

Guo Ya-Wen, Lei Dong-Bao, and Meng Han's faces instantly turned dark as they asked quizzically.

They were just feeling an immense sense of superiority that Ye Fan and Xu Li wouldn't be able to board the cruise ship and watch the fighting match, but they managed to enter.

Also, Ye Fan and Xu Lei were sitting one row ahead of them, so they had to sit right behind them.

Guo Ya-Wen clearly found it unacceptable and felt outdone by them!

Their previous sense of superiority was long gone!

But Guo Ya-Wen and the others didn't think that Ye Fan and Xu Lei were capable of obtaining tickets for the match.

So they assumed Ye Fan and Xu Li must have snuck their way in as they had preconceptions about them.

"Lei, are you insane? Do you know what event this is? Almost all the rich and powerful of Yanjing are here today. Didn't

you see the thousands of people standing guard outside the lake to seal it off? No one is permitted to enter for a hundred meters. How could you sneak into an event like this? Someone is bound to check our tickets later. Why don't both of you run before anyone finds out? Or else, you will be in big trouble," persuaded Meng Han worriedly in a hushed voice.

Meng Han attempted to convince them to leave before they were caught.

"Oh yes, don't go yet. Maybe Wenwen still has those tickets. Let me ask her," said Meng Han when she recalled Guo Ya-Wen. Then she turned to ask Lei Dong-Bao and Guo Ya-Wen about whether they had extra tickets.

Since they were classmates, they should help each other.

Guo Ya-Wen turned to sneer coldly instead, "Is she begging me now? Only now does she consider me her classmate. Wasn't she the one who defended her lover boy by saying that I framed him?"

"Wenwen, don't be angry. Ye Fan was at fault earlier on, and Lei wasn't to blame.

Can you find some way to get Lei a ticket? You can just forget about Ye Fan,” persuaded Meng Han again.

But Guo Ya-Wen shook her head and said, “It’s too late. My husband already threw the two tickets into Yanqi Lake. Why don’t you ask Ye Fan to dive into the lake and find them, Lei? He might just get lucky.”

Guo Ya-Wen calmly spoke as she mocked them and treated only Ye Fan and Xu Lei with contempt.

Ye Fan and Xu Lei were incapable and didn’t even know how to keep their friends.

If they showed Guo Ya-Wen’s husband some respect as Meng Han did, Guo Ya-Wen would have helped those earthworms from the countryside with her connections on account of her friendship with Xu Lei.

But sadly, both of them were obtuse and didn’t know how to forge ties with them, so Guo Ya-Wen couldn’t be bothered to help them.

“Meng Han, it’s okay. Don’t worry about us,” Xu Lei comforted Meng Han while she ignored Guo Ya-Wen’s harsh words.

“What do you mean, it’s okay?” interrupted Guo Ya-Wen as she instantly laughed before Meng Han could reply Xu Lei, “Lei, a girl from a small town like you probably has no clue about important events in this big city. This place is full of wealthy and influential folks, and countless giants have gathered here today. If nobodies like you get caught for sneaking in, you can count yourself lucky if you just get chased out. What if you get thrown into the lake as fish feed? You must know your limits and understand how important this event is.”

Although Guo Ya-Wen sounded like she was concerned, she was mocking Ye Fan and Xu Lei for their recklessness.

Then Ye Fan came out of his silence to shake his head and said calmly, “Miss Guo, there’s nothing for you to worry about. It’s just two back row tickets. I can still get hold of them if I wanted to.”

Ye Fan took out the tickets that Xue Ren-Yang gave him earlier and waved them in front of Guo Ya-Wen and the others.

“Do you suspect that my tickets are fake? Don’t worry, I will get the staff to check them now,” said Ye Fan deeply before he

waved an employee over to check his tickets.

They were undoubtedly genuine tickets.

At this stage, there was nothing else Guo Ya-Wen and the others could say.

Their faces flushed crimson from embarrassment.

After all, they had just ridiculed them and told them to fish the tickets out of Yanqi Lake earlier on.

In the end, they had tickets and better seats than them.

Guo Ya-Wen was undoubtedly infuriated.

After Guo Ya-Wen sat back down, she seethed with anger.

“Darn, are they serious? What does the organizer do for a living? How could they sell tickets to the likes of them? I thought ordinary people couldn’t access this event?” cursed Guo Ya-Wen. She felt that it lowered her status to attend an event with a loser like Ye Fan.

“Lei, how did you get these tickets? I thought...” asked Meng Han quizzically as she looked at Xu Lei. She was clearly shocked too.

Xu Lei smiled and replied, “Fan got them for us.”

“Fan? Did he get them for you? You must be kidding!” said Meng Han perplexedly.

Guo Ya-Wen and Lei Dong-Bao shook their heads in disdain as well.

“Look!”

“The fighting match is starting.”

“The big shots have entered the arena!”

The arena went into a furor instantly.

Everyone turned their eyes eagerly to the center of the arena where the wealthy and influential people of Yanjing had appeared. The audience started talking to one after another in excitement.

Meng Han and the others undoubtedly turned to look as well when they caught the commotion.

“Oh my, is that for real? I know that man. I saw him on TV before. He’s the head of the Zhao family in Yanjing, Zhao Si,” said Meng Han delightedly as she pointed to an old man in the distance.

“Hanhan, be careful with your words. Do you want to die?”

But Guo Ya-Wen and Lei Dong-Bao turned pale and warned Meng Han anxiously when they heard her.

“How can you call Mr Zhao by his nickname? Watch your tongue if you don’t want to attract trouble, okay? If anyone caught you calling Mr Zhao by his nickname and told the Zhao family about it, you would probably die,” reprimanded Guo Ya-Wen.

Meng Han was so startled that she shivered as though Guo Ya-Wen had poured a bucket of cold water over her. In an instant, she didn’t dare to utter a word.

There was a yawning chasm between the commoners and Yanjing’s elite.

She would probably invite death if she misspoke.

Then more and more rich and powerful entered the center of the arena.

The audience started to gossip one after another. They could undoubtedly impress their friends if they could recognize any of those big shots.

“Did the head of the Lin Family, Lin Feng, come too?”

“Lin Pharmaceuticals is a giant in the Chinese medicine trade!”

“I heard that the Lin family controls over a third of the Chinese medical trade market in the country!”

“Darn, it’s the Xue family!”

“Isn’t that the previous head of the Xue family, Xue Ren-Yang?”

“They are the leader of the three up and coming families in Yanjing!”

“Didn’t he retire? They even changed the family head.”

“Why did he come personally today?”

“Stop bullshitting.”

“The leader of the three up and coming families?”

“The Xue family is on the verge of collapse.”

“Didn’t you see how everyone ignored Old Master Xue when he appeared?”

“All of them are avoiding the Xue family like the plague.”

“Oh my god, you’re right!”

“What happened to the Xue family?”

“Did they offend a big shot?”



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"Who knows?"

"But I heard the Xue family was kicked out of Longyang Martial Arts Academy."

"The Xue family has backed out of its alliance with the other two up and coming families."

Everyone started gossiping.

Even the guests could detect something amiss. This was proof that the Xue family was in quite the spot.

But just as the audience waited for the fighting match to commence, Xu Lei's phone suddenly vibrated.

Then Ye Fan clearly sensed the woman next to him suddenly tremble after she looked at her phone.

"What's wrong, Lei?" asked Ye Fan as he turned to look at her. Then he discovered that the stunning beauty had lost all color on her face.

"Fan, Uncle Feng-Liang is here," replied Xu Lei as she shivered slightly.

There were intense worry and panic in Xu Lei's eyes.

Xu Lei probably respected Xu Feng-Liang in the family the most. He was the head of the Xu family and her father's younger brother.

Since Xu Feng-Liang could rise and become head of the Xu family, he was an extraordinary man.

Xu Feng-Liang used to be Xu Feng-Fei's right-hand man back in the day, and Xu Lei's father trusted him the most.

Moreover, Xu Feng-Liang treated Xu Lei rather well after her parents passed away.

Xu Feng-Liang was the only person to wish Xu Lei a happy birthday each year.

Also, Xu Feng-Liang secretly helped to solve Xu Lei's problems in Jiangdong whenever they arose all these years.

So Xu Feng-Liang was the one person whom she was too embarrassed to face in the entire Xu family.

But what must come had finally come.

"What did he say?" asked Ye Fan softly as he looked at Xu Lei with his eyes turning dark.

Xu Lei handed her phone to Ye Fan to show him the single text appearing on it.

"Bring him to see me outside the arena."

The message was brief and to the point.

It was evident that Xu Feng-Liang must have a stern and dignified personality.

"Fan, Uncle Feng-Liang wants you to see him outside," said Xu Lei softly again. She sounded both worried and anxious.

"Okay," said Ye Fan as he nodded.

Ye Fan returned Xu Lei her phone. Then he looked up to see several silhouettes standing respectfully at the entrance up ahead.

A middle-aged man protected by bodyguards stood with his hands behind him while authority exuded from his eyes.

His cloudy and stern eyes were looking right in Ye Fan and Xu Lei's direction.

Even if Ye Fan never laid eyes on him before, he could tell the man was Xu Lei's second uncle, Xu Feng-Liang.

"Let's go, Lei. It's time to meet this uncle of yours. I need to tell your elders before I take you back to Jiangdong anyway," said Ye Fan calmly as he smiled. Then he stood up and brought Xu Lei over to meet Xu Feng-Liang.

"Fan, I..." said Xu Lei as she pulled Ye Fan by the corner of his shirt and bit her lip. Her gorgeous eyes were filled deeply with worry as she gazed at Ye Fan. She was both concerned and terrified.

Xu Lei was worried that her uncle might do Ye Fan harm.

But she was even more concerned that she might get whisked home after seeing her uncle. Then she would never get to see Ye Fan again.

Ye Fan shook his head as he smiled when he saw the look of fear in Xu Lei's eyes. Then she touched her delicate and exquisite nose and said, "It's okay. Everything will be fine. Since I, Ye Fan, said I will take you away from the Xu family and

bring you back to Jiangdong, I will live up to my word. No one can snatch you away from me.”

A mighty strength radiated from Ye Fan's low and calm voice.

Then it instantly calmed Xu Lei's mood a lot.

She nodded hard to Ye Fan and said okay before heading over to her uncle with Ye Fan.

“Lei, where are you going?” asked Meng Han quizzically when she saw Ye Fan and Xu Lei suddenly get up to leave.

But due to the noise or the daze Xu Lei was in, she didn't hear Meng Han asking. Instead, she followed closely behind Ye Fan and left.

“What else can they do? They must be feeling horny and going to the bathroom to make out. Haven't you seen how clingy they get? She even let that loser touch her nose. I wonder what Lei sees in him to end up being so loyal to him. How can she be the belle of our faculty? It's a sheer disgrace to the finance faculty!” sneered

Guo Ya-Wen in disdain.

Outside.

Ye Fan and Xu Lei arrived at the deck outside the cruise ship.

Then they spotted the stern and mature silhouette very quickly.

"Uncle Feng-Liang," greeted Xu Lei. Perhaps out of apprehension or fear, Xu Lei's voice came out soft.

Then she hung her head and didn't dare look at him.

Xu Lei thought her uncle would reprimand her fiercely.

But she was caught by surprise when Xu Feng-Liang didn't throw a temper at her. Instead, Xu Feng-Liang admired the lovely lady she had grown up into before he smiled and said, "You're all grown up now. When I disciplined you as a child, you were such a crybaby, but you have now grown into a young woman. You inherited 70% of your mother's good looks, but she can't compare to the remaining 30% of your beauty. My big brother and sister-in-law

would feel so comforted if they could see their daughter surpassing her mother and growing into such a stunning beauty.”

Xu Feng-Liang's deep voice echoed as the cold wind swept it across the lake.

Xu Lei's eyes turned from listening to her uncle.

Tears flowed down from face insuppressibly.

“Uncle Feng-Liang...I...I'm sorry that I disappointed you,” said Xu Lei as she wept and choked on her words while tears came trickling down her face uncontrollably.

“Lei, there's no need to be sorry. Everyone makes mistakes. You are still my darling niece and can remain as the Xu family's daughter if you are willing to repent and change. I know Mei-Feng and the others are mean to you, so I agreed to your marriage to the Xue family for the sake of both the family and you. I'm always away and can't be home to protect you. If you marry into the Xue family, Mei-Feng and the others can't bully you. You will also receive 40% of the business' shares as a part of your dowry when you get married.

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Those shares once belonged to your father and will now be returned to you. But sadly..."

Then Xu Feng-Liang shook his head disappointedly.

"Okay, leave us for a while. I have some things to say to this so-called Mr Ye."

Then after a moment's silence, Xu Feng-Liang suddenly asked Xu Lei to leave and gestured to speak to Ye Fan alone.



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