

Qin Ming spoke after seeing Nie Haitang. "I didn't wait for long, don't worry about that. But there's some issue with our table. It's been occupied by someone else."

Nie Haitang look at Li Meng and Yang Wei that were seated. She raised her brows and thought to herself. *These two again? They must've been insulting Qin Ming in public again.*

Nie Haitang linked her hands with Qin Ming's arm all of the sudden. They appeared just like a couple in relationship.

Everyone else in the restaurant was taken aback. *A goddess like Nie Haitang is actually that loser's girlfriend? How is that possible? Such a pretty girl wasted on a piece of shit. Where's the justice in this world?*

Most of the young and rich men dining in the restaurant thought that they were better than Qin Ming in every possible way. They could not fathom the reason behind Qin Ming's success in making someone as perfect as Nie Haitang to be his girlfriend.

Yang Wei was only a short distance away from Nie Haitang. That man was once again gawking at the beautiful girl and gulped like a pervert.

Li Meng was a pretty girl, but she appeared like a piece of photo with faded colors in comparison to Nie Haitang. That's even before Nie Haitang's delicate dress up and light makeup this evening. She looked exactly like a beauty from the paintings.

Li Meng was touching up her makeup when she saw Nie Haitang. Nie Haitang's appearance managed to attract everyone's attention, including Yang Wei. Li Meng was irritated. She felt annoyed by the fact that her parents did not gift her with impressive features comparable to Nie Haitang's at birth.

What did he do to deserve this? How did a loser like Qin Ming manage to appeal to Nie Haitang?

Li Meng did not want to believe that Qin Ming and Nie Haitang were in a relationship, but the two of them were apparently dating each other. Moreover, Nie Haitang was evidently very much willing to stand up for Qin Ming as his girlfriend.

Li Meng was a girl, just like Nie Haitang. She could sense Nie Haitang's friendliness towards Qin Ming.

Someone like Qin Ming with such a low social standing should be busy doing his part-time jobs. He should not be enjoying his life at such high-end places. Qin Ming certainly did not deserve to be living a better life than me after I broke up with him.

Li Meng felt jealousy burning inside her. Although her quality of life had been improved drastically by becoming Yang Wei's girlfriend, Qin Ming was obviously doing better than her by relying on a perfect girl like Nie Haitang.

The thing that bugged Li Meng the most, was that Nie Haitang was superior to herself in every aspect. That was a fact that implied Qin Ming's break-up with Li Meng had been a blessing in disguise for him.

Li Meng could not accept that. She gritted her teeth out of hatred and envy.

Nie Haitang was mad after being enlightened with the entire process. She spoke to the manager. "What's the deal? Jiangnan Restaurant define their customers by looking at how much money we can flaunt? Do you want us to pay first before we eat? Do we look like we're not able to afford dining in this restaurant? Or is there a need to place our car keys on the table to show off our wealth before we can be served with the dinner?"

Nie Haitang took out her Maserati car keys from within her limited-edition LV bag as she spoke.

She was angered by these insignificant people that were looking down on Qin Ming. *They are not even aware of Qin Ming's greatness. So who are they to judge him by his appearance? They think that they're so high and mighty because they appear to be relatively rich?*

Nie Haitang's grandparents had always instilled her with the quality of living as a humble person. They told her that there're tons of rich people in this world. Nie family was just a grain of sand in the beach of wealthy families. Behaving like an arrogant show-off at all times might cause her to offend some powerful men unknowingly, and that would spell death for Nie Haitang herself as well as her family.

Nie Haitang etched the lesson deeply in her heart, especially after Nie family's business was almost acquired by some unknown party with malicious intent.

That's the reason why Nie Haitang had always kept a low profile. But she could no longer contain herself today. *I'm quite capable of being a show-off myself if I want.*

Colors drained from the male manager's face as Nie Haitang began flaunting her wealth. Every item that the girl carried with her was more luxurious than Yang Wei and Li Meng combined. The manager did not need an accountant's mind to figure out that Nie Haitang was wealthier than the couple seated around the table.

The manager did not have to think if it's an argument between a rich man and a poor loser. He would side the rich man instantaneously. But when it's a conflict between two rich persons, the manager did not know what to do.

Nie Haitang crossed her arms in front of her angrily. "I don't think you're capable of handling this situation now. I want to see your boss. I would like to ask your boss in person if this is your restaurant's policy. My boyfriend arrived first and we are even richer than them, do we not deserve the seat? Are you discriminating us?"

The manager was rendered speechless. *How did things progress into such an awkward situation?*

The waitress was right by sticking to the restaurant's policy of 'first come first serve'. But that male manager stuck to his own beliefs and scorned Qin Ming for his poor looks. He had no way to redeem himself after Nie Haitang arrived and stood up for Qin Ming.

Qin Ming could not help but laugh. *Nie Haitang looks so cute when she's angry.*

“Damn, this dining experience even includes a drama. That waitress did not do anything wrong. That handsome young man arrived first, but his seat was stolen by that totty.”

“You've lost terribly with your normal LV bag and Audi A4. How can you compare yourselves to someone holding a limited anniversary edition LV bag and drives a Maserati?”

“Haha, this is getting interesting. Let's see who'll win.”

“That man must be hiding some great talent to be able to win this beauty's affection.”

The other customers were enjoying their conflict as a form of entertainment show. But Yang Wei and Li Meng had become their targets to mock. Li Meng was embarrassed to flaunt her LV bag at that point.

Li Meng and Nie Haitang were using bags from the same brand, but Li Meng's LV bag was a normal canvas edition that cost around 6000. It's not even as expensive as real leather editions.

She recognized Nie Haitang's bag as the limited anniversary edition with only 20 units sold worldwide. One unit cost 300 thousand each.

Despite that acknowledgement, Li Meng did not want to leave the restaurant under such shameful condition. She did not want to lose.

Li Meng said sarcastically all of the sudden. “Qin

Ming, you are enjoying your life of being a kept boy, aren't you? It wouldn't even matter if I allow you to have this table. It's not something that you obtained with your own effort anyway. You're a grown-up man that's working full-time as a kept boy, don't you feel ashamed for that?"

Everyone shifted their gaze onto Qin Ming after they heard Li Meng's speech.

Everyone thought to themselves. *This totty does have a point. This shabby-looking man is depending on Nie Haitang's wealth to live a better life. That's the definition of being a kept boy.*

Yang Wei was overjoyed. Li Meng had found the perfect counter. He added. "Qin Ming, you're plunging deeper into an abject life. How can you be self-contented by being a kept boy? Don't you feel sorry for your family? You father is borrowing money to afford your tuition fees, yet you're not standing on your own feet and work hard for a better future. I guess it's an easier shortcut to depend on a rich woman after all."

Qin Ming found Yang Wei's comment to be absurdly amusing. *You're in your third year of university, yet you're spending your parents' money like they're a given. Aren't you the one that's been depending on others for your living?*

Qin Ming was not offended by Yang Wei's comment. He knew better than anyone else that he did not depend on his family to support him except for his first year's tuition and accommodation fees. That young man had been surviving using the money he earned from part-time jobs and scholarship.

Li Meng was puffed up after noting Qin Ming's silence. "What's the matter? You have nothing better to say? Did my words hit too close to the truth that you've been trying hard to cover up? Always remember that you're a loser, a good-for-nothing piece of shit that only knows how to live off woman's....."

Slap! Li Meng could not finish her sentence as Nie Haitang suddenly slapped her. The slap reverberated throughout the restaurant. The atmosphere that was lively a moment ago suddenly turned pin drop silent. Everyone was curious about the turns of event.

Li Meng covered her reddened cheek with rage boiling inside her. She screamed without any restraint. "Did you just slap me? How dare you slap me? Did I say anything wrong? Why do you think Qin Ming is attracted to you? It's because you're rich! He's just trying to live off your money."

Nie Haitang was exasperated. Even the girl was raising her voice. "No, he's not! Qin Ming is a great man with resourceful connections. He helped me to earn a million through the share market the other day. Look at this, this is the transaction that was recorded previously. I know nothing about the investments, so Qin Ming was the one that guided me."

Li Meng's pupils constricted. She stared at the figure on Nie Haitang's screen. *That's a lot of zeros.*

Qin Ming felt awkward that Nie Haitang brought up that topic. That 1 million was transferred into her account by Qin Ming. Nie Haitang's capital only allowed her to make a 3000 profit. He was

taking advantage of Nie Haitang's ignorance towards the share market to provide her with that sum.

Nie Haitang said smugly, "Hmph! Can your boyfriend earn 1 million in a day? Huh?"

Yang Wei was staying still and silent like a piece of wood. That brat was aware that he had never earned anything with his own effort. He thought that working and earning money were things that should only be considered after his graduation.

Nie Haitang continued. "I'm treating Qin Ming to dinner tonight because he was the one that saved our Nie family. He contacted one of his friends that he acquainted through his investments. A single phone call was all Qin Ming took to glide our family through the crisis. Are you even aware of any of his great achievement? You're only an obnoxious woman that depends on your boyfriend to make yourself feel good. Who are you to criticize anyone?"

The other customers listened to Nie Haitang's speech in silent. *Wow, this shabby-looking young man turns out to be an impressive person. It's true when they say that one should not judge a book by its cover.*



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Li Meng shook her head in denial. "That's impossible. There's no way any of the thing that you've said is real. Qin Ming is just a loser, so he wouldn't have such capabilities."

Li Meng felt bitter as Nie Haitang kept praising Qin Ming for his achievements. The proof that showed Nie Haitang's profit of 1 million from the share market stimulated Li Meng even more.

Li Meng begged Qin Ming to reconcile with her by smashing the phone that Yang Wei gifted to her after Qin Ming earned 100 thousand previously. She lost her mind when he gave away the money to someone else. Li Meng thought about that incident and felt that Qin Ming might've actually earned a lot more from his investments.

That's why he did not have any second thought about giving away that 88 thousand? Shit, I've made a mistake.

The other customers were shocked by Nie Haitang's confession. They debated about what she said as some of the people dining in the restaurant were from the elite social class.

"Hey, I read the latest fortune magazine that was released yesterday. One of the articles mentioned about someone secretly rescued Nie Sanitary Ware Group from facing a M&A fate. Could that hidden figure be this young man?"

"Ms. Nie mentioned that it was an influential person that young man became acquainted with through his investments."

"This young man has got some powerful network.

There's not an article mentioning about him. That's weird.”

“Damn, this young man is not as superficial as we thought. No wonder he's able to have dinner with Ms. Nie.”

“I know right. The share market had been bearish for a while now. His ability to pick a stock that was able to earn him 1 million is simply jaw-dropping.”

“This is how a university student should look like. Someone that's capable, yet keeps a low profile like him.”

“That shameless couple are staying through dinner?”

“Hey young man, we can share this table if you don't mind. What do you say if we talk about the share market?”

“Young man, come sit at my table. It's spacious and comfortable as the air-conditioner is right next to us. I'll even treat you to a meal.”

Qin Ming was suddenly everyone's favorite after Nie Haitang's speech. He did not know to cry or to laugh at the turn of events. *I was the one that helped Nie family through their crisis, but I'm a newbie when it comes to investing in the share market as well. It's all Nie Haitang's fault for blabbering about that 1 million.*

Jiangnan Restaurant's boss finally arrived at that time. He was briefed about the whole incident and quickly rebuked the male manager. “How many times do I have to repeat this? Our restaurant's

motto is to treat every customer as equal, and that's why we came up with the 'first come first serve' policy. That's a show of respect to our customers. I'm demoting you from the manager's position to being a waiter. Li, you've done the right thing this time and had always performed well. I've wanted to promote you all along, so from now on, you'll fill up the manager's position."

The waitress was delighted with that impromptu promotion. She thanked her boss in an overjoyed manner. The male manager that looked down on Qin Ming was feeling depressed as the salary and entitlement between a manager and a mere waiter were very distinct.

Jiangnan Restaurant's owner said with a smile, "Mister and Miss, you two should have the seat, I'm terribly sorry for the inconveniences caused. I'll discount 50% off your spending in our restaurant tonight to make up for my staff's blunder."

Yang Wei and Li Meng's faces darkened. They had no other choice but to leave, since the restaurant's owner had spoken.

Yang Wei was angered. "What's so great about this place. I'm leaving. Hmph! This is not the only restaurant around here anyway."

Qin Ming said, "You're right, this is not the only restaurant around here. But it is the only 3 Michelin-star restaurant in this district. Yang Wei, it's regrettable that you can't continue with your plan to show off your money."

Nie Haitang suddenly spoke. "Ah! The two of you do not have to leave after all. I forgot that I've

made an early booking. Pfft, it's all because of the two of you that enraged me so much, I've forgotten about my reservation on the third-floor table."

Nie Haitang took out her phone and showed the proof of reservation. She booked a VVIP seat on the third floor.

That male manager that was demoted was speechless. *Oh my god. You should've showed that proof of reservation in the first place. Things could have been smoothed over quickly if you did so. Why did you argue for that seat for so long? Damn, I lost my managerial position because of you.*

One of the customers astounded. "Wow, the third floor. I heard that there's live music beside the table and every dish was prepared by the head chef himself."

"That's not all, the minimum to spend on the third floor was 30 thousand. Even an averagely wealthy person would not go there for their meal. People chose that floor for their classy atmosphere, not for food alone."

"I've heard others saying that the utensils prepared on the third floor were antiques from olden days. I wonder what kind of experience it would be to have your meal using expensive antiques that are more costly than the dishes."

"That's the highest form of quality of life."

Li Meng listened to the other customers' discussion. She was jealous and envious of Qin Ming. *How can Qin Ming deserve such luxurious lifestyle when I don't even get to enjoy such treatment?*

They were scorning Qin Ming for being poor, but that man turned out to be a genius at earning money through investments. Their argument to win over the seat seemed more like a joke now. Qin Ming and Nie Haitang had already went to the third floor while holding their hands together. The third floor had the best service offered in this restaurant.

Qin Ming turned his head to look at the couple as if they were two living jokes before he left with Nie Haitang.

Li Meng could not stand Qin Ming's mirthful gaze. She gritted her teeth in anger. "Yang Wei, let's go to the third floor too."

Yang Wei shuddered. He was aware of the amount he had to spend on third floor. That man had been asking for money from his family recently in order to please Li Meng. His parents were even suspicious of his behaviors for spending too much money. He did not dare to request for more funding from his parents.

Yang Wei spoke unwillingly. "But, Meng....."

Li Meng was stomping her feet. "What's that? You want to lose to Qin Ming again?"

Yang Wei suddenly felt bitter. *Li Meng is a gold-digger. I've been with a few girls previously, but none of them splurged like Li Meng.*

Li Meng made the decision without Yang Wei's consent. "Waiter, we would like to have our dinner

on the third floor too. Go and prepare a table for us.”

The waitress, Li that was recently promoted to the managerial position, put on a wry smile. “Mister and Miss, I'm afraid that third floor tables require advanced booking. You would have to be our VVIP customer to enjoy that privilege too. It is possible to qualify as our VVIP customer instantaneously if you register your card and deposit 500 thousand into the account.”

Yang Wei flinched. *That's crazy. I only have 10 thousand left in my account. That's just enough for me to bring Mengmeng to dinner, shopping, watch a movie and check in a hotel room. I can't afford to spend any more than that.*

Yang Wei spoke angrily. “What? You're going to the third floor? If you want to go there, then by all means, go by yourself. I've spent so much money to please you, but I've yet to receive anything in return. Now you want me to spend another 500 thousand to register a VVIP account? That's how much my family earns in a year!”

Li Meng was not happy with Yang Wei's attitude. “Damn you, Yang Wei. You promised me to fulfil all my wishes when you were pursuing me in the past. Look at how you're going against your own words now. You're an incapable piece of shit that could not please me at all. Qin Ming had been stepping all over you the whole time, but you could not do anything. Are you even a man to begin with?”

Yang Wei was embarrassed by Li Meng's mockery. *There are so many people around here, and she's criticizing me all she wants. Argh! I'm going*

crazy listening to all these disdainful comments.

Rage consumed Yang Wei's rationality. *Slap!* He slapped Li Meng and scolded her. "Li Meng, I'm breaking up with you. You're just a gold-digging slut. I'm no longer interested in your body. You're just a cheap 'second-hand product' that Qin Ming used in the past."

Yang Wei turned to leave after he spoke.

Cheap, 'second-hand product', break-up. The words reverberated beside Li Meng's ears and triggered her.

Li Meng lost her sense of reasoning. "Yang Wei, you're a bastard, a wuss that's not even comparable to that loser, Qin Ming. You better remember this; I am the one that's ditching you. There's plenty other men with better qualifications than you that're interested in me."

The newly promoted female manager asked. "Miss, do you want to order now?"

Li Meng rebuked. "I'm not having my dinner in this shitty restaurant anymore. You're just an embellished scammer that overcharge your customers with every dish."

Laughter erupted among the other customers. Jiangnan Restaurant was pricy compared to other places, but the expenditure to dine on the first floor was worth the price. Li Meng's statement of Jiangnan Restaurant being an embellished scammer sounded like a total joke to everyone.

Li Meng gritted her teeth in rage. She was shamed

being dumped by Yang Wei in public. The girl glanced towards the third floor hatefully and swiftly made her way out of the restaurant.

At that moment on the third floor, Nie Haitang was staring at Qin Ming with a gleeful smile. Qin Ming felt restless because of her fixated gaze on him. *What's with this girl? She's looking at me with a weird expression.*



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Qin Ming considered a blue-and-white porcelain teakettle in front of him. *This is antique from ancient times that's supposed to be preserved in a museum. Yet I'm using this antique to make tea. What a luxurious enjoyment.*

He could no longer hear the commotion from the first floor as a pretty girl was playing Guzheng beside their table. *It's so regrettable that Yang Wei and Li Meng would never be able to experience this surreal dining atmosphere.*

Qin Ming said, "Haitang, you must have wasted a lot of money to treat me to this meal."

Nie Haitang shook her head. "It's not a waste. You're my savior. The kind man that saved my family. It's my obligation to treat you nicely."

Qin Ming smiled. "Then I shall sit back and relax to my heart's content."

Qin Ming filled his empty stomach with a large proportion of food due to his hunger. Nie Haitang did not eat much, but she would constantly steal glances at Qin Ming.

Qin Ming noticed Nie Haitang's peculiar behavior. He could not contain his curiosity. "What are you doing?"

"I'm not doing anything." Nie Haitang averted her gaze embarrassingly after being discovered by Qin Ming. She said, "Where.. Where are we going later?"

Qin Ming looked at Nie Haitang's blushing cheeks. He felt that the girl was too cute for him to handle.

"Let's go to the plaza. There's a pretty fountain there with dazzling lights. What do you say?"

Nie Haitang agreed with alacrity. "Sure, let's go."

The two of them finished their dinner and left Jiangnan Restaurant. They did not notice that Li Meng was secretly following behind them with an unknown bottle of liquid in her hands.

Li Meng did not go far away from the restaurant previously. The girl wanted so badly to have her meal at the 3 Michelin-star restaurant and update her social medias with pretentious pictures. Li Meng wanted to boast her social status by doing so to make herself feel good.

But she was chased out of the place in the end.

Li Meng mumbled to herself grudgingly. "It's all because of you, Qin Ming, that I have to suffer all these humiliations. You think that you're no longer a loser because you've earned some money from the share market? You're only able to earn that 1 million because of Nie Haitang's immense amount of capital. It doesn't change the fact that you're still her kept boy."

Her eyes darted towards the bottle of unknown liquid in her hand. She sneered to herself. *I will destroy the both of you like how you've ruined my life.*

Qin Ming arrived at the Teuscher chocolate shop once again that was located near a junction.

Qin Ming excused himself from Nie Haitang's side by pretending that he wanted to use the toilet. He

covertly entered the chocolate shop and bought a box of chocolate for Nie Haitang.

After Qin Ming bought the chocolate, the two of them continued their stroll towards the plaza where the giant fountain with dazzling lights was situated.

The water spouting from the fountain undulated according to the rhythm of music. Bright lights shone on the columns of spouting water formed an enlarged image of flickering lights on the building of a shopping mall beside the plaza. In the middle of the plaza was a chair that was prepared for couples that had mastered the fountain's rhythm to make their way across the columns of undulating water.

The couple's movements will be displayed on the wall of the shopping mall once they entered the middle area of the plaza where the chair was placed. People from across the streets would be able to see the enlarged image formed by a combination of tricks using the fountain water, bright lights and shadows. That water feature was designed to be a love fountain.

Qin Ming saw many couples trying to reach the chair when he arrived at the plaza. All of them were not able to master the rhythm of the music and were drenched by the spouting water. Their lively shadows were printed and enlarged on the surroundings by the bright lights installed around the entire plaza. The atmosphere was cheery.

Nie Haitang looked at the couples that were holding each other and kissing passionately despite being drenched by the water. She was

touched by that scene.

Nie Haitang said, "Qin Ming, do you think that you're able to reach the middle? Seems like this is a tough challenge."

Qin Ming had studied the rhythm of this fountain in the past. He observed the pattern for a long time in order to coax Li Meng previously. The columns of water undulated according to different rhythms. He found out that it is possible to reach the center by mastering the rhythm and avoid the spouting water by mapping out a route.

But Qin Ming did not get the opportunity to try out this water feature before breaking up with Li Meng.

Qin Ming held Nie Haitang's hand and led her towards the middle of the fountain as soon as the music started to play.

Nie Haitang was startled by their sudden 'adventure'. She did not know if Qin Ming would succeed, but the girl's instinct told her that the man would lead her all the way to the center.

"Ah, there's another couple trying their luck. They're going to be drenched as well."

"The water pressure is high. You'll slip and fall when hit by the spouting water. It's difficult to make it through once you're drenched."

Li Meng that was following behind the couple spoke to herself disdainfully. "Hmph, they won't make it to the center."

Qin Ming did not attempt to break through from the middle like everyone else did. He walked by the side of the fountain and made his way inwards by dodging columns of water before they spouted. He could map out the route clearly in his mind to avoid being hit by the water.

“Wow, that person is so skillful.”

“They're about to reach the center. That couple might just make it through the fountain.”

“It's not that easy. I tried this with my ex-girlfriend previously and was very close to reaching the center as well. But we're drenched by the water anyway.”

“Hey, be honest with me. You told me that I'm your first love, so how come there's an ex-girlfriend all of the sudden?”

“Li.. Li, listen to me. You.. you're my wife now. So my ex-girlfriend is you naturally.”

“Oh.” The girl blushed.

Nie Haitang held Qin Ming's hand tightly and followed behind him as they traversed the fountain amidst the dazzling lights. She looked at Qin Ming's face from the side and thought joyfully to herself: *Will he come up with an excuse to bring me to the hotel when we're drench by the fountain water? Hmph, he must be planning this all along. Aahh, should I go with him to the hotel? Is he going to touch me? Am I going to get pregnant?*

Nie Haitang allowed Qin Ming to drag her along as her mind wandered to the activities that they could

do in the hotel room.

Qin Ming stopped moving all of the sudden. All around him were gleaming lights and a chair beside his feet.

Nie Haitang regained her senses and realized with a shock that they had arrived at the center of the love fountain.

She cheered with amazement. "Eh? Qin Ming, we've reached the center of the love fountain!"

Bright and dazzling lights danced in their vision as they shared the unearthly atmosphere around them. Water spouted around them in beautiful patterns as Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata reverberated throughout the plaza.

Nie Haitang spun around happily around the chair. The hem of her skirt flowed with her movements. The girl looked like a cute little princess.

Qin Ming sat on the chair and said, "Do you like the atmosphere here? This is for you."

Nie Haitang's eyes gleamed. *This is chocolate from Teuscher, right? So he pretended to go to the toilet to buy this for me.*

Nie Haitang took a piece of the chocolate and lectured Qin Ming. "This is very expensive. I know that you're capable, but don't simply spend the money that you've earned. You'll need that money in the future. As for me, I.. I'm satisfied with ordinary Dove-branded chocolate."

Qin Ming said, "Actually, I wanted to eat this

chocolate as well. I heard that they produced these chocolates in-house and the taste was good. But I've never eaten this chocolate before."

"You've never eaten this chocolate? Do you want a taste?" Nie Haitang turned around and bent downwards with the piece of chocolate in her mouth. She moved towards Qin Ming slowly as she spoke.

Qin Ming felt his heart beating fast and pounding heavily against his chest. He subconsciously opened his mouth at the sight of the nearing chocolate.

The shadows of their movements were being enlarged and displayed on the wall by the bright lights around them. The people on the streets were watching their shadows with heightened anticipation.

Li Meng broke down as she watched the shadows on the wall.



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A couple's shadows were printed on the wall of the shopping mall beside the plaza.

One of the shadows was seated on a chair while the other slender-looking shadow stood in a bent position.

Everyone could see the romantic scene as the girl moved towards the boy with a piece of chocolate in her mouth from their shadows.

“Ooooh~! The people around the fountain exclaimed as most of them had failed the challenge. They were not able to reach the center of the fountain, but this couple succeeded.

Li Meng that was carrying a bottle of unknown liquid saw that scene. She felt hatred and jealousy churning inside her. *This Qin Ming has some crazy luck. How did he reach the center of the love fountain and managed to flatter Nie Haitang with such a trick?*

Li Meng could not stand the thought of Qin Ming being in a relationship with someone as rich and perfect as Nie Haitang, while she was dumped by Yang Wei and had turned back into someone with no money to spend.

In the center of the love fountain, Qin Ming stared at Nie Haitang that was moving towards him in a bent posture with the chocolate in her mouth. Her eyes were clear and mesmerizing.

Qin Ming understood Nie Haitang's intention. He saw how nervous the girl was as her hands were clutching the hem of her shirt.

Qin Ming was processing every thought clearly at that moment. The anguish and sadness left behind after the break-up with Li Meng were slowly overshadowed by Nie Haitang's tenderness.

He could feel his broken heart being mended little by little.

Qin Ming opened his mouth and bit of the other end of the chocolate. The two of them started chewing on separate ends of the chocolate stick at the same time like a couple playing a game of dare.

Their lips made contact as the last piece of the chocolate was chewed.

Nie Haitang closed her eyes as Qin Ming stroked the girl's ear. They fell into a passionate kiss as the chocolate melted in their mouths.

“Wow!” The people that failed to reach the center of the love fountain cheered excitedly for the romantic kiss that Qin Ming and Nie Haitang were sharing as seen from their shadows on the wall.

All of them had no way to reach the center, so they shouted their blessings for the couple to hear.

Li Meng with that glass bottle held in her hand was enraged after witnessing the couple's kiss. She knew that Qin Ming was a romantic person, Li Meng would not have agreed to be with him otherwise. As she gazed towards the couple's shadow, the thought of Qin Ming successfully enticed Nie Haitang and will soon enjoy her immense wealth, pained Li Meng's heart deeply.

She felt hurt as if someone was killing her slowly.

Qin Ming held Nie Haitang's hand and walked out from the center of the love fountain after some time.

A round of applause erupted as people around the fountain clapped for the couple.

“Bro, you're so romantic.”

“Bro, can you teach me how to pass through the fountain?”

“Wow, that's so romantic. The two of you are suited for each other.”

“Hey pretty girl, you should just marry such a romantic man like him.”

Nie Haitang's cheeks turned crimson flushed as she lowered her head shyly. Qin Ming held the girl's hand and led her away from the crowd that was applauding them and blessing them with congratulatory words.

The two of them jogged for a short distance and stopped by the roadside. Nie Haitang was catching her breath as her beautiful face was flushed from the jog. The girl was captivating his eyes.

She looked at Qin Ming as sweetness spread across her heart. The girl was waiting for Qin Ming to officially ask her out.

Qin Ming knew that Nie Haitang was waiting for him to take the initiative. He met with her eyes as

a thought popped into his mind. *Nie Haitang.*

Nie Haitang did not know that I'm already the wealthiest man on Earth. Yet she was treating me so well even with my poverty-stricken condition. That alone means the whole world to me. Qin Ming thought to himself. I must not disappoint a good girl like her, ever.

Qin Ming wrapped Nie Haitang's petite hands with his own. The girl's body stiffened as she had already figured out the words that Qin Ming was about to say. She blushed deeply and looked downwards shyly while waiting for Qin Ming to speak his mind.

Qin Ming spoke in a gentle tone. "Haitang, will you be my....."

He could not finish his sentence as Qin Ming saw a familiar figure moving towards them. Li Meng was holding a glass bottle in her hand as the liquid inside swayed with every step that she took. Li Meng was running in their direction and shouted as she neared them. "Die, you shameless couple!"

Qin Ming's pupils constricted. Multiple thoughts streaked across his mind in that split second. *I've seen on the news reporting about couples that broke up and disfigured their partners with strong acid. Li Meng does not look like she's sane. Could that bottle contain strong acid? What if she pours the content towards us?*

Qin Ming quickly pulled Nie Haitang and shielded her behind his back. He raised his arm instinctively to block the unknown liquid. He thought to himself. *Shit, I did not contact my bodyguards to follow me today. I've never anticipated an attack from my enemy, but to think that I'm being assaulted by my ex-girlfriend. That's even out*

of my expectation.

Qin Ming shielded Nie Haitang perfectly from the liquid. The girl that was protected by Qin Ming was startled. She exclaimed. "Qin Ming! You.. you.. Li Meng, what's the matter with you? Qin Ming, are you alright? Are you hurting anywhere? Don't scare me please. I'm going to report to the police right away. No, I need to call the ambulance first."

Qin Ming was fine. He did not feel any scorching sensation from strong acid as he anticipated. The liquid felt cool and smelled like the air inside a toilet.

This is not some acid, it's just urine. What the hell, are you a kid, Li Meng? You're pouring me with urine to vent your anger from being dumped by Yang Wei?

Li Meng smiled widely after seeing Qin Ming that was drenched in urine. "Hahaha... You deserved that, Qin Ming. How dare you messed with me. Nie Haitang, that's his usual body odor, yet you're able to withstand the smell?"

Nie Haitang held Qin Ming's hand. She had never been so mad in her whole life. "I can do whatever that I like. Who are you to interfere with the decisions that I make anyway? Just you wait. The police will be here very soon."

Li Meng was startled. She wanted to leave the scene immediately but was already too late. Police officers frequently patrolled lively places like Galaxy fashion district. They quickly arrived at the scene and detained Li Meng for 48 hours with the offense of deliberately harming others.

Qin Ming felt pissed after being poured with a bottle of urine. He had nowhere to vent his anger as Li Meng had already been taken away by the police officers.

Qin Ming was no longer in the mood to continue his date with Nie Haitang after the incident.

He said, "This Li Meng is unbelievable. I'm going to pay her back for what she did. I'll just go back to the university for now."

Li Meng was the soft spot in Qin Ming's heart after all. She was his first love. He had loved the girl and even slept with her. The lingering affection he had for her prompted him to postpone his revenge on the girl.

Nie Haitang said, "Let me send you back."

Qin Ming shook his head. "I can't dirty your car with urine all over me. It'll cost you a fortune to get your car cleaned afterwards. I'll just take a cab back. Your family must be worried about you since the time is getting late. We'll meet again in a couple of days, so you should just go back home for now."

Nie Haitang had no other choice as Qin Ming mentioned about her family. Her parents did remind her to return home earlier recently.

Nie Haitang said reluctantly, "Okay, I'll see you next week. Please be careful on your own."

Qin Ming ordered a cab and quickly returned to the university. Even he could not stand the urine smell on his body. That man only wanted to go back to

his dormitory and take a shower.

He was walking towards his dormitory when his phone rang. *Sis?*

Qin Ming was stunned. He had not contacted his sister in a long while. His sister was in her third year of high school. She was a brilliant student. Qin Ming needed to earn his own tuition fee, so he had been working in Guang City for every holiday in the last 3 years. He only returned to his hometown during New Year's celebration to greet his parents.

Why is she calling me now? Did something happen to the family?



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“Bro, I heard that you've earned some money recently?”

Qin Ming's sister, Qin Susu asked him about issue related to money as soon as the call connected. Qin Ming felt relieved at that topic of conversation. *Anything related to money is not an issue now.*

Qin Ming figured that his sister must've known about this from their parents after they rejected his money previously.

Qin Ming wanted to make up another excuse to bank in some money to his family. He felt that it was time for his parents to enjoy their life after working hard for so long. His elder brother should find a nice girl to settle down as well. He also wanted his little sister, Qin Susu to live a better life from now onwards.

Qin Ming said, “Yea, what's the matter?”

Qin Susu was overjoyed after listening to her brother's response. She stammered. “Bro, can.. can you give me 3000? I.. uhm.. I wanted to buy a secondhand iPhone. All my classmates are using smartphones, and I'm the only one using a traditional phone that can only make simple phone calls.”

Qin Ming said with a smile, “I'll bank in 20 thousand to your account. 10 thousand for you to get a brand-new iPhone, and another 10 thousand for you to buy some new clothes and stationeries. Work hard and study well.”

Qin Susu was delighted. “Ah? Is that for real?”

Thank you, Brother Qin Ming. You're such a capable brother."

Qin Ming hung up the phone and ran towards the ATM machine to transfer the money into his sister's account. He returned to his dormitory after completing the transaction.

Qin Ming met with a couple of angry parents when he reached his dormitory. They were Li Meng's parents. Qin Ming had seen them once, during the second year of his university.

They did not share a pleasant conversation because Qin Ming was poor.

Qin Ming noticed a few other people crowded in his room as soon as he entered. Aside from Li Meng's parents, the counselor, his head teacher as well as a few middle-aged men crowded the cramped dormitory.

Zhao Liniu, Liang Shaoyong and Sun Zhipeng were standing at one corner without having any authority to voice out their opinion.

Qin Ming frowned. He sensed trouble waiting for him.

He greeted Li Meng's parents politely as the counselor and his head teacher were present as well. "Uncle, Aunt, what's the matter? Why did you come here?"

Bam! Li Meng's mother slammed the tabletop angrily and said, "Qin Ming, our Meng did not despise you for being poor and doing all the odd part-time jobs. She even lowered her status to beco

me your girlfriend. Do you know how much she sacrificed for you? How did you treat her in return? How dare you wronged her? Do you care to explain yourself? Are you even a man?"

Li Meng's father was mad too. He pointed his finger at Qin Ming and rebuked him without any restraint. "My daughter must've been blind to fall for someone like you. Take a good look at yourself in the mirror. You even had to work during school holidays? Damn, what's that smell that you're carrying? Did you scrub the toilet bowls as well? What a low-class person."

Li Meng's mother pinched her nose and gave Qin Ming the cold-shoulder. "Ah, I wouldn't have noticed that smell if you did not point that out, dear. I was wondering where the smell came from. I thought it's the natural smell of poor people's habitat. Now I know that it's actually Qin Ming's body odor."

Qin Ming was speechless. "If you're here to scold me, then you can take your leaves now. This is my dormitory."

"What's with that attitude of yours? Aren't you acting a little too arrogant? Hey, aren't you the teacher? Don't you ever teach your student to behave properly?" Li Meng's mother's face was reddened due to her rage. She raised her voice to cover up her cowardice. "Qin Ming, you better remember your own status. Do you still want to be in a relationship with our Meng? You should be thankful that our precious daughter fancies you. We are people that came from big city, unlike you. You're a poor bastard that came from some low-class village. Are you even aware of how lucky you

are to have our Meng as your girlfriend?"

How lucky I am to have her..... Qin Ming pondered on Li Meng's mother's words. *Yea, I used to have that same thought. But reality is a hard pill to swallow. That pure and innocent Li Meng had changed.*

Qin Ming asked. "Why are you here?"

The counselor raised his hand and said, "Alright, let's cut to the chase."

An aunt suddenly stepped forward and spoke in a displeased tone. "What's your problem here, young man? My sister was speaking about the truth. You're a poor bastard that came from some rural village. Don't you know how lucky you are that you've managed to establish a relationship with my niece, Li Meng? Yet here you are, cheating on my poor precious niece and even brought trouble to her."

Another uncle stepped forward too. "That's right. Li Meng is a rare gem because she's not a materialistic girl like all the others behave nowadays. How dare you fool around with 2 women at the same time and dumped our Li Meng for the other girl. What a horrible personality you have. Hey teacher, how can such immoral person study in your university?"

Mr. Wu, Qin Ming's head teacher was clueless as to how he should handle the situation. The parenting team on Li Meng's side were scolding Qin Ming in a one-sided discussion. He patiently said, "Let's hear about the whole story. We should understand the story from Qin Ming's perspective

as well.”

Li Meng's mother was crying her eyes out. “What is there to understand? My Meng is suffering in the police station now. What about him? He's walking around like a free man. He was the one to be blamed for everything after all.”

Qin Ming heard her mother's words and finally gained clarity about the situation. *Damn, they're here because Li Meng was being detained. She must've called her parents for help. I don't even need to guess their intention here. They must be here to convince me to give my statement at the police station. They wanted me to tell the police that it was all a misunderstanding, so Li Meng can be released.*

Otherwise that girl would have to stay in the lockup for 48 hours. A normal person would feel uncomfortable staying in that place for half a day. I suppose someone as delicate and well protected like Li Meng wouldn't be able to stand half an hour in that kind of place. But it was Li Meng's fault for pouring urine at me. I'm the innocent one in that situation. I couldn't even have my revenge because Nie Haitang alarmed the police and they took her away instantaneously.

Mr. Wu spoke in a calm tone. “Qin Ming, you have always been a hardworking student, so what happened between you and Li Meng? How come Li Meng was even detained in the lockup? I heard from other students that the two of you are in a relationship. Is there a need to complicate this matter to such extent? Let's discuss this in a civilized manner.”

Qin Ming felt that he was wronged. "Counselor, I've broken up with Li Meng. But....."

Li Meng's aunt arrogantly interrupted Qin Ming as he spoke. "Listen to this bastard, he just admitted that he cheated on our Meng. Our Meng is such a perfect girl with good grades and pretty looks. You're indeed a hopeless, cheating loser that's good for nothing."

Li Meng's mother scorned Qin Ming as well. "Hey Mr. Wang, you're the head teacher, right? Don't you know how to teach your student? This young man has such despicable personality. Contact his parents now. I want to talk with his parents right away."

The head teacher spoke awkwardly. "Qin Ming's hometown is located quite far away. His parents would need an advanced notice to reach here in time."

Li Meng's father said disdainfully, "Of course they won't be able to make it here. His house is located so deep in the rural areas. They've got no car and no money to take a cab so far either. Such a pitiful and ridiculous family. These poor families really do produce low quality humans. His father must be a good-for-nothing piece of shit like him."

"That's enough! Don't you ever brush your foul mouth?" Qin Ming was consumed by rage as soon as Li Meng's father scorned his own father. Qin Ming stepped forward and slapped that obnoxious man.

Slap! Li Meng's father fell to the floor after being slapped by Qin Ming. He roared in rage. "How dare you h

it me? You poor bastard. You dare to hit me after you cheated on my daughter? Do you believe that I'll find someone to mess you up? Don't you ever take a good hard look at your despicable self in the mirror?"

Li Meng's mother started yelling like a crazy woman. "He's even hitting someone. Are there no rules here in Hua Sheng University of Technology? Mr. Wang, you have to expel this student right away. Expel him!"

Qin Ming spoke his mind. "I know why you're all gathered here. I know that you want to force me to help bring Li Meng out of the lockup. Let me tell this to your faces. No way in hell that's going to happen."

Li Meng's father was burning with anger. "I don't care about what you want. You're going to do as I say now. You stupid poor bastard that came from your substandard rural hometown. Be careful now, I'm going to find someone to mess you up."

Qin Ming sneered. "Why don't you try? I'll be waiting for you."

"Everyone shut up!" Someone yelled angrily.



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