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Chapter 431: Stunningly Beautiful Yue Qingshan

Even if Gu Changsheng steps forward personally, he wants these people to understand what kind of place Chengchang House is, and the significance of its existence.

But before that, something happened at the club that caused a sensation among everyone present.

The previously noisy venue suddenly fell silent, with everyone only able to hear their own breathing. The reason was a red silhouette appearing outside the club.

It’s as if her presence alone could suppress everyone, compelling all eyes to focus involuntarily on her.

There were many well-dressed women at the scene, whose long lives in high society gave them an aura unattainable to ordinary people. However, compared to this red figure, they seemed like stars meeting the moon, making them feel inferior.

"Who... who is that? She’s unbelievably beautiful, indescribably so."

"So beautiful, and the aura she exudes is almost like that of a noble."

"Why has such a top-tier woman suddenly appeared in Jiang City? I’ve never heard of her before."

In the amazement of these people, Yue Qingshan was undoubtedly becoming the most noticed woman of this occasion.

Now, the charity event didn’t seem to matter much anymore. Most men in the venue wanted to find out who she was, from which family she hailed, and whether she had a husband or boyfriend.

"Qiulu, is it... is it my eyes playing tricks? Is she really Qingshan?" Lin Qingmeng said in disbelief. Though acquainted with Yue Qingshan for many years, Lin Qingmeng had never seen her like this and was a bit skeptical.

Tang Qiulu was also stunned. Yue Qingshan had always left her with the impression of a quiet girl, but now, she was like a fairy, beautiful and enchanting, especially with that smile on her face that made people fixate on her.

"I never imagined Qingshan would be so stunning after a makeover." With that, Tang Qiulu let go of Su Changfeng's hand and walked towards Yue Qingshan.

Seeing this, Lin Qingmeng quickly followed.

Among all the men in the venue who were entranced by Yue Qingshan, only Su Changfeng frowned.

Yue Qingshan's beauty was indeed beyond words, but what was she trying to convey by suddenly appearing this way?

A person wouldn't change without reason. Since Yue Qingshan did so, she must have a purpose.

And her purpose gave Su Changfeng a bad feeling.

As if... as if Yue Qingshan's transformation was because of him.

"Qingshan, you are truly beautiful." Tang Qiulu sighed as she came beside Yue Qingshan.

"I told you before that when you take off your glasses, you can attract a lot of men. I was right," Lin Qingmeng added.

Yue Qingshan slightly parted her red lips and smiled, a smile that captivated most of the men present, all hoping for her favor.

"You are equally beautiful," Yue Qingshan replied.

Tang Qiulu had been dubbed the first beauty of Jiang City, but now she clearly couldn’t compare to Yue Qingshan.

However, as her best friend, Tang Qiulu felt no jealousy, but rather joy, saying, "How can I compare to you? You are just too beautiful. If you had agreed to change earlier, the boys chasing you would probably have been able to circle the Earth."

"It’s not too late now, looking at those lustful eyes of the men around, I believe it won’t be long before many flies start buzzing around Qingshan," Lin Qingmeng said without concealing her envy, though it was merely admiration.

When Yue Qingshan entered the club, she didn’t glance at other men. Now, hearing these words, she looked at Su Changfeng instead.

She didn’t care how other men looked at her; she dressed up because of Su Changfeng.

She possessed looks that could captivate any man in the world, but she only cared about Su Changfeng.

Unfortunately, Su Changfeng’s gaze was incredibly clear, not showing a hint of affection, but rather, a frown.

"No matter how many people like me, I only care about one person," Yue Qingshan said with determination.

Tang Qiulu and Lin Qingmeng didn’t know who Yue Qingshan was referring to, but they couldn’t have guessed that it was Su Changfeng.

"Surely just one person. Even though you’re pretty, you surely can’t have many men." Lin Qingmeng joked.

Due to Yue Qingshan’s presence, the charity event gradually turned into a beauty-pursuing event, with men of all ages at the venue trying to win Yue Qingshan over.

Some intended to keep Yue Qingshan as a mistress, while others believed they had fallen in love at first sight with her and planned to marry her in this lifetime.

Thankfully, Gu Changsheng was present, preventing chaos in the venue. When he stepped up to control the scene, the charity event still proceeded according to plan.

When it was Gu Changsheng and Li Tongtong's turn to speak on stage, truthfully, no one had the mood to listen because everyone's eyes were on Yue Qingshan.

These people wanted to quickly obtain Yue Qingshan's phone number and preferably have dinner with her tonight, to win her over; otherwise, there were simply too many chasing her, and a delay could prove unfavorable.

As for Yue Qingshan, her eyes were fixed on Su Changfeng the entire time, not moving for even a second.

Even though she could make Tang Qiulu disappear to win over Su Changfeng, Tang Qiulu was, after all, her good sister, and she couldn't be sure what consequences such actions might bring, so unless absolutely necessary, Yue Qingshan wouldn't choose this approach.

Although all men's eyes in the venue were focused on her, only Su Changfeng never looked at her directly. This made Yue Qingshan feel as if everyone in the world was ignoring her.

Can you really pretend not to see me?

"Qingshan, prepare yourself for 'attacks' from that group of guys. Look at their wolf-like eyes; each of them seems eager to devour you." Tang Qiulu laughed.

Even though her spotlight was stolen by Yue Qingshan, Tang Qiulu felt no jealousy but was genuinely happy for Yue Qingshan. If Yue Qingshan could find her Prince Charming here, it would be even better.

Lin Qingmeng looked at Yue Qingshan with a strange expression, gradually feeling an uneasy sensation because she noticed that Yue Qingshan, the center of attention, had her gaze fixed on Su Changfeng, which puzzled Lin Qingmeng.

Could it be she also liked Su Changfeng?

Chapter 432: Offending Everyone

Because Su Changfeng is also an exceptionally outstanding person, in Lin Qingmeng's eyes, it was very likely that Yue Qingshan would like Su Changfeng because she too secretly liked Su Changfeng.

However, her affection had always been buried deep in her heart, never once revealed.

But in Yue Qingshan's eyes, there was a sense of aggression, as if she didn't care about Tang Qiulu being present.

This made Lin Qingmeng wary, as she didn't want to see the three sisters part ways because of Yue Qingshan.

"The people inside aren't good at all, I don't think much of them." Yue Qingshan said.

Seeing an opportunity, Lin Qingmeng quickly asked, "Then what kind of person do you like?"

Yue Qingshan smiled silently, which worried Lin Qingmeng even more.

After all the procedures of the charity event were completed, various groups reached verbal agreements with the Gu Family to help Chengchang House in the future. Originally, it should have been the men in the venue who began to pursue Yue Qingshan, but Yue Qingshan suddenly stood up and walked towards the podium.

What on earth did Yue Qingshan intend to do, everyone was baffled.

“Grandpa, what is that woman planning to do?” Gu Qinger sat next to Gu Changsheng, asking with a confused expression.

This Gu family heiress didn’t express any dissatisfaction towards Yue Qingshan’s act of outshining everyone nor did she think Yue Qingshan was stealing all the spotlight.

Things like looks are given by parents, Gu Qinger didn’t complain about not being as attractive as others, and she still had some confidence; although she couldn’t match Yue Qingshan, she was still a beauty.

Gu Changsheng shook his head. From the moment Yue Qingshan appeared, he thought this girl wasn’t simple; a person from an ordinary family couldn’t possibly have such a commanding presence.

This alone showed that there must be an incredibly astonishing family behind Yue Qingshan; even if they’re not aristocrats, she must definitely be a descendant of some large family.

“Qinger, what impression do you have of this woman?” Gu Changsheng asked.

“Impression?” Gu Qinger frowned, thought for a moment, and said, “Stunningly beautiful, attractive, and sexy.”

Gu Changsheng smiled and said, “You’ve only noticed the surface; there’s an innate dominance about her, as if she doesn’t care about anyone in the venue.”

Gu Qinger pouted and said, “Could it be that she dares to look down on our Gu Family? We are the most powerful family in Jiang City, aren’t we?”

Jiang City might be the most powerful here, but that’s only in Jiang City. Who knows how many families outside are more powerful than the Gu Family? And no one said she was from Jiang City.

At this moment, Yue Qingshan was already standing on the stage, with all the men in the audience focusing on her, Yue Qingshan seemed like an aloof goddess.

“I know all of you plan to pursue me, but I have no time to deal with you flies, so please don’t bother me.” Yue Qingshan’s words were like a thunderbolt.

Anyone participating in this charity event was a significant figure in Jiangcheng Mall, but in Yue Qingshan’s words, they were just a bunch of flies.

Such words instantly offended everyone present, even Gu Changsheng wouldn’t dare to say it so boldly; now Old Master Gu was extremely shocked inside.

“This little girl’s boldness is truly impressive, offending so many people at once.” Gu Changsheng smiled wryly. Although he didn’t agree with Yue Qingshan’s behavior, her courage and bravery greatly impressed him.

Tang Qiulu and Lin Qingmeng were both stunned because the Yue Qingshan they knew had always been timid, and the words “strong” and “dominant” seemed to have never been part of her life.

However, the incredibly domineering attitude that Yue Qingshan just displayed made both of them feel slightly out of breath.

“Is…is she still the Yue Qingshan we know?” Lin Qingmeng said with a face full of astonishment.

Tang Qiulu shook her head, now uncertain as she felt exactly the same as Lin Qingmeng.

“Qingshan seems a bit unfamiliar now.” Tang Qiulu adjusted her breath and said.

Sitting next to Tang Qiulu, Su Changfeng had a cold expression. It was not surprising that Tang Qiulu felt unfamiliar with Yue Qingshan, as it wasn’t due to any change in Yue Qingshan herself, but because she had revealed her true face.

Yue Qingshan had never changed, while Tang Qiulu and Lin Qingmeng’s perception of her was just a facade, a mask she wore for too long, even longer than Su Changfeng.

Such a woman made Su Changfeng feel a kind of illusory fear, but he wasn't really afraid of her, just felt that a woman who's been so restrained for so long, now showing her true side, could cause many chain reactions.

The most crucial thing was that Yue Qingshan's change was directed at Su Changfeng!

"You…don't think that because you're beautiful, you can speak recklessly."

"Do you know who you're belittling here? Do you dare to look down on us like this?"

"Humph, you've offended everyone with your words, do you know what the consequences of this will be?"

Yue Qingshan's beauty indeed captivated many, but her words equally angered many, especially the women present.

Because Yue Qingshan's presence caused other men to ignore them, making these women who took a long time to dress up feel like their efforts were in vain, now that Yue Qingshan angered everyone, these women were certainly going to denounce Yue Qingshan.

Facing the accusations from below the stage, Yue Qingshan seemed like she was in the eye of the storm, her expression unchanged.

"Did I say something wrong?" Yue Qingshan said indifferently, as if stating her position meant she would never step back.

"Who are you to be so arrogant, does your family know about your idiotic actions?" someone asked, thinking Yue Qingshan must have something to rely on to be this brazen.

This was also what everyone present wanted to ask, best to understand her background before teaching her a lesson, just in case she was backed by a particularly powerful family.

Zhou Chaohai's fate was still unforgettable in their minds; no one would want to misstep and lose everything.

"You people want to know who I am; do you even qualify?" Yue Qingshan said disdainfully.

The person who spoke earlier turned red with anger, but because of Yue Qingshan's strong stance, he was even more afraid that she really had an extremely powerful background, so he didn't dare to speak anymore.

All the people in the venue now didn't dare to mention this matter again.

Chapter 433: Yue Qingshan Likes My Master

Yue Qingshan not only outshone everyone, but her presence also left the business magnates in Jiangcheng Mall speechless.

Gu Changsheng was filled with exclamations at the moment, wondering why such remarkable characters suddenly emerged in Jiang City.

First, there was Su Changfeng, the young master of the Beijing Su Family, and now there's an extremely formidable yet mysterious woman. Jiang City has become quite lively lately!

The venue was deathly silent, and Yue Qingshan's aura was like a queen's, making the breaths of these business magnates somewhat short.

At this moment, Gu Changsheng noticed a particularly interesting phenomenon, his smile deepened so much that a mosquito landing on his face could have been crushed.

He noticed that when Yue Qingshan looked at other men, her gaze was full of disdain, and this disdain came from the heart. But when she looked at Su Changfeng, it was different, as if she was showcasing her charm, trying to prove something to him.

"Interesting, truly interesting." Gu Changsheng couldn’t help but laugh. It’s fortunate that Gu Qing’er had backed off and become like no Eyebrows to Su Changfeng. Otherwise, she would have one more formidable rival in love.

"Grandpa, what’s so interesting?" Gu Qing said, puzzled.

Gu Changsheng stroked his beard and said, "That woman is interested in my master."

"Su Changfeng!" Gu Qing’er looked at Yue Qingshan in shock and said, "That woman likes Su Changfeng, Grandpa, are you sure you’re not mistaken?"

"Grandpa is already very old, so he can’t be wrong. Only someone in love would have such a look." Gu Changsheng said.

Gu Qing’er couldn’t help but smile mischievously. Another woman had fallen for Su Changfeng. Although she hadn’t completely let go of Su Changfeng yet, she was getting used to her new role as his sister.

In Gu Qing’er’s eyes, this destined-to-be-unfruitful affection reaching such an ending was already good, as she could sense Su Changfeng’s genuine feelings for Tang Qiulu.

"It seems like another woman will be hurt by Su Changfeng." Gu Qing’er sighed.

"Not necessarily, this time the woman who likes him is so beautiful, maybe Su Changfeng will be moved." Gu Changsheng said.

Men are generally lustful creatures, and it is possible to sacrifice one’s principles for beauty. In ancient times, many kings and overlords ruined their dynasties over women. Su Changfeng is also a normal man, and Gu Changsheng doesn’t think he would be completely unmoved.

"Grandpa, what do you mean by that?" Gu Qing’er’s expression was quite somber, and her tone was full of coldness.

Gu Changsheng noticed a chill creeping in, making him shiver instinctively. Only then did he realize what he had said.

Gu Qing’er failed to win over Su Changfeng, but now to suggest that Su Changfeng might be swayed by Yue Qingshan was tantamount to saying Gu Qing’er was inferior to Yue Qingshan.

"Dear granddaughter, grandpa definitely didn’t mean that. Don’t overthink it." Gu Changsheng said, covering his beard, afraid that Gu Qing’er would pull it.

Gu Qing’er said fiercely, "You didn’t mean it, but that’s what you’re thinking in your heart, isn’t it?"

Gu Changsheng wore a wry smile. His words had slipped, not expecting such consequences.

Resigned, Gu Changsheng put his hand down and said, "If you want to pull grandpa’s beard, go ahead. Grandpa was indeed a little wrong and should be punished."

Gu Qing’er rolled her eyes greatly and said, "Why would I pull your beard? You’re right, I am indeed not as good as her."

Seeing Gu Qing’er lower her head, Gu Changsheng knew she had been hurt and started to blame himself internally.

"Dear granddaughter, everyone has their own special strengths, and in grandpa’s eyes, you’re the best in the world." Gu Changsheng quickly comforted.

"Grandpa, do you really think Su Changfeng is moved?" Gu Qing’er asked worriedly.

Despite her resentment towards Su Changfeng for not loving her, in Gu Qing’er’s heart, she believed Su Changfeng’s love for Tang Qiulu was something to admire, possibly the true essence of love.

"Grandpa doesn’t know either." Gu Changsheng said.

"If even Su Changfeng's heart wavers, then there's probably no true love in the world." Gu Qing'er said with a face full of sentiment.

At this time, Yue Qingshan had already returned to Tang Qiulu's side from the podium, and only then did those people realize the particularly good relationship between her and Tang Qiulu. Moreover, the group that Zhou Chaohai was with had been brought down by the Shen Family, so these people didn't dare to cause trouble for Yue Qingshan anymore.

Su Changfeng felt his hair stand on end instantly. Yue Qing's family background wasn't in Jiang City. Previously, Su Changfeng had Zhu Lie investigate and confirm that this was certain, as the current state of Jiang City was clear, making it impossible for Yue Qing to hide so deeply.

This means that Yue Qingshan dared to provoke public anger because she had long planned to use Tang Qiulu to make those people withdraw voluntarily and discourage them from troubling her.

Although this scheming seems simple, it was actually meticulously planned and wouldn't let Tang Qiulu realize that she was being used.

The more this happened, the more Su Changfeng felt that Yue Qingshan was terrifying.

Su Changfeng originally didn't want to get involved in this matter, but now he thinks he should give Tang Qiulu a heads-up.

"Qingshan, you were amazing; you left those people speechless." Tang Qiulu looked at Yue Qingshan admiringly, like a fanatic fan.

Yue Qingshan smiled and said, "I was worried those people would cling to me. This group of guys could never be my friends; each one is a philanderer, and being fickle is something they often do."

Tang Qiulu found it reasonable, nodding continuously.

Just then, Lin Qingmeng spoke some deeply meaningful words, "And those who aren't fickle, you shouldn't think about them, because their feelings can't be easily swayed."

These words were especially pointed, and even Su Changfeng understood the implication, but Tang Qiulu was in the middle of it without realizing it.

This charity event concluded on this note, though the atmosphere was somewhat strange. Despite some people's dissatisfaction with Yue Qingshan's actions, an oral agreement reached with the Gu family meant these people wouldn't forget, so the charity event was a success.

Meanwhile, Tang Xiangdong was sitting in his office, staring with infatuation at the photos on his phone.

He wasn't invited to the charity event, but he secretly arranged for someone to stream it from the venue, and was particularly enamored by Yue Qingshan's extremely assertive actions.

Like those inside the venue, he was also dazzled by Yue Qingshan's beauty.

Chapter 434: The Narcissistic Tang Xiangdong

However, there was one noticeable difference: Tang Xiangdong believed that no one was good enough for Yue Qingshan except for him.

"Such a perfect woman deserves to be my wife," Tang Xiangdong said with a face full of smugness. In his heart, it was Yue Qingshan who was worthy of him; although whether Yue Qingshan considered him worthy, Tang Xiangdong had not thought about.

To be as narcissistic as Tang Xiangdong requires not just a certain level of shamelessness but also an inexplicable self-confidence.

"Xiangdong, this time the charity event invited a lot of people from the Jiang City business circle, but the Gu Family didn't invite you. I'm worried that our group might be targeted by those people in Jiang City in the future," Shen Siwen asked anxiously.

Tang Xiangdong wore an indifferent expression, as he currently had particularly big plans, and Jiang City was nothing to him.

"Siwen, do you think I would take that bunch of losers seriously? They are just a bunch of minor players. If those people don’t want to work with me, it just shows that they lack vision. Going against me, Tang Xiangdong, they will regret it sooner or later," Tang Xiangdong said with disdain.

Seeing Tang Xiangdong so confident, Shen Siwen had nothing more to worry about and said, "Winning over this woman won’t be as easy as you think. Judging by her recent actions, no one seems to be good enough for her. You’ll need to make an effort."

"Looking down on that group of guys is quite normal, but comparing them to me, you don’t need to worry. In less than a month, this woman will definitely be mine," Tang Xiangdong said with full confidence.

Shen Siwen chuckled; she was also a woman and could sense how proud Yue Qingshan’s gaze had become.

Even though Tang Xiangdong had his own group now, his actual wealth might not be enough to win over Yue Qingshan, especially since she wasn’t like those money-worshipping women; she dared to call those people flies to their faces, clearly looking down on ordinary wealthy individuals.

Of course, it’s also possible that she was doing this on purpose to attract attention and filter out those without real power or wealth, so truly capable and wealthy men would pursue her.

"In fact, who says you need to get a woman to like you first? You can use other methods to turn raw rice into cooked rice, then develop feelings later," Shen Siwen said with a smile.

Tang Xiangdong raised an eyebrow, a lewd smile gradually emerging on his face. He said, "Siwen, your method is very good. If it works, I definitely won’t shortchange you."

After the charity event, Li Tongtong pulled Su Changfeng aside, expressing a lot of gratitude. Recently, she had been worried about the future of Chengchang House, unsure of how to proceed, but now, with Su Changfeng’s help, she could finally relax.

To Su Changfeng, it was just a small matter. With Li Tongtong repeatedly expressing her thanks, Su Changfeng felt a little embarrassed.

Because Li Tongtong had given her all for Chengchang House, while he had only done something small. Even though it was significant, it couldn't compare to Li Tongtong's contributions; the two were like stars and the moon, and Su Changfeng was the former.

"Sister Li, no matter what, I'm a member of Chengchang House. If you keep saying that, I might feel too embarrassed to go there in the future," Su Changfeng said with a wry smile.

Li Tongtong quickly held back what she was about to say and corrected herself, "Alright, alright, I won't say any more. Next time when you're free, come by and visit. The little ones will surely miss you."

"Sure, I'll come when I have time."

Outside the club, Su Changfeng bid farewell to Li Tongtong as Lin Qingmeng and Yue Qingshan also left together, with Lin Qingmeng obviously linking arms with Yue Qingshan.

Given Lin Qingmeng's nature, she might have said something to Yue Qingshan.

But Su Changfeng couldn't be bothered to intervene; whatever Yue Qingshan did, as long as he stayed loyal to Tang Qiulu, it was fine.

"Qingshan is beautiful, isn't she?" Tang Qiulu said with a smile, holding Su Changfeng's hand.

Su Changfeng felt that this question seemed like a trap, but Tang Qiulu's smile was so radiant it seemed like she was sincerely asking.

"Whether she is beautiful has nothing to do with me. You are the only one in my heart," Su Changfeng replied.

Tang Qiulu didn't doubt this for a moment and didn't notice that Yue Qingshan liked Su Changfeng. Her previous comment was a genuine compliment to Yue Qingshan.

"Let’s head back; my mom told me that my grandfather and a few others have come over," Tang Qiulu said, looking down. In fact, she had known about this for a while but had been afraid that Su Changfeng might be upset, so she only told him now.

"Let’s go back," Su Changfeng wasn’t upset at all. The Sun family people should have learned their lesson before; they wouldn’t dare to cause trouble. Coming to Jiang City was probably just for some good food and to take something when they leave.

Lin Qingmeng and Yue Qingshan got a taxi, and although they were both wearing evening gowns, they took a taxi, which puzzled the driver.

"Driver, to Tongyang Street," Lin Qingmeng said.

When they arrived at Tongyang Street, Lin Qingmeng led Yue Qingshan to stand outside a milk tea shop.

"Qingshan, do you remember this place?" Lin Qingmeng asked.

Looking around, Yue Qingshan smiled and said, "How could I forget? This place was our base back then."

"The three of us used to come to this milk tea shop after class, even if we had no money, we’d still come for a cup. Those were such memorable times," Lin Qingmeng remarked.

"If you have something to say, don’t beat around the bush," Yue Qingshan said.

"Do you like Su Changfeng?" Lin Qingmeng asked.

"You probably like Su Changfeng too, right? There’s nothing much to say about that," Yue Qingshan replied.

"But I’m not like you; although I like him, I’d never ruin Su Changfeng and Tang Qiulu’s relationship," Lin Qingmeng, who kept her feelings deeply hidden, planned to carry them in her heart forever. But Yue Qingshan was different; she could sense Yue Qingshan’s aggressiveness.

Lin Qingmeng knew that the current Yue Qingshan was not the previous meek one. To protect their relationship, she felt she needed to remind Yue Qingshan.

"Everyone has the right to make their own choices, and what Su Changfeng chooses is not something you can control," Yue Qingshan said calmly.

Lin Qingmeng bit her molars; she had made it so clear, but Yue Qingshan’s attitude remained the same.

"Do you really want to see the relationship among the three of us ruined by you?" Lin Qingmeng asked coldly.

"I don’t want to ruin anyone’s relationship; I just think Su Changfeng should have the chance to make a choice," Yue Qingshan said before turning to leave.

Chapter 435: The Sun Family Has Arrived

Lin Qingmeng clenched her fists and shouted at Yue Qingshan, “Don’t forget, it was Tang Qiulu who helped you when someone bullied you before.”

“I never asked for her help, it was just her own desire to do so,” Yue Qingshan said coldly.

Lin Qingmeng stood frozen in place. She suddenly felt that the relationship among the three of them was all a lie, as if only she and Tang Qiulu valued the friendship, while Yue Qingshan had never truly invested in it.

As Yue Qingshan walked away, her face was cold, but tears still streamed down her face.

If I didn’t have compelling reasons, how could I possibly not care?

But I have to do this now, I can’t watch the Zhou Family collapse like this.

Xianwu Mountain Villa.

For the first time, it was so lively. All the Sun family members had come, and everyone looked very envious as they gazed at the luxurious Mountain Villa.

Sun Wan sat on the sofa in the living room, and now she realized the gap between her and Tang Qiulu. A nearly billion-dollar villa, which she could never afford in her lifetime.

When she thought about the sense of superiority she felt because of Zhou Haiwen, especially when she deliberately showed off in front of Tang Qiulu, Sun Wan found it particularly ridiculous. Even if Zhou Haiwen took out all his assets, he probably couldn't afford even one room in this villa.

"Sun Mei, I didn't expect you to be living in such a great villa now."

"Qiulu is so capable; it makes everyone envious."

"If I had a daughter like Qiulu, I would wake up smiling every night."

Hearing these words, Sun Mei's smile was like a blooming flower, especially happy.

"Liu Lili, where are the fruits I asked you to bring? What are you dawdling for?" Sun Mei shouted to Liu Lili in the kitchen.

Since the Sun family members entered the villa, Liu Lili hadn't stopped. If she wasn't boiling water to make tea, she was preparing fruits.

But these people seemed like they hadn't eaten in ages. The fruits were gone shortly after being brought out, and the fridge at home was almost empty.

"Aunt Mei, your servant is a bit slow; I think you should immediately find another one to save the trouble," Sun Gui said, looking at the kitchen with a dissatisfied expression.

“That’s right, doing these small tasks so slowly, is this how a servant should work?” Xu Fang said with displeasure, as she also wanted to enjoy the experience of having a servant.

When Liu Lili walked into the living room with the washed fruits, she was sweating and said to Sun Mei, “There’s only this much fruit left at home. If we eat more, we have to go buy some at the supermarket.”

While talking to Sun Mei, Liu Lili walked past Sun Gui without noticing her feet, and Sun Gui deliberately stretched out his leg, causing Liu Lili to trip and fall.

The fruits fell to the ground, and Liu Lili rubbed her knee in pain with a distressed look.

“Not only are your hands and feet clumsy, but your eyesight is also poor. Didn’t you see my foot? Or did you step on me on purpose?” Sun Gui aggressively blamed Liu Lili.

Seeing the fruits on the ground made Sun Mei angry too, and she scolded, “Liu Lili, are you deliberately trying to embarrass me? How can you be so careless with something so small?”

Liu Lili couldn’t understand how she had provoked these people, as they had been picking on her since they entered the house.

She surely couldn’t figure it out because Sun Gui was inherently a troublemaker who behaved the same way regardless of location.

Moreover, to Sun Gui, since Liu Lili was a servant, doing these tasks was her obligation, and he wouldn’t miss any opportunity to feel superior.

The crucial thing was, Su Changfeng wasn’t home, so Sun Gui had nothing to fear.

“I’m sorry, I didn’t notice,” Liu Lili said, lowering her head.

“Didn’t notice?” Sun Gui sneered, “You didn’t notice stepping on me, and you’re just going to leave it at that? I’m Aunt Mei’s blood nephew; as a servant, it’s your duty to apologize to me, isn’t it?”

Even though Liu Lili felt extremely aggrieved inside, she still said, “I’m very sorry, it was unintentional.”

Sun Gui looked smug, inwardly thinking how good it is to have money; if he had money, he would also get a servant so he wouldn’t have to do anything all day and could have fun when bored.

“Why are you sitting there, waiting for someone to pity you?” Xu Fang said impatiently from the side.

Liu Lili wanted to stand up, but she happened to fall and hurt her knee, so she couldn’t get up due to the pain.

Just then, the villa’s door opened, and Su Changfeng and Tang Qiulu returned home.

When Sun Gui saw Su Changfeng, he involuntarily backed up, fear filling his eyes. He had watched Zhao Meili die, so his fear of Su Changfeng was deeply ingrained.

Xu Fang now didn’t dare to be arrogant either. She cautiously moved closer to Sun Wan, seemingly seeking her protection.

Sun Wan had once held herself high in front of Su Changfeng and Tang Qiulu because of Zhou Haiwen, but after what happened in Bin County, she understood the vast gap between her and Tang Qiulu. Now, in front of the two, Sun Wan didn’t have the courage to lift her head.

This trip to Jiang City, if not for Sun Wei insisting on coming, Sun Wan surely wouldn’t have come.

Seeing Liu Lili sitting on the ground, Su Changfeng’s expression became extremely somber. Although he expected the Sun family members wouldn’t behave, he didn’t think such a scene would occur so soon!

Walking over to Liu Lili, Su Changfeng asked in a deep voice, “Aunt Liu, who did this?”

Sun Gui quickly said, “She didn’t notice and fell; it has nothing to do with me.”

“Trying to clear your name now?” Su Changfeng turned and coldly stared at Sun Gui.

Sun Gui flinched instinctively, frightened to the point of turning pale, hurriedly saying, “No, I didn’t do anything; it couldn’t have been me.”

Su Changfeng didn’t believe Sun Gui’s words. He looked at Liu Lili and said, “Aunt Liu, who did this?”

“I already said she fell because she didn’t notice. If you don’t believe Sun Gui, do you not believe my words either?” Sun Mei chimed in from the side.

In front of the Sun family members, Sun Mei had to assert her authority to make them realize she was in charge, so she felt she had to help Sun Gui resolve the issue.

Su Changfeng ignored her and continued to question Liu Lili, “Aunt Liu, you don’t need to wrong yourself.”

“Su Changfeng, what do you mean by this? You don’t believe my words?” Sun Mei glared viciously at Su Changfeng, feeling challenged in front of the Sun family.

Liu Lili, deeply grateful for Su Changfeng’s kindness, felt particularly moved.

Chapter 436: The Sun Family’s Plan

Her current job and Chen Qingqing’s troubles were all resolved by Su Changfeng.

She didn’t want to see Su Changfeng troubled because of her, and she was just a maid anyway, so even if she suffered some grievances, it didn’t matter.

"Chang Feng, she just didn’t pay attention and fell," Liu Lili said.

This made Sun Gui feel relieved, but he looked at Liu Lili without any gratitude, on the contrary, he was even more arrogant and felt a sense of superiority in front of her.

Su Changfeng wanted to stand up for Liu Lili, but since she had already said that, he couldn’t pursue it further, and he understood that Liu Lili said it to avoid affecting his relationship with Sun Mei.

"You’re welcome to visit our home, but if you plan to cause trouble here, don’t blame me for being ruthless!" Su Changfeng had already fallen out with the Sun family in Bin County, so he wouldn’t be as polite this time.

Sun Wei looked at Su Changfeng’s strong figure, and although he hadn’t thought of Chang Feng as a coward for a long time, experiencing Su Changfeng’s aura again still filled him with fear.

How could someone as strong as Su Changfeng be willing to stay in the Shen Family and endure humiliation for three years?

"Su Changfeng, do you still consider me your mother, saying things like that? These people are all relatives from my mother’s side." Sun Mei looked at Su Changfeng with displeasure.

Su Changfeng knew Sun Mei cared about face. This time, the Sun family came to Jiang City, and it was her chance to gain face. If Su Changfeng embarrassed Sun Mei now, she would definitely not let it go easily, so he didn’t reply and simply returned to the room.

"Relax and enjoy yourselves; I run this house," Sun Mei said proudly.

Sun Wei nodded happily. Although Su Changfeng was impressive, at least he was under Sun Mei’s control. His daughter was indeed remarkable.

Tang Qiulu went to Sun Mei’s side and whispered, "Don’t overdo it; if you make Chang Feng angry, I won’t be able to help you."

Sun Mei’s expression didn’t change in front of everyone, but she knew what Tang Qiulu meant. Su Changfeng had already given her face; if she was still ungrateful, she couldn’t blame others.

After saying that, Tang Qiulu also returned to her room.

"Chang Feng, if you want to teach Sun Gui a lesson, I'll fully support you." Tang Qiulu said firmly.

Su Changfeng smiled wryly and shook his head, "Mom was just about to chew me up alive; choosing to punish Sun Gui would be like slapping her in the face."

Tang Qiulu also had a look of helplessness. She came to Su Changfeng's side, held his hand, and said, "How about giving Mom a face this time?"

Su Changfeng smiled happily and said, "Now that my wife has said so, I have to give her face."

Hearing the words "my wife," Tang Qiulu shyly lowered her head, her ears turning red, "Who's your wife? Do we have any relationship?"

After saying this, Tang Qiulu lowered her head like fish on a chopping board, waiting for Su Changfeng's action.

Unfortunately, Su Changfeng was destined not to understand this. He was still thinking about how to change the topic to resolve the awkwardness.

Tang Qiulu didn't get the reaction she wanted from Su Changfeng and bit her lip lightly, her expression gradually turning gloomy.

Just as Su Changfeng was about to speak, Tang Qiulu suddenly looked up and, with some resentment, said to Su Changfeng, "I'm tired now, I want to rest."

Su Changfeng had no idea what was going on and didn't know Tang Qiulu was angry. He even felt a little lucky because if she hadn't spoken, he wouldn't know what to do next.

Although Su Changfeng was a man, he was still a novice, not yet having become a real man. He didn't dare to have any thoughts about Tang Qiulu, so turning into a romantic expert now was not possible given the current situation.

Tang Qiulu was especially puzzled. On the one hand, she thought Su Changfeng wasn't much of a man, but deep down, she felt slightly pleased.

Because if Su Changfeng behaved this way, it meant he wasn't a playboy and might be as inexperienced as she was.

Tang Qiulu had met many scumbags who treated women as playthings. Someone like Su Changfeng, in his twenties and still having his first time, was really rare.

After Tang Qiulu and Su Changfeng went to sleep, the room where Sun Wei's old couple rested was particularly lively.

Sun Gui, his father Sun Fada, and the whole family of Sun Wan were inside, seemingly plotting something.

"Grandpa, will Aunt Mei agree to let us all stay?" Sun Gui asked with some concern.

This time, the Sun family came to Jiang City not just for fun but with a strong purpose. Sun Wei wanted both his sons to succeed and have a better future.

With Tang Qiulu now being the chairman of the Shen Family Group, getting them jobs in the group would be a piece of cake.

"By the looks of it, it shouldn't be a big problem. Although Su Changfeng acted very strong in Bin County, you all saw it before; Sun Mei is the one who calls the shots at home. As long as she agrees, no one else will object," Sun Wei said.

He acknowledged that Su Changfeng was a powerful figure, unmatched by anyone he'd met, but he still had a weakness: he listened to Sun Mei, so Sun Wei wasn't worried.

Whenever Sun Gui thought of Su Changfeng, his face was full of disdain. Even though he was scared deep down, as long as Su Changfeng wasn't in front of him, he would still act arrogantly.

This was a typical case of not giving up until one sees the coffin. He had no idea he was flirting with danger, even though someone like Zhao Meili, sharing his personality, had been killed.

"That coward, Aunt Mei definitely has him under control, but Aunt Mei might not agree to let us stay," Sun Wan said with some guilt.

Because she had a conflict with Tang Qiulu earlier, and although she ended up embarrassed, there was already a grudge between the two families.

"Don't worry, I have a way to get Sun Mei to agree. After all, I'm her father, and Sun Mei is very vain. When I talk to her, I'll butter her up a bit, and she'll surely agree," Sun Wei stated confidently.

Seeing Sun Wei's confidence, Sun Gui and Sun Wan exchanged glances. They both really wanted to stay in Jiang City; returning to a small county like Bin County would mean a lifetime of mediocrity and no prospects.

Chapter 437: The Helpless Sun Mei

But if they get into the Shen Family Group, their future will completely change.

Now Sun Gui is imagining himself securing a high position in the group, using his position to make moves on female employees. Most women in Jiang City are fair-skinned and beautiful, several levels above the women in that small county, Bin County.

Sun Wan's goal is simpler and more direct, because she doesn't want to work under Tang Qiulu for a lifetime. As long as she establishes herself in Jiang City, she is confident she'll find a wealthy suitor.

This idea is exactly like Shen Siwen's; if the two of them knew each other, they might become close sisters, since their goals are identical.

"Grandpa, whether we can stay depends entirely on you. Now everyone can rest; this is my first time staying in a luxurious villa. Tonight, I'll have a good sleep," Sun Gui said anxiously.

Bedroom upstairs in the Mountain Villa.

Shen Zhenhua felt particularly annoyed with these members of the Sun family visiting, but he didn't dare say it in front of Sun Mei, although he must remind her now.

"Quite a few people came to our house this time, did you ever think about why they came?" Shen Zhenhua asked.

"They must plan to share in our family's fortune. Our family has a lot of money now; what's wrong with entertaining them, unless you're upset?" Sun Mei said proudly.

Sun Mei's greatest wish in life was to impress the Sun family members. This opportunity came unexpectedly, making Sun Mei extremely excited.

Although she knew this would cost a lot of money, she didn't care at all, as long as she could show these people from the Sun family how well she was doing now, she willingly spent the money.

"The luggage they brought doesn't look like they'll leave soon," Shen Zhenhua sighed.

"Shen Zhenhua, we didn't spend much money today. Are you unwilling to spend this little money? They are all relatives from my mother's side; do you mean they come to Jiang City to visit, and I shouldn't let them in the house?" Sun Mei said unhappily, looking at Shen Zhenhua.

"You haven't understood my point. I'm just afraid they'll settle down and won't leave," Shen Zhenhua said.

"Not leaving? That's completely impossible. Even if they don't go back, why would they stay in our house with nothing to do?" Sun Mei was a bit puzzled.

"You’re usually pretty quick-witted, how come you’re foolish about this? Qiulu is now the chairman of the Shen Family Group. Those people want to rely on our family, expecting Qiulu to arrange jobs for them. Haven’t you thought of this?" Shen Zhenhua explained.

These words left Sun Mei momentarily stunned; she knew the capabilities of those Sun family members. They could put in an effort when it came to free food and drink, but asking them to work would be dreaming, entering the group would mean being parasites.

"Possibly not," Sun Mei said.

"You’re not even confident in your own words; do you need me to tell you directly?" Shen Zhenhua said.

Sun Mei originally planned out places to visit tomorrow, to show them the differences between Jiang City and Bin County, but Shen Zhenhua’s words made her lose all interest.

If this matter is really like Shen Zhenhua said, she must first come up with a plan to manage them now.

"Let’s rest now and see how to deal with this tomorrow," Shen Zhenhua said.

Tossing and turning all night, Sun Mei didn’t sleep well, and got up as soon as the sky was bright.

Upon coming downstairs to the living room, Sun Mei found Sun Wei sitting there.

"Dad, why don’t you rest more? Why are you up now? Is the bed uncomfortable?" Sun Mei asked.

Sun Wei smiled and said, "No discomfort at all; this has to be the most comfortable bed I’ve slept on. I almost don’t want to get out of it."

Sun Mei forced a smile and said, "Since it’s comfortable, you should rest a bit longer. You’re getting older, and you should rest more."

"Come now, sit, and have a heart-to-heart talk with your dad," Sun Wei said.

Sun Mei felt an instant sense of uneasiness, but she obediently sat on the sofa.

"I used to complain about you marrying Shen Zhenhua; it was like you were making yourself suffer. But now your hard times are finally over," Sun Wei said with a face full of relief.

"Dad, it's all because Qiulu is capable, it has nothing to do with Shen Zhenhua," Sun Mei said.

Sun Wei nodded; he never believed Shen Zhenhua could help them with this matter, so knowing Shen Zhenhua had little status in the Shen family, he had a particularly contemptuous attitude toward him, once even threatening that he would never regard Shen Zhenhua highly, even after his death.

"Yeah, Qiulu is indeed capable now; who would've thought she'd be the most promising one in the Sun family? But whether a person is truly capable can't be reflected in herself, it can only be reflected through others," Sun Wei said.

Sun Mei adjusted her breathing; considering this matter, it seemed inevitable, unexpectedly Shen Zhenhua guessed right.

"Dad, if you have something to say, don't hold it back," Sun Mei said.

"Coming to Jiang City this time, dad's not planning to leave, intending to retire here. Sun Chao and Sun Fada aren't promising; we can't rely on them. Your mom and I can only rely on you for retirement," Sun Wei

Sun Wei's words left Sun Mei speechless for a moment; she was the daughter, so supporting her parents in their old age was a given. But this matter of retirement should be on sons Sun Fada and Sun Chao, not her, just because she currently lives well doesn't mean she must bear the responsibility.

As Sun Mei was about to speak, Sun Wei seemed to have timed it perfectly and continued, "But currently you're technically part of the Shen family. If we let you support us for retirement, your mom

and I would feel embarrassed. I thought it over for a long time; I plan to let them join Qiulu's group to work so that Sun Chao and Sun Fada can settle down and then support us."

These words left Sun Mei unprepared; she could counter the initial words, but Sun Wei's current words rendered her unable to retort at all.

The support in retirement is for Sun Chao and others, but arranging a job for them is merely a simple step, yet she couldn't bring herself to refuse.

"I understand you're worried they'll slack off at work; rest assured, I'll give them a little lecture shortly," Sun Wei said.

Chapter 438: The Demi-Immortal Su Changfeng

Sun Wei deliberately cornered Sun Mei against the wall so that she had no way out and even refused to give her a chance to argue back.

"Dad, everything about the group is handled by Qiulu. I can't make the call on this matter at all." This excuse was too weak, even Sun Mei herself didn't believe it because Qiulu was her daughter. If she insisted on having Tang Qiulu arrange it, how could Tang Qiulu refuse?

"You want to brush it off with an excuse? Yesterday, you said your family listens to you. Could it be that you can't even decide on this matter?" Sun Wei said with a face full of displeasure, followed by, "Or are you planning on watching your mother and me live unhappily in our old age?"

"Dad, that's not what I mean. How could I let you and mom be unhappy in your old age? In that case, I'll think of another way." Sun Mei said.

Sun Wei smiled smugly and said, "Then I'll head back first. Your mom should be getting up now."

Weiy Cuyun was lying on the bed in the room, barely asleep.

"How did it go, did Sun Mei agree or not?" Wei Cuyun asked.

Sun Wei replied with a smug smile, “I stepped in. How could this not work out?”

Wei Cuyun laughed happily and said, “This place is really nice. If I could live here forever, I would have no regrets in my life.”

Sun Wei looked around the room with full admiration; it was indeed luxurious, and he couldn’t help but say, “Yeah, such a nice villa, everyone would want to move in. Plus, there are maids; this is true happiness. Although it’s a bit late, better late than never.”

Listening to Sun Wei’s tone, he seemed to be planning not to leave.

Previously, when the Old Madam of the Shen Family was alive, she had the same thoughts. However, she cared about face and couldn’t do something so shameless.

But Sun Wei obviously didn’t intend to save face. This trait probably ran through the Sun Family, spanning three generations. Only Tang Qiulu wasn’t affected.

In the living room, Sun Mei was in a daze. She understood that Tang Qiulu definitely wouldn’t agree, but given what Sun Wei had said, she had no other options. At the moment, she only hoped Tang Qiulu’s attitude wouldn’t be too harsh.

On the top of Xianwu Mountain, Su Changfeng and Tang Qiulu sat resting. Whenever she looked at the entire view of Jiang City from here, Tang Qiulu felt very happy. She had no other thoughts, just believing that standing higher allowed her to see more beautiful scenery.

“Changfeng, once things settle down at home, let’s hang the organized wedding photos, shall we?” Tang Qiulu’s face was full of happiness.

This was something Tang Qiulu had been looking forward to for a long time. Now that the additional wedding photos had nearly been sorted out, she felt very touched whenever she thought of it.

But at the same time, she felt very sorry for Su Changfeng because it was something they should have done three years ago, but she had made Su Changfeng wait for over three years.

Tang Qiulu's words brought a wry smile to Su Changfeng's face. Tang Qiulu seemed unaware of the Sun Family's intentions for coming to Jiang City.

"Those people won't leave," Su Changfeng said.

Tang Qiulu stared at Su Changfeng and saw him raise his eyebrows at her, and her face showed a trace of anger.

"Are you saying the Sun Family plans to stay in Jiang City forever?" Tang Qiulu said.

Su Changfeng nodded, "Think about it. If they return to Bin County, the Sun Family would still have nothing. But it's different in Jiang City; you're now the chairman of the Shen Family Group."

Tang Qiulu's expression turned cold, "Those people, with their lack of capability, aren't qualified to enter the group at all."

"Whether they are capable is not the key issue. The main thing is how your mother will handle it. But in my opinion, she definitely won't be able to refuse. Maybe she's already waiting for you to return," Su Changfeng said.

Su Changfeng was well aware of these parasites in the Sun Family. Their purpose for coming to Jiang City couldn't be as simple as just visiting for a few days. What Su Changfeng considered was Tang Qiulu's current position as the chairman of the Shen Family Group, which could bring unimaginable benefits to those people.

As for how Sun Mei would decide, even without thinking hard, Su Changfeng could guess. She cared so much about face; the Sun Family members only needed to throw a bit of flattery, and she wouldn't know who she was.

“Are you that sure? You’re not a fortune teller; I don’t believe it,” Tang Qiulu said. Su Changfeng was no psychic, after all. He couldn’t possibly guess so accurately.

“Then let’s make a bet,” Su Changfeng smiled.

“Okay, how do you want to bet?” Tang Qiulu wore a challenging look.

“How about we bet that I can hold you while we sleep?” Su Changfeng said, seemingly still bothered by Lin Qingmeng’s previous challenge. Otherwise, Su Changfeng wouldn’t propose such a bet.

Tang Qiulu didn’t know what Lin Qingmeng had said to Su Changfeng; she thought he finally came around.

“No problem.” This might be the first time in her life she wanted to lose.

With a victorious look, Su Changfeng said, “Now that it’s settled, let’s go down. Mom is probably getting impatient waiting.”

“Tch, this time I must expose you, you liar,” Tang Qiulu said defiantly.

In the villa, Sun Mei was really getting impatient. Seeing Tang Qiulu return, she approached her with urgency.

“Qiulu, I have something to tell you,” Sun Mei said, pulling Tang Qiulu toward the room.

Tang Qiulu was a bit confused and glanced at Su Changfeng. Could what he said be true?

Su Changfeng raised his eyebrows and smiled, looking confident of victory.

“Mom, if you have something to say, just say it now. What can’t Chang Feng hear?” Tang Qiulu said.

Sun Mei looked at Su Changfeng. This matter would eventually reach Su Changfeng's ears, so there was no point in hiding it now.

"Qiulu, is the group in need of more people now?" Sun Mei asked.

Su Changfeng won, but Tang Qiulu was particularly angry, not because Su Changfeng had won, but because Sun Mei actually wanted to let the Sun Family group into the company. How could she not know what the Sun Family members were like?!

"Mom, if you want them to enter the group, that's impossible," Tang Qiulu said with a determined look.

Tang Qiulu's current attitude did not surprise Sun Mei. In her heart, she also particularly didn't want to do this. The Sun Family members were her maternal relatives, and no one knew more than Sun Mei how capable or incapable the Sun Family was in Zhe Xi.

However, given what Sun Wei had said, she had to give it a try, and considering Tang Qiulu's disposition, if she kept persuading, there might be a chance for her to agree.

"Don't refuse so quickly. Let me tell you the actual situation first," Sun Mei said softly.

Chapter 439: In Purgatory Prison

Su Changfeng returned to the room. He didn't want to get involved in this matter. No matter what decision Tang Qiulu made, Su Changfeng would support her.

Su Changfeng sat by the bed, taking out a sensor from his wallet. It was very small and easy to lose, but this could never happen to Su Changfeng because he checked it many times a day.

Counting the days, the pangolin has been taken away for a long time and is likely already in the Purgatory Prison. However, the sensor hasn't shown any response. Perhaps something unexpected happened to the pangolin, or Ye Qingtian is simply not in the Purgatory Prison.

Whenever Su Changfeng thought of this, he felt uneasy. He hoped Ye Qingtian was still alive. Su Changfeng had high expectations for this, but he was also afraid these expectations would vanish.

"Grandfather, you must live well. As long as you are alive, I will do everything to rescue you." Su Changfeng said resolutely, clutching the sensor tightly.

A dark room.

This pitch-black environment instilled fear in people, and no matter how strong-willed one was, it would give them the creeps.

In the corner, a figure curled up, hugging their knees, slightly trembling.

Ever since the pangolin regained consciousness, he had been in this environment, aware that he was now in the Purgatory Prison.

He estimated that the place he was in was like a confinement room. Perhaps everyone newly admitted to the Purgatory had to go through this phase.

The pangolin couldn’t determine how long he had been inside. The dark room prevented him from seeing light and feeling the passage of time.

Outside of the darkness, the only thing the pangolin could perceive was occasional vibrations that led him to speculate that the prison was underneath a region, as there was hardly any country or area where frequent vibrations occurred.

The intervals between the vibrations from the Purgatory Prison were relatively short, pointing to only one plausible explanation.

Is the Purgatory Prison truly at the Earth’s core?

If it really were as he suspected, it would be no surprise that the Purgatory Prison had gone unnoticed for so long, given it was not set on the Earth's surface and thus couldn't be discovered.

"Luckily, I used to often end up in confinement rooms. I've gotten used to such environments. If it were someone else, they might have committed suicide by now," the pangolin muttered to himself, trying to find comfort, but his slightly trembling body revealed his mental state was not very steadfast.

Being in a confinement room devoid of even a trace of light meant not even being able to see one's hand before their eyes, which would be overwhelming for humans ordinarily accustomed to living in brightly lit environments.

"Given my current state, I could last three to five years here. Let's see how long you can keep me locked up." The pangolin constantly reminded himself to keep spirits up, knowing that if he collapsed now, he wouldn't have any chance of escaping.

Suddenly, the door of the confinement room opened, finally allowing light to disperse the darkness.

The glaring light made the pangolin unable to open his eyes, forcing him to bury his head between his legs.

Listening to the footsteps, the pangolin knew three people were approaching, probably ready to take him from the confinement room.

However, when the footsteps neared, he was unexpectedly beaten by the three individuals and left alone afterward in the confinement room.

Lying on the floor, entering the dark confinement room again, the pangolin felt despair. Did the Purgatory Prison prepare a package? Not only imprisoning people in such confinement rooms but also letting people be beaten?

"I'm damn resilient like a cockroach! No one should think they can defeat me!" The pangolin said through gritted teeth.

Suddenly, the confinement room shook, and this time the tremor was stronger than before.

"Don’t these guys worry about bringing this place down, trapping everyone here?" The intensity of the quake made the pangolin shiver, further confirming his belief that the Purgatory Prison was underground.

In the villa, Su Changfeng put away the sensor, just as Tang Qiulu conveniently returned to the room.

Seeing Tang Qiulu looking drained, with her shoulders drooping powerlessly, he could guess the outcome.

"Agreed?" Su Changfeng asked with a smile.

Tang Qiulu bit her lower lip. Although she disagreed, she couldn’t resist Sun Mei.

"Changfeng, would you blame me?" Tang Qiulu lowered her head, not daring to meet Su Changfeng’s eyes.

The group was bought by Su Changfeng, and he was the one who developed it to its current scale. Although on the surface, Tang Qiulu was the chairman of the Shen Family Group, the group’s current status was unrelated to her.

In others’ minds, Tang Qiulu was the group’s chairman, a situation visible to all. However, in Tang Qiulu’s mind, she felt that Su Changfeng owned the group, because without Su Changfeng, the group would have gone bankrupt.

"Why would I blame you? But are those people going to stay in the villa permanently?" Su Changfeng would not want the Sun family to live under the same roof, especially with Sun Gui’s personality; letting him stay in the villa would eventually lead to trouble.

Of course, Su Changfeng didn’t fear the Gu Family, and probably the Gu Family wouldn’t trouble him either, but Su Changfeng wouldn’t let Sun Gui act recklessly.

"Mom promised me she wouldn’t let the Sun Family stay in the villa permanently," Tang Qiulu said.

"That’s good. It’s almost time. I’ll take you to the group." Su Changfeng said.

Tang Qiulu deliberately glanced at Su Changfeng’s wallet. Recently, she kept noticing that Su Changfeng would be lost in thought, holding the wallet, so she guessed there was something particularly important to him inside.

"If there’s something bothering you or worrying you, you can tell me." Tang Qiulu didn’t directly ask Su Changfeng what was wrong. This was what made her considerate; she knew that if Su Changfeng wished to tell her, she would find out even if she didn’t inquire, but she wouldn’t force him to do what he didn’t want to.

"Nothing. Let’s go." Su Changfeng stood up, put away his wallet, and said.

Regarding Ye Qingtian’s situation, Su Changfeng wouldn’t tell Tang Qiulu unless he rescued Ye Qingtian. If Ye Qingtian was no longer alive, it would be a secret Su Changfeng buried.

While driving to the group, the Changsheng Martial Arts Hall had a particular occurrence too.

Wang Fu and his grandson Wang Changtian arrived again, and this time the person accompanying them was not the previous one but a sinister man approximately 30 years old.

Chapter 440: You Are the Turtle

Ever since they lost previously, Wang Fu has never let it go and has always held a grudge against Gu Changsheng.

The last time he hired an expert specifically aimed at causing trouble for Gu Changsheng, and to get a wife for Wang Changtian along the way. Who would’ve thought he would end up humiliated?

And since Wang Fu is someone who values face very much, he definitely couldn’t accept this result. So, after he returned, he’s been searching for an expert, planning to reclaim his honor.

After so long, Wang Fu finally found an expert whom he’s particularly satisfied with and didn’t waste a moment to cause trouble for Gu Changsheng.

As soon as Gu Changsheng saw Wang Fu, he knew trouble was coming. This was also something Gu Changsheng had guessed right from the start. He and Wang Fu have not just known each other for a day or two. He’s particularly clear about Wang Fu’s character and knows he wouldn’t let it go after losing face.

"Wang Fu, you came later than I expected." Gu Changsheng said.

"Ah, the company has indeed been quite busy lately, so I haven’t had time to come by. I had to push a lot of matters aside today to be here," Wang Fu said with a face full of sighs and laments.

In fact, Wang Fu was busy looking for an expert. If he wasn’t absolutely confident, he wouldn’t have come over; otherwise, he would be the one losing face again.

Gu Changsheng looked at the person behind Wang Fu, who gave him an unbearably gloomy feeling. Without speaking, the man was like a deep, dark pool that, despite no ripples, exuded a chilling aura.

"If time was really scarce, you didn’t need to come all this way," Gu Changsheng smiled.

Wang Fu shook his head continuously, saying, "That wouldn’t be right. We are both getting on in years, counting days on our fingers. Who knows if we’ll meet again the next time?"

Gu Changsheng was full of disdain inside. This old guy came to mess things up and yet had so much nonsense to say, even coming up with such a righteous excuse. Did he really think Gu Changsheng didn’t know what he was here for?

"You do place too much emphasis on winning and losing. We’ve been competing for many years, but you’ve never beaten me once. Haven’t you seen that clearly by now?" Gu Changsheng boasted.

Upon hearing this, Wang Fu's expression turned sinister instantly. It was exactly because Gu Changsheng always won that he felt particularly upset. If he didn't vent this frustration, he'd die with his eyes wide open.

Furthermore, Wang Fu has to think about Wang Changtian's future. If the Gu Family and Wang Family could form an alliance through marriage, it would surely benefit Wang Changtian greatly.

Of course, Wang Fu's ambitions don't stop there. He knows Gu Changsheng particularly dotes on Gu Qing'er, and in the future, Gu Qing'er will definitely inherit a lot of the Gu Family's assets.

If Gu Qing'er marries Wang Changtian, those assets will practically belong to the Gu Family. This two-birds-one-stone plan has been on Wang Fu's mind for a long time.

"Don't be so arrogant. This time, I will definitely win. Quickly get that lad out here. I will show what a real expert looks like!" Wang Fu said, now particularly eager to see Su Changfeng get defeated.

If it weren't for Su Changfeng stepping in last time, Gu Qing'er would already be his granddaughter-in-law, and he wouldn't have been so humiliated, so Wang Fu detests not just Gu Changsheng, but also Su Changfeng; he wishes he could just kill Su Changfeng.

"Su Changfeng is my friend, not someone from my martial arts hall. How could I just give him orders at will?" Gu Changsheng said.

Upon hearing this, Wang Fu laughed scornfully, saying, "Old Gu, you're joking with me, right? In Jiang City, is there someone you, Gu Changsheng, can't order around? Or are you scared?"

Jiang City isn't completely controlled by the Gu Family. Such words wouldn't be said lightly. However, with the energy the Gu Family has in Jiang City, if there were someone Gu Changsheng couldn't order, no one would believe it.

No one in Jiang City would dare to go against the Gu Family.

Even though Zhou Chaohai gathered a bunch of business insiders intending to strike against the Gu Family, and though they've discussed it for years, Zhou Chaohai hasn't made a move against the Gu Family. From this, it's clear the Gu Family holds significant sway in Jiang City.

In the past, Gu Changsheng himself believed there was no one in Jiang City he couldn't command. But since Su Changfeng came, his thoughts have changed completely.

The Gu Family only has some influence in Jiang City, but the Su Family is a giant even in Beijing; the Gu Family doesn't even have the qualifications to compare.

"I'm not joking. The Gu Family couldn't cover the sky with one hand in Jiang City and can't just order anyone as they please," Gu Changsheng said, regarding Su Changfeng's identity, he hadn't even told Gu Qing'er, and surely wouldn't tell Wang Fu.

"Hmph, I understand you're afraid this time and worried about losing face. Don't worry, I will tell my expert to go easy on you, but you old fellows, really. What's so embarrassing about losing once? The way you're acting with your tail tucked looks worse than just losing," Wang Fu mocked.

Gu Changsheng chuckled lightly. He was already half-buried and was no rash youngster. He wouldn't get angry because of Wang Fu's words.

"Wang Fu, you should know that we're both half in the grave already, not some fresh-out-of-school younglings. Your words don't affect me," Gu Changsheng said.

Wang Fu gritted his back teeth. He spent a lot of money to hire an expert, planning to reclaim his face from last time, but he never expected Gu Changsheng to react like this!

"Is it that you're afraid, or is it that young man who's afraid?" Wang Fu said coldly.

"Grandpa Wang, how could Su Changfeng be afraid?" Gu Qing'er couldn't help but stand up for Su Changfeng. Even though she knew there was no possibility between her and Su Changfeng, even as his sister, Gu Qing'er wouldn't let anyone speak ill of Su Changfeng.

Seeing Gu Qing’er so agitated, Wang Fu’s brows furrowed. She stood up for that young man with a proud demeanor; could she possibly like him?

Wang Fu had already designated Gu Qing’er as his granddaughter-in-law, and he wouldn’t allow that young man to take her!

"Qing’er, if he’s not afraid, why wouldn’t he dare step out? Is that young man a coward?" Wang Fu mocked.

Gu Qing’er was quite unlike Gu Changsheng. Wang Fu couldn’t anger Gu Changsheng, but it was easy to provoke Gu Qing’er; his words ignited her right away.

"You’re the coward!" Gu Qing’er said angrily.

Gu Changsheng hastily called out, "Qing’er, don’t you know your manners? Apologize to Grandpa Wang right now,"