

Physician Wife 131

Chapter 131: Dogfight

Ye Mengxi's eyes were completely glued on Aiden, and she stared directly at him until his figure was blocked out by the other guests. Only then did she recover her composure and prepare to move forward to talk to Aiden.

As a result, another male guest stepped on her shoe, and she was in so much pain that she released an earth-shattering scream.

Ye Mengxi's scream attracted Aiden's attention, and everyone cast dissatisfied glances at him as he looked toward her.

Ye Mengxi's toes were almost broken from the trampling, and her face was pale.

"Are you alright? Does it hurt?"

The intense look in Aiden's deep eyes produced an aphrodisiac-like effect on Ye Mengxi, and her pale face instantly flushed red. Under Aiden's gaze, she could not even manage to speak clearly.

"No... I... I'm fine..."

After confirming that his own charm was not the issue, Aiden then ignored this vicious former school beauty that had always given his boss small shoes to wear during her schooling days. In front of her, he asked Jiang Shuwan, "Auntie, where is Qianqian?"

"She's inside..." She was just about to answer that Qianqian was together with Gu Mingzhe when she suddenly came back to her senses.

Oh my goodness!

Gu Mingzhe was pursuing her family's Qianqian, and now here was Aiden!

This was simply...

"Qianqian is inside taking care of the guests, Auntie will help you call her over right away. Kuijun, take Aiden to eat something first, he must be hungry since he arrived so late."

"Sure." Zhong Kuijun immediately nodded, cooperating with his wife's requests.

"Qianqian is inside talking to her boyfriend, and she might not be able to come outside for a while. Shall I take you to eat something instead?"

A bad feeling instantly arose from Zhong Kuijun's stomach. Ye Mengxi had just sold Zhong Qianqian out!

"Mengxi, what are you saying? Since when does Qianqian have a boyfriend? Don't talk nonsense!"

"Huh? Isn't Qianqian's boyfriend the young master of the rich Gu family from Emperor District? I saw that she treasured Master Gu to the point that she wasn't even willing to introduce him to our Mengxi."

"You...!" Zhong Kuijun fumed, but it was not appropriate for him to vent it on the spot. His heart was filled with hatred, and he immediately decided to place the Ye family on his blacklist.

“Aiden, you said you wanted to look for Zhong Qianqian as soon as you arrived. Do you mind if Auntie asks you boldly about what your relationship is with her?”

When she saw no reply from Aiden, Lin Xin continued. “Aiden, Auntie is not measuring another’s corn by her own bushel. When Master Gu from Emperor District arrived a moment ago, Zhong Qianqian was so happy... Don’t be fooled.”

On the other end, Jiang Shuwan was just preparing to look for Qianqian when she saw Zhong Qianqian walking toward her with Gu Mingzhe by her side. Jiang Shuwan whispered briefly into Zhong Qianqian’s ears, and Zhong Qianqian hurried over immediately, just in time to hear Lin Xin’s slander.

Zhong Qianqian was furious, but she was too embarrassed to start a catfight in front of all the guests. Thus, she could only glare at Jiang Shuwan, and blame her mother for making such a cheap friend.

“Aiden, this is our family’s Lil Xi, you’ve spoken to her earlier. I’m not trying to boast, but our Xixi would never hook up with men outside. The upbringing of our Ye family has always been very strict, and our daughters are good girls that behave with etiquette. She’s also the campus belle in Zhong Qianqian’s school!”

Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian were extremely pissed off by Lin Xin, and they were just about to lash out at her for her shamelessness when Aiden spoke.

“This lady, I think you’ve misunderstood. I’m not in a relationship with Qianqian.”

That one sentence made Zhong Qianqian and Jiang Shuwan’s face turn pale. Meanwhile, Ye Mengxi’s face went absurdly red.

Chapter 132: True And Fake Rivals

“I’m currently pursuing Qianqian, so if there are other men around her, I’m willing to engage in fair competition with them.”

Lin Xin, Ye Mengxi and Gu Mingzhe were speechless, while all the other guests were astonished.

What did they just hear? The Vice President of Tianheng Holdings actually wanted to have a fair competition with Master Gu from Emperor District just for Zhong Qianqian? Were their eyes covered with feces?

Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian widened their eyes in disbelief.

Compared to Aiden directly admitting his relationship with Zhong Qianqian, this announcement was undoubtedly more dignified, uplifting and pleasant!

Gu Mingzhe narrowed his eyes at Aiden.

Judging by the other party’s well-cut tailored suit and the guests surrounding him, he could conclude that this person was probably somebody significant.

Besides that, his clothes were of the same color hue as Zhong Qianqian, so it only took one glance for Gu Mingzhe to mark Aiden as his rival.

Although he was a strong rival, Gu Mingzhe still felt quite confident. After all, in Jiang District, people who possessed a higher status than him were almost nonexistent.

However...

Gu Mingzhe had noticed the other party's chiseled features and excellent body figure; he knew that a man like this could easily arouse feelings of infatuation within women.

He just did not know which side Zhong Qianqian would lean toward either since they did not have much economic disparity between them.

No matter which side Zhong Qianqian leaned toward, she would still be his!

Aiden automatically blocked out everyone's gaze, and he walked past Ye Mengxi, who had just humiliated herself. It was unknown whether it was intentional or accidental, but his arm brushed across her shoulder as he walked past, which caused her to stagger for a moment as her face instantly turned pale. If not for Lin Xin's sharp eyes and nimble hands which quickly supported her, she would have already fallen to the ground, unable to withstand the blow.

Aiden slowly walked toward Zhong Qianqian before reaching into his bag.

Everyone thought he might pull out a huge diamond ring to propose to Zhong Qianqian, but Aiden simply took out a handphone with a big, spider web-shaped cracked screen.

"My handphone was broken, so I wasn't able to answer your calls."

Zhong Qianqian was stunned. "How did your phone end up like this?"

"I encountered some trouble on the way here. I'm sorry for making you wait so long. Are you angry with me?"

Under Aiden's deep-set gaze, Zhong Qianqian felt as if her heart was almost not her own anymore, and she quickly shook her head. "No! How could I get angry? Are you alright? Are you injured?"

"No."

"Qianqian, aren't you going to introduce him to me?"

Gu Mingzhe flashed a warm and elegant smile. He slowly walked toward Zhong Qianqian and stood side by side with her, like a male lead appearing in the finale of a TV show. Although he looked like the harmless son of an aristocratic family, in reality, the deep eyes lurking behind his gold-rimmed glasses glowed with a powerful aura and a raging hostility that could not be concealed.

As she glanced at Gu Mingzhe, who had entered the 'domineering CEO' mode, and then at Aiden, who was wearing the same colored tailored suit as herself, Zhong Qianqian's vanity was unprecedentedly satisfied.

Two excellent men whom she could never have hoped for were now getting jealous over her!

As she enjoyed the envious and dumbfounded looks of the guests, Zhong Qianqian generously introduced, "Mingzhe, this is Aiden, the Vice President and General Manager of Tianheng Holdings. Aiden, this is Gu Mingzhe, young master of the Gu Family in Emperor District."

“What?”

Even though he had mentally prepared himself, but...

The introduction must have been wrong!

The Vice President of Tianheng Holdings was a top-grade aristocrat and had all kinds of women around him. How could he fancy such an ordinary person like Zhong Qianqian?

Chapter 133: Humiliation

Gu Mingzhe smiled gently, then lovingly rubbed Zhong Qianqian's hair in front of Aiden. He said, “Tianheng Holdings has opened a total of 75 stores worldwide, and only 23 of them are in Camino. Therefore, even the General Manager of Camino Area has a very low possibility of becoming the Vice President.”

After that, Gu Mingzhe extended his hand and said in a ‘friendly’ tone, “Hello, I’d like to reintroduce myself. I’m Gu Mingzhe from Gu Enterprise.”

Gu Mingzhe's motive was simple. He felt that Zhong Qianqian must have made an incorrect introduction, so he wanted to use his identity to suppress his rival.

Aiden reached out to shake his hands, and said concisely, “Aiden!”

Gu Mingzhe's lips curled up to form a mocking smile, and he tightened his grip on the handshake. “Mr Aiden, are you currently in charge of Jiang District? Coincidentally, I’ve just met Mr Qin Weiyao at a banquet last week, he’s the General Manager of Camino Area. Since you’re friends with Qianqian, you can contact me in the future, and I’d be willing to act as a host and help you invite Mr Qin out for a meal. You’re still young, so you still have plenty of room for promotion.”

As everyone gazed at the idiot, Zhong Qianqian came back to her senses and awkwardly walked between the two.

“Brother Mingzhe, Aiden is the General Manager at the headquarters of Tianheng International. He is an international Vice President who is second only to Tianheng International's CEO.”

“What?” Gu Mingzhe was shocked, and his expression instantly turned horrified.

Everyone felt as if he had been slapped across the face, and decided to watch the show with gossipy expressions on .

In reality, he was not yet beaten.

He already felt quite pressured to face a rival with such an impressive backing, but could anyone tell him why Aiden was so physically strong?

He had studied Taekwondo since he was a child, and his grip strength was much greater than the average person. Yet compared to Aiden, he was like a weak chicken, crushed and abused unflinchingly.

Gu Mingzhe felt that his hand was almost about to be pinched off, and his face paled with pain. However, with so many guests present, he could only endure it.

"I'd never have thought that Mr Gu had such a relationship with Tianheng Holdings. However, there's no need for Mr Gu to be the host and get Qin Weiyao to dine with me. Under normal circumstances, he will report directly to me when something happens. We are not interested in eating."

Gu Mingzhe struggled to maintain the smile on his face. "I see, it seems that I've been too rash. I hope that Mr Aiden can forgive me."

Aiden smiled. "You're a friend of Qianqian, so for Qianqian's sake, I won't fuss about such trivial matters."

However, in the blink of an eye, Aiden's face was filled with sadness. "Those two ladies said earlier that Mr Gu is your boyfriend? But Qianqian, you promised to be my partner!"

When Zhong Qianqian saw Aiden's pitiful expression, she immediately forgot his bad behavior of not answering his phone and switching it off. Even with her first love present, she barely hesitated, and quickly shook her head. "Brother Mingzhe is just my senior, and used to stay in Left Bank Town as well. We were neighbours, and we grew up together. His family moved to Emperor District five years ago, and this is the first time we've met in five years."

Upon hearing this, a relieved smile appeared on Aiden's exceptionally handsome face.

"I see. I was startled."

Finally, against the background of Gu Mingzhe's extremely ugly expression, Aiden gracefully let go of his opponent's hand.

At that moment, the blood in Gu Mingzhe's hands finally began to flow again. However, the huge tingling sensation emanating from his bones made him feel as though his entire arm was stiff.

Chapter 134: The Invisible Winner

It was unexpected for a person like Zhong Qianqian to be surrounded by international aristocrats like Aiden. Did he also know about Zhong Qianqian's identity?

That could not be!

Or, could foreigners just have started viewing Asian women in an unconventional manner?

In terms of strength, the Gu Family definitely could not beat an international celebrity like Aiden. What should he do then? Give up?

Gu Mingzhe knew that it was impossible.

If he could marry Zhong Qianqian, the Gu Family could instantly upgrade in stature to become a second-rate aristocrat in Emperor District, and it was not impossible to become first-class aristocrat in the future either.

How could he give up on such a good chance?

Facing Aiden's threatening glare, Gu Mingzhe placed his shaking hands into his pockets. He looked at Zhong Qianqian and said sadly, "Qianqian, I didn't know you had a male partner. I've been too presumptuous today, I'll contact you again later. I haven't seen you for so long, and I feel that I still have a lot to say to you."

Zhong Qianqian's heart tightened when she saw Gu Mingzhe's hurt expression.

This was the Prince Charming that she used to have a crush on! She had never thought that he would be so hurt by her today.

"Brother Mingzhe, are you going to leave now?"

Looking at Zhong Qianqian's dissatisfied gaze, Gu Mingzhe's gloomy mood became slightly better.

"Yes, I still have some matters to deal with at the hotel, I'll contact you when I'm done with work."

"Okay then... Please drive slowly later, Brother Mingzhe."

"Sure." Gu Mingzhe looked at Zhong Qianqian tenderly, and the reluctance and forbearance in his eyes was quickly picked up by all the guests present. Some of the girls, conscious that they were unworthy of making moves on an international celebrity like Aiden, had sorry looks on their faces and could not wait to comfort the injured Master Gu.

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At this time, Zhong Nuannuan sent Chi Yang, Leng Jinpeng and Qu Mingyi out.

At the sight of Zhong Nuannuan, Gu Mingzhe tried his best to hide the stunned look in his eyes and quickening heartbeat in his chest. He took a gift box from his assistant, then handed it to Zhong Nuannuan and said, "Nuannuan, this is a small token that I'd like to give you, congratulations on your release."

"Thank you bro..." Zhong Nuannuan said this before spotting Zhong Qianqian's warning look, and quickly corrected herself. "Thank you Brother Mingzhe."

Gu Mingzhe's eyes dimmed slightly when he felt the sisters' eye contact.

"You can open it to see if you like it."

"Sure."

Zhong Nuannuan opened the gift box to see a brocade box of fine craftsmanship. When she opened the brocade box, she saw three bright and translucent jade plates carefully carved from fine white tallow jade laying inside.

The jade plates were separately carved with the shapes of a dragon, phoenix and unicorn.

All of them were considered auspicious beasts.

A guest who had done much research on jade stared at the pieces. "I've seen these three jade plates before. This used to be the treasure of the Hall of Mingyu, known as the Auspicious Luck Set. Its price 10 years ago was already set at 20 million."

The guests immediately inhaled loudly, and began to gossip in hushed tones, suggesting that the Gu Family deserved to be a noble and famous family for casually giving out 20 million in one go.

Although Aiden was an international celebrity, judging by the cool personality of foreigners, it was impossible for him to provide a more valuable gift than Master Gu.

Gu Mingzhe's expression improved as he heard the comments around him.

"Mingzhe, didn't you already give a gift when you first came in? Why are you giving more? This is too expensive!" Zhong Kuijun's eyes shone.

In reality, compared to the flashy Aiden, she felt that Gu Mingzhe was more reliable.

After all, no matter how rich a person was, not everybody was willing to give out a gift worth 20 million at a small banquet.

Chapter 135: Comparison

"The gift earlier was to honor Uncle as a person of the younger generation. Today is Nuannuan's big day, and it's worth celebrating. Naturally, a special gift had to be prepared.

"This gentleman was right, these three jade plates were the treasures of the Hall of Mingyu under the Gu Family – the Auspicious Luck Set. I initially fancied it, so I kept it for myself. Today is coincidentally Nuannuan's grabd banquet, and I felt that this Auspicious Luck Set would suit her very well, so I brought it here."

In reality, the gift that he gave Zhong Kuijun when he first came in was originally intended for Zhong Nuannuan, and this gift had been specially prepared by his father to help him hook up with Zhong Qianqian.

However, his enemy was too strong, and in order to not lose face in front of beautiful women, he was forced to use this gift to increase his social status in front of the guests.

Nevertheless, he believed that Zhong Nuannuan would definitely be on his side in the future after receiving this gift.

Although Aiden was richer than him, he would definitely never be so generous toward Zhong Nuannuan.

"Nuannuan, quickly thank Brother Mingzhe."

"Thank you Brother Mingzhe."

Jiang Shuwan's eyes almost shone with a green light as she stared at the precious gift. How could she watch Zhong Nuannuan handle such a precious item alone? She was just about to reach out for the gift when Zhong Nuannuan quickly stuffed the brocade box into Chi Yang's arms.

"Brother Chi Yang, I really like this Auspicious Luck Set, would you please help me make some beautiful chains so that we can hang one on each of our necks and wear them as a jade pendant couple set?"

“Sure.” Chi Yang agreed without hesitation.

He did not really like these small gadgets, but since Nuannuan wanted it, he did not have any problems wearing it for fun.

When Jiang Shuwan saw this, her face became red with anger.

“Miss Nuannuan, congratulations on your grievances being washed away, here is a small gift from me.”

Aiden pulled out a brocade box from his suit pocket right after this.

However, his brocade box was obviously much smaller than Gu Mingzhe’s brocade box.

The guests could not help but sigh to themselves, but they did not dare to show it.

“Thank you.” Zhong Nuannuan thanked him. “Can I open it and have a look?”

Zhong Qianqian was obviously displeased when she heard this, but Aiden smiled and said, “Of course.”

Knowing that this crap stick’s gifts would not be too bad, Zhong Nuannuan did not stop to think, and immediately opened it in front of everyone.

A pure green natural jadite bead chain lay in the brocade box.

“Oh my God!”

The guest that recognized the Auspicious Luck Set earlier immediately exclaimed, and his face changed color.

“What happened?”

“What is it?”

“Could it be that this small chain of beads is more valuable than the Auspicious Luck Set?”

“Impossible! Not mentioning the fact that the Auspicious Luck Set is the treasure of the Hall of Mingyu, it’s also much bigger than this small chain of beads.”

“Is the value of top-grade jade measured by its size?”

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The guests engaged in lively discussion, while the guest who had a lot of knowledge of jade maintained a shocked appearance. After a long while, he asked with a trembling voice, “May I ask Mr Aiden, is this the chain of beads that was worn by Queen Lofis of Egypt, then auctioned in Gang District some time ago for the astronomical value of 106 million?”

As soon as the guest asked his question, the crowd of guests exclaimed.

106... million!

For such a small chain of beads!

On the side, Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian's eyeballs almost popped out of their heads, and they gazed toward Zhong Qianqian with extreme envy.

This man could throw away millions of dollars for a woman's sister... just how much did this man value this woman?

As he stood to one side, Gu Mingzhe's expression also became extremely abysmal.

Chapter 136: Big Boss, What Are You Doing?

This was the top-grade mutton fat jade that he used to coax the Gu Family's future daughter-in-law, and his father had even said that he was using a sledge-hammer on a gnat when he initially suggested it.

However, Aiden did just as well; a random chain of beads for her sister was already worth more than 100 million.

Impossible!

This was absolutely impossible!

Gu Mingzhe stared at Aiden as he waited to hear the words "It's not that expensive" come out from his mouth.

However —

"I didn't expect to be able to meet an expert here."

After the guest was praised, his cheeks flushed red as a jovial smile appeared on his face.

After receiving such a compliment from Aiden, many celebrities from Jiang District might come to ask him questions about this field in the future. Therefore, he could also get to know more rich and powerful people.

However, Aiden's words immediately kicked Gu Mingzhe into the dust.

Sure enough, the identity of an international aristocrat was on a completely different level from his status as the son of one of the top four aristocrats in Emperor District.

It would be absolutely impossible for him to spend 100 million on a gift for an unrelated person, even if he did fancy Zhong Nuannuan.

As Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian's eyeballs were about to drop out with shock and jealousy, Zhong Nuannuan closed the gift box. "Thank you Mr Aiden. However, this present is too expensive, I can't accept it."

Aiden was confused. Why did the big boss refuse it? The big boss usually took pleasure in milking his riches. Besides, she had also reminded him when she first learned that this chain of beads was going to be auctioned in Gang District. Her motive was clear, as her expression said, 'I fancy this chain of beads, you know what to do'.

Maybe he misunderstood?

That was not possible!

In the end, Aiden read Zhong Nuannuan's intention as that she was now a poor man's daughter and was shocked, so she just needed time to accept it.

Fine then!

Aiden flashed the smile of a noble. "It's just a small chain of beads. This is a small token from me, so please accept it, Miss Nuannuan."

Zhong Nuannuan cursed silently.

'My Chi Yang is here okay? How can I accept this 100 million gift in front of Chi Yang? Even if you're now ready to pursue Zhong Qianqian, Zhong Qianqian's sister is not worth a 100 million gift, you pig!'

"Mr Aiden, this gift is really too expensive, I really cannot accept it."

Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian, who stood to the side, became anxious. Then, Jiang Shuwan walked right over to Zhong Nuannuan's side and smiled at Aiden.

"Our family's Nuannuan grew up in the farming district since she was young, and she was normally content if she just had enough food to eat. Thus, how could she see the value in such valuable, top-grade jewelry? Aiden, Auntie knows your feelings towards Qianqian, and this is enough. This gift is too precious, you should take it back."

Aiden was completely dumbfounded, and deep in his eyes hid a question that only Zhong Nuannuan could understand.

'Big boss, what are you doing?'

Zhong Nuannuan so badly wanted to step on this pig's head, and she was just thinking about how to get him to take the gift back when Jiang Shuwan spoke again.

"Okay, okay, Nuannuan, you don't have to embarrass Aiden anymore. It looks like Aiden's feelings for your sister must be accepted."

'This is for my big boss, okay? How thick-faced are you for you to think that this is a token for Zhong Qianqian?'

"Aiden, Nuannuan won't accept your gift. Allow myself as a mother to accept it on her behalf, and I'll give it to her when she reaches adulthood."

As she finished speaking, Jiang Shuwan reached out to accept (snatch) it, but Aiden's hands moved away, which caused Jiang Shuwan to come away empty-handed. Her face showed signs of embarrassment.

Chapter 137: Rich And Overbearing

Zhong Nuannuan finally voiced out to save her incompetent teammate.

“Let’s try this instead: I’m still a high school student, and it’s unsuitable for me to have valuable objects. Doesn’t Jiang District conduct an auction once every other month? Since Mr Aiden has given me this item, can I be in charge of auctioning it out again?”

The crowd suddenly exploded into discussion.

“Selling gifts from others for money?”

“What is she thinking?”

“Sure enough, she’s a country bumpkin from the valleys. So what if she’s so beautiful? She’s better kept under the table!”

“She’s such a disgrace to the Zhong Family!”

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Zhong Kuijun, Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian’s facial expressions darkened.

Especially Zhong Qianqian.

She had never even received such a valuable gift from Aiden before, but now that Zhong Nuannuan has received it, she wanted to cash it out!

It was driving her nuts.

Jiang Shuwan saw that Zhong Qianqian was close to tearing up from anger, and she was just about to raise her voice to reproach Zhong Nuannuan when Zhong Nuannuan spoke slowly again.

“My fiancé is a soldier. Although I’ve never entered the military base before, I’m full of longing and respect for the place. If you’re willing, I’ll donate all the proceeds from the auction of this chain of beads to the military base, how does that sound?”

Even though a 100 million llamas appeared in his head, ready to run, Aiden maintained his smile*. (TN: The word ‘llama’ is a homonym for a curse word in Mandarin, so in this case Aiden is actually cursing fervently in secret.)

“Of course. This is my gift for Miss Nuannuan, but of course, Miss Nuannuan will still have the final say on whether it will be kept or given away. I have a great admiration for Miss Nuannuan for having such an open and kind heart.”

Zhong Nuannuan smiled, then turned to look at Leng Jinpeng. “Uncle Leng, can I use this as a welcoming gift for my entrance to the military base as a military spouse?”

At this moment, Leng Jinpeng only felt astounded and amazed toward Chi Yang’s future wife, and his eyes gleamed with gratification.

“Being able to have a military spouse like you is a blessing for the soldiers and military base!”

After that, he looked towards Zhong Kuijun, who was unable to recover his composure in time and had a mixed expression on his face. “Commander Zhong, you have a good daughter! Although Nuannuan

was separated from her family since childhood, her mentality is beyond the reach of many bootlicking wealthy nobles.”

As a general, Leng Jinpeng had no fear of offending people at all. As he finished his sentence, the guests who criticized Zhong Nuannuan for being too low-class to show in public and an embarrassment for the Zhong Family instantly fell silent, not daring to say another word.

At that moment, although Zhong Kuijun felt so distressed to the point that he started to feel the onset of angina, in the face of the commander-in-chief, he could only pretend to be generous, and laughed in a shrill voice. “I’m flattered, Commander-In-Chief Leng, I’m flattered.”

“Miss Nuannuan’s act has also touched me. Although I’m not a citizen of Camino, I’d like to contribute to the matter like Miss Nuannuan. Since it’s inconvenient for Miss Nuannuan to keep this chain of beads, I’ll keep it for Miss Nuannuan in the meantime. When the auction starts, I’ll take out another piece of treasure with the same value and auction it together with Miss Nuannuan’s piece.”

“Thank you Mr Aiden, for your kind act toward Jiang District’s military base.”

“I’m also moved by Miss Nuannuan’s compassion. Tianheng Holdings is an industry from Sab, but received a lot of support from your country. As the Vice President and executive CEO of Tianheng Holdings, I’m very grateful for your group. I feel honored to have such an opportunity.”

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Gu Mingzhe’s stared became deeper and deeper. He looked at the bashful Zhong Qianqian, then finally walked to her dejectedly and silently.

Chapter 138: Determination

“Qianqian, I still have some things to do, so I’ll have to leave for now. I’ll contact you again.”

Although she felt very sorry for Gu Mingzhe, Aiden was here now, and as her suitor, he could arbitrarily gift Zhong Nuannuan a chain of beads worth a 100 million. This was a shock that Zhong Qianqian never could have imagined would happen in her life.

Therefore, when she faced Gu Mingzhe, Zhong Qianqian only nodded mechanically, and answered, “Okay, sure, take care Brother Mingzhe.” After that, she fixed her gaze onto Aiden.

Gu Mingzhe was not asked to stay, nor treated specially, and he became speechless.

He took another glance at Zhong Kuijun and Jiang Shuwan, but in the end, Gu Mingzhe quietly withdrew from the banquet without alarming anyone else.

After he exited the banquet hall and entered his car, Gu Mingzhe punched his genuine car leather seat so suddenly that the driving assistant in front of him flinched sideways in shock.

The assistant was speechless when he saw his boss’ sullen expression. As a trusted aide of the crown prince, the assistant could not help but complain. “Young Master, this Zhong Qianqian is much more mediocre compared to the fine ladies in Emperor District—you could pick one at random, and your

choice would undoubtedly be better than her. Why do you have to waste so much time and money on a woman like this? She's so shameless!"

He could not understand. She was just the daughter of a newly rich family in Jiang District, and was not even like Zhong Nuannuan, who could make someone's blood pressure shoot up at first sight. What was it that made his Young Master pay so much attention to her?

"You know nothing!" Gu Mingzhe's face was gloomy, and he was in an extremely bad mood.

Zhong Qianqian must be his! She could only be his!

However, in the face of such an insurmountable mountain in the form of Aiden, where should he start?

Although the assistant could not understand why Gu Mingzhe was so obsessed with Zhong Qianqian, he saw the determination in his eyes.

Hence, he immediately changed his tone. "Yes, yes, yes! Anyone that Young Master fancies must be anything but ordinary. Young Master, don't be discouraged, although Aiden is a formidable rival, if you really want to get Zhong Qianqian and marry her, the battle is still very much undecided.

"Oh? Why do you say so?" At that moment, Gu Mingzhe already felt weak, but he immediately perked up after he heard his assistant's words.

"Young Master, when you were humiliated by Aiden earlier, I immediately searched for Aiden's information online. This man is a playboy, and he is surrounded by countless women. Thus, I suspect that he's just fooling around with Zhong Qianqian.

"Therefore Young Master, you can create trouble for Zhong Qianqian by provoking the women around Aiden, then appear like Prince Charming to give her a helping hand when she's being bullied. At the same time, you can spend more time accompanying her compared to Aiden... These are not from my own words, but all women are sentimental. As the days go by, unless she's a fool, it's impossible for her not to pick you, Young Master."

Gu Mingzhe's eyes lit up.

At Emperor District, his reputation for being virtuous and self-respecting was well-known. He could maintain his virtue despite having so many women around him, which meant that his reputation was a thousand times better than Aiden's.

As long as Zhong Qianqian was not the kind of fool who could give up the chance of being an already-rich wife for a little more money, his odds of winning were actually very large.

1Zhong Qianqian was definitely his!

She could only be his!

However, when he suddenly thought of the figure he caught a glimpse of at the banquet, Gu Mingzhe's heart could not help but start pounding inexplicably.

How could a girl look so beautiful?

Even before the age of 18, she was already able to capture people's hearts and souls. Once she truly bloomed, how many countries and cities would fall for her beauty?

It was such a pity... She was not her...

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Chapter 139: Oh!!!

"Nuannuan, come here, Mommy has something to tell you. Chi Yang, do you mind waiting here for a while?"

Upon receiving a reassuring look from Zhong Nuannuan, Chi Yang nodded as Jiang Shuwan pulled Zhong Nuannuan away.

"What's wrong with you? Did your brain get eaten by a pig? A chain of beads worth 100 million! You just took matters in your own hands and donated it! Zhong Nuannuan, what bad deeds did I commit in my past life to have given birth to such a money-wasting loser like you?"

Zhong Nuannuan was pulled into the house by Jiang Shuwan, and once the door was shut, she was given a vicious scolding.

As she looked at Jiang Shuwan, who looked as if she was going to eat her alive, Zhong Nuannuan felt inexplicably delighted.

"I command you to get that chain of beads back from Aiden immediately, right now!"

Zhong Nuannuan acted innocent. "The thing is, I've already said that I'd donate it in front of all the guests."

"How dare you!" Jiang Shuwan's voice immediately rose from the C key to the G key. "That item belongs to Qianqian, so what right do you have in giving it away? Even if something has to be done with it, Qianqian should be the one handling it! Get this clear, the person that Aiden is pursuing is Qianqian! Even if Aiden gifted you something, it was all for Qianqian's sake! Where did you get the right to decide to auction it? I'm telling you, this chain of beads belongs to Qianqian, it belongs to the Zhong Family! Even if it were to be exchanged for money, the money should be given to our Zhong Family too! Zhong Nuannuan, I don't care how you do it, but in short, you need to go out and get the chain of beads back later without it affecting your dad, do you hear me? Besides, the Auspicious Luck Set that you gave to Chi Yang also belongs to Qianqian, so look for Chi Yang immediately after this and take it back!"

"Hmm, this chain of beads was my gift to Nuannuan for getting out of prison, it's not for Qianqian. Since it's Nuannuan's gift, she has the right to dispose of it if she so pleases!"

Jiang Shuwan immediately pulled Zhong Nuannuan into the house, but the distance between the room on the first floor and the outside was not very great. What Jiang Shuwan did not expect was for Aiden's voice to suddenly sound out behind her.

Jiang Shuwan's heart dropped into her stomach, and she quickly turned around. Through the window, she saw Aiden looking at her with a displeased expression, almost angrily.

'I'm finished!'

This was Jiang Shuwan's first reaction.

"Aiden... Aiden, listen to Auntie, that's not the case, Auntie didn't mean what she said earlier."

"Then what did you mean? Auntie, you said that this item should belong to Zhong Qianqian." Aiden stared at Jiang Shuwan from outside the window with a look of pity on his face.

"What... What I mean to say is..." Jiang Shuwan was extremely anxious, worried that if she did not handle the issue properly, she would end up chasing Aiden, the cash cow, away from Qianqian. The problem was that she had already expressed herself so fully that she did not know how to justify herself now. Thus, she could only turn around and glare fiercely at Zhong Nuannuan, signalling her to take over and turn the matter around.

However, Zhong Nuannuan only blinked her eyes, then proceeded to act like she was part of a drama-watching crowd, only lacking a watermelon in her arms to nibble at. Jiang Shuwan was almost suffocated by the anger in her heart.

"Actually, because Nuannuan grew up in the farming district from an early age, she doesn't understand anything about auctions and donations at all. She thought that the money obtained from auctioning the chain of beads would belong to her, then she could imitate the people who used to donate to them on the mountains by forking out a few thousand to buy daily necessities for the military base and treat that as charity. That's why I scolded her!"

"Mrs Zhong, do you think that I'm stupid?"

Jiang Shuwan was stunned. How could she find Aiden stupid? He was the Vice President of Tianheng Holdings!

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"Aiden, are you joking? Why would Auntie think that you're stupid? What I mean to say is that our Nuannuan is stupid. After all, she came from the farming district and has never seen the rest of the world before, which is why she'd carry out such a scandalous act. However, you can rest assured as our Qianqian grew up under the strictest aristocratic education provided, that she'd never carry out an act like this."

Aiden fumed with anger. He could not figure out why their wise and powerful big boss would rather stay in a broken family and be wronged than return to her kingly throne. He replied in a deep voice,

"You can exaggerate as much as you want, but you seem to have forgotten that Nuannuan had already handed the item to me right from the start, and that the person who will be attending the auction and handling the follow-up process will be myself. Nuannuan is just contributing her name to this arrangement. After all, the item belongs to her."

Jiang Shuwan was speechless.

“Mrs Zhong, I’m very disappointed in you. I don’t think that a mother like you would have been able to raise good offspring. Goodbye.”

Jiang Shuwan was aghast!

Jiang Shuwan’s legs suddenly gave out, and she fell to the ground as she watched Aiden leave her view.

When she saw Zhong Nuannuan, she let out a shrill roar, completely forgetting that she had just written a 3000-word long deep reflective essay earlier that morning.

“What are you looking at? This is all because of you, you money-losing wretch! If Aiden leaves Qianqian because of this, you... You should stop staying with the Zhong Family too!”

Oh my, she felt so scared!

Zhong Nuannuan was extremely wronged. “Mom, it was your loud voice that attracted Aiden and drove him off in anger. What does this have to do with me? I’m going to ask Dad to judge this!”

Now that the drama had ended, Zhong Nuannuan was too lazy to care for Jiang Shuwan any longer, and she turned to leave.

“Qianqian... Qianqian... Aiden, wait!”

As she thought that her own faults had costed her daughter a diamond-studded rich husband, Jiang Shuwan waited for the strength in her legs to return, then quickly rushed out, floundering and groveling.

On the other hand, after Zhong Qianqian saw Chi Yang left alone after Zhong Nuannuan was summoned by her mother, Zhong Qianqian cast a glance at Xue Miqi, who was standing nearby. When Xue Miqi got the message, she immediately straightened out her expensive but unfitting gown, then walked toward Zhong Qianqian on her 12cm-tall heels.

“Chi Yang, allow me to introduce someone to you. This is Nuannuan’s classmate, Xue Miqi.”

The moment he heard the two words “Nuannuan”, Chi Yang’s originally fierce expression softened a little, and he instinctively glanced at Zhong Qianqian and Xue Miqi, who were standing behind him.

Xue Miqi had been vaguely observing Chi Yang throughout the entire banquet, so she knew what Chi Yang’s usual expression looked like when facing strangers.

At this moment, when Xue Miqi saw that his expression toward her was much softer, her frenzied heart almost jumped out of her throat.

“Brother Chi Yang, I’d admired soldiers since I was young, and ever since I heard of your heroic deeds from Qianqian, I adored you even more. Brother Chi Yang, I respect you!”

At that moment, Chi Yang’s expression completely darkened.

Nuannuan’s classmate? This girl and Zhong Qianqian were both birds of a feather.

She dared to call him Brother Chi Yang...

This was Nuannuan’s unique way to address him!

1Xue Miqi held her red wine glass and strolled toward Chi Yang gracefully, and before Chi Yang's guards managed to stick a leg out to trip her, she stumbled on her own two feet and fell towards Chi Yang with a scream.

As she saw the red wine about to spill on Chi Yang, and her body about to crash into his, Xue Miqi's eyes flashed a hint of excitement that she struggled to contain.