with a smile, "That's right! We don't need anything grand, just a simple ceremony. After the ceremony, we'll need to return as soon as possible. We can't stay away for too long this time.."

Chapter 679: Respect for Seniority

In the subsequent period, everyone continued their lively conversations.

However, Ye Lengan didn't pay much attention and refrained from intervening further. Her visit today was merely out of curiosity about Huangfu Ruixiang, the fiancée he suddenly brought back. There wasn't much more to it.

The entire living room seemed divided into two separate worlds. One side engaged in animated discussions, wearing smiles on their faces, whether genuine or feigned. On the other side, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan seemed like outsiders, observing without expressing any opinions. It could even be said that they weren't really listening.

Ye Leng'an approached Huangfu Ruiling and, with a soft chuckle, remarked, "I find the fiancée Huangfu Ruixiang brought back quite interesting. She seems to be very afraid of you! Haven't done anything to her, have you?"

This wasn't just her imagination. Zhong Yating was evidently fearful of Huangfu Ruiling. However, the reason behind it remained unknown.

Huangfu Ruiling glanced in Zhong Yatings direction. "I haven't met her."

Meanwhile, Zhong Yating, who had been chatting with Huangfu Ruixiangs parents, felt a sudden chill as Huangfu Ruilings gaze fell upon her. Even though she hadn't done anything wrong, she dared not look in Huangfu Ruiling's direction, fearing she might reveal some vulnerability.

Just as the conversation was winding down, Huangfu Ruiling unexpectedly spoke up.

"I plan to get engaged to An'an," announced Huangfu Ruiling in a detached tone. "I'll inform you when the date is set."

Despite not harboring strong feelings for Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu

Liuying, they were still his biological parents, so he felt obligated to inform them. However, this was more of an announcement than a request for their opinion, which held little weight for him.

Huangfu Ruilings statement landed like a bombshell, catching everyone off guard.

Especially Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying, whose expressions turned even more sour. Huangfu Ruiling was their eldest son, and traditionally, they should be the ones orchestrating his engagement. However, Huangfu Ruiling had just informed them directly, showing no intention of involving them.

More significantly, they were dissatisfied with their future daughter-in-law, Ye Lengan. Not only due to her humble origins but, more importantly, her overly elevated status in Huangfu Ruilings heart.

In the past, when the two of them were in a relationship, Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying were already quite dissatisfied. However, at that time, there was no official commitment. But now, with the prospect of engagement, the situation had completely changed.

Huangfu Ruixiang was the first to speak, his face beaming with smiles, sincere or otherwise. "That's fantastic! I didn't expect both of us brothers to be getting engaged. But Brother, I might have to get engaged before you. I need to rush back to the Hidden World; we can't be away for too long."

With that, he discreetly glanced in Zhongyu Liuyings direction.

"Do as you please," responded Huangfu Ruiling nonchalantly. "I haven't set a date yet."

Noticing Huangfu Ruixiangs gaze, Zhongyu Liuying interjected with a thoughtful expression. "Remember to respect the seniority. I believe we should let Ruiling get engaged first. Ruixiang, why don't you and Yating wait until after Ruilings engagement?"

She sensed that Huangfu Ruixiang wasn't genuinely eager to get engaged to Zhong Yating. So, it made sense to ride the current and postpone Ruixiangs engagement. Perhaps, by the time Ruixiang achieved his desires, there would be no need for an engagement. It could be more convenient.

Huangfu Jingzhang nodded in agreement. "You make a valid point. In that case, Ruixiang, let's delay your engagement with Yating!"

Zhong Yating grew anxious. She looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, and though she didn't say anything, her unwillingness was apparent.

Her primary purpose for this visit was to establish her status with Huangfu Ruixiang. Now, it seemed that it was being postponed. Who knew what might happen in the future!

Huangfu Ruixiang also noticed Zhong Yatings gaze. With a troubled expression, he said, "Dad, Mom, we'll be heading back to the Hidden World soon. We don't know when we'll return, so why not postpone our engagement for now?"

As he spoke, he signaled Zhongyu Liuying with his eyes.

Taking Zhong Yatings hand, Zhongyu Liuying said, "Yating, you're aware that our Huangfu family is a prestigious one, and there are rules to be followed. There's a principle of respecting seniority. If you truly wish to get engaged, it should be the elder brother's turn first. Of course, we're open-

mindful. If Ruiling doesn't have a partner or if he and Miss Ye don't plan to get engaged anytime soon, then there's nothing wrong with having your engagement ceremony first. However, since Ruiling also plans to get engaged, being the elder brother, he should go first. So, your engagement ceremony should also be after theirs. Even if it's a day later, it must be after them; otherwise, outsiders might find it amusing."

In one sweep, Zhongyu Liuying shifted all the responsibility onto Huangfu Ruiling. It was as if Huangfu Ruiling's abrupt decision had forced the delay of Huangfu Ruixiang's engagement.

Zhong Yating looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, signaling him to speak. Since the elders had already spoken, speaking up at this point would be deemed immature.

However, Huangfu Ruixiang was in a different position. As Zhongyu Liuying's biological son, speaking now wouldn't offend anyone.

Facing Zhong Yating's gaze, Huangfu Ruixiang appeared troubled, seemingly unsure how to proceed. He looked at Zhong Yating, then at his parents, as if uncertain about how to broach the subject.

"Yating, are you in a rush to get engaged?" Huangfu Jingzhang spoke, his brow furrowed. "It's not that we don't want you to get engaged to Ruixiang now; we just want to postpone it for some time. Are you really in such a hurry?"

These words left Zhong Yating feeling somewhat lost. She knew that, no matter what she said now, it would likely be perceived as wrong. Moreover, her recent actions had clearly displeased Huangfu Ruixiang's parents.

For a moment, she genuinely didn't know how to proceed..

Chapter 680: The Engagement Ceremony Is Decided

At that moment, a clear voice rang out, tinged with sarcasm.

"We actually don't mind at all," unexpectedly declared Ye Lengan, who had been observing from the sidelines. She chuckled and added, "Although we emphasize the order of seniority, flexibility is key! Ruixiang and Yating are on a tight schedule, so let's proceed with their engagement first."

Having spoken, she turned to Huangfu Ruiling, tilted her head, and asked with a smile, "Ling, do you think I'm right?"

"Absolutely," affirmed Huangfu Ruiling, agreeing wholeheartedly with Ye Lengan's words. "If you're in a hurry, I can inform them now, and your engagement ceremony can take place tomorrow."

This sudden turn of events prompted diverse reactions among the people in the hall.

Zhong Yating wore a face of delight, thinking her engagement ceremony, which she initially believed would be postponed, was now set for tomorrow. This unexpected change brought her immense joy.

However, the expressions of Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying soured. Huangfu Ruilings words felt like a slap in the face, directly contradicting their previous emphasis on seniority. It was not only embarrassing but also signaled their lack of influence in the family.

Huangfu Ruixiangs face froze, shocked by the unexpected interference from Huangfu Ruiling at this crucial moment.

“I think it’s a fantastic idea.” Ye Lengan applauded, endorsing Huangfu Ruilings suggestion. “Ruixiang and Yating are pressed for time. Holding the engagement ceremony tomorrow is the best option.”

She discerned that Huangfu Ruixiang wasn’t keen on the engagement. The exchanged glances between Huangfu Ruixiang and Zhongyu Liuying revealed that the latter was stalling for time on behalf of Huangfu Ruixiang.

However, Zhong Yating was eager to proceed with the engagement, so she decided to stir the waters.

“Can we really do this?” Zhong Yating asked, her tone filled with joy and urgency. “Won’t it be too rushed?”

“As long as both of you are willing, we can hold the engagement ceremony tonight if you want,” Ye Lengan suggested with a smile. just wonder what

Ruixiang and you are thinking.”

“Of course, we’re willing,” Zhong Yating affirmed, turning to Huangfu

Ruixiang. She smiled and asked, “Ruixiang, don’t you think so?”

Faced with Zhong Yating’s question, Huangfu Ruixiang resisted internally but managed to force a smile, replying, ‘Yes, we’re definitely willing.’”

Zhongyu Liuying interjected, “This is too rushed! Our Huangfu family holds a prominent position in the capital. How can we hastily arrange an engagement ceremony? Outsiders might misunderstand. Besides, it’s not good for Yatings reputation!”

“I don’t mind,” Zhong Yating quickly interjected. “Moreover, Ruixiang and I need to return to the Hidden World soon. We can’t stay here for too long. Therefore, it’s better to hold the engagement ceremony as soon as possible.”

“Ruixiang is your younger brother.” Huangfu Jingzhang stared sharply at Huangfu Ruiling. “Don’t you understand the importance of his engagement ceremony? Rushing it like this will only invite ridicule.”

He wanted Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan to leave immediately. Couldn’t they see that they didn’t want Huangfu Ruixiang and Zhong Yating to get engaged?

Truly, they were at odds with each other! Every time Huangfu Ruiling seemed to ruin his plans, and now he was causing trouble for Ruixiang.

However, regardless of the internal curses, Huangfu Jingzhang dared not be too firm.

After being demoted from the family head position, he realized that he now depended on Huangfu Ruiling for his livelihood. Although Huangfu Ruiling was his son, he had no authority in front of him. He couldn't expect Huangfu Ruiling to listen to him.

Huangfu Ruiling glanced indifferently at Huangfu Jingzhang, then turned to

Li San, instructing, "Li San, inform Huangting Hotel that the Second Young Master will hold an engagement ceremony tomorrow night. Ensure they are prepared. Also, notify the major families to attend Huangfu Ruixiangs engagement banquet."

"Yes, Master."

With a swift acknowledgment, Li San departed to carry out Huangfu Ruilings orders.

In an instant, everything was decided, catching everyone off guard.

Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying didn't anticipate that Huangfu Ruiling wouldn't just talk but give orders.

Before long, the news would spread through the upper echelons of the capital's society. They would be left with no room to retract their statements.

Huangfu Ruixiangs smiling face stiffened. Clearly, he hadn't expected Huangfu Ruiling to take such decisive action. For a moment, he felt as if he had been plunged into an ice cellar, shivering.

The happiest person in the hall was undoubtedly Zhong Yating. Initially worried about a delayed engagement ceremony, everything had taken a

180-degree turn. Her engagement with Huangfu Ruixiang was now scheduled for tomorrow.

She reached out, grasping Huangfu Ruixiangs arm, and leaned on his shoulder with a sweet smile. "Ruixiang, we're getting engaged tomorrow. Are you happy?"

Huangfu Ruixiang seemed to wake up from a daze, forcing a smile. "Of course, I'm happy."

"Now that the time is set, let's get started!" Ye Lengan, who had been spectating, suggested with a smile. "You should quickly decide on the dresses and accessories for tomorrow night. However, I believe Auntie has ample experience in this area and will do well, right?"

Zhongyu Liuyings expression was grim, but before she could speak, Huangfu Ruiling intervened. "If Mother can't handle both, I can ask Second Auntie to help."

"No need." Zhongyu Liuying gritted their teeth. "I'll manage. This is Ruixiangs engagement ceremony. There's no need for Nangong Xiyu to interfere.."