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Chapter 561: Not Enough After Showing It Off 800 Times

"W...what? Priceless treasure? Are you kidding me?" Ying Fanglin yelled at him.

Jin Xuanxuan's expression changed and he stopped her, "What nonsense are you talking about? The one who's talking is Elder Xi!"

"Who's Elder Xi?" Ying Fanglin asked, confused.

"He's from the family that trades jades and gemstones! The one and only Xi Boyi!" Jin Xuanxuan reminded her exasperatedly.

"Ah...so that's who he is...but...but it's impossible! When we were gossiping with Ning Xueluo over tea the last time, she mentioned that she bought a 150 thousand dollar jade as a present! Did I hear wrongly?"

"No, she did say that the last time...but Elder Xi can't be wrong! That'd be blasphemy!"

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As she heard Xi Boyi's declaration and the heated discussion between Ying Fanglin and Jin Xuanxuan, there was a slight displeasure in Ning Xueluo's expression but she still remained calm. She was sure that she had heard that Ning Xi bought the bracelet for 150 thousand dollars. How could that be wrong?

Although Xi Boyi was respectable and had been assessing jades for his whole life, could he have made a mistake this time?

Actually not many people present that night knew much about jade. Ning Xueluo's friends were just making passing comments earlier and some people started to echo along as they saw her friends speaking so confidently about it.

However, now that Elder Xi had declared it to be a priceless treasure, everyone was not sure who to listen to.

Even Ning Zhiyuan was confused.

Although he was just a hobbyist and was not as skillful as Xi Boyi at assessing jade, he did know a thing or two about precious stones. Ning Xi's jade was alright but it sure did not look like something as exaggerated as a priceless treasure.

Ning Zhiyuan had a lot of questions in his mind. "Elder Xi, what do you mean? What priceless treasure?"

Xi Boyi dared not to jump to conclusions, so he spoke up, "Zhiyuan, do you mind letting me take a look at the bracelet?"

Ning Zhiyuan handed it over.

After looking at it for some time, he took out a magnifying glass from his shirt pocket and stared at one of the beads with clear excitement...

"What actually do you see?" Ning Zhiyuan asked impatiently.

The bystanders looked on curiously as well, discussing and not believing for a minute that this jade was a priceless treasure. It must have been a mistake on Xi Boyi's part due to his old age...

"Ning Xi, are you sure the jade is fine?" Ning Tianxin asked, still worried that Ning Xueluo had done something to it.

Ning Xi shrugged innocently. "I can guarantee that when I bought it, it was still fine."

Could Jade Treasury have possibly given her some flawed jade?

The worker who had served her much later looked really kind. Had he been bribed by Su Yimo?

Ning Xi started raising her own suspicions...

In the end, when Xi Boyi was done assessing, he suddenly took off a jade bead bracelet from his wrist and showed it to Ning Zhiyuan. "Zhiyuan, what do you think of my bracelet?"

Ning Zhiyuan flew into a jealous rage. "You old fellow, that's enough! Isn't that the bracelet your grandchild got you? Is it not enough after showing it off 800 times?!"

Chapter 562: High Praises

Ning Zhiyuan's words made his friends laughed.

"You're being annoying here, Elder Xi, you've been telling everyone you meet! Your grandson gave it to you and he begged Master Xuan Jing for consecration for a few months. Our ears are tired from listening to you talk about how filial your grandson is!"

"You know that Elder Ning really respected Master Xuan Jing and he tried to ask for a consecration before but was rejected. Stop showing off in front of him!"

"Hahahaha...it's Elder Ning's birthday today, stop provoking him!"

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"Is it really rare to have this Master Xuan Jing to consecrate a bracelet?" a person from the crowd asked after listening to the discussion.

Xi Boyi put on a serious expression and answered, "Of course, Master Xuan Jing is a genuine, eminent monk and he doesn't do consecrations for just anyone. It doesn't matter how much money you give; no means no. It's all about being sincere and most importantly, having an affinity! Such a bracelet is super rare! Isn't that what you call a priceless treasure?!"

Master Xuan Jing kept a low profile, so not many people knew about him but for those who did gave their respect to him from the bottoms of their heart.

"It's really rare! I heard from someone I knew who has gone there personally and failed!"

"Put sincerity aside; having an affinity is really difficult, it's such a vague concept. How does one even qualify as having affinity?"

"Exactly, it's rare because of how difficult it is! Why do you think Elder Xi was showing off for so long? He almost made it into his family treasure!"

"Most importantly, it really has spiritual powers within it! He was so sick before...wait, why did Elder Xi suddenly talk about this? Weren't we looking at Elder Ning's bracelet?"

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With some small pockets of discussions still going on, Xi Boyi looked at Ning Xi's bracelet for some time again before he returned it to Ning Zhiyuan, then he turned to Ning Xi and asked, "Little girl, you must have invested in a lot of effort to get this jade bead bracelet consecrated, didn't you?"

What Xi Boyi meant was...was this bracelet consecrated by Xuan Jing as well?

How...how was this possible?

It was so difficult to obtain. Just what in the world did this yokel do?

Ning Xi was speechless.

She had no idea what just happened.

Was this old man sure that the bracelet she had bought was worthy of such high praises?

Would he believe her if she said she just spent 150 thousand dollars for this in Jade Treasury and that she did not know Master Xuan Jing?

Ying Fanglin was mumbling to Ning Xueluo, "It was just a minor consecration by some monk, is it really that surprising? To the point of calling it a priceless treasure?"

Ning Xueluo bit her lip and shook her head. "Fanglin, don't say that, Grandfather is really respectful towards Master Xuan Jing..."

This was the reason why the elder did not care about what Long Fanyin said before while Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu trusted him so blindly. The elder did not trust Long Fanyin.

So, even though she felt sour, she dared not say anything because Elder Ning really respected Master Xuan Jing. Otherwise, she would be indirectly insulting Elder Ning.

Ying Fanglin could not bear to see Ning Xueluo like this. "Xueluo, why are you so easily bullied? I'll get even for you!"

Ning Xueluo had successfully tricked Ying Fanglin to help her. She even made a pitiful face and Ying Fanglin did not use much of her brain and bought her act.

Chapter 563: Plotting About My Granddaughter

In a situation like this, it would not have been appropriate for either Zhuang Lingyu or Ning Yaohua to speak up but an outsider like Ying Fanglin was perfect for the role...

Ying Fanglin started talking, "Even if it was consecrated by Master Jing Xuan, can't you get a better bracelet? Don't you think it's inappropriate for the elder to wear something that cheap?"

Xi Boyi could not hold it in anymore, he did not want to argue with the youngsters but things were getting out of hand, "Little girl, is this bracelet not good enough? If you're talking about price, I can tell you that this is much more expensive than the one Xueluo gave!"

"What? Xueluo's bracelet cost about two million dollars!" Ying Fanglin exclaimed, her eyes wide.

Even Ning Xueluo and Jin Xuanxuan were surprised, not to mention Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua. The first thing that came to their mind was, "How in the world did she have so much money? This is impossible!"

Xi Boyi explained calmly, "This bracelet is made out of high quality jadeite and what makes it rare is the fact that all the beads are from the same source, plus the color is balanced perfectly as well. Of course, it would cost more than the other!"

Ying Fanglin frowned and raised his doubts, "Elder Xi, are you sure you're not mistaken about this?"

Without waiting for Xi Boyi's reaction, Ning Zhiyuan spoke up unhappily, "Don't be ridiculous, little girl. How could Elder Xi be wrong about this? Xiao Xi's bracelet is more expensive."

He was trying not to embarrass Ning Xueluo earlier so he had kept quiet about it. Who knew that these ignorant brats would start rattling nonsense and he had to explain it vocally.

Even Elder Ning had already said something about it, so now everyone just had to believe it!

"Uh...that was unexpected...the adopted daughter's present is more expensive than Ms. Ning's! How shocking!"

"That's awkward, they got the same present but hers lost in every aspect by comparison to the adopted daughter's present..."

"Well, it seems like we've underestimated this girl! She has changed so much over the past five years!"

"I've been wanting to ask since earlier. Is she really the girl from before? I almost couldn't recognize her! She looks really pretty now!"

"Right! She didn't even look presentable even with gorgeous dresses the last time but now she has such a special aura around her now!"

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Ning Xueluo's face darkened instantly.

Not only was Ning Xi's bracelet consecrated by Master Xuan Jing, it was...it was even more expensive than hers?

How was this possible?! The few artistes told her that they had seen Ning Xi buy a jade bead bracelet costing slightly over just a hundred thousand dollars!

What happened here?

Damn it, she had invested so much effort into this, yet in the end...she was the one who was embarrassed!

Not only did she lose in terms of the sincerity and value of the present, but she had also helped Ning Xi to shine in the limelight!

Xi Boyi patted Ning Zhiyuan's back. "Eh, Zhiyuan, you're really blessed! No wonder you wanted to adopt her, she's really a good kid! Most importantly...she was able to ask for a consecration from Master Xuan Jing, a blessing indeed! Right, Zhiyuan, how old is your granddaughter now? What's her zodiac sign? She should be around the same age as my grandson, yes?"

Ning Zhiyuan held the jade bead bracelet dearly. When he heard what Xi Boyi said, he said guardedly, "Old man, what are you trying to do? What are you plotting for my granddaughter?"

Chapter 564: Set Up For A Blind Date

Adopted? She was his real granddaughter!

"You old man, how is that plotting? My grandson is handsome and filial, I wouldn't even have thought about it if your granddaughter wasn't pretty and lacked affinity!"

"Hmph, only now you realize that my granddaughter is pretty! Not everyone is worthy of her, show me your grandson's picture first!" He had actually met Xi Boyi's grandson a few years ago but who knew how he looked like now?

"It might be you who's plotting something after you see his picture!"

Ning Xi groaned, "Ugh..."

Why did conversations always go the other way?

Did the elders always have such active thought patterns?

Probably not, 80% of the time when elder people gathered together, their conversations would end up with this topic...

Wait, that was not the main point. What happened to her 150 thousand dollar bracelet which she had got with a 20% discount and was now valued as a two million dollar bracelet that was consecrated by Master Xuan Jing?

Jade Treasury...

The sudden change in the worker's attitude...

Could it be...?

"How about it, Elder Ning? Isn't my Shiqing handsome?" Xi Boyi said proudly.

Ning Zhiyuan's eyes brightened when he saw the handsome gentleman's picture. "Pictures nowadays can be Photoshopped, it's not good enough as proof!"

Xi Boyi was annoyed. "Hey, old man, if you don't believe me, I'll bring him here personally the next time and you can see for yourself, okay?"

"That sounds about right!"

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Just in a blink of an eye, Ning Xi was set up for a blind date.

"What's the situation right now? Grandfather...grandfather, please calm down...I..."

She looked helplessly at both the elders chatting happily, totally ignoring her.

Ning Tianxin laughed looking at Ning Xi's expression. "Actually, Elder Xi's grandson is a pretty nice person, you should meet him."

Ning Xi put her hand to her forehead. "I'm not in the mood for this right now!"

A worried thought passed through Ning Tianxin's mind. "Xiao Xi, could it be possible that you still haven't gotten over Su Yan?"

Speaking of the devil, a maid suddenly came rushing in and reported, "Master, your son-in-law is here!"

Everyone turned around and looked towards the entrance.

"Son-in-law? Who?!"

"Who else? The only one who's engaged in the Ning family right now is Ning Xueluo, of course, it's Su Yan from the Su family!"

A man in a black outfit walked in with an assistant holding a rectangular box behind him.

As soon as they saw him, Fang Yinglin said, "Xueluo, your husband's here, quickly go greet him!"

"Stop saying that, he's not my husband yet!" Seeing the charming man in front of him, Ning Xueluo's heart raced quickly, all her unhappy thoughts about what happened earlier instantly vanishing.

Jin Xuanxuan went along with Fang Yinglin as well, "You've already agreed to his proposal, haven't you?"

Fang Yinglin kept on staring at him. "Oh my, Su Yan's becoming more and more handsome!"

Ning Xueluo blushed, then walked towards Su Yan elegantly, "Bro Su, you're here!"

Chapter 565: Priceless

Su Yan held the girl's tender hands gently.

They smiled and looked at each other lovingly, then walked towards Ning Zhiyuan together.

He wore a black suit and she wore a white long dress, a perfect match for each other. They immediately became the focus of those in the banquet hall.

Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua had a relieved expression on their faces.

Elder Ning was proud of his grandson-in-law and he greeted him with a kind smile. "Su Yan, you're here!"

In the previous years, the Su family had not allowed Su Yan to be in a relationship with Ning Xi due to her infamous identity. Although she had gone back to the Ning family after that, there was no announcement of her real identity to the public. Ning Xi had been dating Su Yan in secret until she fell pregnant. As she could not hide it anymore, she told her family about her relationship with Su Yan.

At that time, Su Yan was out of contactable range as he was abroad. Zhuang Lingyu did not believe her and forced her to stay at home, and she warned her not to let anyone know about her pregnancy before Su Yan came back. So, until now the elder never knew Ning Xi had been pregnant before.

Ning International was not very stable, so the elder did not have much time at home. What he knew was that Ning Xi had been sent overseas for education after she had recovered from some illness. Then, Su Yan, who had been visiting their home frequently, had started dating Ning Xueluo...

"Grandfather, happy birthday!" Su Yan took the rectangle box from his assistant and handed it to the elder.

The elder smiled while nodding. "Good!"

Su Yan gave the elder a famous priceless scroll painting. It was not just Ning Xi's jade bead bracelet, but all the presents looked practically worthless compared to his and everyone gushed over it.

"The Ning family sure is generous! Just a simple birthday gift but they gave a priceless antique!"

"With the Su family's power, they can definitely find someone from a better family, but why are they so fixated on Ning Xueluo?"

"Let me tell you, it was said that Master Long assessed their birthdays before and concluded Ms. Ning has the fortune to make her husband prosper and many suitors came to them but she had already picked Su Yan!"

"Ah, I know about Master Long! I heard he's really good! Actually I've been wanting to ask since just now, who's this Master Xuan Jing they have been talking about? I've never heard of him! Isn't Long Fanyin the most reputable one in the industry?"

"Of course, it's Long Fanyin. The elders simply trust those temples and monks more, they are just too old-fashioned. The real experts are among us!"

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Ning Tianxin felt nervous as she saw Su Yan. From her keen observation, she had already found out about Ning Xi and Su Yan long ago and she was worried about Ning Xi.

As she was about to comfort Ning Xi, Su Yan and Ning Xueluo walked towards them.

Su Yan looked at Ning Xi and smiled. "You're here too, Xiao Xi! Grandfather must be very happy!"

"Mmm." Ning Xi nodded expressionlessly.

"How are you recently?" Su Yan asked in a concerned tone.

"Still alright."

"Xiao Xi, let's meet up when you have some free time, I..."

As Su Yan wanted to continue, Zhuang Lingyu rushed towards them. She had seen Ning Xi talking to Su Yan and she desperately wanted to separate them. "Xueluo, Su Yan, I've been looking for you everywhere. Go and welcome the guests!"

"Okay, Mother. Sister, please excuse me!" Ning Xueluo gave Ning Xi a smug glance after her mother covered for her.

Chapter 566: Little Treasure's Crying For You

The banquet hall was getting crowded as more guests arrived and Ning Xi recognized some of them.

The lady who was chatting with Ning Xueluo intimately at that moment was Li Yueling whom Ning Xi met at the audition in Las Vegas. The one beside her should be her mother, the president of Ling Horizon Fashion, Guo Hui. Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were welcoming her warmly.

Despite the constant flow of guests, Ning Xueluo was able to chat up with almost all of them. The guests looked at Ning Xueluo in a different light, awed by her.

"This girl is really something, she has a such a wide connection despite her young age!"

"Sigh, it's really frustrating when I compare my kid at home with her. She always dreamt about being a star but after spending so much money, there isn't even a shadow of her on screen! Unlike Ning Xueluo with her own business and her own company!"

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A servant who was serving guests outside suddenly came rushing in and panted, "Master...outside...outside..."

Ning Yaohua asked sternly, "What's happened outside? Do you know how inappropriate it is for you to freak out in front of the guests?!"

The servant continued worriedly, "No, Master! There're...there're important guests! Very important guests!"

Ning Yaohua was still unhappy. "Who is it that made you freak out?"

With the Ning family's position, the servant did not need to freak out even if the guests were from a renowned family.

In the corner, Ning Xi was curious of the servant's expression. Who did Ning Xueluo involve herself with this time?

The servant explained, "Just now...there was a car stopped in front of the entrance...but no one came out of the car. It was just parked there, so I paid it no mind but the car looked really prestigious. Then, I checked the number plate and it seems like...it's a car from the Lu family!"

Upon hearing the servant, Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were concerned. "What? Lu family? Which Lu family?"

The servant trembled, "Lu...Lu Corporation..."

Ning Xi spurted out her fruit juice.

What?!

Lu Corporation?

Could it be...Lu Tingxiao?

It could not be! Why would the devil be here?

"Uhm...Sis Xin, I'll excuse myself to make a phone call first!"

Ning Xi was still worried as she went outside to give Lu Tingxiao a call.

The phone call was picked up after ringing only once and a man's deep voice came through, "Hey."

It was quiet on the other side of the phone and she could not determine where he was.

Ning Xi gulped and asked, "Hey...Lu Tingxiao, where are you right now?"

"At the entrance of the Ning residence."

Ning Xi was annoyed. "What are you doing? Why are you here?"

"Because you didn't come back. Little Treasure was crying for you."

Her hard features softened when she heard about her baby Little Treasure. "Ah, I'm really sorry, I didn't expect to stay here for so long either but I'm going to be done soon and I'll be back as quick as I can!"

"Mmm, we'll wait for you."

Ning Xi was speechless.

She actually meant for him to go back with Little Treasure first...what if something happened and she had to stay longer?

As she was thinking of how to persuade them to leave first, there was a noise from the other end of the line, like the phone was being passed and a weak voice came through this time, "Sister-in-law, I was almost frozen to icicles by this two cold people while waiting for you! When will you be done? Please come back soon."

Chapter 567: Personal Welcome

Lu Jingli was here as well?

"Ugh..." Ning Xi was utterly speechless. Why did all of them come together?

As Ning Xi was speaking to Lu Tingxiao, Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu, and Ning Yaobang were on their way to the entrance.

Because the servant caused quite a scene and drew the attention of some of the guests, they looked outside and guessed, "Who's here? What's with the commotion? Ning Yaohua is going to welcome them personally! Even Ning Yaobang followed along!"

"I heard that it's someone from the Lu family..."

"The Lu family? You must be kidding!" it was as if the emperor himself was visiting an officer's home suddenly and staying for dinner; it was impossible!

"I don't think it's possible as well, but I heard the servant from Ning family say it himself. There's a car with the Lu family's number plate parked outside."

"Could he be mistaken?"

"It might be true but although it's a car from the Lu family, who knows if the head honcho actually came? It's quite impossible! They might have just sent someone over to leave a gift for the elder, that's the best possibility I can come up with."

"Hmm...that makes sense! If they are somewhat involved, the Ning family really is something! What makes them deserve such luck? Could it be that Master Long's prediction is really true?"

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At the Ning residence entrance.

"Where're the people you were talking about?" Ning Yaohua asked the servant nervously.

"Still in the car!" the servant answered in a trembling voice while sweating.

"Why are they not out yet?"

"I...I have no idea! They did not do anything further after the car was parked there!"

Ning Yaohua stayed silent for a while, then spoke up, "Fine, I can't blame them for acting high and mighty, they are from the Lu family anyway. I'll greet them personally! You, be careful of what comes out of your mouth later!"

Ning Yaobang was upset. "What? I can't even speak freely now?"

"Do you not get the situation? I'm not in the mood to argue with you. Just stay put, or else, it won't be pretty if the guest is offended!" Ning Yaohua yelled at him.

Ning Yaobang understood the importance of the situation and acquiesce, "Okay, I'll just keep my mouth shut, alright?"

Ning Yaohua went up with Zhuang Lingyu, Ning Yaobang and a few servants, straightening his back and walking to the black Maybach.

There was a small gap in the car window that was left open and the people inside would surely be able to hear voices from the outside.

Ning Yaohua greeted passionately, "Dear guests, it's my honor to see you here tonight, please come inside!"

A second went by, two seconds went by, three seconds went by...

Ning Yaohua's smile stayed frozen but nothing happened.

Could it be that they had not heard it?

Ning Yaohua coughed softly and continued, "It must be a long trip here, please come inside and get some drinks!"

It was completely silent.

Ning Yaohua's face darkened and he asked a servant behind him, "Are you sure that there're people inside?"

"Absolutely, no one came down from the car since it was parked here, there must be someone inside!" the servant spoke with utmost confidence.

Ning Yaohua's frown deepened.

What was happening?

Why did the people not come down? He already come to greet them personally. Had he made any mistakes?

Chapter 568: Who Are They Here For?

Suddenly, Zhuang Lingyu thought of something and she quickly pulled Ning Yaohua aside. "Yaohua, come over here!"

"What is it?"

"Do you think these people from the Lu family...are here for Xueluo?" Zhuang Lingyu asked.

"Xueluo?"

"Yeah! There're also a lot of guests who're here for Xueluo today, isn't it? Some of them even said they are Xueluo's fans! Xueluo's studio has been doing really well recently! So..."

Ning Yaohua's expression brightened up, "That makes sense, but I have never heard anything about it from Xueluo."

"Let's just ask her, I'll get her here now!"

"Okay, quickly!" Ning Yaohua urged.

The group retreated back to the entrance.

"Father, Mother, what has happened? Why did you call me here so urgently?"

Ning Yaohua looked at her seriously. "Xueluo, be honest, are you affiliated with anyone from the Lu Corporation?"

Ning Xueluo tilted her head, "Lu Corporation?"

"Yes!" Ning Yaohua looked nervous.

"Not really..." Ning Xueluo answered without hesitation. She would be glad to know someone from there though. However, no matter how capable she was, it was really difficult to be get in touch with the Lu family!

Ning Yaohua looked at the car carefully. "Xueluo, think again, a car from the Lu family is parked right outside our house now!"

"What?" Ning Xueluo was shocked. She looked over at the car and tried to remember.

"Can you remember anything? Were you in contact with anyone from the Lu Corporation recently?" Zhuang Lingyu asked.

After a short while, Ning Xueluo quickly said, "Mother, I remember something. At a cocktail party a few days ago, I met Lu Tingxiao's personal assistant, Cheng Feng, and he asked me about History..."

Zhuang Lingyu was excited. "Ah! Why didn't you tell us about such an important news?"

Ning Xueluo blushed. "He was just asking casually, why would I bring this up?"

Ning Yaohua was really surprised. "Xueluo, you're still so innocent! His personal assistant already made contact with you, obviously, they are interested in your studio, they might even ask for a cooperation! No wonder they sent someone over for your grandfather's birthday! Let's go, we'll greet the honored guests together!"

Ning Xueluo felt that it was quite likely and she was really excited but she tried to hide it. "Alright, Father!"

Then, the three of them walked to the car once again.

The window gap was too small to see anything inside but one could still see that there was a figure sitting in the car.

Ning Xueluo took a deep breath before saying, "Is that you, Mr. Cheng? I didn't know that you were here, I apologize for the lack of hospitality from us. Thank you for making this trip..."

Ning Xueluo went on courteously.

Yet, nothing happened. It was as if there wasn't anyone in the car.

The three of them looked at each other in confusion. What was going on?

Why was the person just parking right in front of their house? He or she couldn't have come all the way here just for a parking, could they?

Was the scenery here that attractive?

How odd!

Chapter 569: Lu Family's Second Master Lu Jingli

As Lu Tingxiao and the little bun were here, Ning Xi excused herself after finishing the birthday cake.

"Grandfather, it's late, I need to go back!"

The elder had no more reason to keep her here, so he held her hand reluctantly and told her, "Remember to come back and visit often!"

"Of course!" Ning Xi nodded.

"You always give me empty promises, I wonder when will be the next time you actually come back! Well, it's time for you to go now, it's late already. I'll ask a driver to send you back!"

"It's okay, Grandfather, a friend is here to send me back."

"Okay, be careful on the way back!"

"Mmm, goodbye, Grandfather!"

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After bidding farewell to Grandfather and Ning Tianxin, Ning Xi rushed out with a giddy sort of happiness.

Oh, to see the little bun! Precious little bun!

As she reached the entrance, she almost bumped into Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu, and Ning Xueluo.

Ning Xueluo went up to her as soon as she saw her. "Sister, are you leaving now?"

"Mmm." Ning Xi grunted impatiently, the little bun was just right in front of her and she was being blocked, irking her greatly.

"Sister, it's difficult to get a taxi here this late. Why don't you wait for a little while? I'll have Bro Yan send you back after the banquet is finished!" Ning Xueluo suggested because she knew that someone would definitely be someone against this idea.

Zhuang Lingyu quickly pulled Ning Xueluo aside. "Xueluo, you silly child, why are you so naive?"

"Mother, it's really late now, it'd be dangerous for Sister to go back alone!"

Zhuang Lingyu signalled Ning Xueluo not to say another word, then she walked up to Ning Xi with an unkind expression and questioned her in a straightforward manner, "Ning Xi, what are you trying to do?"

Ning Xi calmly crossed her arms and answered slowly, "What do you think I'm trying to do, Madam Ning?"

Zhuang Lingyu sneered at her disdainfully, "All you want is just money, isn't it? And here I was thinking how diligent you could be. It's not that you don't want to join the company, but you're so ambitious that you only want to join the main company!"

Ning Xi raised her eyebrows. "I want to join the main company?"

"Don't you dare tell me that you didn't think about it! Otherwise, why would you do all the things you did today to please your grandfather? Always using all these tricks! Now that you know how difficult it is to survive in the outside world, you want to come back? It's too late!"

Suddenly, the door of the Maybach opened slowly.

When Zhuang Lingyu noticed the door opening, she totally ignored Ning Xi and pushed her behind, then nudged Ning Xueluo to the front. "Seems like Assistant Cheng is coming down, Xueluo, go!"

Ning Yaohua was astounded to see the one disembarking from the car...was not Cheng Feng...it was...it was the Lu family's Second Master, Lu Jingli!

Unlike the elusive Lu Tingxiao, Lu Jingli led a high profile life. His face was so well known that no one could ever mistaken it.

The Lu family Second Master was here personally. What an honor!

His heart was racing just thinking about the reactions of the guests, his father's shock and Ning Yaobang's jealousy when they all saw Lu Jingli...

Chapter 570: Devil's Treasure Xiao Xi Xi

Ning Xueluo was completely dumbfounded. She thought it was an assistant from the Lu Corporation who would be in the car.

If the car did not have Lu Tingxiao's personal car plate number on, she would not even have thought about his personal assistant.

Cheng Feng was one of Lu Tingxiao's most trusted personnel and had a considerable amount of power in the Lu Corporation. He did not usually appear personally and would normally send his underlings for small matters.

She was mind blown that Lu Tingxiao's brother, Lu Jingli was here!

She saw the admiration glowing in the eyes of Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Xueluo's pride was boosted to its peak as she suppressed her excitement and went forward to greet the man. "Second Master..."

After Ning Yaohua had calmed himself down, he put on his persona as the company's president and walked slowly towards Lu Jingli. "Welcome to our abode, Mr. Lu..."

Ning Yaohua extended his hand for a handshake as he was talking halfway.

In a turquoise blue outfit, Lu Jingli simply acted as if the three of them did not exist and walked right past them, going up to Ning Xi as if he was about to cry. "Sis—"

Ning Xi gave him an intense glare as sharp as throwing knives and Lu Jingli quickly stopped before he could say "sister-in-law".

Lu Jingli had an awkward expression on his face as he spoke weakly, "Xiao Xi Xi, you're finally out, I'm so hungry from waiting for you. Get in the car quickly! Are you trying to lose your job by making your boss wait for so long?!"

Lu Jingli made a shift in his character by acting like her superior but it barely felt dignified at all.

Ning Xi sighed in relief. This wide-mouthed bastard. She was almost scared to death by him. When would he learn to observe the environment before he spoke?!

This bastard was still her superior by name, so she could neither hit nor scold him. She could only keep it all inside.

Lu Jingli did not mind at all and smiled at her. "Ah, are you too shocked from the fact that I'm here for you personally? It's okay, I was on the way. Get in the car! Quickly!"

Lu Jingli could feel two scorching stares aimed at him and tormenting his soul, so he then quickly pushed Ning Xi into the car and closed the door swiftly.

Good! All done! Mission accomplished!

Finally, he had picked up the devil's treasure, Xiao Xi Xi!

He did not care about the expression of the three people behind him, adjusted his necktie, got into the driver's seat and drove away. The black Maybach fading out of sight...

Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Xueluo still could not believe what just happened. They just stared blankly at the direction where the car had gone off in.

The person they had been trying to greet for a long time...

The Second Master of the Lu Corporation, Lu Jingli, came personally...

Just...just to pick Ning Xi up?

How...impossible!

Moreover, although Lu Jingli had sounded like he was blaming Ning Xi, his tone was rather friendly, like friends joking with each other, as if they were very close.

Zhuang Lingyu felt really embarrassed. She had only just accused Ning Xi of not doing well outside and that she was back to claim something from the family. Now, she was involved with someone like Lu Jingli...