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The Chu Family

Long Fei was browsing a few documents in his room when someone came to his door. His grandfather's assistant arrived and announced that he should go to the main hall to welcome their guest.

With a faint smile on his lips, Long Fei walked out of his room as if he was in a good mood.

However, Long Yu Heng who has been spending years by his side knew best what was going on in this man's mind right now. The gentle look on Lon Fei's face was not gentle at all. In his opinion, the look on Long Fei's face was as if he was preparing for a bloodbath.

Once they arrived at the main hall, Long Fei looked around at the lively atmosphere. There were a few familiar faces in the hall but Long Fei knew that they were invited solely to trick him into attending this banquet.

The moment he appeared, everyone in the room looked up and started to whisper. The atmosphere in the room turned livelier.

Long Fei swept his gaze around and finally found his father at the corner with an older man. The two of them were chatting amiably.

Because Long Yu Heng had already helped to investigate the Chu family, Long Fei quickly recognized the old man as Chu Xuan Yuan, his blind date's father.

His eyes narrowed as he gave the older man a look over.

As if sensing his gaze, Chu Xuan Yuan looked up. His eyes flickered with joy when he saw Long Fei.

At the same time, Long Chen was looking at his son with his scrutinizing gaze.

He had thought that his son would cause a scene and it would take time to drag him over to this banquet. Seeing that this person had obediently shown up, Long Chen could not help but be suspicious.

As he met his father's gaze, Long Fei walked over and greeted him. "Father."

Those who never knew about the father and son's relationship would think that they were very close.

His eyes narrowed. Long Chen wanted to ask his son what was he up to but with the guests around them, he could only hold back his temper. "You're here." Sensing that someone was looking at him, Long Chen cleared his throat and spoke, "Ah Fei, let me introduce you. This is Chu Xuan Yuan, the chairman of Chu Industry. Chairman Chu, this is my son, Long Fei."

Chu Xuan Yuan's expression brightened. He stretched his hand and shook hand with Long Fei. Knowing the purpose of the banquet, Chu Yuan Xuan gave his potential son-in-law a look over and smiled. It seemed that he was very satisfied with the man's appearance.

"It's an honor to finally meet you, President Long," Chu Xuan Yuan spoke. "I have always heard your father talked about you previously."

Long Fei smiled before he shifted his gaze to his father. His brow shot up he wonder if his father has been having this idea of an arranged marriage for a long time now.

"Father, I'm surprised to hear that you would be talking about me."

Long Chen leaned over and whispered, "Ah Fei, don't make trouble."

"Isn't this just a banquet to welcome your business partner? What sort of trouble do you think I can make." Long Fei chuckled. "Father, was your expectation towards me that low?"

As if sensing the tension between the father and son, Long Yuan appeared at the side along with a few elders with him.

"Ah Fei," Long Yuan looked at his grandson with worry. Seeing that he doesn't seem to be in a bad mood, Long Yuan finally heaved in relief. "Since you are here, I will let them serve some food." He turned to his guest and spoke, "Chairman Chu, let's go over to the dining room."

"Alright," Chu Xuan Yuan quickly agreed.

Long Yuan led the guest to the dining room.

Once the group was farther enough, Long Chen turned to his son again. "What are you up to?"

Long Fei chuckled. "Father, I don't understand. This banquet was something that you and the elders had planned. That question... was what I should be asking. Father, what are you up to."

Seeing his son's expression only makes his blood boil. Long Chen grew frustrated at the way his son was behaving but he had no way to talk to him at this time and place.

"This banquet is very important to our family, " Long Chen said. "Whatever it is that you wanted to do or say, I would appreciate it if you could do it once the guest had gone back."

Long Fei smiled but did not say anything.

Soon, the father and son headed into the dining room as well.

Long Fei stood at the entrance as he watched everyone's movement. The elders quickly took a seat and soon, only one spot was left for him.

His lips turned into a smile upon seeing the young lady seated at the table. Their gazes met and the girl lowered her eyes shyly.

Her parents had mentioned that they were going to Long's residence to set up her marriage with the Young Master of the Long family.

Chu Ying had heard many things about Long Fei and was determined that the guy was not her taste. After all, it was widely known that Long Fei was a cold and boring person. Other than work and his company, the man did not have any other interests.

However, now that she was seeing him face to face, Chu Ying began to change her mind. To be married to a handsome and rich man. How can it be a bad thing? As for their feelings, they can be slowly cultivated, right?

"Ah Fei, what are you doing standing around?" One of the elders spoke. "Quickly take a seat. The food is about to be served soon."

Long Fei shot the elder a look until his face turned pale. Then, he walked over to his seat and sit down.

"Ah Fei, this young lady is called Chu Ying," Another elder introduced. "She is Chairman Chu's daughter. I see that the two of you were around the same age and thought that there were a lot of things you can talk about together. After all, the two of you shared the same interest."

Chu Ying lowered her head shyly. "President Long, hello."

Long Fei glanced at the person beside him and smiled. "Really? My Miss Chu, my elders think that we shared the same interest. Then I supposed that you would like to discuss the current world economy with me."

Instantly, the girl's face turned paler. She was someone who liked to play around with her group of friends all day. What did she know about the world economy?

"If that is not what you are interested in, then how about discussing which pub and club are the best in Capital City?"

The atmosphere suddenly turned silent.

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Is He Still An Adult

Sensing his father's gaze, Long Fei looked around and flashed a smile at the people around him. "What's wrong? Why did everyone stop eating? Is there something wrong with this question?"

Of course, from Long Yu Heng's investigation, Long Fei had already learned that Miss Chu Ying was someone who liked to hang out with her friends and loved to spend her time partying too much. Each night, she would be visiting various nightclubs and pubs. It seemed that this was well-known information among the socialite in their city.

Long Fei thought that it would be fun to tease everyone and looked at their reaction. Who would have thought that the elders would be making such a big reaction?

"My grandfather used to say that I worked too much and I should take some time out to relax," Long Fei said. He turned to his grandfather and smiled. "Isn't that right, grandfather?"

Long Yuan coughed and looked away from meeting his grandson's eyes.

"I just thought that Miss Chu would be able to help me decide. The next time I came to visit your city, I planned to look at the clubs around to relax."

Chu Xuan Yuan laughed to lighten up the mood around the dining room. "That's right. President Long, when you come over to our city, my daughter will definitely bring you around to relax. She knows a lot of interesting places in the city."

Hearing his words, everyone in the dining room began to laugh as well. The elders agreed with Chu Xuan Yuan's words and urged Long Fei to contact Chu Ying again.

However, Long Chen continued to send his son a warning gaze. As the father, Long Chen knew well that his question was never a coincidence. Someone had mentioned this blind date to him and he had investigated the Chu's family.

Worried that Long Fei was going to create chaos again, the elders decided not to say anything lest he would embarrass their guest.

This time, the elders shifted their focus to Chu Xuan Yuan and his wife, trying their best to please them.

After all, they needed to win his heart before they could match Long Fei with his daughter. As long as they had a good relationship with Chu Xuan Yuan, perhaps it would be easier for them to control Long Fei in the future.

Long Fei watched everyone around the table with a delighted look on his face.

These people were too busy pleasing each other with polite words. He could not help but wonder how will the elders reacted once they found out what he had planned for them.

Just thinking about it made the smile on his face widen.

As they were having their meal, a servant walked over and stopped by Long Chen's side. He leaned over and whispered a few words. Soon, Long Chen's expression began to change.

Seeing how quickly his father's face had changed drastically made him happier.

Long Chen shot an angry look at his son. Then, without saying anything, he stood up and walked out of the dining room.

Everyone around the table began to whisper upon seeing how the man had behaved.

Just as Long Chen was about to arrive at the door, a familiar person appeared in front of him. His movement halted and his eyes flickered. "Qin Ruo, when did you get home?"

Qin Ruo stood at the door while observing everyone in the dining room. The smile on her face widened the moment she saw the guests seated around the table.

Long Chen cleared his throat. "Qin Ruo why are you here? Didn't you say that you will be staying at your parents' place for a few days?"

Qin Ruo turned to her husband and flashed a bright smile at him. "Are you not happy that I decided to return?"

"That is not what I meant."

Qin Ruo shifted her gaze towards the people around the dining table. "What is this gathering for? Hubby, you invited guests to the house and you did not tell me about it? As your wife, how can I not know anything when you invited such an important guest?" She leaned forward and whispered, "Hubby, are you looking down on me?"

Long Chen found that he was unable to say a word. The look on his wife's face was just too scary.

That brat! Long Fei should be the one who had called his mother.

Is he still an adult? Why would he be complaining to his mother?

Long Chen turned to look at his son. His eyes narrowed dangerously.

"Stop looking at your son like that. What are you trying to do?"

Long Chen cleared his throat and watched his wife walk over to the dining table. The servant walked over and brought over another chair. Just before he was about to place it beside Long Chen's, Qin Ruo had already asked them to place the chair beside her son.

"Mrs. Long," Chu Xuan Yuan greeted. He nudged at his wife and let her greet the woman.

Qin Ruo was someone from a reputable family as well. Seeing that the woman had suddenly appeared, Chu Xuan Yuan quickly saw his opportunity.

Thinking that he would be able to make a connection with the Qin family as well after his daughter was married to Long Fei made him excited.

Qin Ruo flashed a smile that did not reach her eyes to the guest. Because of her good upbringing, she could only suppress her anger towards the elders and sit down silently.

Initially, she did not plan to return to the Long residence. However, once she heard from her son about this blind date that was arranged by her husband, Qin Ruo could no longer hold her anger.

Before she had left the town, Qin Ruo had definitely warned her husband that he should repair his relationship with their son. However, what was this man doing? He was planning a blind date while she was not around.

Just thinking about this made her angry.

Qin Ruo shot her husband a look and planned to settle her score with them after the guest had gone back.

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Blue Media Group

During the meal, the Chu family had tried to get along with Qin Ruo. However, the woman continued to ignore them, making them feel embarrassed.

The Long family's elders were angry when they saw how she had behaved but none of them could say anything while facing this daughter-in-law. With Qin Rou's identity and background, they could not afford to offend her.

The look on the elders' faces was not very pleasant.

They had thought that their plan would go well with Qin Rou away from the residence. However, the woman decided to return at a time like this.

In the end, the meal ended in an awkward atmosphere.

The Chu family was embarrassed but could not show their face. They did not dare to stay longer and decided to leave earlier.

Once the family had left, the atmosphere in the dining hall turned very quiet. It was as if no one dared to say a word.

It was Long Yuan who had broken the silence first. "Qin Rou, why did you decide to return?"

"I heard that the elders were setting up my son with a girl," Qin Rou said. "If I did not return in time, how was I going to find out about the person that my son is going to marry?"

The elders' expressions turned darker. Qin Rou was usually very obedient and did not talk too much. But whenever it was involved her son, Qin Rou was not afraid to cause trouble with them. She became very domineering and protective.

Qin Rou had thought that it was enough to threaten her husband by moving out of the house. She only wanted her husband to treat her son well. However, the man had taken advantage of her absence. He still did not listen to her and still wanted to use her son this way.

Her eyes were shooting a dagger at her husband. The elder dragon was always so aloof but with his wife, even Long Chen would be scared.

He had thought that he would head over to his in-laws' place and coax his wife after he had made this arrangement for his son. However, someone had broken this news to his wife instead.

Long Chen was suddenly afraid of what his wife would do. He could not live without her.

"Mom, be at ease." Long Fei stretched his hand to hold his mother's. He flashed her an assuring smile and spoke, "Unless if I am willing to marry, no one can force me to do anything."

"That's ridiculous!" One of the elders in the family, called Long Xiao spoke. "Initially, we let you have your time to look for that woman but a long time has passed and you still could not find her. Long Fei, are you planning to spend the rest of your life without marrying? Don't forget who you are and what kind of identity you have."

"So what if I don't marry? In the end, this bloodline will end and my descendant will not have to face what I have faced now. I think this is a very good idea."

The elders' faces blackened upon hearing his words.

"The Long family has been around for hundreds of years. Are you saying that you are willing to see it end like this?"

"Even without me, it would not be impossible for the Long family to survive," Long Fei said. "I still have many cousins. But I'm guessing that you guys were afraid of losing what my blood can do for you, isn't that right."

"Long Fei," Lon Chen stood up with an angry look on his face. "Stop being rude to your elders."

"Long Chen, don't you dare yell at my son!" Qin Ruo narrowed her eyes.

Long Fei watched this scene and his expression turned uglier. He stood up beside his mother and turned to look at the elder's face, one by one. The corner of his lips turned up into a smile that did not reach his eyes.

Seeing how his pupils had turned into vertical slits, the elders around them began to worry that this younger dragon would suddenly go crazy.

"I can listen to you and marry whoever you chose," Long Fei said.

Everyone in the room gave a different reaction to his declaration. The elders were unable to hide the joy.

However, both Long Yuan and Long Chen knew that something was about to happen. Long Fei would not give in that easily. This boy had a trick under his sleeve.

"Ah Fei," Qin Ruo turned and held her son's arms tightly. Among everyone in the room, the person who was worried the most was Qin Ruo.

Long Fei gave his mother a gentle squeeze on her arms. Then, he spoke to the elders again. "But then, I will no longer contribute Blue Media Group's profit into the family."

His words caused a roar among the elders.

"You cannot do that!" Long Xiao slapped his hand hard on the table. "Blue Media Group..."

"Is my hard work," Long Fei spoke before the man could finish his words. "I build the company from scratch. Without the family's money and influence to get to where it is now. I don't need your approval if I no longer want to give you money."

The elders became speechless upon hearing his words.

The family had always enjoyed their wealth and reputation. However, Long Fei still leave home and build up Blue Media Group from scratch until the company got to where it was now. Even with his background, no one had said anything or lent him any help.

When the company made a lot of money, he had put a percentage of profit into the family's fund. The elders saw that much money that his company had made and become excited. The media group made a lot of money and had many influences.

They could see the potential in the company and had wanted to let Long Fei let their children enter the company. However, other than Long Yu Heng, no one else was able to take a step into the company's building.

This was one of the reasons that the elders wanted to control Long Fei.

"If you can agree with this, then, I will follow your arrangement," Long Fei said.

The elders exchanged their glances. After a while, a servant walked over and whispered a few words to Long Xiao. Instantly, the old man's face turned darker.. His eyes shifted to Long Fei with a pair of eyes that were full of resentment.

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A Rebel

Long Fei had a carefree look on his face as he finally leave the dining hall.

Behind him, Long Yu Heng was trailing him with an anxious look on his face. He watched Long Fei's confronting the elders with a pale look on his face wondering if the man was going to lose against the elders.

However, when he thought of how the elders were willing to listen to Long Fei's arrangement because of the money they were going to receive, Long Yu Heng could not help but feel a little cold in his heart.

The elders knew that Long Fei now controlled Blue Media Group. Now, Long Fei was also controlling the shops around the town. They were not willing to part with the source of money. This was the only reason they backed off.

The family has been around for hundreds of years, but in the end, what matters for the elders were money and reputation.

Long Yu Heng could not hide his disappointment, especially towards his grandfather, the old master of the family. Even the person with the highest authority in the family was actually helpless against the elders.

Long Yuan might be the old master of the family but he could not do anything against the elders in the family. Being the master in the family is not a good thing at all. Long Yu Heng could understand why his cousin often wanted to leave the family.

After following Long Fei for a while, Long Yu Heng was almost glad that the man was a rebel and would not listen to the elders' arrangement.

If another person chose to listen to the elders, sooner or later, the family would fall even with the dragon's blood flowing in them.

"Ah Fei."

Hearing the voice, both men stopped in their tracks.



Long Fei turned around and looked at his mother who was coming after him. Seeing the anxious look on her face turned his expression warmer. "Mother." His mother would usually not meddle in the Long family's business. Long Fei had always thought that his mother was indifferent. However, the moment he asked for her help, she did not hesitate to return immediately to support him.

"Where are you going?" Qin Ruo asked. "Why don't you come with me and stay with your maternal grandparents for a while. Anything is better than staying at this house."

"You know very well that I cannot leave this town for a long time."

Qin Ruo had a reluctant look in her expression. She had learned the family's secret not too long after she was married to Long Chen. She knew well that before her son found that girl, he will have to stay around the lake for a long time.

Her parents' house was in the middle of the city. There was no lake around or any source of water as clean as the lake in D Town. Long Fei was unable to stay there for a long period.

"Then, I will return and accompany you," Qin Ruo said. "Anyway, I cannot let your father bully you like this."

"Mother, I'll be fine," Long Fei said. "Father would not be able to do anything to me. Anyway, I am not planning to stay in this residence."

"Where are you going?"

A faint smile curled on his lips. "I'm planning to stay with Auntie Wang in the bamboo garden for a few weeks. Later, I will head to Capital City for work matters."

Although her son told her not to worry, Qin Ruo could not help but feel that way. She stretched out her hand and held his hand in hers. "Ah Fei, Mother is sorry for you. If only you were not born in this family, perhaps you would be able to have a smoother life."

The family's situation was complicated. As the mother, there were not a lot of things that she could do.

If only her son did not have such that special blood in his body, then perhaps, he could fall in love normally and marry just anyone he liked.

Thinking about her son's marriage made her aggrieved again. "Ah Fei, are you really not planning to marry anyone?"

Listening to his words about ending the family's bloodline upset her.

"Even if you are not planning to follow the elders' arrangement, Mother still hopes that you will find someone. It is best if that person is someone you love and would love you back."

As the mother, she still wished that her son would have someone by his side. A person to stay by his side and love him until he grows old.

"Mother, don't worry about me. I have my plan." Long Fei said. "You should go back and head to the airport before Father could catch you. Let Yu Heng send you over. Otherwise, it would be difficult for you to leave again."

Qin Ruo looked at her son with an amused gaze. "Are you looking forward to us staying apart?"

"That's not it." Long Fei chuckled. "Whatever you decide to do is up to you. I will stand by your side. However, what Dad had done is a little too excessive. I do hope that he would suffer a little bit. Otherwise, he will continue to make trouble for me."

Hearing his words, Qin Ruo's expression turned better a little bit. She gave her son a slight squeeze on his arms and soon noticed that the expression on her son's face was a little wrong. "What's wrong with you?"

"Nothing."

She had only given him a gentle squeeze, but the look on his face showed that he was in terrible pain. How could Qin Ruo believe her son's words?

Qin Ruo moved quickly and pulled at her son's sleeve. Her eyes widened when she saw the black and blue bruise in his arms. A loud gasp escaped her. Before her son could stop her, Qin Ruo had tugged at his shirt and looked at his abdomen. The look in her eyes changed when she saw the bruise again.

This bruise was not normal. It was not hard for her to guess how did her son get this injury.

Unless he was hit by his father, this injury would not last this long.

Her jaw clenched. "Long Chen!"

Qin Ruo turned around, wanting to look for the person who had hurt her son. However, before she could take another step, Long Fei had already stopped her.

"Mother, don't." Long Fei shook his head. "I'm fine."

"He hit you?"

"No." Long Fei lowered his gaze to hide from his mother. "We were in the lake. It was an accident." He looked up again and flashed her an assuring smile. "It's not as painful as you think. The wound would heal soon after I soaked in the lake for a week or so."

Qin Ruo frowned.. It seemed that she did not believe in her son's words.

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No Real Power

After the mother and son had left the dining hall, both Long Yuan and Long Chen spent a long time there to pacify the elders. Once they were calmer, Long Chen helped his father to return to his courtyard.

"Ah Chen," Long Yuan spoke as his son helped him to lay down on the bed. "I really did not expect that Ah Fei would be doing something like this."

Long Chen stared at his father for a long time, trying to figure out his mood. "Father, are you angry?"

The old man heaved a sigh. "In fact, I know that Ah Fei is rather disappointed with us. We were never able to protect him as he grew up. I am supposed to be the master of the family but I still have to listen to the elders' arrangements. We have no real power and had to listen to the others' words instead."

Long Chen lowered his head as he listened to his father speaking.

"In the past, the elders existed to protect the blood. When did everything start to change?" Long Yuan heaved a long, heavy sigh. "I am too old, weak, and useless. I can't even protect my descendant from being bullied." He looked at his son and asked, "Ah Chen, are you disappointed in me as well?"

"Father, I always know that you have done all your best. But the elders were threatening us with our secret. There are not many things that we can do about it."

Long Yuan chuckled. "Ah Chen, do you know why did Elder Xiao's face turn ugly after his man whispered something to him?"

Long Chen shook his head. "Father, do you know anything?"

"I heard that Ah Fei had acquired many of the family's business. That boy had secretly bought the shares. Now, other than Blue Media Group, Ah Fei is also in control of many of our major businesses."

Long Chen could not hide his surprise when he heard his father's words.

"If the elders wanted to set him up and force him to do something that he did not like, the elders can forget about the wealth they are enjoying now," Long Yuan spoke. "Moreover, if the elders were trying to mess up with him or pull any tricks, all those money will be gone and no one will be able to touch it."

Judging from what his grandson had done, Long Yuan knew that the boy has been planning his move for a very long time. Long Yuan could not help but wonder when did his grandson had begun to make this plan?

The frown on Long Chen's face deepened. "I didn't think that he would be this ruthless."

"It's good to be ruthless," Long Yuan said. "Ah Fei had done all this to protect himself. Otherwise, the elders will continue to bully him."

Long Chen pursed his lips into a thin line. At this time, he was not too concerned about his child. He was more worried that he would not be able to catch up with his wife. It was the longest time that he has been apart from his wife. The feeling was torturing him. Now that Qin Ruo has returned, Long Chen planned to coax her to stay.

"Ah Chen," Long Yuan spoke again. "If I plan to hand over this family to your son, would you have any rejection?"

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Long Chen did not expect his discussion with his father to last for an hour. When he finally have time to look for his wife, a servant announced that his wife had left an hour ago.

Quickly, Long Chen asked someone to drive him over to the airport.

According to his investigation, his wife's flight will depart in two hours and he still had his chance to catch up with her.

However, the moment he arrived at the airport, Long Chen was disappointed when he could not find his wife. He took out his phone and started to dial her number.

Long Chen was sure that his wife will not be picking up his phone call but he still did not want to give up easily. To his surprise, Qin Ruo finally picked up his call after his third try.

"Qin Ruo." Long Chen called her name anxiously. "Where are you?"

"Where else? I'm on my way home."

"I'm already at the airport. Come out and meet me. Let's talk, alright?"

Qin Ruo chuckled. Her heart burned in anger when she heard her husband's words. "It's too late. I'm not at the airport. Ah Fei had arranged for someone to drive me back.

Long Chen gritted his teeth as he thought about his good son.

"You wanted to talk, sure. But first, you have to fix your relationship with my son. I have already told you. Unless if you speak to Ah Fei properly, I will not return to your side."

"Qin Ruo." Long Chen's voice was pleading.

"You don't have to come over to my parents' house," Qin Ruo continued. "I have already told everyone not to let you in."

Qin Ruo hung up the phone before Long Chen could coax her. This time, when Long Chen tried to call her again, he found that his wife had already blocked his number.

Long Chen could only return to the residence in anger. However, when he started to look for his son to settle their score, the servant informed him that his son had left and would not be returning to the residence.

No one knew where he was going and how long will it take for him to return.

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Meanwhile, Long Fei was finally able to take a deep breath as he finally settled down in Auntie Wang's bamboo courtyard. The elder woman came to his room and moved her hand, asking him what he wanted to eat for dinner.

The smile on her face was apparent. Auntie Wang could not hide her joy upon knowing that Long Fei will be staying with her for a few weeks.

Long Fei told Auntie Wang that he would be going out for dinner and the woman had teased him about Su Ruan.

The two of them chatted for a while. Then, Long Fei headed to his boat and dialed Su Ruan's number.

"Su Ruan," Long Fei called her name the moment the phone call was connected.

"Mmm... Is your work settled?" Previously, Long Fei had told her that he will be busy with work and will only contact her once everything was settled.

Long Fei laughed. "It's settled.. Do you want to come out? Su Ruan, I miss you."