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It was just a dinner. Was it necessary to pay this much attention to it?

In Jiang Ning's view, just getting changed was good enough.

Lin Yuzhen turned to look at Jiang Ning as she smiled, "Is this too grand?"

Jiang Ning didn't say a word. He simply looked at Lin Yuzhen.

It was up to Lin Yuzhen to decide whether to dress grandly or not. But he just didn't like seeing her like this.

It was just dinner at the Jiang house, so this was redundant.

Why dress up so nicely?

"I'm there as their guest. Of course, I have to be polite about their invitation."

Lin Yuzhen smiled as she walked over to Jiang Ning. Then she bent over to reveal a bit of her fair neck as she said, "If you don't want me to go, then I won't go."

"I didn't say that," said Jiang Ning as he turned around. Lin Yuzhen found his appearance somewhat funny now.

This fellow was using a tough attitude to conceal his uneasiness.

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Since Jiang Ning was deliberately avoiding the subject and playing with his phone, she didn't speak further. She walked over to the dressing-table again to pick out a necklace for her outfit before she was finally done getting ready.

"Then I'll get Brother Gou to send me there, ok?"

"Yup," said Jiang Ning. He didn't even turn his head and appeared like he didn't care at all.

After Lin Yuzhen had left the room and the clicking of her high heel shoes were no longer audible, Jiang Ning put down his phone. In reality, its screen had been locked all this time. He stared at the door in a daze.

He stared for a long time without saying a word. Then he lay down to play with his phone. But his attention wasn't on his phone at all.

Lin Yuzhen walked to the door where Brother Gou was waiting.

BEEP BEEP!

Just as she was about to get into the car, a black sedan drove over and pulled up at the entrance.

Lin Yuzhen looked up to see Jiang Hai getting off the car.

"Miss Lin," said Jiang Hai as he ran over and chuckled. "Madam sent me to pick you up."

He nodded at Brother Gou and said, "Bro, I'll take

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care of this.”

Brother Gou didn't say a word. Jiang Ning wanted him to protect Lin Yuzhen, so without Jiang Ning's permission, no one else could come close to her.

“Let's take his car, Brother Gou.”

Lin Yuzhen knew that Jiang Ning was worried about her even if she were just going to the Jiang residence.

Brother Gou nodded and helped Lin Yuzhen open the door. Jiang Hai sat back into the driver's seat immediately. He was hoping that Jiang Ning would come to the Jiang residence with Lin Yuzhen.

But Jiang Ning clearly still refused to go to the Jiang residence.

Master was probably going to be disappointed again.

Outside the hotel in the distance, a silhouette was staring as Jiang Hai's car left.

“Lin Yuzhen has left with only one bodyguard,” said the man to the phone softly, “Yes, only Jiang Ning is in the hotel. The two of them have gone separate ways now. Shall I move in?”

When he received his orders from the other party, the man's eyes instantly turned cold. Then he gestured to his men behind him, and they

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disappeared in a flash.

Jiang Hai drove to the Jiang residence carefully.

“Miss Lin, this way please,” said Jiang Hai as he led the way. “Thank you for helping me the last time, Miss Lin.”

At Shenghai, if not for Lin Yuzhen, Jiang Hai felt that Jiang Ning would have broken his neck on the spot!

“He won’t hurt you,” said Lin Yuzhen. She knew what Jiang Hai was talking about, so she smiled and said gently, “He’s kinder than I am.”

Then she walked towards the living room.

Xue Ning and Jiang Daoran were already in the living room waiting.

“Did she agree to come over?” asked Jiang Daoran a little nervously.

When Xue Ning found out that Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen had come to the north again, she sent an invitation to invite Lin Yuzhen over for dinner.

Although only Lin Yuzhen’s name was on the invitation, they hoped that Jiang Ning would come too.

He wanted to write Jiang Ning’s name on the invitation too, but then on second thoughts, the Jiang house was Jiang Ning’s home, so why

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send him an invitation if they wanted him back for dinner?



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At the thought of that, Jiang Daoran was suddenly unhappy again.

“Madam, Miss Lin is here!” shouted Jiang Hai. Xue Ning stood up instantly without even replying Jiang Daoran and walked over briskly.

The moment she saw Lin Yuzhen, she immediately beamed.

“Yuzhen, you’re here.”

It was Xue Ning’s first time seeing Lin Yuzhen. At first look, she warmed up to her right away. She walked over immediately and held Lin Yuzhen’s hand as she said, “You’re finally here!”

Lin Yuzhen instantly blushed as she said, “Hello, Auntie.”

She didn’t expect Xue Ning too be this polite. Xue Ning was so enthusiastic that she was at a loss.

“How wonderful!” said Xue Ning happily, “You have no idea how much I wanted to invite you over the last time. But I was worried that you were busy and didn’t want to get in your way. This time, I couldn’t resist inviting you. I had to get you to come for dinner since you are in the north.”

She turned to see Jiang Daoran still sitting where he was. She frowned and said, “Why are you still sitting there?”

Jiang Daoran then stood up and smiled as he

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said, "Yuzhen, welcome. I had a chat with your parents when we were in Donghai but didn't have the chance to meet you. But we finally get to meet today."

He glanced around but didn't see Jiang Ning behind Lin Yuzhen, so he couldn't help feeling a little disappointed in his heart.

That brat refused to come home after all.

"Hello, Uncle Jiang," greeted Lin Yuzhen. The moment she first laid eyes on Jiang Daoran, she knew how he was related to Jiang Ning since the two of them looked almost identical.

Lin Yuzhen asked Jiang Ning about his family before, and Jiang Ning didn't withhold anything from her and told her everything. He also told her about the misunderstanding that happened back then.

She didn't know how to judge this matter. Jiang Daoran wasn't wrong as he was trying to protect Jiang Ning and his mother. For the sake of protecting them, he would rather sacrifice himself!

"Alright now, don't just stand around here. Come on in and have a seat," said Jiang Daoran as he smiled.

They led Lin Yuzhen into the living room. The more they looked at her, the more satisfied they were with her.

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Jiang Daoran already checked on her long ago, including going to Donghai to visit Lin Yuzhen's parents. Through her parents, he could tell that Lin Yuzhen was a great girl.

She was as kind as Jiang Ning's mother.

Xue Ning cooked some home-cooked dishes. She had meticulously learned how to cook over the years and prepared her best dishes tonight.

"I'm not sure if these suit your appetite. If there's anything you prefer, you can tell me. I will learn how to cook them and prepare them for you when you come again," said Xue Ning as she kept taking food for Lin Yuzhen. "Your mum cooks for you back home. In the north, you can come here and have anything you like. Auntie will cook them for you!"

"Thank you, Auntie!" said Lin Yuzhen gratefully.

Since they were both women, Lin Yuzhen could sense that the smile on Xue Ning's face was sincere.

They welcomed her and looked forward to seeing her.

But why did Jiang Ning refuse to come today?

They chatted while they ate. They talked about how Lin Yuzhen was like when she was a child, all the way up to college, and when she started working. The more Xue Ning looked at Lin Yuzhen, the more she liked her. And she couldn't

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wait to know everything there was to know about Lin Yuzhen.

Outside the living room, Brother Gou sat with Jiang Hai.

“I’ve heard about your name a lot. Many people in the north wish to know you now.”

Jiang Hai looked at Brother Gou.

Brother Gou had climbed the ladder from the bottom most rung to become what he was today. He managed to achieve all this because he was inspired and worked hard to make himself better.

All the powerful families in the north knew about the entire pack of wolves in the forbidden territory of Donghai, not just Brother Gou.

With the wolves holding the fort, even if Jiang Ning wasn’t around, no one could act recklessly in Donghai!

“Without Big Boss, I’m nothing,” said Brother Gou as he glanced at Jiang Hai. “I wouldn’t even have a name.”



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