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Chapter 671 I Am A Downright Genius

"I love you, too. You and Erbao are my greatest treasure. When I have you both, I've got the entire world," Ning Ran declared.

"You've also got Daddy," Dabao whispered into her ear. Ning Ran's face promptly flamed. "You know nothing!"

"That isn't true! You and Daddy are a match made in heaven, and no one can stop you two from being together," Dabao announced. "Where did you learn that?"

In response, Dabao giggled. "I learned it myself from books. I'm smart because I'm your child! And because I'm Daddy's child, I'm a downright genius!"

He sounded reasonable, complimenting everyone so that all would be happy. "Look at that! How glib of you!" Ning Ran hugged her son tightly.

Despite stubbornly claiming otherwise, she actually didn't plan on returning to Flower City recklessly. The next day, Ning Ran filmed as usual and was busy for the whole day.

When she had finally finished filming and left the set, she climbed into Qiao Zhan's car. As she was truly rather tired, she closed her eyes to rest after getting into the car without paying any attention to the person in the driver's seat.

Only when the driver's phone vibrated and he took the call did she realize that the voice wasn't quite right. She opened her eyes, only to see Nan Chen. Utter shock inundated her. "Why is it you? Aren't you crippled? Yet, you can still drive?"

Turning his head to the side, Nan Chen glowered at her. "You didn't even bother looking at the driver before getting into the car. What if I were a kidnapper? Would you similarly keep your eyes closed and allow me to drive you away? Your vigilance level is really on par with that of a pig!"

"I... How could you say that? What do you mean by being on par with a pig? Isn't this Qiao Zhan's car? So, I got in without paying much attention. Is there a problem with that? No!" Ning Ran huffed.

"Couldn't someone else be driving if it's his car? What if the person in the driver's seat was a villain? What would you do now?"

"I..." Honestly, Ning Ran had never contemplated that issue.

"Next time, knock on the car window first if you can't make out the driver. Only get in after you recognize the person. This is a preventive measure even kids know."

At his remark, helplessness flooded Ning Ran. Indeed, I failed to take note of this today. Unexpectedly, he caught me red-handed.

“Stop berating me. You shouldn’t be driving when you’re crippled. You’re simply endangering my life!”

“My leg is almost healed. Besides, I injured my left leg, and this car is an automatic transmission, so there’s no need to step on the clutch. As such, my leg injury won’t affect my driving. I know what I’m doing, unlike you!”

Nan Chen continued lecturing Ning Ran as though he was her homeroom teacher.

At the same time, Ning Ran realized that the man seemed to be increasingly fond of admonishing her.

Ever since I experienced that crisis with him, he had been exceptionally talkative, frequently transforming into a homeroom teacher and lecturing me. It’s as though he had held himself back for too long in the past that he now wants to voice everything he had previously kept to himself.

“Fine, you know what you’re doing. Everything you say and do is right. Okay?”

“Okay!” Nan Chen replied unceremoniously.

“Go slower. I feel anxious having a crippled man at the wheel,” Ning Ran urged.

“As I said, my leg is almost healed.”

“The word ‘almost’ means it hasn’t yet healed completely. In other words, you’re still a cripple.”

Aware that Ning Ran was deliberately picking fault with him, Nan Chen ignored her.

In truth, Ning Ran was over the moon to see him despite bickering with him, for she hadn’t expected him to fly over to Livingsfill to visit them so soon.

“By the way, I had Qiao Zhan and the others prepare some food. Give Ms. Lu a call and invite her over to have dinner together. Remember to tell her to bring both her kids along,” Nan Chen instructed.

Ning Ran’s heart skipped a beat. So, he didn’t come to see me but to see someone else?

At once, chagrin swamped her.

I was just wondering why he was so zealous to fly over. It turned out that he came to see her! No, that isn't right. Other than her, he also wants to see her two kids!

Nonetheless, she didn't blow up at him immediately. Instead, she questioned calmly, "Why do you want to invite them to dinner?"

"Shouldn't I thank her for taking care of you? But mainly, it's because I want to see the twins," Nan Chen admitted without keeping anything from her.

"You're pretty concerned about them. You've got twins yourself, yet you're being a saint and worrying about other people's kids instead?"

At long last, Nan Chen caught on to the displeasure in Ning Ran's voice. This time, his reaction was a touch slow.

"I merely feel that they're about the same age as our kids, so they should interact and play together more. Ms. Lu is your friend. Is there a problem with having dinner with your friend?" he asked.

"That's a question for you. How would I know?" By then, Ning Ran's tone had turned sarcastic.

Pulling over by the roadside, Nan Chen turned and looked at her.

"What's wrong with you?"

"What's wrong with you?" Ning Ran countered.

"Nothing. I just wanted to invite your friend and her kids over to have dinner together. Is that a problem?"

"You think it's not a problem?"

Exasperated, Nan Chen turned away. "Okay, forget it, then. Let's not invite them anymore."

Then, he went silent, making it evident that he was disgruntled as he continued driving forward.

Calming down, Ning Ran felt that she had seemingly been too sensitive indeed.

If he's really having an affair with Lu Jingyuan, he wouldn't have put it on the table. He could've just invited her to eat together behind my back. That aside, he even wanted her to bring her kids.

“How about I eat with the kids alone while you go and have dinner with Ms. Lu? It’ll be easier for you to communicate with her about things without anyone else there.” Her tone eased slightly.

“What do you mean by that?” Nan Chen couldn’t stand listening anymore.

“And what do you mean?”

Once more, Nan Chen pulled over. This time, he was really infuriated.

Initially, I wanted to give her a surprise, so I personally drove over to fetch her home. Unexpectedly, she simply won’t stop harping on this matter!

“Back then, Ms. Lu told me that she found me familiar. Besides, you can also tell that her kids resemble Dabao and Erbao closely. Who knows, we might be relatives. What’s the problem with having more interaction between us? Furthermore, those two kids are really cute. I had someone buy some presents for them from Flower City and planned to have Erbao and Dabao hand the gifts to them in person. Erbao and Dabao haven’t had many friends throughout the years, no? They don’t know how to be considerate either. That’s why Erbao always has conflicts with others at the kindergarten. Now that they have friends of the same age, having them give others gifts to learn to be considerate and share will be of great significance to the construction of their personalities. What’s wrong with that?”

Following the man’s admonishment, Ning Ran backed down.

Judging from everything he said, it indeed makes sense. Could it be that I overthought things?

“I didn’t say anything either. It was your attitude that was the problem. I’ll give her a call right now.”

“Forget it if you’re reluctant to have her over for dinner,” said Nan Chen with resignation.

In a flash, Ning Ran’s temper spiked. Reason is obviously on my side, but why does he seem justified instead now?

Taking out her phone, she gave Lu Jingyuan a call.

She spelled things out, bluntly stating that it was Nan Chen’s idea to invite them over for dinner.

As Nan Chen listened beside her, he shook his head. What on earth is she thinking? She could’ve just said that the invitation came from her. Why did she have to mention me?

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Chapter 672 Amazed Beyond Words

However, Nan Chen didn't want to continue arguing with Ning Ran, so he remained silent. He vaguely sensed that she was exhibiting signs of the so-called emotion of jealousy.

Unlike Nan Xing, he had few scandals and rarely had any romantic entanglements with women, so he had little knowledge regarding jealousy and the like.

In other words, he wouldn't be bothered even if women were to be jealous because of him since he was all too powerful. Thus, he was indeed pretty dense when it came to discerning women's emotions.

His own emotions were far more important to him, so how others felt didn't matter much to him. However, things were seemingly different then. He started growing concerned over Ning Ran's reaction.

That was why he spent so much effort explaining things to her, rambling throughout the drive. Interestingly, he discovered that too many explanations couldn't calm her down. Conversely, she would become even more emotional and object all the more vehemently.

Therefore, he decided to revert to his usual style and remain silent, allowing her to interpret things however she liked. Consequently, Ning Ran went silent.

She wasn't insane, so she couldn't prattle on alone. When the car reached the entrance of Mountview Inn, Lu Jingyuan also happened to arrive in her car.

As soon as her two children alighted from the car, Lu Yunxue dashed over to Nan Chen. "You're here, Mr. Handsome?" She was one of those who treated someone according to his looks, so she addressed the man as "Mr. Handsome" directly instead of "Mr. Nan."

"Hello, Yunxue," Nan Chen replied gently, for once. Lu Yunbing, on the other hand, was much more serious. Bowing slightly, she inclined her head a fraction and greeted politely, "Hello, Mr. Nan."

Inside the house, Erbao heard their voices and came flying out. "Mommy, Daddy, Ms. Lu, Yunxue, Yunbing... you're here!" It wasn't easy for her to greet so many people in a single breath, but fortunately, she still managed to do it.

As though long-lost friends, Erbao and Lu Yunxue hugged each other and twirled around in circles. The adorable sight had Ning Ran and Lu Jingyuan smiling from ear to ear.

Mountview Inn was established by Lu Jingyuan, while Ning Ran and Nan Chen were merely renting it. For that reason, Lu Jingyuan was actually more familiar with the place than they were.

The food was prepared by the chef Nan Chen brought over because Erbao loved that chef's cooking the most. She was especially hooked on the desserts he made.

When the food was served, even Lu Jingyuan praised the fare to the skies, saying that it was incredibly delicious. They all chatted as they ate. Erbao ate the fastest, for she was in a hurry to finish eating and proceed to the next segment—gift-giving.

Nan Chen had many presents prepared, including dolls, books, children's computers, and also snacks. Erbao took them out one by one, gifting them to Lu Yunxue and Lu Yunbing personally.

Even the usually indifferent Lu Yunbing was touched. For the first time, she hugged Erbao, her eyes red-rimmed. Puzzlement deluged Ning Ran. "Why is Yunbing crying?"

Lu Jingyuan wasn't quite sure what was happening either. "She seldom allows her emotions to show. What's going on here?"

Lu Yunbing's eyes were merely red-rimmed at first, but after she heard that exchange, tears escaped her eyes.

Erbao promptly panicked. "What's wrong? Do you not like these presents? What do you like, then? I'll give it to you. Dabao and I will give you anything you want as long as it's something we have."

Lu Yunbing shook her head but said nothing. Nan Chen had been observing from the side, but he kept silent as well, for he couldn't figure out what was wrong with Lu Yunbing.

Finally, someone spoke. It was Dabao, who hadn't said anything thus far. Walking over to Lu Yunbing, he took her hand and patted the back of it in consolation. "We're only giving you presents. We're not leaving."

Lu Yunbing, who had been keeping her head hung low, lifted her head and looked at him. She sought confirmation with her eyes. In response, Dabao nodded. "We're really not leaving. At least, not for the time being. We're only giving you presents to express our fondness for you, not to bid you farewell."

Only then did Lu Yunbing lower her head once more. She stroked the plush doll Erbao gave her, the sorrow on her face gone without a trace. Everyone gaped at Dabao, amazed beyond words.

What's a soulmate? This is exactly it! And who said he's young? He's far more astute than us all. No one could unravel the mystery, but he saw right through it!

"I had a feeling, but I didn't dare voice it," Lu Yunxue remarked belatedly.

Nevertheless, it might also be true since she was Lu Yunbing's twin. As such, they naturally understood each other better than others.

However, Lu Yunbing was more withdrawn in nature. It was entirely possible that Lu Yunxue fathomed her sister's thoughts but didn't dare voice them.

As though to prove that, Lu Yunbing swung her gaze over, scaring Lu Yunxue so much that she hastily zipped her mouth.

"Don't worry. We haven't finished filming yet. Even when we do finish filming, we'll tell you before leaving," Ning Ran assured smilingly.

A tad embarrassed after Dabao exposed her, Lu Yunbing shot to her feet and ran off.

Both Dabao and Erbao chased after her. Lu Yunxue likewise started moving and chased after them from behind.

All four children went off to play by themselves. Hence, only Ning Ran, Nan Chen, and Lu Jingyuan remained at the dining table.

"The kids are already attached to each other. How rare!" Ning Ran commented.

"Yeah. I didn't expect Yunbing to be so attached. She rarely acts like that. Right now, I feel somewhat guilty. Perhaps I like living in Livingsfill, but they might not necessarily like it. The same goes for my way of living at present. It's only to my liking, but unnecessarily theirs. I've never asked them for their opinion. Maybe I've really been too selfish."

Lu Jingyuan appeared rather despondent.

"That isn't true. I can tell that they're also very happy," Ning Ran consoled.

However, Lu Jingyuan shook her head. "Thinking about it now, they haven't been all that happy. This is a small town, so most of the children here are locals. Many of them speak the local dialect, but my two kids can't speak it. A few times, I asked them what exactly happened when they had conflicts with other children at the kindergarten, but they refused to say anything. I suspect they might have been bullied. Well, girls are prone to being targets of bullying anyway, much less Yunbing who's eccentric and doesn't fit in. Thus, she hardly has any friends. Now, she finally has Dabao and Erbao to keep her company. That's why she's worried that you'll all leave anytime."

Nan Chen couldn't empathize with that, for he was too powerful. He had no idea how it felt to be picked on.

More accurately speaking, he had only ever been the aggressor, so he couldn't understand the feeling of being on the receiving end of bullying.

Contrarily, Ning Ran knew that Lu Jingyuan must have faced many indescribable difficulties when she was a single mother raising two daughters.

No matter how strong she was, she was still a woman at the end of the day.

And regardless of how strong a woman was, there were many things men could easily accomplish that a woman couldn't do.

"In that case, why don't you leave with us? Aren't you a designer? Look for a job in Flower City and put down roots there. Then, the kids can grow up together. What do you think?" Such an idea occurred to Ning Ran out of the blue.

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Chapter 673 A Powerful Character

Finding it an excellent idea, Nan Chen likewise turned his gaze to Lu Jingyuan. "I'm afraid I've got to disappoint you. Frankly speaking, I only managed to settle down here thanks to my family's support. I couldn't have done it alone. I've built a house here and established an inn, so I can't just leave on a whim. Even if I were to leave, I could only go back to the capital. But I don't want to do so."

Lu Jingyuan was a person with a complicated past, for there were many things she was reluctant to speak of in detail. However, there must be something holding her back. That was for certain.

In reality, everyone had something holding them back. "I think it's worthwhile to sacrifice some things for the sake of the kids," Ning Ran murmured, expressing her point of view.

"It's not that I'm unwilling to make sacrifices, but I have an agreement with my family. They're sure that I can't last for three years here. If... Never mind, let's not talk about this. Anyway, I can't leave. Furthermore, it's also not easy to go to another city and find a job, starting from scratch. I haven't really worked seriously for a few years, so I've grown rusty in a lot of things. Besides, I've got kids now. I don't have much of an advantage anymore in the business world."

"I remember you saying that you're a designer?" Ning Ran queried. "I used to do designing in the past, architectural design, specifically," Lu Jingyuan answered.

“Nanshi Corporation has its own real estate company. If you don’t mind, Ms. Lu, you can join us. I can provide you with a suitable job,” Nan Chen interjected.

Ning Ran agreed with that suggestion, gushing, “Yes, that’s right! Nanshi Corporation has a lot of subsidiary companies, so it’s a piece of cake to find you a job.”

“Thank you, but this matter is quite complicated, so I’ve still got to think about it. Honestly, I haven’t worked in a few years. In the past, I’ve never worked continuously either. Basically, I worked part-time, making a break for it after earning enough money. I’m the kind of person who doesn’t like being tied to a job.”

“Making a break for it?” Nan Chen mused. “I either switched jobs or resigned, then left to travel and explore. If it weren’t because I’ve got kids now, I might still be in some corner of the world, never settling down. My present life isn’t one I want. I’m only staying temporarily for the sake of my kids.”

When Lu Jingyuan spoke of that, her usual poise was all but gone. Life came into her eyes, and they lit up. As a matter of fact, there were truly people who loved the feeling of being on the road. In her world, the most meaningful life was still the ideal life she yearned for.

However, there was something even more important than that—obligation. She had specific duties and responsibilities as a mother. “I think you’ll have a chance of living the life you want if you leave this place,” Nan Chen ventured.

Lu Jingyuan and Ning Ran both swung their gazes at him in concert, not quite understanding the meaning of his words.

“You can contract out the inn here and rent out the house. By doing so, you’ll have a fixed income every month. Besides, you can hire someone to oversee things here and manage everything for you. Then, you can work part-time at Nanshi Corporation. Again, you’ll make a fixed sum monthly. The money will be enough for you to go out and travel for a while from time to time. Ultimately, Ms. Lu, you’re an outstanding talent who had once received a design award abroad, so it’s a veritable waste for you to work as an innkeeper here.”

Nan Chen’s final remark took Lu Jingyuan aback. “You investigated me?”

“Sorry, but everyone close to the children of the Nan family has to be investigated. However, we won’t leak the results of the investigation. I believe that your family had also investigated Ning Ran, Qiao Zhan, and the others, yes, Ms. Lu?” Nan Chen replied.

Lu Jingyuan said nothing, so it was considered a tacit admittance. All of a sudden, Ning Ran felt as though she was a fool.

So, they've both investigated each other, and I'm the only one in the dark? At the end of the day, I'm the most foolish among us all. We're of different statuses, so our thoughts and way of doing things are indeed different. It's difficult for me to change.

"I'll consider your suggestion, Mr. Nan. No matter my final decision, thank you for your kindness," Lu Jingyuan murmured with a smile.

Nan Chen said nothing, merely inclining his head slightly.

Just then, his phone started vibrating. Picking up his phone, he went into another room to take the call.

"I'm sorry about that. Are you highly offended that my family investigated you?" Lu Jingyuan apologized to Ning Ran.

"No, it doesn't matter to me. I'm not some big shot, so investigating me or otherwise makes no difference." Ning Ran shrugged.

"You're no small fry either," Lu Jingyuan countered.

"I'm no small fry? I can't find anyone more insignificant than me," Ning Ran quipped with a chuckle.

"You'll definitely become a superstar in the future, and an international one at that."

"Thank you! Let's drink to that." Ning Ran raised her glass.

"Cheers!"

The two women chatted for a long time, but Nan Chen still didn't make an appearance.

Seeing that it was late, Lu Jingyuan called her two daughters over. After thanking Ning Ran, she excused herself to go home.

Since she had imbibed and couldn't drive, Qiao Zhan volunteered to be the driver and sent them home personally.

Ning Ran took a shower before going to the study room, only to see that Nan Chen was still working in front of the computer.

"Did something happen?" Ning Ran inquired worriedly.

"Something came up. I initially planned to spend some time with the kids, but I've got to leave first thing tomorrow morning because of an urgent matter," Nan Chen admitted.

"Is it work? Or is it a personal matter?"

“Both. Take a look at this.”

Pushing the computer over, Nan Chen showed Ning Ran a video.

It seemed to be a press conference. A plain-looking woman was speaking at the press conference while a man was beside her, nodding and applauding every so often.

“Who’s this? I don’t know her even if you show it to me. What exactly happened?” Ning Ran asked in puzzlement.

“This woman is Ouyang Li. She’s Ouyang Duo’s daughter.”

“Huh? Isn’t his daughter Ouyang Qing? And isn’t she in prison right now? Another daughter popped out?” Surprise swept over Ning Ran.

“This is his older daughter. She rarely appears in the public eye, but she has always been working at Sunshine Corporation, holding the post of deputy CEO, if I’m not mistaken. After he died, she suddenly popped out.”

“What? Ouyang Duo is dead?” Again, shock flooded Ning Ran.

“Yeah. It seems that he met with a car crash while escaping and died. Following that, Ouyang Li rose to prominence overnight and became the Ouyang family’s spokesperson in Sunshine Corporation. Ouyang Qi and Ouyang Qing didn’t retain any of the shares Ouyang Duo left behind but gave them all to her. As such, she became Sunshine Corporation’s biggest shareholder,” Nan Chen explained.

“She looks ordinary, but she’s exceedingly capable. She has probably waited for this opportunity for an eternity, huh?”

Nan Chen agreed with that, seconding, “I think so, too. Guess who Sunshine Corporation’s second biggest shareholder is.”

Ning Ran pondered for a moment before surmising, “You said Rong Yi bought Sunshine Corporation’s shares by the bucket back then. Don’t tell me he’s Sunshine Corporation’s second biggest shareholder?”

“Bingo. Prosperity Holdings is the second biggest shareholder, but they’re taking on the identity of a corporate shareholder. I’d always thought Rong Yi wanted to acquire Sunshine Corporation, but that wasn’t what happened. He merely became the second biggest shareholder. This has me seeing him in a different light. Verily, he’s a powerful character.”

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As Nan Chen hardly ever praised anyone, Ning Ran asked curiously, "Why are you impressed that he didn't acquire Sunshine Corporation?"

"If he had acquired the company while the Ouyang family was having trouble, it might not sit well with the other directors and upper management of Sunshine corporation. They might even go against Rong Yi because of that.

Besides, Sunshine Corporation is a large organization. To acquire the company, a huge amount of capital is required. It's unlikely that Prosperity Holdings would have sufficient cash flow. As such, their only way to complete the acquisition is through debt financing. However, if Sunshine Corporation fails to perform well after the acquisition, the company would end up in a very risky position."

Ning Ran nodded and replied, "Oh, I get it now. It's like, if we force ourselves to eat when we are already full, we would end up getting indigestion. You've told me the analogy before. So Rong Yi is actually very smart. He chose not to acquire the company but to become a shareholder instead and observe the situation."

Nan Chen looked at Ning Ran approvingly, acting like her homeroom teacher again.

However, he was not intending to lecture her but was instead, giving her a silent compliment.

"But there's something I still don't understand," Ning Ran said, looking toward Nan Chen.

"What is it?"

"Even though Rong Yi did not acquire Sunshine Corporation, he had injected a lot of capital into it. If the company continues to be in a dump, wouldn't he make a loss as well?" Ning Ran asked.

"That's why that was just the first step. The woman at the press conference was Ouyang Li, and the man was Rong Rui, Prosperity Holdings' deputy CEO. He's also Rong Yi's younger brother. Prosperity Holdings and Sunshine Corporation held the combined press conference to officially announce their strategic partnership as well as their reallocation of resources in various areas. Among the three major corporations in our province, Nanshi Corporation is currently the largest, followed by Sunshine Corporation, then Prosperity Holdings. Now that the second and third place had formed a strategic alliance, Nanshi Corporation would naturally be under a lot of pressure. Because of the new partnership, the shares of those two companies have rocketed. As such, not only had Prosperity Holdings made money, but they had also gotten themselves a great ally to go up against Nanshi Corporation. Previously, I wasn't able to figure out why they would suddenly return to Flower City, but the reason is clear now. Very impressive indeed."

Initially, Ning Ran was still rather confused, but after listening to Nan Chen's explanation, she fully understood the situation.

"So the alliance of the second and third place is threatening the leader's position?"

"Well, Nanshi Corporation had never intended to be the leader. We have just been focusing on our business and have never thought of being a threat to anyone. However, obviously, others do not think the same way. It's clear that they are ganging up against Nanshi Corporation. Things have been going too smoothly for Nanshi Corporation for the past few years. I was worried that a major crisis would hit us sooner or later as things seemed too good to be true. Sure enough, the crisis has arrived," Nan Chen said with a worried expression.

Nan Chen was an extremely strong and capable man. The fact that he was worried about the partnership between the other two companies meant that it was a serious matter.

It would certainly change the dynamics of the business arena in the province.

Previously, it was a tripartite situation. However, after two of the three companies joined forces, it would definitely put pressure on Nanshi Corporation.

More importantly, Nanshi Corporation had bad blood with both companies.

"Don't worry too much. Nanshi Corporation will be all right with you around."

Nan Chen paced around a little before replying "Of course, I'm not afraid of them. I just think that it's too much of a coincidence. Immediately after I dealt with Sunshine Corporation, Rong Yi bought their shares at a low price and became the second largest shareholder of Sunshine Corporation. Just when our feud with the Ouyang family was finally about to be over, Ouyang Duo had suddenly run away and ended up dying along the way. Although it was his choice to escape, it was unavoidable for the Ouyang family to blame his death on the Nan family. Naturally, they would hate the Nan family to the core. Subsequently, Prosperity Holdings suddenly returned to Flower City. On the surface, it seemed like a coincidence, but every step felt like it was carefully planned. If that's really the case, it means that Nanshi Corporation has fallen into a meticulously designed scheme. How many resources would be required to carry out such an elaborate scheme? How powerful is the person who designed the scheme?"

Of course, Nan Chen was just thinking out loud and not asking for Ning Ran's opinion.

"Could it be that you're overthinking?" Ning Ran asked softly.

"I hope so."

"I'm sure that even if the Ouyang family and the Rong family combine forces, they won't be able to inflict harm on Nanshi Corporation," Ning Ran said, showing her support for Nan Chen.

The man glanced at her and asked, "Do you have that much trust in me?"

"Of course," Ning Ran answered without hesitation.

"But why? Why do you trust me so much?"

"Because you're not just any ordinary person. You're Sir Chen! I remember that when we were trapped on that island back then, you weren't able to walk and were practically crippled. Even so, you were still able to help us escape. Now that you are functioning perfectly, I'm sure this little bit of stress is nothing to you. You've got this!" Ning Ran exclaimed.

Nan Chen enjoyed listening to Ning Ran's flattery, although it was slightly exaggerated.

"You're right. I'll be heading back to Flower City tomorrow. Nan Xing is coming over. He misses the kids and wants to visit them here. Don't worry about anything and just focus on filming. Most importantly, be safe," Nan Chen reminded.

"I will. You have to stay safe as well, okay? By the way, you mentioned that you would give Ms. Tang a job. Did you mean it?" Ning Ran asked.

"Of course I meant it. Why would I lie? She's gotten numerous design awards in Epea and is very famous in the industry. She just keeps a low profile and appears rather mysterious."

"Mysterious?"

"Yup. We tried running a background check on her, but we were unable to find any information on her family. Her family is registered in the capital, but other than herself, there's no one else in her household registry. However, judging from our conversation with her, it seems like she does have a family. Moreover, I believe that she doesn't come from an ordinary family," Nan Chen explained.

"Wow! Could we have encountered a formidable figure?"

"I'm not sure if she's formidable, but she's definitely capable. If we can get her to join Nanshi Corporation, it would definitely be good news for us. I will definitely offer her a senior position with a competitive salary. Besides, our kids and her kids can grow up together. That way, they wouldn't be lonely. I think it sounds great. You should try to persuade her as well."

Ning Ran realized that Nan Chen had become more sensitive. Perhaps, it was because of the fact that he had been spending more time with the kids.

“Sure. I will look for an opportunity to talk to her and get her to join Nanshi Corporation. However, she is someone who has a mind of her own, and it wouldn’t be easy for me to convince her.”

“Just try your best. Oh, has Rong Rong left? Are you still in contact with her?” Nan Chen asked.

“We are not in touch currently. I haven’t seen her ever since our last meal together. I guess Rong Yi told her not to contact me after knowing about my relationship with you,” Ning Ran replied with a sigh.

“How are you related to me?” Nan Chen asked.

“How would I know!” Ning Ran was rendered speechless.

“If she contacts you, no matter what it is about, you have to let me know,” Nan Chen said.

“Are you wary of Rong Rong? Even if there’s bad blood between the Rong family and the Nan family, I don’t think they would make use of Rong Rong to deal with us!”

“I’m just saying. I’m not suspecting her.”

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Chapter 675 Hypocrite

The following day, Nan Chen flew back to Flower City while Ning Ran resumed shooting.

Ning Ran needed Cheng Xiangyun’s help at work, and no one was available to take care of the kids. Qiao Zhan couldn’t take care of them himself, so he suggested inviting Lu Jingyuan over to help take care of the kids.

Both Ning Ran and Lu Jingyuan agreed to the plan, so the latter brought her daughters to Mountview Inn to meet up with Dabao and Erbao. The four kids were elated as they could play together again.

Erbao and Yunxue clicked, so they watched anime and ate delicious food together. They would also gossip about their siblings occasionally. Dabao and Yunbing, on the other hand, rarely talked, so they didn’t bother interacting with each other. They were busy with their own stuff and ignored one another.

Despite that, they were inwardly delighted to hang out with their friend. After having lunch at noon, the kids were sent to their rooms so they could take a nap. Peace was finally restored in the inn.

Feeling sleepy herself, Lu Jingyuan placed a recliner under the tree in the yard. She placed her hat over her face, prepared to rest for a bit. It was tiring to take care of one kid, let alone four of them. Naturally, she was exhausted.

Gradually, she fell asleep. She was having a dream when a ray of light attacked her eyes. The hat covering her face had been removed, so she jolted awake. When she opened her eyes, the handsome face of a man appeared in her sight.

“Mr. Nan? You’re back?” Lu Jingyuan asked. Nan Xing nodded and inquired, “Yeah. Who are you?”

What’s wrong with Nan Chen? We’ve met twice previously, but he’s asking me who I am. I’m not going to answer such a ridiculous question. After all, he knows who I am. No one will answer that question if they were in my shoes.

With that thought in mind, Lu Jingyuan got to her feet and said, “Mr. Nan, since you’re here, I’ll be leaving.” However, she recalled her daughters were still here. She could only leave after they woke up from their afternoon nap.

Thus, she sat back down. “You’re pretty. Who are you? Do you have a boyfriend?” Nan Xing urged.

He didn’t know who Lu Jingyuan was and assumed she was a guest in the inn. She was young and gorgeous, so he revealed his usual womanizer self to ask for her WeChat account. Lu Jingyuan’s disgust for him grew after she heard his praise.

Nan Chen is a hypocrite, huh? He acts as though he’s in love with Ning Ran before her but does a one-eighty when she isn’t around! Look at how he’s pretending not to know me and praising me for my looks. How could he be this skittish?

In an icy voice, she retorted, “Mr. Nan, please have some self-respect.”

“You know me, but I don’t know you. Have you had lunch? I haven’t had lunch yet. Should we have lunch together?” Nan Xing extended an invitation earnestly.

With his good looks, Nan Xing rarely got turned down whenever he invited ladies to eat with him.

Alas, he got turned down today by Lu Jingyuan, who wore a look of disgust.

“I’ve had lunch. Please don’t disturb me as I’m taking an afternoon nap.”

Lu Jingyuan was pretty upset. I'm your wife's friend, but you flirted with me behind her back and pretended not to know me. What a despicable man! You look distinguished but turn out to be a hypocrite. I'm thoroughly disappointed.

"You're having a nap here? Why don't you sleep inside your room? It's windy here, so you might catch a cold. I can ask someone to get you a blanket if you insist on sleeping here," Nan Xing offered.

He meant well, but the more eager he was, the more Lu Jingyuan was repulsed by him.

"No need for that, Mr. Nan. Can you leave instead of disturbing me? I don't feel like talking to you now," Lu Jingyuan snapped, her expression icy cold.

Nan Xing felt rather awkward. He tried talking to her nicely, but she was rude to him throughout.

Not only did she refuse to answer any of his questions, but she also appeared annoyed as though someone owed her money.

"All I did was compliment your looks and ask who you are. Do you have to act this way?" Nan Xing said, irritated.

Used to flattery from the other sex, Nan Xing felt a flicker of anger at the sudden cold treatment.

"This is who I am. I don't like talking to hypocrites," Lu Jingyuan stated firmly, her voice colder than before.

"Who are you calling a hypocrite? How can you be sure I'm a hypocrite?" Nan Xing hissed furiously.

If she doesn't want me to flirt with her, fine, but why is she criticizing me? Who does she think she is?

"You're obviously a two-faced hypocrite," Lu Jingyuan returned.

She wanted to be harsher but restrained herself in the end. After all, Nan Chen was the CEO of Nanshi Corporation.

If it were some other man, she would've called him "shameless" without hesitation.

Nan Xing's confusion heightened. "What are you talking about? When did I offend you? Why am I a hypocrite?"

Assuming Nan Chen was putting up an act, Lu Jingyuan didn't feel like talking to him anymore.

She got up to wake the kids up so they could leave.

Nan Xing refused to give up as she didn't make things clear yet.

There's no way I'm letting you leave after you criticized me!

Grabbing Lu Jingyuan's arm, he declared, "Don't leave and make yourself clear. Why do you hate me this much? When did I offend you?"

"Let go! Don't touch me!"

"I'm not going to touch you. Even if you want me to touch you, I might not do so!" Nan Xing fumed.

His words infuriated Lu Jingyuan even more. She grabbed a glass of water on the table and splashed the water on his face.

Nan Xing was stunned.

He didn't expect to receive such a "grand welcome" upon his arrival to Livingsfill.

Where did this hot-tempered woman come from?

"You're in deep trouble," Nan Xing warned as he wiped the water off his face.

"You, too!" Lu Jingyuan refused to give in.

"How dare you do this to me? You'll regret this!"

"You'll regret your actions, too!"

They both started threatening each other.

Lu Jingyuan knew the Nan family was influential, but she wasn't afraid at all. She was no pushover, after all.

"Fine, then. We shall see what happens. Dare you tell me your name?" Nan Xing fumed.

"Stop with your act! What a childish and despicable man!"

With that said, Lu Jingyuan stormed to the door as rage got the better of her. I must tell Ning Ran what happened and expose Nan Chen's true colors!

Nan Xing wanted to stop her from leaving but ultimately decided against it. It wasn't gentlemanly of him to constantly find fault with a woman. Besides, it would be difficult for him to explain things if she accused him of molesting him or something.

I need to find out who she is before taking any action.

Lu Jingyuan stepped out of the door to see Qiao Zhan, who had just parked the car. The latter didn't know what was going on.

"Ms. Tang, why are you leaving?" Confused, he looked at the seemingly angry woman.

"Take care of the kids. I'll be back to pick them up later, okay?" Lu Jingyuan said.

"Of course. That won't be a problem," Qiao Zhan agreed.

"Don't let the pervert in the yard approach the kids. They are having their afternoon nap. Call me right after they wake up," Lu Jingyuan reminded him.

"Pervert? What pervert?" Qiao Zhan frowned.

Refusing to explain further, Lu Jingyuan strode toward her Jeep and left.

Qiao Zhan had no idea what happened. He entered the inn to see Nan Xing fuming on a chair.

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Chapter 676 Dabao Asking An Important Question

Qiao Zhan initially wanted to pick Nan Xing up at the airport but got stuck in a traffic jam. Hence, Nan Xing took the airport bus and arrived before he did.

"Mr. Xing, you're here. I'll ask someone to prepare your meal," Qiao Zhan said. "Where are the kids? Are they taking a nap?" Nan Xing asked.

"Yes, they are taking a nap. They were tired after playing too much and will sleep longer today." "Then don't wake them up. Prepare me some food, though. I'm starving."

Nan Xing didn't ask about Lu Jingyuan for he was scolded after flirting with her. Feeling embarrassed, he didn't mention her to Qiao Zhan. As he didn't mention anything, Qiao Zhan dared not ask any questions.

Ms. Lu was furious and called him a "pervert." Something must've happened. Nevertheless, Qiao Zhan couldn't ask what Nan Xing did to infuriate Lu Jingyuan.

Moreover, there was a strange wet stain on Nan Xing's white suit. That further proved that something had happened. Did Master Xing pounce on Ms. Lu when no one was around? That's not acceptable! If that's the case, Ms. Lu has every right to be mad at him!

Qiao Zhan regarded Lu Jingyuan as his goddess, so if Nan Xing did try to force himself on her, Qiao Zhan would definitely side with Lu Jingyuan. Thus, he didn't ask questions and pretended he didn't see anything.

After lunch, Nan Xing took a short nap. The kids were still asleep when he woke up. Getting bored, he got the car keys from Qiao Zhan and went out for a drive.

Meanwhile, Lu Jingyuan went back to her house. She couldn't help feeling that something was off. I got mad and left, but my children are still at the inn. Will the pervert vent his anger on them after I offended him?

Realizing that she had made a wrong decision, she drove back to Mountview Inn. A few minutes after Nan Xing left, Lu Jingyuan arrived at the inn. They missed each other and avoided another conflict.

This time, Lu Jingyuan woke her daughters so they could go home together. The girls were in a daze and didn't know what happened, but since their mother insisted that they return home with her, they had no choice but to obey.

Dabao and Erbao were still asleep when Lu Jingyuan brought Lu Yunxue and Lu Yunbing away. Qiao Zhan saw them out and asked, "Ms. Lu, what happened?"

"I'm fine. Some people wanted to bully me and my kids because we're alone and helpless, but I won't let him succeed!" Lu Jingyuan huffed angrily.

Qiao Zhan offered a placating smile. "You're not alone or helpless. Please don't put yourself down. Who offended you? Was it our young master?"

"I don't want to mention him. He's disgusting!" Lu Jingyuan helped her kids put on their seatbelts and drove away. Qiao Zhan watched as her car disappeared into the distance, utterly baffled.

Did our young master do something to Ms. Lu? She's usually gentle, but look how furious she was earlier. Mr. Xing isn't as capable as Mr. Chen, but he's a gentleman. How could he force himself on Ms. Lu? Has he gone crazy?

Qiao Zhan returned to the inn to discover that Erbao had woken up. The little girl was usually sensible, but after taking a longer-than-usual nap, she woke up groggy and grumpy.

Realizing that Lu Yunbing and Lu Yunxue weren't around, she got upset and demanded to know why her friends were gone. "Their mommy brought them home. I had nothing to do with this," Qiao Zhan replied innocently.

"But Ms. Lu promised to keep us company all day. She promised Mommy that she'll take care of us. Why did she leave suddenly? Did you make her angry?" Erbao demanded furiously.

Qian Zhan protested, "I dare not make Ms. Lu angry. I didn't do anything!" "Then why did Ms. Lu leave suddenly?" Erbao refused to buy his explanation.

"Well, I have no idea." Qiao Zhan surmised that Nan Xing and Lu Jingyuan had a fight, but it was just a guess. He dared not reveal his thoughts without any evidence to support him.

Erbao might be a child, but if he were to reveal anything to her, she would betray him any minute. "There's no way you know nothing," Dabao stated icily as he came out to give Qiao Zhan a doubtful stare.

The weak-willed Qiao Zhan immediately felt guilty when he met Dabao's solemn gaze. A chill ran down his spine as he found Dabao's glare eerily similar to Nan Chen's.

"I..." Qiao Zhan was at a loss for words. "Man, up and spill the truth. Why are you stuttering?" Dabao demanded. Qiao Zhan got even more perplexed. It was challenging enough to handle one kid, but there were two kids before him now.

"I guess something cropped up, and she left. You were sleeping, so she didn't want to disturb you and left without telling you. I think that was what happened," he mustered a reply.

"Really?" Dabao didn't believe him. "Yes." Qiao Zhan forced himself to stay calm. "All right. You don't want to spill the truth, right? I'll call Ms. Lu and find out what happened. If you offended her, I'll tell Daddy what you did," Dabao warned.

"Didn't I tell you I dare not offend Ms. Lu? I wasn't the one who offended her!" Qiao Zhan insisted.

"Oh, I know what happened!" Erbao yelled without warning.

Dabao asked sternly, "What do you know?"

He had always disliked his sister's habit of yelling out loud without warning.

Erbao inched nearer to him and whispered something into his ear.

Dabao's eyes widened after he heard her words and stared at Qiao Zhan.

Deep down, Qiao Zhan was startled. What did she say? It seems that she was talking about me.

“Uncle Qiao, I think I need to talk to you,” Dabao said with a steely expression.

Qiao Zhan’s panic grew. Erbao must’ve told him something about me! I wonder what she said.

Dabao walked to a corner, so Qiao Zhan had to follow him.

Erbao wanted to tag along but was stopped by Dabao.

Left without a choice, she had to halt in her tracks and watch pitifully as Qiao Zhan and Dabao had a talk.

“Uncle Qiao, we’re both men and can confide in each other, right?” Dabao asked solemnly.

“Little Master, what do you want to talk about? What did Little Miss say about me?”

Dabao returned, “How did you know she was talking about you?”

“Isn’t that obvious? Of course she was talking about me. Otherwise, why would you want to talk to me in private?” Qiao Zhan asked with a bitter expression.

“Did you do it?” Dabao questioned.

“Huh? Do what?” Qiao Zhan didn’t understand his question.

Dabao demanded, “Don’t you know what you did? Or are you putting up an act?”

Qiao Zhan grew increasingly nervous. “What did I do? I didn’t do anything.”

“But I think Erbao’s words make sense,” Dabao told him.

“What did Little Miss say? Did she speak ill of me?”

“Erbao said you’re in love with Ms. Lu and did something to her since no one was around today. That was why she left angrily. Was that the case?”

Qiao Zhan was frightened. “Little Master, you’re wrong! Please don’t make baseless accusations. I didn’t do anything to her! Even if someone did violate her, it should be your Uncle Xing, not me!”

Forced into a corner, Qiao Zhan had no choice but to reveal what was on his mind.

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Chapter 677 Not Like Other Girls

“Uncle Xing? Where’s Uncle Xing?” queried Dabao. After a split second of hesitation, Qiao Zhan explained to the little boy, “Um... Master Xing came to Livingfill to visit you guys, but you were all asleep. He didn’t want to wake you up but was also feeling bored, so he went for a stroll. He should be back soon.”

“Are you saying that Uncle Xing came to the inn? What did he do to Ms. Lu when he saw her, then? Did he anger her and make her leave?” Dabao analyzed the situation clearly.

The boy’s words scared Qiao Zhan out of his wits. He quickly waved his hands and denied, “I didn’t say that. In fact, I don’t know anything at all!”

“You were the one who said that! Are you trying to go back on your words?” Dabao glared at the man, unrelenting.

“Little Master, you’re putting me in a difficult spot. I can’t afford to anger Master Xing. If he were to hear about this, he’d flay me!” Qiao Zhan panicked.

The bit about Nan Xing flaying Qiao Zhan might have been an exaggeration, but it was definitely true that Nan Xing would never forgive the latter.

Dabao gave it some thought and nodded, appearing rather understanding. “Don’t worry. If you tell me the truth, I won’t let Uncle Xing find out it was you who snitched,” he said reassuringly.

Nonetheless, Qiao Zhan reiterated, “The truth is, I have no idea. I really don’t!”

“You know, yet you’re insisting that you don’t. Clearly, you’re deliberately hiding it from me. You’re not planning to talk, huh? In that case, I’ll give Daddy a call.” After threatening the man, Dabao turned around and was prepared to leave.

Qiao Zhan hurriedly grabbed him, asking, “What are you going to tell Sir Chen?”

“Of course, I’m going to tell him all about how you bullied Ms. Lu. You like her, so you did something bad to her while no one else was around, and she left out of anger!”

Hearing that, Qiao Zhan loudly professed his innocence, “Little Master, I’m innocent! I’m a stickler for rules. Even if I have the courage, I would never do such a thing!” “Then, tell me the truth about what happened.”

“I really don’t know what happened. Ms. Lu stormed out just as I came back. I asked her what was wrong, but she didn’t say a word to me. After that, I came inside and saw

Master Xing, who was also in a bad mood. That's why I deduced that there must've been a conflict between the two of them, but I have no proof of it at all. This is everything that I know, Little Master, so please don't pressure me anymore. I'm really at my wit's end," said Qiao Zhan as a bitter expression hung on his face.

Dabao furrowed his brows and fell into deep thought. A moment later, he piped up, "Forget it. It mustn't have been your fault. I just wanted you to tell me the truth, so don't worry too much."

Later in the day, Ning Ran had just gotten off work when she received a call from Lu Jingyuan, asking her to go out for a drink.

Ning Ran felt it was a little odd. She'd asked Lu Jingyuan to look after her children that day and thought she'd be able to meet the woman when she returned to the inn. As such, Ning Ran didn't expect Lu Jingyuan to contact her first.

"Are you not at the inn? Aren't we having a meal together later tonight?"

"I'm not at the inn anymore. I'll send you my location, so come over and have a meal with me, just the two of us. I'd like to have a chat with you," said Lu Jingyuan.

Ning Ran thought that Lu Jingyuan must have something important to say to her and readily agreed. If that wasn't the case, the latter wouldn't ask her out alone.

Lu Jingyuan requested to meet at a small and quaint restaurant. The atmosphere was extremely quiet, so it was the perfect place for a chat.

Lu Jingyuan ate very little at night, so the two women ordered a couple of snacks and a bottle of wine to enjoy as they talked.

Unexpectedly, after talking for a long while, Lu Jingyuan didn't mention anything important. They had only been making small talk thus far.

Nevertheless, Ning Ran felt that Lu Jingyuan's purpose in inviting her here was to tell her something.

Ning Ran had a straightforward character. She didn't like going about things in a roundabout way, so she got straight to the point. "You must have something to say to me. No matter how troubling it is, I'm willing to listen, so there's no need for you to be so courteous to me."

Lu Jingyuan hesitated for a moment before asking, "Are you planning to marry Nan Chen?"

Coupled with the fact that she couldn't figure out the other woman's intention, Ning Ran felt her heart skip a beat at the sudden question about marriage. "What do you mean?"

In truth, Lu Jingyuan was gripped by hesitancy. If she were to tell Ning Ran how awful and frivolous Nan Chen was, she could potentially hurt Ning Ran's dignity, no matter how tight-knit their friendship was.

But at the same time, she felt that she couldn't keep this from Ning Ran. Caught in a dilemma, Lu Jingyuan couldn't decide whether or not she should come clean to Ning Ran.

"We don't have any plans to get married for now. We talked about it in the past, but nothing ever came of it. You probably know this, but there's a huge difference between him and me. Some differences can't be shortened just by getting close to one another. On the contrary, we might even drift further apart," Ning Ran explained.

Lu Jingyuan said nothing and mulled over her options. If you're not getting married to him, then just forget about it. It's better if I don't tell you so it wouldn't affect your mood.

After coming to that decision, she said, "It's all right, then." Although Lu Jingyuan brushed the topic off, Ning Ran was still bothered by it.

Anyone would be hung up over something that had piqued their curiosity. "So it wouldn't be all right if he and I were to get married?" Ning Ran riposted.

"Yes." Lu Jingyuan's response was direct. "Interesting. You're afraid we'd get married?"

"Yes." The woman's response made Ning Ran even more nervous. Could it be that there's really something going on between the two of them? Otherwise, why would she be afraid of Nan Chen marrying me?

"Why?" "I don't think he's suited for you," said Lu Jingyuan matter-of-factly. She wasn't one to be hesitant, and since everything had been laid out, there was no need to hide anything anymore.

"Why is that so? Perhaps you think I'm not worthy of him?" At that point, Ning Ran was rather infuriated, but she endured the rage surging within her and kept her composure.

She had long suspected the two of them but felt that both Lu Jingyuan and Nan Chen weren't indecent people. Hence, she gradually tamped down her jealousy over time.

She'd thought her jealousy was almost gone at that point, yet Lu Jingyuan's actions took her by surprise. At that point, Ning Ran didn't just feel jealous but also hurt.

"It's quite the opposite. I don't think he's worthy of you," stated Lu Jingyuan, her tone firm and resolute.

Ning Ran sneered at that. "Is this sarcasm? I'm just an actress, while he's a CEO, and yet you're saying he's not worthy of me?"

“That’s right, he isn’t. His personality is trash.”

Once again, Ning Ran was stunned to hear that remark about Nan Chen’s personality.

Now that’s just impressive! Lu Jingyuan is not like other girls at all. She has no qualms speaking about what’s on her mind.

Ning Ran forced herself to stay cool-headed and queried, “Why do you say so?”

“I didn’t want to tell you, but we’re friends, so there’s no need for me to hide it from you. If I kept this a secret from you, then it’d be a form of betrayal. Earlier today, Nan Chen acted as if he didn’t know me, said I was pretty, and even asked if I had a boyfriend—”

Before Lu Jingyuan could finish speaking, Ning Ran jumped out of her seat in shock. “What?”

Her intense reaction scared Lu Jingyuan a little.

“Calm down and don’t be like this. If you continue to act this way, I won’t dare to continue talking,” said Lu Jingyuan weakly.

“Nan Chen dared to flirt with you? Is that what you were saying? I didn’t misunderstand, right?” Ning Ran bellowed.

Helpless, Lu Jingyuan nodded. “Yes, that’s an apt description of what happened. Basically, he was hitting on me.”

“What a shameless, despicable, perverted, hypocritical jerk!”

Consumed by rage, Ning Ran hurled every insult she could think of off the top of her head.

Alas, that wasn’t enough to quell her hatred. She then kicked the chair but accidentally stubbed her toe in the process, causing intense pain to tear through her body.

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Chapter 678 Banknote

“F*ck!” Ning Ran fumed. Seeing her friend on the verge of a breakdown made Lu Jingyuan feel rather guilty. “Should I not have told you all this?”

Ning Ran drew in a deep breath. “Don’t worry about it. It’s a good thing you told me. I’ll call him and ask him about it right away.”

However, Lu Jingyuan quickly stopped her from doing so. "If you give him a call right now and interrogate him, won't I be put in an awkward situation?"

"Well, I can't pretend nothing happened, right? Fine, I'll call him when we get back and question him then." Ning Ran sat down and grabbed the bottle that was sitting on the table. She then chugged a few mouthfuls of wine straight from the bottle.

Lu Jingyuan took the bottle back from her and chided, "Don't drink so much."

While Ning Ran and Lu Jingyuan were talking and the former was on the brink of a full-blown meltdown, the director of I Am You and Huang Zichao were also having a drink in a nearby restaurant.

Huang Zichao was an award-winning actor and a household name. Any director, regardless of their popularity, would still have to treat a big shot like him respectfully.

Therefore, it was no surprise that the director would personally pour Huang Zichao a glass of wine and utter words of flattery.

Huang Zichao had been forcing himself to accept the director's blandishments, but in the end, he couldn't take it anymore.

A crease formed between his eyebrows as he queried, "Do you have anything to say to me? Is there an issue with my performance? Go ahead and speak your mind. I'm happy to accept criticisms. After all, it can help me improve."

"Oh, no! You're great! Your performance matches perfectly with Ding Mi's. It's outstanding, really!" The director laughed, once again, filling Huang Zichao's glass with wine.

At that point, Huang Zichao was done with the endless pleasantries. We've been socializing for half a day, yet he's not saying anything important. What the h*ll does he want?

"Please don't be like this. Just say what you have in mind. I'd feel uneasy if you won't be frank with me." He didn't bother drinking the wine and stared intently at the director.

"It's nothing. I'm just chatting with you. Oh right, what do you think of Ding Mi as a person?"

"I think she's great. She's pretty and talented, so I'm sure she has a bright future ahead of her," Huang Zichao praised. "What else?"

"Uh, what else? Her personality's great, too. Why are you asking, though? What's the meaning of this?" Sensing something was amiss, Huang Zichao instantly became more cautious.

The director merely laughed, seeming as if he was trying to pick and choose his words. "Just say what you have in mind," Huang Zichao reminded him once more. "Ding Mi... is pretty likable, huh?"

"Of course. Plenty of people on the production team likes her, but alas, she's not a banknote, so not everyone would like her."

"You like her too, I suppose?" An ambiguous smile crept up on the director's face.

"Indeed. It's an honor to be able to work with her," Huang Zichao revealed honestly.

The director nodded in understanding. "I like her as well, but outside of work, I wouldn't dare ask her out for a meal and whatnot. Do you know why?"

"Why?"

"Because she's Sir Chen's woman, and Sir Chen's the main investor of this movie, so we can't afford to offend him."

Huang Zichao was no fool and seemed to have caught onto what the director was implying.

"So what you're saying is that I've gotten too close to her, and I shouldn't be doing that, correct?" he asked.

"I heard you asked her out for a drink and caused a little incident in the end. Is that true?"

"It did happen, but it was an accident. She was being too rash and wanted to seek justice for a girl who was singing there. That's what resulted in the entire ordeal," explained Huang Zichao.

"Sir Chen didn't ask about the nitty-gritty details, nor does he care about excuses. All he knows is that your actions brought danger upon his woman. He's furious about it and said that if you do something like this again, he'd take action on you."

After going in circles for such a long time, the director finally went to the point.

Huang Zichao remained silent while staring at the director.

"Don't look at me like that. These aren't my words, but Sir Chen's," the director hurriedly explained.

"He's the one who wanted you to warn me?"

“No, his assistant gave me a call, saying that if you can’t keep your distance from Ding Mi, then you’d have to leave the production team. They don’t mind taking on the losses that might be incurred by your exit.”

Huang Zichao set his glass on the table.

Although he was a well-mannered man, he would still feel uncomfortable after listening to such blatant threats.

“So you think this is an issue as well?”

“Of course, not. I believe in your character, but the incident did bring about some negative implications. In fact, there were some rumors going around the production team, but I’ve already given them a warning.”

“That means I can’t have a meal with Ning Ran in the future, and I can’t talk to her, too?” Huang Zichao was slightly irate.

Alas, there was nothing the perplexed director could do about the matter. “I’d advise you to have less contact with her outside of work, for everyone’s sake.”

“All right, I understand. Nan Chen’s the investor, so obviously, I’d have to show him some respect.”

As soon as the words left his lips, Huang Zichao stood up and prepared to leave.

“Why are you leaving already? You haven’t finished your wine yet. Hey, don’t be mad!” the director coaxed.

However, Huang Zichao paid him no heed and strode out of the restaurant.

The troubled director could only shake his head helplessly. My hands are truly tied. They’re both big shots, and I can’t afford to offend either one of them.

As soon as Huang Zichao got out of the restaurant, he instantly gave Ning Ran a call, telling her he needed to see her right away.

When Ning Ran asked him what it was about, he merely said it was urgent and sent his location to her.

Unfortunately, Ning Ran was a no-show. She wasn’t in a good mood and didn’t want to see anyone, let alone Huang Zichao. Instead, she headed straight to Mountview Inn and rang Nan Chen’s phone.

This time, the call was connected almost instantly. Nan Chen was still in the office working overtime.

"I'm a little busy right now. I'll call you back," he said.

His response made the woman feel as if he was trying to avoid her after having done something shady.

"Nan Chen, I had dinner with Lu Jingyuan and she told me some things. Do you have anything to say to me?" Ning Ran asked.

"I do, but I don't have the time to talk right now. I'll hang up first, okay?"

"Don't hang up. I didn't expect you to be a person who would do something behind my back! Are you not ashamed?"

All of the fury and rage that Ning Ran had been holding in was released in an instant, stunning Nan Chen.

Do something behind her back? Is she referring to the incident where I asked the director to give Huang Zichao a warning? I'm trying to preserve her pride here. That's why I asked Jiang Zhe to call the director and had the director warn Huang Zichao. How dare she say I'm shameless?

The irritation in Nan Chen's heart grew at the woman's words.

Am I shameless or are you the one who's shameless?

"What about you, huh? Do you want your pride at all?" Nan Chen queried coldly.

"Of course, I do! But I really didn't expect you to be so disgusting that you'd do such a thing behind my back! Do you think you're all that, hmm? In that case, why not admit to your mistakes?" Ning Ran roared.

Instead of answering her, Nan Chen posed several questions of his own, "Did I deny it? What do I have to be ashamed of?"

Ning Ran truly hoped that the man would at least try to explain his actions, but who would've guessed that he would straight-up admit to his wrongdoings instead?

This caused Ning Ran a great deal of heartache as anger threatened to overwhelm her.

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Chapter 679 Another Storm Is Coming

"So, you finally admit to it, huh? Why didn't you say so sooner?" "I did! I always admit to everything I do!" Nan Chen snapped back at her.

All I did was give Huang Zichao a little warning! Why is she confronting me about it and calling me shameless?

“Okay, I get it now. You’re Nan Chen, so you can do anything you want and get away with it! There’s no need for you to hide it at all, so why don’t you just go ahead and do it in front of me? You’ll only disgust me even more if you do it behind my back like a coward!”

“You’re the one being disgusting right now!” Nan Chen was exhausted after a long day at work, so he didn’t take kindly to Ning Ran yelling at him like that. “I’m being disgusting? You—”

Ning Ran was halfway through her sentence when Nan Chen hung up the phone. She tried calling him a few more times, but Nan Chen refused to answer the phone.

Ning Ran got so mad that she wished she could go straight to Flower City and confront him in person. After hanging up on Ning Ran, Nan Chen gave Jiang Zhe a call and summoned him to his office.

Jiang Zhe, who was working overtime that night, felt a little nervous when he came in through the door. Oh, no... He does not look happy... Who could’ve p*ssed him off this late at night?

“When did you contact that director?” Nan Chen asked. “At noon,” Jiang Zhe replied cautiously. “What did you say?”

“As per your request, I told him to have them keep their distance from each other outside of work because it would be unsafe and bad for their image.”

“Good. I want you to give him another call right now. Huang Zichao is to stay away from Ning Ran, or I’ll kick him out of the entertainment industry forever,” Nan Chen ordered coldly.

Jiang Zhe was a little shocked when he heard that. “Um... What exactly happened?”

“Just do it,” Nan Chen replied with a wave.

“As you wish, Mr. Chen.” Jiang Zhe knew better than to ask any further.

As he turned around and prepared to leave, Nan Chen called out to him, “Wait.”

Jiang Zhe immediately paused in his tracks. “Yes, Mr. Chen?”

“Do you think I’ve gone too far by doing this? Is this considered shameless behavior?” Nan Chen asked.

Jiang Zhe's eyes went wide with shock, but he didn't dare answer the question.

My goodness... Did someone call Sir Chen shameless? Who could possibly have the guts to say that to him? Sir Chen practically owns Flower City, so nothing he does is considered shameless here!

Nan Chen realized he had asked the wrong person that question when he saw the conflicted look on Jiang Zhe's face.

Jiang Zhe is a smart guy. He knows he'll get in trouble if he answers that question wrongly.

With that in mind, Nan Chen waved dismissively at Jiang Zhe and motioned for him to leave.

As Jiang Zhe was about to step out the door, Nan Chen said, "Forget about the call."

Unsure of what Nan Chen meant, Jiang Zhe paused and stared at him in confusion.

"I changed my mind. You don't have to make that phone call," Nan Chen explained.

"All right." Jiang Zhe nodded as he continued, "I, too, believe it is unnecessary to call that director again about Huang Zichao. We could just kick Huang Zichao out if he displays any more inappropriate behavior."

See, this is what I like most about Jiang Zhe. He understands me so well that I can trust him to make the right decisions even without my instructions.

"All right, then. Tell me about the plans for the development of Serenity Street," Nan Chen said.

"Sure. I'll go get the coffee."

Jiang Zhe would always bring Nan Chen coffee whenever he worked overtime. Of course, he made sure to order it from a café as the coffee in the office tasted horrible.

"Go on, tell me what you know about the project," Nan Chen said after taking a sip of his coffee.

"Our developers have already started the preparations for Serenity Street's development last year. However, because it is located in an old town, every inch of that land costs a bomb. On top of that, the compensation amount required for the relocation of its citizens is also very high. That results in a high development cost and a much higher risk. The slightest of mistakes could very well result in a total loss. That's why we've been putting off its development all these years."

Nan Chen nodded and motioned for him to carry on.

“Of course, a high risk also means a high reward. If we can make this work, then the profits it yields will be astronomical. The old town comes equipped with all the basic necessities and has a decent public transport network. In addition to that, the best schools in Flower City are located there. Given how strategic that location is, the houses there are bound to be the priciest in all of Flower City. The good news is, they could easily sell for double the market value. The bad news is, selling them at double the market value is the only way to bring in profits. That’s the reason most of the developers are unwilling to work on this project. The risks are simply too high.”

Nan Chen nodded. “Now that there is a downturn in the housing market, the risk is even higher than before. With everyone else lowering property prices to increase their sales, competition is tough as it is. The fact that we’re going against the trend by increasing the cost of our units will only make things all the more challenging for us. I’m not sure if we’ll even be able to sell a single unit.”

“Exactly. Not only are we not allowed to lower our prices, but we also have to hike them far beyond the market value in Flower City to ensure we make profits. That’s what makes this project extremely risky. A month ago, Nanshi Corporation was the only company bidding for this project. Now, there are two more competing for it. One of them is a real estate company under Sunshine Corporation, and the other is a developer named Green Beauty,” Jiang Zhe explained.

Nan Chen took another sip of his coffee. “That real estate company under Sunshine Corporation... It didn’t have any projects in Flower City before this, right?”

“No. It has always been developing in Pearl City. This is the first time the company is expanding into Flower City. Sunshine Corporation’s businesses in Flower City are mainly focused on the banking industry.”

Nan Chen looked up at Jiang Zhe and said, “Ouyang Li is determined to avenge her father, so it’s no surprise that she would try to compete with us. However, if she had a little bit more common sense, she’d understand that it’s impossible to defeat me here in Flower City. After all, we’ve been running our businesses here for so many years now. I am curious about Green Beauty, though. Could you tell me more about that company?”

“It’s a small company that has never made a name for itself. Green Beauty has never worked on any real estate projects as it was mainly a contractor. Green Beauty undertook one of our company’s projects two years ago, but the collaboration has already ended. Given how Green Beauty has only ever played the role of the contractor instead of the developer, I don’t understand why it is boldly competing for Serenity Street,” Jiang Zhe replied.

Nan Chen fell silent and spent the next few minutes twirling a pen between his slender fingers.

This behavior is a sign that Mr. Chen is processing the information. Usually, he will arrive at a conclusion in a few minutes, and his conclusions have been proven to be right most of the time.

With that in mind, Jiang Zhe kept quiet and patiently waited.

Sure enough, Nan Chen spoke up a few minutes later.

“Green Beauty is the real enemy here. Because of how insignificant Green Beauty seems, Ouyang Li thinks we’ll ignore it and focus our attack on Sunshine Corporation instead. However, Sunshine Corporation is just a ruse meant to keep us distracted. Go and find out if there have been any changes in Green Beauty’s shareholders in the past month. I believe Green Beauty has been wholly acquired by someone else. There must be men from Prosperity Holdings among its shareholders. Prosperity Holdings and Sunshine Corporation must’ve teamed up to acquire Green Beauty. I bet they’re secretly working together to stop us from getting our hands on this project. Now that they’ve struck a blow at me, I must deal with it and hit back as hard as I can,” he said calmly but firmly.

Jiang Zhe nodded as he wrote down everything Nan Chen said. Yet another storm is about to break out here in Flower City...

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Chapter 680 How Strong Their Bond Is

Ning Ran was fuming when she returned to Mountview Inn. She saw Nan Xing playing with her two kids when she came in through the door. This was her first time seeing Nan Xing ever since that previous incident.

Although their relationship was no longer the same as before, Nan Xing still stepped forward to give Ning Ran a hug when he saw her. Since Nan Xing always had her best interests in mind, she happily accepted his embrace.

“It’s so great to see that you’re alive!” Nan Xing exclaimed with a smile. “Yeah, I agree. It is indeed great to be alive.” Ning Ran was in a terrible mood before, but seeing Nan Xing made her feel a lot better.

That sensation was similar to what one would experience when meeting an old friend. Since she could talk to Nan Xing about anything without worrying about the consequences, she decided to rant about Nan Chen.

After playing with the kids for a bit and tucking them in, Ning Ran finally had the chance to speak to Nan Xing in private. “Is the filming process tough? I heard Erbao is doing quite well!”

“She is indeed doing well. In fact, she’s doing so well that I’m a little bit worried. She might become a lot more popular than me once this movie is released!” Ning Ran replied with a chuckle.

“Who did you go dining with tonight? You seemed to be in a bad mood when you came back earlier.” Because Nan Xing was highly observant, he noticed something was off about Ning Ran as soon as she walked through the door.

Ning Ran simply let out a helpless sigh in response. “What’s the matter? Has someone been bullying you?” Nan Xing asked. Ning Ran had wanted to rant about Nan Chen at first but changed her mind at the very last second.

Nan Xing and I may be close friends, but Nan Chen is his older brother. It doesn’t seem appropriate to badmouth Nan Chen in front of him.

“Come on, tell me what happened! It’s that director, isn’t it? He must’ve been bullying you or something!” Nan Xing was getting anxious. “Of course not! He wouldn’t dare bully me!”

“Who was it, then? Tell me, and I’ll go teach them a lesson! I don’t care who they think they are! No one bullies you and gets away with it!” Nan Xing urged her, but Ning Ran refused to tell him anything.

After pacing around anxiously for a bit, Nan Xing came up with an idea and said, “I know! I’ll ask Qiao Zhan about this! He’s in charge of protecting you, so he should know what happened. If he doesn’t, then he’ll be the first person to feel my wrath!”

Ning Ran was quick to stop him. “He doesn’t know anything, so don’t even bother asking him.”

“Then tell me who did it! If you won’t tell me, I’ll drop by the set tomorrow and question that director myself. If he doesn’t tell me what I want to know, I’ll have Qiao Zhan beat the living daylights out of him!” Nan Xing yelled angrily.

“Hey, you’d better not cause any trouble! The production team has nothing to do with this!”

“Just tell me who did this, Ning Ran! Give me a name! Even if I can’t handle it, I could just go to my brother for help!”

“Don’t mention him!”

Nan Xing was so shocked by Ning Ran’s sudden outburst that he just stood there staring at her in silence for a few seconds. “You got into a fight with my brother? Is that what happened?”

"I didn't get into a fight with him! He just did something really shameless, that's all!" Ning Ran shouted angrily.

Nan Xing froze.

Chen? Shameless? Those are two words you'd never see in the same sentence! If anything, Chen's ego is bigger than anything else in the world!

"W-What did he do?"

"It's too embarrassing for me to say it, so stop asking!"

"Oh, come on! You two have been through countless life-and-death situations, and yet, your relationship has remained strong all this while! Why would you two get into a fight all of a sudden? Look, just tell me what Chen did, and I'll apologize on his behalf if he truly is in the wrong," Nan Xing said.

"No. It's too embarrassing for me to talk about it."

"I'm family, so there's no need to be embarrassed. Tell me what this is all about, or I'll call Chen and ask him myself."

"You know what? You should do that," Ning Ran replied and went back to her room.

Nan Chen had just finished working overtime and was heading back to Commoner Residence when he got a call from Nan Xing. "What is it?"

Nan Xing got straight to the point and asked, "What happened between you and Ning Ran? Why does she keep calling you shameless?"

Nan Chen frowned upon hearing that. Is there no end to this woman's shenanigans?

"Just ignore her. I don't have time to explain it to you," Nan Chen replied and hung up the phone immediately after.

Nan Xing tried calling him again, but Nan Chen ignored his call.

He was really busy and didn't have time to deal with Nan Xing's questions.

Upon arriving at Commoner Residence, Nan Chen went straight to see Nan Zhengde in his study room.

Nan Zhengde had been suffering from insomnia lately, so he was still awake even though it was really late.

He took off his glasses and motioned for Nan Chen to sit down when he saw him come in.

“Have you been working overtime until now? You must be tired, huh?”

“I’m all right. It’s not too tiring. Anyway, I’ll keep this brief so you can get some rest soon,” Nan Chen replied while stretching his shoulders a little.

He then told Nan Zhengde all about the Serenity Street project in the old town.

“I completely agree with your conclusion. It is indeed Green Beauty that we need to watch out for. However, this isn’t a major project, so you could just make the decision on your own. Why would you need to discuss it with me?” Nan Zhengde said after giving it some thought.

“Well, this project is capable of affecting the development of Nanshi Corporation. Anyway, I have a feeling that there is more to this than meets the eye.”

“Are you referring to the alliance between the Ouyang family and the Rong family?”

“Yes. While Nanshi Corporation is capable of competing against them, the situation is not looking good for us. We will be put in a tough spot if they team up and attack us in every sector.”

Nan Zhengde stared at him in silence for a brief moment before replying, “Chen, you’ve never been one to surrender. You’re a lot stronger than this.”

“I don’t intend on surrendering, but the incident with Ouyang Duo has taught me a valuable lesson. I am not invincible, so I should never underestimate any of my opponents. I only survived the car accident because I got lucky. I let my guard down before, but that won’t happen again,” Nan Chen said.

Nan Zhengde nodded. “I’m glad you see it that way. This is a sign of maturity.”

“We need to strike first and strike hard before they begin their attack. Otherwise, we’ll be forced into a disadvantageous and vulnerable position.”

“What do you plan on doing?” Nan Zhengde asked.

“I don’t think the alliance between the Ouyang family and the Rong family was a recent thing. They must’ve planned it long ago. I plan to identify the foundation of their alliance and find out how strong their bond is.”

“Did you manage to find anything?”

“I need your help, Grandpa.”

“What do you need me to do?”

“I need you to tell me about the grudge between our family and the Ouyang family. It has been so many years now, Grandpa. Why won’t you tell me the truth?”

“That happened way too long ago, so I don’t really remember much. Just do what you believe is right, Chen. I’m not about to waste my time and energy recalling the past, so let’s leave it at that,” Nan Zhengde said as he stood up.

Grandpa still won’t talk about it... He’d always stop whenever he gets to the important parts of the topic. I don’t understand why he refuses to talk about it. They’re our enemies, so what’s keeping him from talking about them?