

Master Grim stopped at that point.

The huge gym was strangely quiet, and everyone was gone, except for them.

Lin Wenjing shut his eyes with a neutral expression, as though he was asleep. He remained motionless, and even Master Grim could not detect any changes in his emotions.

The seconds ticked away as minutes passed, but Lin Wenjing remained stationery. If it weren't for his normal breathing, Master Grim would have suspected that he had fallen asleep.



It wasn't until tears rolled down from the corner of his eyes that Master Grim confirmed that Lin Wenjing was not asleep.

Lin Wenjing opened his eyes soon and asked, "How is she now?"

Master Grim nodded while answering, "Apart from losing her freedom, she's doing quite well."

There was another long pause before Lin Wenjing continued, "Is she spending her days happily?"

Master Grim smiled bitterly. "Second Young Master, I am a mere servant to the Miss, so I am not privy to these matters."

"Can you tell me the name of this organization?" Lin Wenjing continued asking.

Master Grim pondered seriously for a while before finally deciding to answer him. "The organization is named Sumeru Heaven."



Sumeru Heaven, Sumeru Heaven...

Lin Wenjing muttered the name under his breath while committing it to memory. He then got up slowly as he was prepared to leave.

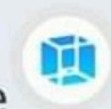
Master Grim saw him walking toward the door before blurting out, "Second Young Master, Miss truly loves you very much. Everything she did is to protect

you and the Lin family, and so you should not hate her.”

Lin Wenjing did not answer him, and hence, Master Grim further explained, “Miss is trying to leave the organization, and once the time comes, she will come searching for you. You do not have to look for her.”

Lin Wenjing remained silent while nodding, and he left soon after.

After making sure that Lin Wenjing was truly gone, Master Grim pondered carefully. He then returned to his office and locked the door from within before whipping out a black mobile phone, which was an extinct model in the current market. He dialed a number, and the phone call connected quickly. He then greeted the person on the line with utmost respect. “Hello, Miss. My identity has been exposed. Second Young Master knows who I am now...”



While Master Grim was on the phone reporting to Qin Yizhi, Lin Wenjing also arrived at Purple Jade Studios. The

news earlier was a huge blow to him, and he needed time to digest that piece of information.

Countless thoughts flashed across Lin Wenjing's mind as he sat on his office chair. He couldn't stop thinking about the authenticity of what Master Grim said earlier.

At this point in life, Lin Wenjing would not trust a person easily because he had to measure the truth in their words. He would not fully trust what Master Grim said.

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He thought it through for half an hour as his mind processed things quickly. His mind was just like a super computer while analyzing the truth value of Master Grim's announcement earlier.

In the end, he concluded that what Master Grim said was probably at least 80% true. Firstly, he believed that his mother, Qin Yizhi, was not a ruthless person. Since his childhood, everything his mother did—her gentleness, kindness, her generosity toward others,

as well as her method of handling matters—they did not seem fake as far as he could recall.

He also believed his mother came from a mysterious organization, and that this organization was extremely powerful. Otherwise, his mother would not have harmed his grandfather.

If this was true, strictly speaking, his mother could not be considered the murderer who harmed his grandfather!

However, is that truly what happened? After all, Mother is the ^{TK}one who caused Grandfather to be in a vegetative state!



“Sigh!” Lin Wenjing let out a long sigh.

Before this, he truly did not expect the reality of the entire matter to turn out this way.

Sumeru Heaven, Sumeru Heaven... Lin Wenjing could not help but mumble the name of the organization once again. He hoped desperately now to search for this organization!

Lin Wenjing put his thoughts into actions and used whatever information he had at the moment. He made a phone call immediately in order to find out more about the organization's background.

Unfortunately, the results were rather disappointing because none of the intelligence gathered could provide anything regarding the background and origins of this organization.

This was within expectations, because otherwise, the Joker would not have been so quick to answer him directly.



However, Lin Wenjing had a feeling that he would be facing-off with this organization very soon in the future. He deduced that since the organization managed to get to his mother, the organization probably knew his identity as well. Perhaps the organization was closely monitoring everything he did right now!

This is such an uneasy and horrible feeling!

At that time, someone knocked on his door, effectively interrupting his train of thoughts. "Enter."

The door opened swiftly, and his assistant entered while announcing, "Chairman, the Chairman of Black Rock Studios has invited you for dinner."

Lin Wenjing recalled with a start now that he promised the Chairman of Black Rock Studios for a meal, and so he asked promptly, "When is that?"

"It's tonight," answered his assistant. "Chairman, will you be attending?"



Lin Wenjing pondered for a while before agreeing to it.

The surname of the Chairman of Black Rock Studios was Ye, and his name was Ye Piaoyang; it was a poetic name. Whoever heard of his name would assume that the Chairman of Black Rock Studios had a slender build and was as thin as a rake. On the contrary, Ye Piaoyang was a large middle-aged man, and he was most probably around

a hundred kilograms.

He made reservations in the restaurant in advance and was ready to wait for Lin Wenjing. He had two goals—the first one was to apologize to Lin Wenjing regarding the incident with Wu Fanyi, whereas the second was to be acquainted with him.

Within this period, he researched about Lin Wenjing, and the more he found out, the more he was shocked because he managed to find out that Lin Wenjing seemed to be related to the Lin family!

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Lin Wenjing seemed to be a male descendent of the Lin family.

The Lin family was a powerful force to be reckoned with in Hua City, and the family was even more influential than Master Grim. If Lin Wenjing was truly a descendent of the Lin family, it would be even more worthwhile for Ye Piaoyang to be acquainted with him.

In order to show his sincerity, Ye Piaoyang waited outside of the hotel

long before the agreed time.

Waiting along with Ye Piaoyang was Wu Fanyi, who seemed to have realized Lin Wenjing's status and identity. Wu Fanyi was so startled by this revelation that he had not been sleeping well for the past few days, and he looked like he lost a few pounds.

"When you meet Purple Jade's Chairman, you'd better apologize profusely, do you understand? Otherwise, the consequences would not be as simple as being forced out of the industry," Ye Piaoyang^{TK} warned Wu Fanyi sternly while glaring at him.



Wu Fanyi shuddered involuntarily while answering hastily, "I understand, I understand!"

Apart from Ye Piaoyang and Wu Fanyi, there were several young and pretty female celebrities, and Ning Xiaohan was one of them.

They were all Black Rock Studios' outstanding female celebrities, and they

were all fairly well known within the entertainment industry with a huge and strong fan base respectively.

Ye Piaoyang brought them along for dinner for a clear reason, and that was to please Lin Wenjing through beauty.

Ye Piaoyang found out Lin Wenjing was still a bachelor. He figured it meant that Lin Wenjing must be promiscuous, and since the female celebrities he brought along this time were all the crème de la crème among women, he was confident that Lin Wenjing would be attracted!

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“Chairman Lin is here, so you guys had better pay attention! If you are able to hook up with Chairman Lin, you will never have to worry about money the rest of your life. You will enjoy endless riches and fame, and you will enjoy a significant status as well. From then on, you will get to enjoy the high life, do you understand me?!” Ye Piaoyang’s speech was full of incitement.

All the female stars’ eyes shone brightly in anticipation when they heard his announcement, and their heartbeat raced quickly. They felt quite excited and couldn’t wait to throw themselves at Lin Wenjing and try their very best to fawn over him.



That included Ning Xiaohan. As she recalled Lin Wenjing’s face, her heartbeat increased significantly as well. She had a pure and innocent image in the entertainment industry because there was no gossip about her. However, that did not mean that she was not interested in men or that she was not interested in finding a reliable partner as well. She had been working

several years in the entertainment industry by now, and she was aware of the complicated intricacies within the industry. If it were not for her talents, she would have been taken advantage of by the industry's unspoken rules!

She also knew that being able to protect herself now did not mean that she would be able to do the same in the future. Once her popularity decreased, people would start taking advantage of her for sure, and by that time, she might not be able to protect herself. However, if the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios looked after her, no one would dare to harm her. This was the main reason she came with Ye Piaoyang to entertain Lin Wenjing.



Lin Wenjing was not the most handsome man around, but he was not ugly at all. He was decent-looking with good temperament, and the turn of events the other day left a huge impact on Ning Xiaohan because she had never experienced such a thing before.

More than often, women were like that—

when a man she looked down upon and treated dismissively turned out to be a powerful person with significant status all of a sudden, such a man would leave a particularly deep impression on the woman.

However, if a man whom a woman thought was someone significant turned out to be an unknown person, she would be utterly repelled by him.

Now, Ning Xiaohan had a very positive impression of Lin Wenjing. She was not a gold-digger, but she could not help it as he crossed her mind frequently over the past few days.



She was curious why Lin Wenjing, as Purple Jade Studios' Chairman, was friends with someone like Yang Qi. From what she observed the other day, Lin Wenjing and Yang Qi appeared to be true friends.

With that in mind, Ning Xiaohan truly wanted to meet Lin Wenjing again in order to better understand him as a person.

Putting female stars such as Ning Xiaohan aside, even Wu Fanyi was eager to fawn over Lin Wenjing. If Lin Wenjing was interested in men, he was willing to offer himself straight away.

Finally, under Ye Piaoyang and the rest of the crowd's attention, Lin Wenjing's car arrived, lifting everyone's spirits.

"Chairman Lin, you are finally here. Welcome, welcome."

Ye Piaoyang rushed forward while smiling at Lin Wenjing. He grinned ear to ear while welcoming Lin Wenjing, whereas Wu Fanyi, Ning Xiaohan and the rest of the celebrities followed suit. This was a rather impressive scene. If someone were to photograph this moment and upload it on the internet, it would most probably cause an uproar and start trending in no time!



One had to bear in mind that these celebrities were Black Rock Studios' most popular stars. The least popular of them all were B-list stars, whereas Ning Xiaohan and Wu Fanyi were A-list

celebrities with massive fan bases.

Usually, they would rarely get together unless they were attending some large-scale awards ceremony, which would require them to attend together.

However, they were all now welcoming someone. At this moment, the celebrities were clearly in their best behavior, trying to please the person, and this was something unbelievable for their fans.

Lin Wenjing attended the dinner alone, and despite having a company-assigned assistant, he did not bring his assistant along because he preferred to do things by himself. It was also unnecessary for bodyguards because no bodyguard in the country was as capable as he was.



There was no need for ostentation as well because Lin Wenjing was a low-key person in general.

He felt rather uneasy now that he saw Ye Piaoyang welcoming him with a group of people, for it was too high-profile for his taste.

Ye Piaoyang and the other celebrities were in shock when they saw Lin Wenjing arriving in a cab! In their minds, they could not understand why such an important person as Lin Wenjing would take a taxi anywhere.

Wu Fanyi was in total shock because he could not comprehend Lin Wenjing's actions.

Something gleamed in Ning Xiaohan's eyes, and she was now even more intrigued by Lin Wenjing.

Lin Wenjing approached them and scanned the crowd of celebrities while greeting Ye Piaoyang with a smile. "Chairman Ye, why did you invite so many celebrities for our dinner? Are you trying to scare me off during our first encounter?"

Ye Piaoyang's expression changed drastically when he heard that, and he denied it hastily. "No, of course not, Chairman Lin. Please don't joke about things like that. How would I dare to scare you off? I am just afraid of



neglecting you, and that is why I've invited these celebrities to keep you entertained."

He emphasized on the word 'entertained' while giving Lin Wenjing a meaningful gaze, and the hidden meaning was apparent.

Lin Wenjing was a man, so how could he not get what Ye Piaoyang meant? He was clearly trying to get into Lin Wenjing's good books.

At that thought, Lin Wenjing smiled as well. That was the ugly truth of society; as long as a person was in a position of power, there would certainly be people trying to fawn over them, and hence, there would be even more temptations presented to the person.



"Really?" Lin Wenjing replied with a smile while maintaining an unreadable expression, making it impossible to guess what was in his mind, and they could not be sure if he was pleased by what he saw. Nevertheless, Ye Piaoyang was not worried, for he was confident

that no man alive would be able to resist carnal temptation. This would especially be the case for rich and powerful bachelors like Lin Wenjing as he would most probably be surrounded by many women.


When the female stars who tagged along saw their employer treating Lin Wenjing so respectfully, their gazes became earnest and passionate while staring at him. They kept giving him suggestive glances intermittently.

They initially assumed that Lin Wenjing was a middle-aged man with a potbelly, and they did not expect Lin Wenjing to be such a young man. Besides, he maintained a nice figure, and that was quite alluring for them.



As female celebrities who had years of experience in the entertainment industry, they had seen countless middle-aged bosses with potbellies. This was truly a first for them to meet a Chairman as young and as powerful as Lin Wenjing. Hence, how would they not be tempted?

Ye Piaoyang cleared his throat softly, and then Wu Fanyi approached them with a bowed head while looking very humbled and respectful. "Chairman Lin, it was my fault in the previous incident. You are generous and kind, so can you please forgive me this time? I promise that this will never happen again!" Wu Fanyi apologized sincerely to Lin Wenjing.

However, Lin Wenjing did not even spare him a glance, and he smiled mirthlessly at Ye Piaoyang instead. "Chairman Ye, it appears that your motives are not pure for treating me to dinner tonight." 

Ye Piaoyang had a bad feeling when he saw Lin Wenjing's expression, and he knew instantly that he was unwilling to forgive Wu Fanyi. Therefore, Ye Piaoyang weighed his options before clenching his teeth and making a difficult decision. He then kicked hard on Wu Fanyi's waist, causing him to fall over. "You are such a snob. Get lost right now! From now on, there will be no place for you within the entertainment industry!" bellowed Ye Piaoyang.

Wu Fanyi looked utterly baffled and lost; he knew that there was no hope for him. Initially, he wanted to grovel for a bit, but when he saw Ye Piaoyang's murderous gaze, he shuddered involuntarily and held himself back. Wu Fanyi knew very well that he would suffer more if he continued to argue.

When the female celebrities witnessed this scene, they peeked at Lin Wenjing from the corner of their eyes as they were even more impressed by him now.

The group of women were smart, and so they could tell that ^{TK}Lin Wenjing was extremely powerful because even their employer, Chairman Ye, was extremely respectful and courteous to him!



Thus they were even more determined to hook up with Lin Wenjing at all costs!



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Ye Piaoyang went all out for tonight, and he started preparing for tonight's dinner a few days ago. Not only did he make reservations in the best hotel, he even picked the best seats. The dishes were pre-booked for their expensive and rare ingredients, and he even invited a renowned chef to prepare today's dinner. He was doing all that just to leave a good impression on Lin Wenjing.

Since Ye Piaoyang found out that Lin Wenjing was most probably from the Lin family, he was determined to be acquainted with him and hang on to him for potential benefits.



Lin Wenjing was well aware of Ye Piaoyang's motives, but he responded with a faint smile, and he wasn't quite bothered by his actions.

However, he was still quite happy to be surrounded by so many celebrities. Two female celebrities from the group were established for quite a long time in the entertainment industry. Hence, Lin Wenjing had watched their films several years ago, and he enjoyed their songs

as well.

When he was the live-in son-in-law in the Chu family, he felt that these female celebrities were unattainable. However, each one of them were now fawning over him while trying to hook up with him. This was a rather strange feeling for him.

“Here, Chairman Lin, I’ll raise a glass in your honor!” Ye Piaoyang stood up with his wine glass while toasting Lin Wenjing.

The rest of the female celebrities stood up as well while toasting to Lin Wenjing, who accepted the toast with a smile.

After having several drinks, Ye Piaoyang started speaking. “Chairman Lin, I am utterly impressed by you because you have such amazing achievements despite your young age. I have seen my share of impressive and successful people out there, but I have never met someone who is as young and capable as you are. I’ll have to say that you are truly awesome!”



Ye Piaoyang gave Lin Wenjing a thumbs-up while looking at him admiringly. However, no one could be sure if Ye Piaoyang was truly impressed or that he was faking it.

Following that, a voluptuous and seductively beautiful female celebrity added immediately, "That's right, Chairman Lin, you are too awesome. You have attained such amazing success at a young age, just like an ingenious male lead in a movie. I am truly honored to share a meal with you tonight!"

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Lin Wenjing recognized this female celebrity as Yang Xiaomi, a very famous star in the entertainment industry. She was well-known for her sexy body and was regarded as the 'nerds' goddess'. She had such a shapely body that countless men regarded her as the lover of their dreams.

It was undeniable that Yang Xiaomi was especially sexy, and it was not an understatement that almost any man would be reduced to their primitive

impulses upon laying eyes on her. Previously, Lin Wenjing watched a few films starring Yang Xiaomi, and so he quite liked her.

Lin Wenjing replied with a smile, “Haha, Miss Yang, that’s kind of you to say. I am just a normal man with quite a bit of luck, and that is how I have made my money. I’m not worthy to be regarded as a male lead. You, on the other hand, are a popular celebrity, and I’d say that you are the true winner in life! People all over the country know you, and meeting you all would probably make them feel like the happiest people in the world.”



Yang Xiaomi replied, “Chairman Lin, I hope I don’t sound presumptuous, but have you watched any of my films?”

She stared directly at Lin Wenjing, and her gaze was filled with nervousness and anticipation. She was an extremely popular star a few years ago and had countless fans within the country, and there were people willing to spend millions just to share a meal with her. However, too many celebrities had

shown up in the past two years and stolen her spotlight, and so she was now less popular in comparison.

Lin Wenjing answered with a laugh, “Miss Yang, you are a famous celebrity, so of course I have watched your movies. In all honesty, I am considered a movie fan of yours.”

This was not a lie, because Lin Wenjing was indeed a movie fan of Yang Xiaomi. To be specific, Chu Ling was her big fan, and she watched tons of her movies and drama series. She also binged on variety shows which had Yang Xiaomi in them.



Yang Xiaomi beamed brightly upon his confession, like a blooming flower. “Really? That’s wonderful! Chairman Lin, since you are the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios, you must be well-learned about the art of acting. Coincidentally, I have some doubts about my acting, so why don’t I pick your brain tonight? Is that alright?”

She bit her lip gently as she stared

alluringly at Lin Wenjing while conveying a hidden message with her seductive gaze. Only a fool would not get what she truly meant.

The rest of the female stars present, including Ning Xiaohan, were especially upset by her actions as they cursed her in silence, *Such a shameless siren!*

Lin Wenjing, however, smiled faintly without answering her.

Yang Xiaomi became very nervous and anxious when she saw Lin Wenjing's response, for she did not understand what he meant.



Another female celebrity grasped the chance immediately by picking her wine glass up and approaching Lin Wenjing before finally taking a seat beside him. She directed a smile at him. "Chairman Lin, I'd like to toast you. I wish you good health and all the best in your future endeavors, and that you will always be surrounded by beautiful women."

This female star was tall and slender,

and she was a singer. She was an impressive soprano and was rather famous in China. Recently, she was invited to many variety shows, which further boosted her popularity. Besides, she was younger than Yang Xiaomi and had an innocent and young appearance. She would usually have an innocent and pure image on screen as well, but when faced with Lin Wenjing, she was rather proactive and sexy, making her seem irresistible.

When she approached him, Lin Wenjing caught a whiff of aromatic fragrance, and it was especially alluring. Besides, she was so close to him that it would be a lie if he were to say that he was not moved at all. After all, he was a man at his prime, and in fact, he was much more vigorous than the norm.

No wonder people said that men would be corrupted once they were rich, because temptation would come knocking on their door. It would be an uphill task for a man to resist such a temptation. The most important thing was the fact that he was single now, so

there was no reason for him to resist such an offer!

In that instance, there was a ripple across the calm facade Lin Wenjing had put on.

Fortunately, Lin Wenjing was extremely controlled. Once he felt a tinge in his heart, he calmed himself down swiftly. He then smiled politely while clinking wine glasses with her. "I, too, wish that you will enjoy rapid career advancement, and that you'll be young forever."

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After the toast, she settled down beside Lin Wenjing while leaning very close to him, and so her scent kept wafting toward Lin Wenjing.

Soon, the rest of the female stars toasted Lin Wenjing one after another while trying their very best to compliment him and throw themselves at him.

Ning Xiaohan was the last to toast Lin Wenjing, but it wasn't because she was

acting high and mighty and looked down on him. On the contrary, it was because she was the shiest of them all. Furthermore, she was not the best at these matters, and whenever she was about to speak, another female star cut her off confidently, so she did not have the chance to speak at all. In the end, Ye Piaoyang had to step in to give her a chance to toast Lin Wenjing alone.

“Chairman Lin, allow me to toast you.” Ning Xiaohan stood up while toasting Lin Wenjing, and it was apparent that she was very nervous.

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There were a total of six female celebrities present, each with their own merits. They were all beautiful women with a huge fan base; but in terms of beauty, Ning Xiaohan was considered the most breathtaking of them all. In fact, she was in the same league as Chu Ling and Guo Lingfeng.

Lin Wenjing could tell that she was panicking, and to tell the truth, when they were on set the other day, he could acutely sense her indifference and

contempt for him.

“Mm-hmm.” Lin Wenjing did not embarrass her, but he did not respond further either. He clinked glasses with her gently and had a sip of his wine, but he did not pay any attention to her anymore.

When Ning Xiaohan saw his reaction, she bit her lip hard. Somehow, she felt especially upset and wronged. She soon felt tears brimming in her eyes, and she had the urge to cry!

As an A-list celebrity^{TK} in the entertainment industry, she was talented with a vast fan base, and countless men would give their all to make her smile. Her mere appearance would be greeted with cheers from thousands of audience, and her signature was worth thousands and more. However, she was negligible in front of Lin Wenjing because he would not even give her a second glance; this vast contrast was extremely disappointing to her!



Ning Xiaohan was a very proud and arrogant woman, and with her smooth success for the past few years, it unconsciously cultivated her cold, detached personality and high self-esteem. This was true until she met Lin Wenjing, and only then did she realize that she was just a normal human being who was not worth a mention when she was faced with a truly powerful person.

She was unable to accept such a huge contrast at this moment.

She knew that under these circumstances, her expression must not betray her feelings of being wronged. However, she could not control her feelings as her eyes turned red with tears. She knew that she could not hold back her tears, and if she were to stay on, she would just embarrass herself.

Thus she got up from her seat once again. "Excuse me, I need to head to the ladies'. Please continue chatting."

Then she left straight away without waiting for Lin Wenjing's reply.



Her sudden departure left Ye Piaoyang in an awkward situation, and he explained hastily, "Chairman Lin, Ning Xiaohan is a very shy girl, so I hope you don't take it to heart."

Lin Wenjing was baffled as well since he did not expect Ning Xiaohan to leave so abruptly. *Ning Xiaohan seemed very sorry for herself. Is it because I was cold to her?*

Lin Wenjing shook his head and stopped guessing while informing Ye Piaoyang that everything was fine, and that he did not take Ning Xiaohan's actions to heart.

Yang Xiaomi and the rest of the crowd seemed surprised and delighted at the same time. Initially, among the group of female celebrities, Ning Xiaohan was considered the most capable. Now that she withdrew herself from this unspoken competition, it was great news to the rest of the female stars because at least they got rid of one of the strongest competitors.



This was especially true for Yang Xiaomi, who was getting more excited, because among all the female celebrities, Ning Xiaohan was the only contender who was prettier than her. Now that she was gone, Yang Xiaomi became the strongest contender. She felt that if she was successful in hooking up with such a powerful figure as Lin Wenjing, she would not have to worry about her future in the entertainment industry!

Hence, she gave it her all to please Lin Wenjing that she was almost glued to him.

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Since Lin Wenjing had a significant status, she was getting more attracted to him by the second, and she wanted nothing more than to have him fall for her right away.

In all honesty, Lin Wenjing was slightly embarrassed because this was a first for him to have so many women surrounding him. He found it slightly unbearable with all kinds of temptations, and despite the fact that

he used to be married for four years, he was still a virgin. Thus it was still an uphill task for him when he was surrounded by so many cougars, such as Yang Xiaomi.

Hence, he cleared his throat hastily before putting a safe distance between himself and Yang Xiaomi and the rest of the women as they had their dinner normally.

However, when Yang Xiaomi and the rest saw his reaction, they took it as a challenge, and so they put in even more effort.



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Throughout the meal, they did not stop speaking or gesturing at Lin Wenjing suggestively, so much so that he felt as though he was trapped in the land of women. He was now regretting his decision to have dinner with Ye Piaoyang, because if this went on, he was bound to make a mistake.

Fortunately, his alcohol tolerance was high, and despite being toasted continuously by Yang Xiaomi and the

rest, the female stars were the ones who became tipsy.

Ye Piaoyang asked him, “Chairman Lin, I have a question. Don’t you bring along your bodyguard when you’re out?”

This question was really bothering Ye Piaoyang. *As a powerful and wealthy capitalist such as Lin Wenjing, isn’t he afraid of being kidnapped?*

Yang Xiaomi and the rest of the female celebrities stared at Lin Wenjing out of curiosity when they heard Ye Piaoyang’s question.

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Lin Wenjing answered with a smile, “I am not used to having a bodyguard.”

“Chairman Lin, with all due respect, for someone with your position and status as a Chairman, together with your net worth which exceeds 10 billion, aren’t you afraid that bad people might target you?” Ye Piaoyang asked directly.

Lin Wenjing explained with a laugh, “You guys might not believe me, but I

practice martial arts, and I'm way better than most bodyguards anyway, so I don't need to hire one."

"Uh..." Ye Piaoyang was rendered speechless by Lin Wenjing's reply because he was obviously not expecting such an answer. Within the group of wealthy people acquainted with Ye Piaoyang, all of them hired bodyguards, and none of them had ever claimed that they practiced martial arts or that they were more capable than most bodyguards. After observing Lin Wenjing closely, Ye Piaoyang noted that his figure was average at best, and he did not have sculpted muscles. He looked like an ordinary person, so Ye Piaoyang did not believe his claim that he was more capable than most bodyguards. In the end, he merely regarded his claims as a joke.

Ye Piaoyang was a social butterfly, and he had a way with words. He gave Lin Wenjing a thumbs-up while complimenting him. "Chairman Lin, you are very capable, indeed, and I never expected that you'd practice martial

arts. You have my utmost respect!”

The other female stars also figured that Lin Wenjing was most probably joking because they did not believe that he could be a master in martial arts. In their mind, why would someone as rich as him practice martial arts and be involved in physical brawls and fights?

Lin Wenjing smiled faintly without explaining further.

More than ten minutes had passed, but Ning Xiaohan had yet to return. One of the female stars recalled that Ning Xiaohan was gone, and she asked aloud, “Eh, why has Xiaohan gone to the ladies’ for such a long time? Do you think she’s alright?”



The other female celebrities glared at her swiftly the moment she exclaimed loudly. They were all blaming her for being a blabbermouth, for they wanted nothing more than to have Ning Xiaohan not return so that there would be one less competitor!

Lin Wenjing recalled that Ning Xiaohan had gone for a bathroom break as well, and he had an uneasy feeling about it. "Chairman Ye, why don't you give Miss Ning a call?" Lin Wenjing asked Ye Piaoyang.

Ye Piaoyang nodded and dialed Ning Xiaohan's phone number. However, the dial tone went on for a long time without anyone answering.

"That's odd. Why isn't Xiaohan answering her phone? She couldn't have gotten drunk and passed out in the bathroom, could she?" Ye Piaoyang asked curiously.



Ye Piaoyang's phone started ringing after he wondered aloud, and it happened to be Ning Xiaohan calling back. He answered the call swiftly, but he was greeted by her sobs. "Chairman, save me..." She sounded scared and helpless.

Ye Piaoyang was shocked by the turn of events, and just as he was about to speak into the phone, he realized in

dismay that Ning Xiaohan had already hung up.

Lin Wenjing had a keen hearing, and so he heard Ning Xiaohan's cry for help. He instinctively had a bad feeling about it.

"What happened?"

"Ning Xiaohan seems to be in trouble. She begged me for help earlier in the phone call."

Lin Wenjing replied to him with a deep voice, "Call her again."

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At that moment, Lin Wenjing became the center of this operation, and so Ye Piaoyang followed his instruction and phoned Ning Xiaohan promptly, but he couldn't get through.

The other female celebrities were bewildered as well, unsure what was happening.

Lin Wenjing decided immediately as he stood up. "Let's look for her."

“Yes!” Ye Piaoyang nodded forcefully while getting up and following Lin Wenjing out of the room.

The rest of the female stars had no choice but to follow them as well.

Theoretically, this was a five-star hotel, so they should have strict security, and it wouldn't be possible for robbers or thieves to show up here. Besides, Ning Xiaohan was a public figure, so as long as the perpetrator was sensible, they wouldn't harm her.

However, the panic and helplessness in Ning Xiaohan's voice didn't sound faked.



Strictly speaking, Lin Wenjing was not even friends with Ning Xiaohan, but no matter what the circumstances were, she left partly due to him. If she was truly in deep trouble, he would somehow be responsible for it.

Once they got out of the private dining room, Lin Wenjing asked the hotel's server whether he saw Ning Xiaohan around.

The server was puzzled; in fact, he had no idea that Ning Xiaohan was having dinner in the hotel. This wasn't surprising because she was wearing a face mask and sunglasses when she left the private dining room earlier.

Yang Xiaomi and the other female stars checked the ladies' bathroom, but there was no one in there. It felt as though Ning Xiaohan had vanished into thin air.

Under such circumstances, the first thing Lin Wenjing wanted to do was to check the hotel's surveillance footage to find out where Ning Xiaohan was.



At that moment, Lin Wenjing's ears twitched slightly as he heard loud noises coming from the private room in front of him. Amidst the rowdiness, he vaguely heard Ning Xiaohan's helpless and upset voice.

Ning Xiaohan was truly in trouble.

After leaving the private dining room, she made her way to the washroom. The more she thought about what happened earlier, the more she felt wronged and upset. The main point was that she could not figure out why she was so upset, because she was not even acquainted with Lin Wenjing. Besides, wasn't it normal for a man like Lin Wenjing to be surrounded by beautiful women?

However, she was just upset with the situation, because no ^{TK}men had ever ignored her in this way ever since she was a child. This was especially true after her shot to fame as a major celebrity. Thus Lin Wenjing's cold attitude toward her earlier was a huge blow to her self-esteem. If he were just a random person without a significant status, it would not have mattered so much to her. What was more, Lin Wenjing was an important person; in fact, he was an important person Ning Xiaohan admired and respected, so she was particularly upset.



In the end, she burst into tears while feeling sorry for herself. Tears streamed down her cheeks as she hid in the bathroom for quite some time. After getting a hold of her emotions, only then did she prepare to return to the private dinner room.

However, just as she got out of the bathroom, she bumped into three men. The eyes of these men gleamed dangerously when they saw her, and they were astonished by Ning Xiaohan's beauty.

"Whoa, isn't this the famous star, Ning Xiaohan?"



The man standing in the middle let out a whistle while leering at Ning Xiaohan before commenting casually.

The other two men stared at Ning Xiaohan unblinkingly while checking out her figure.

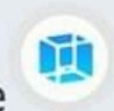
Ning Xiaohan panicked suddenly because she left the restroom in a rush, and so she forgot to wear her mask and

sunglasses. She hurriedly put them on while uttering, "You've got the wrong person. I am not Ning Xiaohan."

She was just about to walk around them to leave after saying her piece.

Unfortunately, they recognized her and weren't about to let her leave. Then the man in the middle grabbed her wrist quickly and exclaimed, "You truly live up to your image as a major celebrity. You look so pretty, and you smell great!"

Ning Xiaohan started panicking the moment he grabbed her. "Hey, what are you doing? Let go of me!"



"Dear famous star, don't be afraid. We are all your fans, and we'd love to have your signature," the man added flippantly. He got closer to Ning Xiaohan on purpose and took a huge sniff of her scent while showing an intoxicated expression.

As a famous celebrity, Ning Xiaohan had never been teased in such a way before. Whenever her fans bumped into

her, they would treat her like their goddess, and so the man, who was acting like a hooligan now, made her especially angry. "Enough! If you don't let go of me, I'm going to call the police!"

Nevertheless, they were unperturbed when they heard that; they did not look scared at all. In fact, they acted as though it was a joke while laughing aloud. "Call the police? Are all famous stars as naïve as you are?"

"I think you don't know who I am. Do you think that I'd be afraid if you call the police? With a phone call, I can make sure that you will never succeed in the entertainment industry! Haha."



"Long, you should just let her call the police, and we'll see if it works."

These three men did not appear scared at all, and they guffawed louder instead, as though this was just a game of cat and mouse.

Ning Xiaohan's heart sank, and she had

a bad feeling about this. As an experienced celebrity who had worked in the entertainment industry for years, she had come across countless bigshots. The man standing in the middle was especially flippant, but he appeared confident and wealthy. His clothes were all luxurious designer brands, so she figured that he must be someone with a significant social status.

“What are you guys planning to do?”
Ning Xiaohan asked sternly.

The man in the middle replied, “We aren’t planning to do anything. Didn’t I say that I am your fan? We are fated to have bumped into each other today, so I would like to buy you a drink in our private room and get your signature. I believe I’m not asking too much, am I?”

Despite his explanation, his eyes were roaming freely on Ning Xiaohan’s body, and he especially paid attention to her bosom. She was extremely uncomfortable with his lustful leer!



Ning Xiaohan answered, "I'm sorry, but I am accompanying our Black Rock Studios' Chairman for dinner tonight. He is still waiting for me to head back."

She dropped Ye Piaoyang's name in an attempt to scare the three men away.

However, the man was clearly unfazed as he spoke. "In that case, just let him wait for you. Come and have a couple of drinks with me first."

"No, I don't drink alcohol," Ning Xiaohan replied while shaking her head, and she was prepared to leave. ^{TK}



The other man's expression soured immediately, and he started cussing at her ruthlessly. "Damn it, how dare you disrespect Long? Do you have a death wish? Do you know who he is?!"

Ning Xiaohan had always been treated as a well-respected goddess, and the men she met previously were all extremely respectful and courteous to her. None of them cussed like the man in front of her, and so she was

extremely furious now as her expression turned gloomy. "I'm warning you. You'd better watch your language, otherwise I'll sue you for insults."

These three men started chuckling again when they heard her, and the man who was called Long spoke up.

"Enough. I am impatient, so come and have a couple of drinks with me, and then I will let you go. Otherwise, my request will not be as simple as drinking alcohol."

Ning Xiaohan sensed his threat, and she became even more anxious. She was planning to turn around to escape, but they saw through her plan and grabbed her before she could even turn around. "I see you prefer stick over carrot. This is great."

"What are you doing? Let go of me! I'm going to scream! Help, help!" Ning Xiaohan yelled at the top of her voice, and it reverberated along the walls. Some people nearby heard her cries for help, but the moment they saw Long's face, they acted as though nothing was

the matter and left swiftly.

When Ning Xiaohan witnessed this, she instinctively knew that she was in danger, and her heart sank.

Fortunately, she was quick with her response, and she knew that yelling for help was useless under such circumstances because it was obvious that the person called Long was quite powerful. Hence, she made her judgement in a haste. *It's best to go along with what he wants, and once I get the chance, I'll phone Chairman Ye to get him to save me from this situation.*



She believed that with Chairman Ye's status, the man would have to at least be courteous with the Chairman.

After making up her mind, Ning Xiaohan stopped struggling while inhaling deeply to calm herself down. "Alright, I'll accompany you for a drink and give you my signature, but you cannot touch me."

Long let go of Ning Xiaohan and sniffed his fingers before speaking with a smile.

“That’s my good girl. Don’t worry, I just want to have a couple of drinks with you, nothing else.”

The other two men flashed evil smiles.

Ning Xiaohan was feeling uneasy, but she had no other way around it. She was regretting everything right now. If she had put on her mask and sunglasses before leaving the restroom, things wouldn’t have turned out like this.

However, now that she had calmed down gradually, Ning Xiaohan was not as anxious as before. That was because she noticed that there were surveillance cameras in every corner of this five-star hotel, so no matter how bold this man was, he wouldn’t dare do anything to her.

Once I get the chance later, I’ll try to inform Ye Piaoyang, and things will be fine when he gets here.

However, her thinking was too idealistic, because when they arrived at Long’s private room, she realized that there

was a huge crowd in there. The seats were full, and they were all men. Her arrival resulted in a series of catcalls, effectively frightening her and making her panic.

“Whoa, if it isn't the famous celebrity, Ning Xiaohan!”

“She's so pretty. Long, is this your new girl?”

“Long, you're capable, indeed. You've even managed to get yourself a famous celebrity. Tsk, tsk.”

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They commented blatantly when they saw Ning Xiaohan, leaving her feeling very embarrassed and uncomfortable; she felt as though she had walked into the lion's den. Soon, the men started to make her down glasses of alcohol continuously, and it made her tipsy.

Besides, Long kept trying to take advantage of her physically. In the end, she was scared witless, and she tried phoning Ye Piaoyang for help...



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