

# THE REAL PROTEGE

## *Chapter 66: CONSULTING THE HEAVEN*

"Reginald, hold him!" Ren shouted, ordering Reginald since she could see her mother getting weaker.

Chatty, with Fatty and Reginald's firm hold, could only unwillingly stretch his palm out and had his palm slit with the dagger. Chatty didn't know if he wanted to laugh or cry.

Ling Li started looking at the heaven once again as she focused on looking at the meteors.

"Blindfold your eyes. Don't open your eyes, no matter what," Ling Li said firmly.

"Kneel on the ground and put your face on the floor. Protect your eyes well." Ling Li added.

Reginald covered Rens' head with his coat. At the same time, Fatty hid Lily under his arms, and Chatty could only protect himself nervously in fear.

With the last strength in her body, Ling Li counted the moving meteors, took the ninety-ninth, dropped it on the golden cup, and slit her palm for her blood.

As the first drop of Ling Li's blood touched the meteor in the cup, it created a brilliant ray of light with significant energy and power that blasted through their bodies; it went around the entire room like a bolt of flashing lightning and returned to heaven.

The big blast, with its entire energy and power, revived everyone in the room. Not only was everyone awake, but each one surprisingly felt a corresponding vigor in their body. It was also evident to everyone that they looked a few years younger.

After realizing where he was, Shi Min anxiously asked Ling Li upon waking up, "Mom, are you all right? Did you get hurt?"

"I'm perfectly alright, son. Everyone else can go out." Ling Li replied and gave her instructions.

Reginald led the rest of Mushus' team out of the room since Mushu and Pharsa usually stayed with Ling Li inside.

"Mom, what happened?" Ren curiously asked; she was truly worried.

"We look younger. Are you not happy?" Ling Li jokingly replied.

"Mom, I'm serious!"

"Yes, I know. This was my first time using this technique since I needed to revive everyone. I didn't expect everyone, even your brother, to be blacked out. The energy and power from heaven were very potent, which resulted in us being like this." Ling Li explained.

"Mom, you were also very weak when we came in. Don't do it again," Ren expressed, her voice evidently worried.

"Mom, I told you not to do it," Shi Min said desperately.

"You don't listen." This time, Four Eyes, who hardly talks finally has spoken. His face is grimacing.

"I'm sorry." Ling Li apologetically responded. She could only shut her mouth since she could feel Four Eyes' anger.

"Go out first, all of you; I must clean up here." Ling Li told everyone.

When Ling Li left the room, she instructed, "Mushu, call El Padre and inform him to stall his attack on the merchant. Tell him that it is not as simple as he thinks. They won't be able to make it if he pushes through."

"Yes, Madam."

"Point out to El Padred that he needs to listen to me, and we need to plan it meticulously together. Otherwise, he and Capitan will end up six feet under." Ling Li sternly added.

"I will relate your words, Madam."

When El Padre heard the message, his jaw dropped. "Is that really what Madam really said? Will we end up dead?"

"Yes, El Padre, Madam definitely said six feet under," Mushu replied with an affirmative tone.

"Alright, I got it. I will visit Madam soon. Please send my regards. Thank you." El Padre noted, the shock from the phone call he received still evident on his face as he held the phone tightly in his hand. El Padre then dialed his mobile phone and relayed the message to El Capitan.

"Then we should listen to Madam, retract our plan, and wait for her instructions," El Capitan said.

Later that night. "Chu Yan, your family is arriving tomorrow." Ling Li reminded him.

"Um."

"Do you have any plans for them? Do you want to show them around?"

"No."

"Honey, are you still mad at me?" Ling Li tries to make peace by looking at Four Eyes and touching his face.

"What do you think"

"But honey, I'm truly sorry."

"Sorry?" Four Eyes raised his brows. "You made me younger."

"Then, aren't you supposed to be happy about it? You're supposed to thank me," Ling Li retorted, pouting.

With a smirk on his face, Four Eyes narrowed his eyes. Four Eyes constantly feels awkward beside Ling Li because he is younger than her and looks immature, but now he looks even younger. But he doesn't want Ling Li to know his insecurities.

Four Eyes got up, pinned Ling Li down by kneeling on top of her, and whispered to her, "Younger bodies have stronger desires."

Ling Li was caught off guard by Four Eyes hooligan move.

"You!"

"Trust me, we can end tomorrow morning." Four Eyes whispered to Ling Li as he pulled her nightgown with his off.

Four Eyes cupped Ling Li's breasts and put them in his mouth one after the other, with his other finger moving rhythmically on her entrance with his thumb rubbing her clit.

Four Eyes moves made Ling Li moan and totally surrender. Ling Li spread her powerless legs wide open.

"Dear... tell me what you want." Chu Yan murmured when he knew Ling Li was becoming restless and ready for him, and he let his hard lengthy cock rub Ling Li's wet entrance

"I want you..." Ling Li weakly replied.

"I'm yours..." Four Eyes claimed her lips.

"Dear, may I?"

"Yes..."

Four Eyes thrust inside Ling Li's wet entrance and slowly accelerated his rhythm.

"Ughhhhhhh..."

Ling Li could feel an electric sensation building from her tummy, pushing herself against Four Eyes, wanting to feel him inside her fully and hard. Ling Li eventually felt exploding all over her body, making her legs weaker and limp.

"Ahhhhhhh..."

Chu Yan... I'm coming..." Ling Li murmured.

"Yes... you will have more..." Four Eyes whispered back.

Four Eyes loves the smell of Ling Li every time she orgasms; the sweat on her forehead is very intoxicating, and the sweet color of rose that appears on her cheeks makes him crazy.

Four Eyes knelt and sat on his heels; he placed Ling Li in a sitting position with her wet entrance on his hard cock, with her legs wrapping around his waist and her arms around his neck.

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Four Eyes held Ling Li's buttocks as he rocked his hip with his hard cock in and out of Ling Li and his hand rocking Ling Li up and down rhythmically on top of him.

Four Eyes was so frenzied with Ling Li's bosoms bouncing in front of him, her long hair swaying on her back.

"Uggghhhhhhh," Four Eyes grunted hard.

Ling Li felt overwhelmed. She could only surrender to Four Eyes; she felt like she was riding in a rodeo.

The next day, 'Dang! Chu Yan's family is arriving today!' Ling Li burst out from the bed upon waking up. She was surprised that her alarm didn't go off. 'Four Eyes must have turned it off,' Ling Li thought.

When Ling Li finally got up from the bed, she felt her body was run over by a truck, and she thought her waist was going to break. Ling Li couldn't help but scold Four Eyes in her mind.

Meanwhile, Four Eyes, who was having foreign language class, sneezed. 'Who is scolding me?' He wondered.

Ling Li rushed to wash and change and ran down to see Pharsa waiting for her on the staircase.

"Pharsa! Why didn't you call me? Has Chu Yan's family arrived?" Ling Li reprimanded Pharsa.

"They have arrived, and Master Chu Yan sent them to their house and instructed me not to wake you up to let you rest," Pharsa said with a chuckle.

"You! Who is your boss?" Ling Li continued to reprimand Pharsa.

"Madam, please don't put me between you and Master Chu Yan. He is your husband, after all." Pharsa said with puppy eyes.

"Peh! Why are you still here and not in the camp?"

"The new professor arrived. Maybe he is getting acquainted and trying to check on their lessons." Pharsa explained.

"I see. Please inform Butler Peng to invite Four Eyes family to join me for afternoon tea." Ling Li instructed.

After breakfast, Ling Li went to her study. She was surprised to see Shi Min there. Shi Min has a desk inside Ling Li's study because he usually spends time with his Mom there.

"Shi Min, have you been working early today?" Ling Li asked upon entering.

"My staff sent documents I need to sign and review."

"Continue with your work." Ling Li said and took her seat.

"I'm done, Mom. Tell me about last night. There must be a reason you risked your life to do it," Shi Min demanded.

"Yes. Our biggest camp is already compromised," Ling Li said solemnly. "This must have happened when I had the accident; recovering from that, I couldn't visit all the camps."

"Phoenix?"

"Yes."

"How?"

"It was hard to comprehend. As I saw it, five people were already considered dead but still breathing. The rest of the soldiers are alive, compromised, and safe in the meantime." Ling Li explained with her brows furrowed.

"What do you plan to do?" Shi Min inquired.

"There seem to be several microchips we need to find too." Ling Li added, deep in thought, as she recalled the images she saw when she consulted the heaven.

"Really? They must be doing some experiment." Shi Min said.

"I think so too, son." Agreeing with what Shi Min said.

"What is your next step? We have a lot of our high-end weapons there," Shi Min said, his brows knitted together, which is his trademark.

"I don't think they have discovered it yet; otherwise, it would have been gone too. Also, they won't be able to activate them, and transporting them would be hard. They will be alerting us, and we'll find them easily." Ling Li expressed her opinion.

"That is correct, so what is the plan?" Shi Min agreed and asked.

"Regarding this matter, I will leave this aside; I will prioritize the attacker that ambushed me and give a warning to all the core members. I will give them a taste of turning their back on me." Ling Li declared.

"You identified the group that ambushed you?" Shi Min probed further.

"Initially, El padre did and already planned to attack them. But last night, it showed that they are not as simple as El Padre thought. They would have been wiped out."

"Oligarchs support the group, am I right?"

"Son, you're brilliant."

"Are you planning to help El padre?"

"I should be dealing with them, to be honest, but El Padre wants to do it on my behalf since I was ambushed on his turf. But this time, Otako will be better dealing with this group."

"I agree with that," Shi Min replied.

"By the way, are the Chanto Family still making trouble at home?" Ling Li remembered before her accident, the Chanto family was making some moves on them.

Shi Min snickered when he heard the name Chanto.

"I forgot you were in a coma after that incident with them. Mr. Chanto sent both of his daughters abroad when they were discharged from the hospital. Hahaha." Shi Min said.

"Why? What happened?"

"Well, it is because of your so-called thorough body check-up; when we released the results, it turned out that the elder daughter only had one ovary due to a previous ectopic pregnancy taken out. Mom, she is single, remember? The second daughter had ligation already because of too many abortions." Shi Min told his Mom while recalling the incident.

"What?!" The news dumbfounded Ling Li.

"Mom, I did feel bad about it; how could Mr. Chanto use his daughters, knowing they have many things to hide. He should have protected them instead of using them as a pawn." Shi Min retorted with a snort.

"Do you think their parents have used their daughters for business? I feel bad for his daughters. I'm a woman too; think about your sisters being taken advantage of." Ling Li solemnly said.

"I did know and have heard about it, Mom. Mr. Chanto is a foul businessman who would do anything for money."

"What is he doing now?" Ling Li once again asked.

"They built their own port near ours up south and bought two units bigger than ours. That port is not strategic for big ferries. But Mr. Chanto's pride won't back down; with the price of fuel, I don't know how long he can hold on. They don't have any direct channels like us." Shi Min conveyed.

"They bought two units bigger than ours?" Ling Li chuckled.

"Yep."

*Chapter 68: SHE MIGHT HURT LILY*

"By the way, have you met your Pap's family?" Ling Li remembered and asked.

"Yeah. That girl, I smell trouble." Shi Min said with a knitted brow.

"What do you mean?"

"Just have someone watch over her; she might hurt Lily." Shi Min stated.

"Lily?"

"Um." After Shi Min responded with a short nod, he stood up with his laptop and strode out of the study.

Ling Li could merely purse her lips when she saw Shi Min leaving without further telling her what had happened. Recalling what Shi Min said, 'Nina might hurt Lily.'

Ling Li picked up her phone and dialed a number.

"Mushu, come to my study."

Within a minute, Mushu arrived.

"Madam," Mushu called out to let his presence known.

"What happened this morning? Shi Min mentioned that Nina might hurt Lily. Why did he say that?" Ling Li demanded to know.

Mushu's face turned dark after hearing Nina's name.

"Madam, if you had asked me, I would have never agreed to let you bring that brat here."

"Mushu, tell me what happened." Ling Li insisted.

"Madam, when Master Chu Yan's family arrived this morning, he was waiting for them in the living room. He sternly warned Nina, as did his parents, to avoid trouble here. Their parents said they won't tolerate whatever misdeeds she would make again." Mushu told Ling Li.

"And then, continue."

"Then Fatty and Chatty came down and perked Nina's interest. This brat started smiling sweetly at the two gentlemen. Soon after, Young Master Shi Min, Master Shun, and Miss Ren also came, which excited this brat even more."

"And then, go on." Ling Li urges Mushu.



"After that, Young Miss Lily came down with the twins. When she was coming down the stairs with Kim Kim in her arms, Fatty assisted her. We all could see the change on Nina's soured face."

"Really."

"Madam, this brat is breathing fire," Mushu said flatly.

"Have someone oversee her round the clock under you." Ling Li ordered.

"Copy that."

"Dismiss," Ling Li said to Mushu. She could only rub her temple as she thought of Nina.

Ling Li could feel a headache thinking of Nina. It was Ren's goodwill to send her here. She could only rub her temples.

Late in the afternoon, Ling Li is at the veranda waiting for Four Eyes family to arrive for their tea. It is their first time meeting each other.

"Madam, Mr. and Mrs. Xu are here with their daughter." Butler Peng announced.

"Please let them in."

"You must be Ling." Mrs. Xu greeted her with a warm smile.

"Yes, Mrs. Xu. I'm sorry I couldn't welcome you all this morning." Ling Li responded.

"I'm your father-in-law, and this is Nina."

"Hello, Father-in-law, Nina. Please have a seat." Ling Li politely acknowledged them.

"Ling, I hope you don't mind us staying with you." Mr. Xu said with an apologetic tone.

"No, not at all. I hope you are comfortable in the house, and whatever you need, please inform any of us or the butler." Ling Li assured them.

"The house is more than comfortable; it is too much. We couldn't get used to it." Mrs. Xu exclaimed happily.

"Butler Peng, please call Ren and Lily to join us." Ling Li instructed.

"Nina, what do you plan for your studies?" Ling Li asked.

"I don't plan to go back to study." Nina indifferently replied.

"You've been idle for a long time. You have to think of doing something with your life." Her father reprimanded Nina instantly.

Just then, Ren and Lily arrived.

"Good afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Xu. Hi Nina." Ren and Lily greeted them all as they took their seats. Nina nodded while her parents gave the sisters big, warm smiles.

"You have beautiful children, Ling." Mrs. Xu said.

"Mother-in-law, Nina, and Chu Yan are both good-looking." Ling Li politely replied.

"Nina, what are your interests? Maybe we could find something to make you have fun while you're here." Ling Li asked with great enthusiasm in her voice.

"I love to go shopping," Nina said flatly.

"You stupid brat! You need to earn a living and earn your own money to go shopping!" Mr. Xu yelled at Nina.

Nina looked at Ren and Lily as if insinuating something. In her mind, Ling Li is very wealthy and with her brother. Nina thinks she, too, has to enjoy the perks. What Ren and Lily have, she should have, too.

"Nina, Ren, and Lily have to earn money to shop. Now that she has finished school, Ren works and runs her own business.

Lily, while school is ongoing, she gets a monthly allowance. Besides that, she is a gymnast and a dancer and joins competitions. Some competitions earn money, while others are for prestige only. During vacation, Lily also has to work in our business to train where she gets paid. All the three children have to undergo such training, no one can be idle in the family." Ling Li explained.

"If you return to school, we will also provide you with allowances. But you will only get free meals and accommodation at home if you remain idle." Ling Li added.

Nina snorted.

"Nina, I encouraged Mom to bring you here," Ren said cheerily. "Do you like to sing or dance? Or draw, perhaps?"

"She can dance well." Mrs. Xu replied on Nina's behalf.

"Nina, Russia is well known for ballet. You can enroll in the dance studio if you don't want to return to school." Ren suggested.

"You can go to the dance studio, or we can arrange a private trainer. You can decide." Ren added.

Ren knows nothing about Nina's past or current situation; "Lily can even teach you. She is a professional ballerina at a very young age." Ren happily volunteers for her sister.

"I'm sure Nina will do great on her own if she decides to do it." Ling Li immediately interrupted Ren. "Otherwise, she can start an English lesson first, which is very important now; if she goes out, it will be hard for her to communicate."

"I agree." Mr. Xu replied with an unhappy look. He is very displeased with his daughter.

Ling Li looked at the time on her watch. "It is still early. Why don't we go around and do some shopping together?"

"Mom, my class is about to start in half an hour," Lily said with pouty lips.

#### *Chapter 69: SHOPPING WITH THE XU FAMILY*

"I already asked for your leave." Ling Li cheered Lily up.

"Really, Mom?" Lily asked in surprise.

"Ha ha ha, yes, Lily, Mom did!" Ren told her sister laughingly. "Who wants to miss shopping with Mom, huh?"

"I know, right? Nina will surely enjoy it, too." Lily exclaimed.

Nina disdained every word from Lily and made a snort, which did not escape Ling Li.

"Let's go." Ling Li invited them to leave.

Two limos awaited them at the mansion's entrance.

"Ling, you and your daughter sit together. We can sit together as well." Mr. Xu suggested.

"But I was hoping we could sit together while the children could take the second car." Ling Li retorted.

"No, no, no. You sit with your children, and we take the second car." Mr. Xu insisted.

"As you wish, father-in-law. I'll listen to you," Ling Li could only agree.

"Nina, you're such a disgrace!" Mr. Xu said the first thing as they sat inside the car, disregarding the presence of Reginald.

"They asked me what I wanted, and I only answered them honestly! What was wrong with that?" Nina disputed.

Mr. Xu could no longer resist his anger, so he slapped Nina.

"You have such a thick face! I did not pamper you to grow up like this!" Mr. Xu roared angrily at his daughter.

Nina could only hold back her tears, holding her numb face. At the same time, Mrs. Xu could not blame her husband. Nina has been acting recklessly.

"Nina, can you be obedient for your brother's sake? They are willing to give you a better future. Why are you acting up?" Mrs. Xu is trying to convince her daughter.

"Why do you all have to decide for me?" Nina yelled back at her parents angrily.

"Are they deciding for you? They are asking you what you want, aren't they?" Reginald spoke firmly.

"I told them what I wanted!" Nina shouted back.

"They have given you that opportunity already. You have shopped all you want and even shopped for your friends with the money you stole. You were not even punished for your crime. And yet, you still want to do more. You can shop, but you must earn money this time." Reginald told her directly in disgust.

"Who are you to talk to me like this?" Nina screamed at Reginald.

"I am someone who will put you to jail if you play any tricks on your sleeves again," Reginald replied matter of factly.

Upon hearing his reply, Nina felt a shiver and shut her mouth.

Ling Li, her children, and her in-laws reached their destination. It is the most high-end mall in the city, catering only to exclusive brands and members. Ling Li noticed the hand marked on Nina's face but remained silent about it. Ling Li already guessed that Mr. Xu must have reprimanded her.

Though Nina was in awe when she saw the place, she wouldn't want to show it and wear her poker face.

"Mother-in-law, in a few weeks, the twins will be seven months old, and we will be celebrating, so let us pick a dress for you and Nina first." Ling Li said as she held Mrs. Xu's hand and led them inside the most notable evening gown shop.

When the shop manager saw Ling Li, "Madam! What a pleasure to see you. What can I do for you today?" While all the shop assistants were already lined up before them.

"Please find the best you have for my mother and sister-in-law." Ling Li replied to the Manager.

"Yes, Madam, please, and sit this way." They were led into the VIP lounge.

Moments later, the Manager came in with several gowns for Nina to choose from.

"Madam, this lilac is the latest and only one worldwide. It is considered a collector's item from the brand," the Manager said proudly of the gown he was introducing.

"This rose color also comes from this season, and these are pure diamonds. Only two of these designs came out. This one was in rose; the other was lavender, sold two days ago in France.

This lime color..."

"Oh, that's a beauty!" Ling Li uttered and interrupted the Manager as she saw the third gown.

"Yes, indeed. It is a masterpiece, isn't it? This is one hundred percent hand embroidered with pure gold and silver thread and was more than one year in the making. Accented with pure diamonds, it is made for a princess, I would say." The Manager commented proudly on his collection.

"They are all beautiful, but let Nina choose and have the final say," Ren said while looking at the gowns with a big smile.

"Nina, try them on." Ren encourages her.

Nina gave her a nod and went to the dressing room with the shop assistants.

Mrs. Xu also entered the fitting room with two gowns to try on.

Ren's phone lit up with a message.

She was surprised to see it was from her mother, who was with her. When she read, "Nina seems to be bold with Lily. Don't let Lily know about it. Just watch out for her."

Nina could only make a big 'O' with her mouth.

"Big sister, who sent you a message?" Lily curiously asked as she saw Ren's expression.

Ren immediately deleted the message: "It's from the office, Lily, nothing to worry about." She gave Lily an assuring smile.

"What do you like to shop for?" Ren asked Lily.

Lily really wanted to buy something for Quan Ye, but how could she tell her big sister? However, her sister knows her too well.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Lily questioned.

"I know what you are thinking," Ren said, winking at her sister.

"What?!" Lily stared at her innocently.

Ren whispered to her ears so that their Mom wouldn't be able to hear.

"How did you know that?!" Lily asked in embarrassment, with her face flushed.

"Ha ha ha! I am your big sister, after all!" Ren replied, giggling.

"What are you two so happy about?" Ling Li interrupted her daughters.

"Oh, nothing, Mom, we are just tickling each other." Lily alibied, not wanting Ren to spill her secret.

At this time, Nina came out of the fitting room in the lilac gown.

"Nina, this looks gorgeous on you!" Lily proclaimed.

Nina snorted after listening to Lily's comment.

#### *Chapter 70: NINA'S CHEAP TRICK*

"I certainly agree. It's beautiful! Your fair skin stood out in this color," Ling Li said in agreement with Lily.

"Nina, go try the other gowns," Ren said to Nina.

"Mother-in-law, you look twenty years younger in this gown." Ling Li said to Mrs. Xu upon stepping out of the fitting room.

"Oh Ling, you have a sweet tongue. I indeed like this more than the other one." Mrs. Xu said happily, showing her big, warm smile.

"Have you tried the other one?" Ling Li asked.

"Yes, she has. She looked more beautiful in that gown but didn't want it when she asked about the diamonds." The assistant replied.

"Mother-in-law, this is for the twins. Please don't break their hearts. Miss, we will take both of them." Ling Li said to the assistant. "Match it with a bag and shoes as well."

"Yes, Madam." The assistant replied and was ecstatic, thinking of the commission she would get with the two gowns and accessories.

Just then, Nina came out in her own clothes. "I'll take the green one." She declared with her poker face.

"Sure, Nina. You have the final decision. Go choose a pair of shoes and a bag," Ling Li replied.

"Show her your shoes and bags that could match her gown." Ling Li instructed the Manager.

But Nina only cares a little about what would look best with her gown and only chooses the most expensive ones. Her plan is to make money out of it in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Xu could only crimp their brows, looking at Nina with disappointment.

Ling Li led them to a jewelry shop when they finished their gown hunting.

"Mother-in-law, do you like this?" Ling Li is holding a set of diamond necklaces paired with earrings, rings, and a bracelet.

"Ling, this is too much." Mrs. Xu shook her head and pushed it back to her.

"No, this is what I should do." Ling Li insisted.

"Father-in-law, this is for you." Ling Li gave him a jade ring encrusted with diamonds around it. Mr. Xu was teary-eyed when he saw it.

"What should I say?" Pursing his lips after Ling Li put the ring on his finger.

"There is nothing to say. This is a gift to you from Chuyan and me." Ling Li replied politely.

"Nina, this is for you." Ling Li also gave her a whole set of diamond jewelry.

Nina didn't even say a word and took it without showing interest.

The Manager couldn't believe her eyes when she saw Nina's ungrateful attitude.

"Miss, that is twenty-one million dollars." The Manager pointed to the bag Nina was now holding.

"Nina! Give it back!" Mrs. Xu yelled after hearing the price.

"No need, Mother-in-law, for that. Gladys, She is young." Ling Li said.

"But, Madam, being young doesn't mean being arrogant." Gladys, the Manager, pressed.

"Gladys!" Mushu called her attention.

Gladys shut her, took another bag, and handed it to Ren without saying a word. Ren ordered this earlier.

After taking the bag, Ren then gave it to Lily while winking at her.

Lily was so happy and gave her big sister a big hug, knowing it was a gift she could give to Quan Ye.

Looking at the two sisters hugging each other, Ling Li and Mr. and Mrs. Xu felt happy for them; on the other hand, Nina's face had a grimacing look of envy and hatred.

"Let's go. We will be late for dinner." Ling Li declared.

While on the way out of the shop, the alarm ticked off, surprising everyone.

Nina had a smug look on her face.

"Okay, let us go back to find out what is happening?" Ling Li suggested.

"Gladys, check everyone and have somebody check the surveillance camera as well." Ling Li ordered.

"Madam, we found a ring in Lily's bag," Gladys announced with a chuckle.

"What? Go check the camera." Ling Li was stupefied.

While Lily was as dumbfounded as her mother. 'Why would I need to rob our own jewelry shop? And how did that ring come into my bag?' Lily also wants to know.

Mushu returned from the security room with a grimace and handed his phone to Ling Li to show what he had found.

It showed how Nina took a ring from the display area while several other guests were choosing among them and slipped it into Lily's bag.



While Ling Li is watching the video, Nina's face starts draining its color.

"Nina, I will keep this incident between us today. But this evidence will remain with me. If ever you try to harm Lily again, I shall never spare you again." Ling Li warned Nina sternly.

"Ling, we didn't discipline Nina well. Please allow me to apologize on her behalf." Mrs. Xu held Ling Li's hand and was about to kneel.

"Mother-in-law! Get up. We are family. Nina is young and still too willful. We just need to guide her slowly. Let's forget about this incident," Ling Li said, comforting her mother-in-law, who looked helpless. Ling Li felt distress for her. 'Nina is too willful and needs to learn her lesson.' She thought.

"Let's go." Ling Li said without giving her a chance for Nina to say a word when she saw her wanting to say something.

They went into another dress shop.

"Madam, everything is already prepared according to your requirements," the Manager told Ling Li upon their arrival.

"Good, give them all they need. We are running late." Ling Li said.

"Mr. Xu."

"Mrs. Xu."

"Miss Nina."

"Miss Ren."

"Miss Lily."

The shop assistants called them simultaneously, "This way, please."

They were each led to a VIP room to change into for dinner, which Ling Li had reserved in a high-end restaurant on the top floor of the same building.

Ling Li changed into her dress by herself.

In less than an hour, they were dressed with their hair done and light makeup and headed to the restaurant.

All the gentlemen are already waiting for them in their reserved private room. They, too, were all well dressed for the night.

Tonight, Shi Min is seated in the main seat, and Ling Li sits beside Four Eyes.

"Tomorrow is the battalion run, so I ordered lots of carbs. We need to load the carbs tonight. Those not participating can enjoy the other foods." Ling Li announced it to everyone.