

## At School 1101

### Chapter 1101: It's Impossible to Become a Fat Person In One Go

Jian Ai stuck out her tongue guiltily. "Aunt, don't be picky. I've been busy recently. I'll come back to eat every day during the winter break."

Yao Feng opened a bottle of wine and placed it on the table. He couldn't help but interrupt. "Your aunt misses you. She always talks about you when it's mealtime. She's afraid that you won't eat well outside."

Wang Yunzhi couldn't help but glare at Yao Feng. Then, she looked at Jian Ai and smiled. "Don't listen to your uncle's nonsense. Go wash your hands. We'll eat soon."

When a family was together, the atmosphere was harmonious and warm.

When everyone was at the table, everyone chatted as they ate.

"I heard from the company that you've been working overtime until midnight every night." Wang Yunzhi was the first to show concern for Jian Ai.

Jian Ai nodded. "Manager Bai has something on and will only be able to return to the company after a while. Don't keep thinking about these things. The company is mine, so it's only right for me to work harder. Which worker doesn't work overtime now? It's all very normal. I'll take good care of myself."

"Besides, I know my limits. I still have to go to school the next day, so I usually stay until eleven or twelve at most. I won't stay up too late," Jian Ai added.

When Wang Yunzhi heard this, she said, "As long as you know how to take care of yourself."

Jian Ai smiled and turned to look at Yao Feng. She changed the topic. "Uncle, how have you been recently? You should have completely adapted to the bar, right?"

Back then, Jian Ai forced Yao Feng to manage the bar. Because Bai Zhou suggested bidding for this bar at the auction, he also sent someone to contact Yao Feng later on. Jian Ai basically didn't interfere.

No matter how well the bar was managed, the profits could not be higher than the few companies in the corporation.

Moreover, Jian Ai and Bai Zhou's plan was to open a few more bars in the bar business circle and achieve a certain scale. Unfortunately, there were too many things going on recently, and Bai Zhou was busy. She herself had no time to consider the nightclub business further as well, so she put it aside for the time being.

Yao Feng couldn't help but smile foolishly when he heard that. "I'm already familiar with it. In the past, I had to contact the company once every two to three days. I was afraid that my accounts would be in a mess after a while. But there is no need for that now. It's basically once a week. Sometimes, it's once every two weeks."

"I knew it was easy. Everything is hard only at the beginning. You'll be fine after you get used to it," Jian Ai said.

Yao Feng nodded in agreement. "That's right. In the beginning, I couldn't even stay in the bar for over a few minutes. The music inside made my head hurt. Now, I'm fine. If I don't listen to it every day, I even feel that something is missing."

Everyone couldn't help but laugh when they heard that. Wang Yunzhi also said, "That's right. I went to look for your uncle that night because I had something on. When I opened the soundproof door, the music inside almost pushed me out. I was wondering how this was a place for people to stay. Even if their necks didn't break, they should go deaf."

Jian Ai couldn't help but smile. "Young people nowadays like to go to such places, and the profits are not bad. When Manager Bai's matter is settled, we might open a few more bars in Baiyun City at the same time. When the scale is enough, we will set up a subsidiary and manage it together. At that time, Uncle will be the general manager."

Jian Ai blurted out her original plan.

Unexpectedly, when Yao Feng heard she wanted him to be the general manager of the company, he was so frightened that he shook his head like a rattle-drum. "No, no, Xiao Ai. It's difficult for me to manage a bar, so how can I help you manage a company? Don't make things difficult for Uncle. I'll make it difficult for you instead!"

Jian Ai couldn't help but chuckle helplessly. She looked at Yao Feng and said, "Uncle, I know what you're going to say when you open your mouth. When I asked you to go to this bar back then, you said the same thing. Aren't you doing it well now?"

Yao Feng opened his mouth to refuse again, but Jian Ai beat him to it. "Besides, how can it be so easy to bankrupt a company? Bars are not like anything else. As long as there are customers, you will have business. Therefore, a bar does not differ from ten bars. Manager Bai is not a fool. He will choose an excellent location and not let his company's bars compete in one place."

"Baiyun City is so big. My brother worked at Starlight Bar in Zhonglou District back then. Such a lousy place was full every day. There were even queues to enter on Saturday and Sunday."

"This is the trend in the market. Before it's saturated, we have to seize the opportunity. If not for Manager Bai and I not having time recently, we would have already discussed this."

Jian Ai's words were filled with all kinds of professional analysis. The people at the table were stunned. They thought to themselves that Xiao Ai had a great business brain. She knew so much at such a young age. No wonder she could achieve great things.

However, Yao Feng still said timidly, "It's not that Uncle doesn't want you to open a bar. Uncle said that he's not that capable and will hold you back."

Yao Feng did not dare to bite the bullet. He knew how capable he was. He was a coolie who had unloaded goods at the freight station for half his lifetime. Now, he was going to be the general manager of a company?

What a joke.

Jian Ai sighed helplessly and didn't force Yao Feng. She only comforted him in another way. "Uncle, don't be so stressed. Let's take it slow. Even if we gradually expand the scale of the entertainment industry in the future, we'll have to do it step by step. It's impossible to become a fat person in one go. You'll improve with the company while it develops. It's easy to keep up."

"Xiao Ai is right." Unexpectedly, Wang Yunzhi was the one who encouraged Yao Feng. "What's so scary about taking things one step at a time? How many people want an opportunity like you? Fortunately, we have a capable niece like Xiao Ai. She's even willing to give you a chance to change your fate at this age. Learn to cherish and be grateful. How can you shrink back when you hear of difficulties? In the past, when you were at the freight station, didn't you compete with others as well?"

Jian Yu also smiled. "Aunt is right. Uncle, as long as you work hard, there won't be a problem. Look at me. I was also forced to go to Rose Entertainment to be a CEO. I'm doing well now, right?"

Hearing Wang Yunzhi and Jian Yu's words, Yao Feng thought about it and couldn't help but nod. "You have a point."

As soon as he finished speaking, he couldn't help but look at Jian Ai and promise with a firm attitude, "Alright, Xiao Ai. Uncle will start preparing now and wait for your next plan. I'll do my best to take care of your business."

#### **Chapter 1102: Mom, Who Did You Say It Was?**

Seeing Yao Feng's serious expression, Jian Ai couldn't help but smile helplessly. "Uncle, you don't have to be so serious. You look like you're signing a death contract."

They chatted and laughed, but Wang Yunmei didn't say a word. She even had a forced smile on her face. It was obvious that she had something on her mind.

Jian Ai already knew what her mother was going to say tonight, so the topics she was talking to everyone about just now were actually to relieve Wang Yunmei's stress. As her daughter, she knew that her mother was under a lot of pressure.

However, the results were minimal.

*Forget it.* Jian Ai sighed in her heart. She felt that since her mother planned to say it; it was better to say it sooner. Her mother's pressure came from whether she would overreact after knowing. She just had to calm down later.

With this thought in mind, Jian Ai looked at her mother and asked casually, "Mom, didn't you say you had something to tell me?"

Jian Ai's sudden words caught Wang Yunmei off guard. A trace of shock flashed across her face before she said, "Ah... Yes, Mom has something to tell you."

The table fell silent, and everyone looked at Wang Yunmei. Jian Ai was not in a hurry. Instead, she waited for her mother to speak.

Wang Yunmei put down her bowl and lowered her head, not daring to look at anyone. Her mouth moved, but she couldn't say a word.

She initially thought that she had already mentally prepared herself, but she did not expect it to be so difficult for her to mention this to her daughter.

It was as if something was stuck in her throat, and she couldn't make a sound.

Seeing this, Wang Yunzhi couldn't help but reach out to hold Wang Yunmei's hand. She encouraged her softly, "Sister, say it."

Seeing her mother struggle, Jian Ai couldn't help but feel her heart ache. Without waiting for Wang Yunmei to speak, she said, "Mom, I know what you want to say. If you think it's difficult to say it, then don't force yourself. Because I don't care who that person is."

Wang Yunmei couldn't help but look up at Jian Ai in shock. "Xiao Ai, you..."

She turned to Jian Yu and looked at him inquisitively.

Jian Yu nodded. "I told her. I wanted her to be mentally prepared."

When Wang Yunmei heard this, she couldn't help but look at Jian Ai and ask nervously, "You know?"

Jian Ai shook her head. "My brother didn't say who. He just said that you wanted to tell me who the person is."

As soon as she finished speaking, Jian Ai sighed softly and said to Wang Yunmei with a serious expression, "Mom, don't make things difficult for yourself. If you don't want to say it, then don't. Because it doesn't matter to me whether you say it. This person never affected my life. Not in the past, and not in the future."

With that, Jian Ai picked up the soup in front of her and took a sip. She put on a carefree aura to ease her mother's uneasiness.

Unexpectedly, Wang Yunmei felt she had to say it! She gritted her teeth and said in a low voice, "It's Jian Changsheng!"

"Pfft..."

Jian Ai couldn't help but spit a mouthful of soup into her bowl and cough violently. "*Cough, cough, cough...*"

Jiachi quickly took a tissue and handed it over. "Sister, are you okay?"

Jian Ai wiped her mouth with one hand and coughed. She quickly raised her other hand and waved it, showing that she was fine.

However, when she looked up, her face was red from choking. She couldn't care less. She looked at her mother and asked in shock, "Mom, who did you say it was?"

Wang Yunmei pursed her lips but repeated, "Xiao Ai, it's Jian Changsheng. Your biological father is Jian Changsheng."

Jian Ai: "..."

At this moment, they could describe her expression as dumbfounded. What was the difference between this news and a ghost story?

*Jian Changsheng?*

She was Jian Changsheng's daughter?

In other words, she and Jian Yiyi and Jian Yichen were half-siblings?

Oh, my. Jian Ai felt that her mind had stopped spinning. She was a daughter of a rich family?

Seeing her daughter's reaction, Wang Yunmei thought she couldn't accept this news and was about to say something.

Unexpectedly, Jian Ai quickly raised her hand and gestured for them not to say anything. "I'm fine. Let me digest this!"

She was not agitated, but this news shocked her.

Jian Changsheng, Jian Yiyi, Jian Yichen, Jian Ai...

Why didn't she think in this direction?

She just felt that this surname was rare, but it was not surprising for someone to have the same surname as her. However, she did not expect that Jian Yiyi, whom she saw almost every day, Jian Yichen, whom she liked from the bottom of her heart, and her business competitor, Jian Changsheng, were related to her.

After a while, Jian Ai finally calmed down. With no reaction, she returned to normal.

"Mom, do you still remember that Jian Changsheng's daughter was taken away at Yaochi that day?" Jian Ai suddenly asked.

Wang Yunmei quickly nodded.

Jian Ai asked again, "I'm classmates with his daughter. She's the same age as me and is only a few months younger than me. What's going on? Was Jian Changsheng two-timing?"

This was Jian Ai's instinctive question. If Jian Yiyi was her sister, she should be at least a year younger than her. Why was she only a few months younger?

When Wang Yunmei heard this, she answered truthfully, "When I first got pregnant with you, he left us to marry someone else. I don't know what happened after that."

Wang Yunmei was telling the truth and hid nothing. Because she was disheartened back then, she didn't think about asking about Jian Changsheng. Therefore, Wang Yunmei knew nothing after Jian Changsheng left.

Wang Yunzhi analyzed from the side. "If she was born two months early, then that might be the explanation."

Jian Ai nodded. This was the only possibility.

“Xiao Ai, Mom didn’t mean to hide it from you and your brother. It’s just that he hasn’t been back all these years, so Mom...” Wang Yunmei couldn’t help but cry.

Seeing this, Jian Ai quickly said, “Mom, stop talking. I understand. Brother and I won’t blame you. Originally, we didn’t have any concept of the role of a father. It doesn’t matter if you mention it or not.”

Jian Yu nodded as well. “Xiao Ai is right. Mom, you don’t have to worry too much. Aunt and I supported you to divulge this because we didn’t want you to bear the pressure. Now that we know, you can be more calm in the future, right?”

Wang Yunmei covered her mouth and nodded. She looked at Jian Ai and said worriedly, “Xiao Ai, can you accept this?”

### **Chapter 1103: Of Course I Do**

Jian Ai nodded calmly.

Because even if she did not accept it, this was a fact.

As long as a person appeared in this world, she would have a father. This had nothing to do with acceptance because this was an existence that could not be denied.

Although it surprised Jian Ai that this person was Jian Changsheng, she soon digested it after calming down. Since it existed, why couldn’t it be Jian Changsheng?

Just as Jian Ai had said, that person was unimportant to her, so anyone was fine because she didn’t care.

“Mom, don’t worry. I won’t ask anything because I’m not interested in him at all,” Jian Ai said calmly. Then, she smiled at Wang Yunmei. “Thank you for letting me know because I understand your intentions. You’re afraid that I’ll have too many opportunities to interact with him, but you don’t want to see me being kept in the dark. I understand.”

Wang Yunmei cried and wiped her tears. Her daughter was so sensible that she understood everything without her saying anything.

Jian Yu was silent for a moment. He looked at Jian Ai and asked, “Xiao Ai, what do you plan to do next?”

Jian Ai shrugged with an indifferent expression. “I don’t have any plans. Perhaps I’ll have a slightly different state of mind the next time I see him, but this won’t affect anything. In my eyes, he’s still the chairman of the Jian Group and a competitor of East Sea Real Estate. That’s all.”

Jian Yu nodded in relief.

After dinner, Jian Ai didn’t stay long because she still had to go to the company to handle work. Jian Yu offered to drive her, and Jian Ai didn’t refuse.

Before leaving, Jian Ai said a few words to Wang Yunmei alone in the room.

“Mom, do you feel better now that you’ve said it?” Jian Ai held Wang Yunmei’s hand and smiled.

Wang Yunmei's eyes were red as she shook her head with mixed feelings. "Actually, I didn't want you to know at first. But from this year onwards, I met him again and again. Then, your brother saw him a few times. You also interacted with him in business, so I was afraid."

"I didn't want you to know, but I was afraid that he would say something to you, so I was on tenterhooks all day."

"I'm indeed relieved to tell you the truth now. I've also figured it out. No matter what, you have the right to know who your father is."

Jian Ai's heart ached again. She could imagine her mother's fear of losing her children when she saw Jian Changsheng, who had disappeared for many years.

On the way to the company, Jian Ai sat in the front passenger seat and looked at the neon lights outside the window. Jian Yu was driving. The two of them said nothing, and the atmosphere was quiet.

After a while, Jian Yu couldn't help but ask, "Do you hate him?"

"Jian Changsheng?" Jian Ai raised her eyebrows and turned around.

Jian Yu nodded.

Jian Ai suddenly smiled and sneered. "Of course I do."

"Me too!" Jian Yu admitted.

The siblings looked at each other but didn't ask for a reason because they knew that the reason they hated Jian Changsheng wasn't for themselves.

It was because of what he had done to their mother. Just based on this, the siblings would not forgive him.

If not for him, their mother would not have lived such a difficult life for the past twenty years. It was his betrayal that changed their mother's life.

Although Jian Ai had digested the fact that her biological father was Jian Changsheng for a few days, it did not affect her life.

In mid-November, the twentieth anniversary of Hongxiang Group arrived.

This time, Jian Ai didn't wear a gown. Because she was not attending as anyone's female companion but representing East Sea Real Estate, Jian Ai specially wore a custom-made suit today and tied her hair neatly. Although she was still a little tender, her aura was not weak.

The venue of the cocktail party was one of Lu Youcai's manor in the southern suburbs. Although the location was remote, it was quiet and suitable for holding a private cocktail party.

When the car reached the entrance of the manor, luxury cars could be seen everywhere. Many successful people in suits walked in groups of twos or threes. It was obvious that they were familiar with each other.

Jian Ai got out of the car with the invitation and looked around. Then, she tidied her clothes and walked towards the door.

At the entrance were two service staff in work uniforms and bow ties. Everyone had to show an invitation card for them to check before entering.

Jian Ai's petite body followed the crowd and disappeared into the crowd. If not for her taking out the invitation, Jian Ai suspected that she could have slipped in.

When the staff member saw that Jian Ai was wearing a suit and had an invitation, he couldn't help but be stunned. When he opened the invitation and saw the name on it, his eyes widened in surprise.

He came back to his senses and quickly said respectfully, "Welcome. Please come in."

Jian Ai was already used to others facing her with such a reaction, so she was not unhappy. She just nodded and smiled.

As soon as she entered, she saw a vast open space. It was already late autumn, so they naturally could not see the green grass. However, the open space still made her eyes light up. In front of her was an imposing European-style villa.

The guests could smoke and chat in the empty space outside the villa. Because of the climate, the venue of the cocktail party was indoors.

Jian Ai went to the registration counter to register her name and handed over a red packet. For such an anniversary celebration, everyone would give a red packet as a reward. The amount was usually around ten thousand yuan. It was not much, just for luck.

"Xiao Ai!"

At this moment, a surprised voice sounded from behind Jian Ai. Without turning around, Jian Ai had a smile on her face because she could tell who this person was.

Chen Lei quickly walked forward. Jian Ai turned around and called out, "Uncle Chen."

"I didn't expect you to be here too," Chen Lei said in surprise. After all, he knew a little about Hongxiang Group, especially Lu Youcai. His horizons were very high. It was indeed new for him to invite a girl like Jian Ai.

Jian Ai felt Chen Lei's surprise and smiled helplessly. "I'm also very surprise since I suddenly received an invitation. I thought that this is an unwritten rule in the industry. Since it's an anniversary celebration, I can't not give them face. After all, I'm a junior."

Chen Lei nodded in understanding and asked, "Have you interacted with Chairman Lu before? Why would he send you an invitation?"

Jian Ai shook her head. "No, I only knew a little about Hongxiang Group in the past, but I've never worked with them. I've never even interacted with them, let alone seen Chairman Lu."

**Chapter 1104: She Was the CEO Behind the Scenes**



Jian Ai said truthfully. She was not guarded against Chen Lei at all.

If not for Century Group's support, Jian Ai knew that her East Sea Real Estate would not have developed so quickly.

Chen Lei couldn't help but raise his eyebrows. "In that case, Chairman Lu has learned about your company? Otherwise, he wouldn't know your identity."

Jian Ai nodded. "I think so too. Perhaps the Hongxiang Group noticed something, so they investigated."

Jian Ai didn't care. Her identity was not completely confidential. As long as someone wanted to investigate, they could easily find out.

Only then did Chen Lei remember. He immediately looked enlightened. "I know. It must be because you were one of the top ten celebrity enterprises this year. Uncle Chen has to congratulate you too!"

Jian Ai smiled and said humbly, "Uncle Chen, don't joke with me. I was also surprised to be named a celebrity enterprise. The reason for being on the rankings was because of two projects from East Sea Real Estate. These two projects are both supported by Century Group. This honor also belongs to Uncle Chen."

Jian Ai's attitude made Chen Lei like her even more. However, he still smiled and waved his hand. "That's unnecessary. Century Group is also on the rankings. Uncle Chen won't snatch your share!"

The two of them laughed. Their voices were neither loud nor soft, but it attracted many people's gazes.

Chen Lei's identity was naturally extraordinary, so everyone was curious about who this girl, who was talking and laughing with Chen Lei, was.

"Old Chen!"

At this moment, a burly man in a silver-gray suit suddenly walked over. His target was Chen Lei, who was chatting with Jian Ai.

When Chen Lei saw that person, he immediately revealed a passionate smile. He took two steps forward and greeted, "Old Xu, you're here too!"

Xu Chu couldn't help but give Chen Lei a meaningful look. Then, he shook his head helplessly and smiled. He said in a low voice, "He sent me an invitation. How can I not come?"

When Chen Lei heard this, he nodded with a smile that said 'I understand.' Then, he said, "Perhaps he wants to reconcile with you."

"No." Xu Chu quickly shook his head. "He would want to, but did he ask if I would agree to it?"

This middle-aged man called Xu Chu was the chairman of the famous construction material company in Baiyun City, Huagang Group. He had been Chen Lei's business partner for many years.

Huagang Group was once a partner of Hongxiang Group. However, something happened in their previous collaboration, so they did not renew their contracts after the contract expired. They were in a deadlock until now.

“Old Xu, you came at the right time.” Chen Lei suddenly pulled Xu Chu to Jian Ai. “I’ll introduce you to someone. She’s also the person you’ve always asked me to recommend you to.”

Jian Ai was stunned. She didn’t expect the topic to suddenly return to her.

Xu Chu was also stunned. He looked at the girl in front of him and didn’t react to Chen Lei’s words.

Chen Lei introduced him to Jian Ai. “Xiao Ai, this is the chairman of Huagang Group. You can call him Uncle Xu. Didn’t you ask Uncle Chen to help you find a suitable construction material supplier for Hotel M? It’s the Huagang Group!”

Jian Ai couldn’t help but be enlightened. Although Bai Zhou was the one who completed these things, Jian Ai had naturally heard of the leader of Baiyun City’s construction material supplier, Huagang Group. She immediately extended her hand warmly. “Hello, Uncle Xu. I’m Jian Ai. You can call me Xiao Ai!”

Xu Chu subconsciously reached out his hand, but he did not react. It could be said that he had never thought of relating a little girl to a company.

Although he said hello, he thought that Chen Lei should quickly introduce her to him.

At this moment, Chen Lei said, “Old Xu, do you still remember telling me you wanted to get to know the CEO of East Sea Real Estate?”

Xu Chu nodded, but he frowned in confusion. “But I already know Manager Bai!”

Seeing this, Chen Lei couldn’t help but smile. “Manager Bai is the general manager, but the person in front of you is the CEO behind M Group!”

“What?”

Chen Lei spoke casually, but it shocked Xu Chu. He immediately stared at Jian Ai in shock for two seconds before saying, “You... Old Chen, are you joking with me?”

Jian Ai also smiled and quickly admitted, “Uncle Xu, Uncle Chen isn’t lying to you.”

Xu Chu gasped and subconsciously asked, “Xiao Ai, are you an adult?”

Jian Ai smiled and shook her head. “I’m fifteen years old this year, Uncle Xu.”

Xu Chu: “...”

Chen Lei admired Xu Chu’s expression with interest. In the end, he teased, “How is it? Now do you know why I’m willing to do my best to help a real estate company? Xiao Ai is the most promising teen I’ve ever seen.”

Xu Chu clicked his tongue and sighed. “Impressive, really impressive...”

At this moment, Chen Lei looked at the two of them and said, “I was the one who helped set up the collaboration in the past. Because Xiao Ai’s company had just been established and there was no construction material company that could be completely trusted, I helped to choose Old Xu’s Huagang so that the two companies could reach their first collaboration.”

“Now that you know each other, you can discuss things on your own in the future. Saves me some trouble.”

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Lei said to Jian Ai, “Xiao Ai, you can rest assured about the person Uncle Chen introduced. Old Xu’s reputation in Baiyun City is top-notch.”

Jian Ai smiled and nodded. “I naturally believe in both of you uncles.”

At this moment, Xu Chu joked with Chen Lei, “If we contact each other separately, won’t you lose a sum of money as a middleman?”

When Chen Lei heard that, he said, “I’ve never earned money from the two of you before.”

Jian Ai took the initiative to exchange contact details with Xu Chu. Xu Chu pulled Jian Ai along as if he had found a treasure and asked many curious questions.

Not far away, behind the floor-to-ceiling window on the second floor of the villa, Lu Youcai stood in front of the window and looked at the invited guests. To be precise, he was looking at Jian Ai alone.

From the moment Jian Ai appeared, he confirmed her identity.

At this moment, seeing that she was talking and laughing with Chen Lei and Xu Chu, two big shots in Baiyun City, and that she was calm from the beginning to the end without a trace of fear, Lu Youcai already thought highly of this girl.

It was by no means fortuitous that one was a winner. The success of a business required too many factors. For this girl called Jian Ai to reach this stage, she definitely had something outstanding about her.

“Dad!”

Just as Lu Youcai was thinking, a graceful girl in an evening dress suddenly pushed the door open and entered. It was Lu Youcai’s daughter, Lu Qiaoqiao.

Lu Youcai turned around and saw Lu Qiaoqiao spinning in front of him in a gorgeous outfit. Then, she smiled brightly and said, “Does your daughter look good dressed like this?”

### **Chapter 1105: Hongxiang Anniversary Cocktail Party**

Seeing his daughter, a smile instantly appeared on Lu Youcai’s face. He cooperatively sized up his daughter with an admiring gaze before nodding and confirming, “You look good. Our Qiaoqiao is so beautiful, so she naturally looks good in anything.”

When Lu Qiaoqiao heard this, she couldn’t help but smile shyly. Then, she hurried to Lu Youcai’s side and held his arm. She said coquettishly, “You only know how to make me happy.”

“Why would I? Dad is telling the truth!” Lu Youcai smiled and held his daughter’s hand. “Almost all the guests are here. Ask your mother to be quicker.”

Lu Qiaoqiao nodded obediently and ran away happily.

After his daughter left, the smile on Lu Youcai's face gradually faded. When he turned around, Jian Ai was no longer in sight.

Jian Ai, Chen Lei, and Xu Chu entered the villa together. The hall on the first floor was spacious and bright. There were all kinds of self-service drinks and food. Famous people gathered in the hall. Although Jian Ai had never interacted with many people, she often saw them on business programs. They were all famous people in Baiyun City's business world.

From this, it was easy to see Lu Youcai's connections in Baiyun City.

As soon as Chen Lei and Xu Chu appeared, everyone surrounded them warmly. Jian Ai instinctively took two steps back to give the others space. Chen Lei didn't forget to call Jian Ai, "Xiao Ai, look around first. Uncle Chen will look for you later."

Jian Ai quickly nodded and said, "Uncle Chen, go ahead. Don't worry about me."

She was here as a guest, so she naturally could not let Chen Lei take care of her all the time.

Walking out of the crowd, Jian Ai walked straight to the sofa in the hall. When she passed by the waiter, she took a glass of wine from the tray and sat down on the sofa.

Her gaze wandered around the crowd in boredom. As a company's invisible CEO, Jian Ai did not feel uncomfortable that no one cared about her.

At this moment, Jian Ai suddenly saw Jian Changsheng in a black suit in the crowd.

Jian Changsheng's figure was still tall and slender, and he had a refined and noble aura. At this moment, a few old friends were surrounding him and talking and laughing.

However, through the layers of barriers, Jian Ai could still see his slightly swollen face. A trace of ridicule flashed across her eyes. She thought to herself that her brother must have used a lot of strength at that time. Otherwise, his face would not have not completely recovered.

She thought that when she saw Jian Changsheng again, her heart would more or less fluctuate. However, the truth was that Jian Ai didn't have any additional reaction. Just like now, looking at him from afar, she didn't react at all.

Jian Changsheng was injured on both sides. To think that he came to Hongxiang's anniversary party with a swollen face.

An old friend at the side couldn't help but ask with concern, "Oh, Changsheng, what's wrong with your face? Why does it look a little swollen?"

Jian Changsheng smiled and said, "My bad teeth hurt two days ago, so I went to the dentist and pulled them out. I didn't expect my face to swell. The doctor said that it would take a few days for the swelling to subside."

It had been more than a week since Jian Yu beat Jian Changsheng up, so the redness and swelling had almost disappeared. There were only some faint bruise marks left. If he didn't say that he was beaten up, it wouldn't be easy to link to this.

In addition, Jian Changsheng's performance was very natural, and the reason he made up was flawless. Therefore, the people around him subconsciously believed him.

Perhaps no one would guess that someone would punch the dignified CEO of the Jian Group in the face.

"I was wondering why I thought you had gained weight when I saw you from afar. You have to treat your toothache. Otherwise, you'll suffer when it acts up," the person said.

Jian Changsheng smiled and nodded. "My face is swollen, and I didn't want to come out to see anyone, but I have no choice. It's Old Lu's big day today, so I have to come, right?"

"Yes, yes. I especially rushed back from a business trip in Yuan City." The others quickly nodded in agreement.

Jian Changsheng was calm and unaffected. He turned around and chatted with another person.

Jian Ai saw this and couldn't help but sneer. Then, she looked away and took a sip of the cocktail in her hand.

After seven in the evening, all the invited guests had arrived. The huge hall could accommodate almost a hundred people. It was lively.

Not long after, Lu Youcai appeared beside the stairs on the second floor of the villa with a wine glass in his hand. Beside him was the elegant Mrs. Lu.

When everyone saw Lu Youcai appear, they surrounded him. Jian Ai was no exception. She held her wine glass and looked at Lu Youcai on the second floor.

Lu Youcai looked down at the guests on the first floor and slowly swept his gaze across everyone's heads. He even paused when he saw Jian Ai.

After a while, he slowly said, "Welcome to my Hongxiang Group's twentieth anniversary cocktail party. I thank everyone for coming!"

Everyone below the stage applauded.

Lu Youcai sighed with emotion. "It has been twenty years since Hongxiang Group was established. Over the years, thanks to the care and support of my peers, Hongxiang has achieved what it has today. I will remember everyone who has helped Hongxiang. Thank you again!"

Applause sounded again.

Regardless of how sincere Lu Youcai's speech was, as guests of the cocktail party, it was enough as long as they supported him.

In the end, Lu Youcai called out to everyone, "I hope everyone can still walk together in the future and help each other build Baiyun City's real estate. Finally, I hope everyone can spend a pleasant night here!"

When everyone heard this, they applauded again. Lu Youcai and Mrs. Lu also slowly walked down the stairs from the second floor.

The people in the front row surrounded him to propose a toast.

“Chairman Lu, congratulations!”

“Congratulations!”

“Old Lu, it’s been twenty years. It’s not easy!”

“Congratulations, Chairman Lu!”

Congratulations sounded incessantly. Lu Youcai could also handle this scene freely.

Jian Ai didn’t like to join in the fun. Since she was here, she naturally had to toast Lu Youcai. However, there were too many people now, so she thought she would toast him personally later.

Unexpectedly, just as she was about to leave, she heard Lu Youcai call out, “CEO Jian!”

This voice was neither loud nor soft. In addition, there were many people gathered around. These people were stunned. Their first reaction was to think that Lu Youcai was greeting Jian Changsheng.

After all, in Baiyun City, the first person everyone thought of when ‘CEO Jian’ was mentioned was Jian Changsheng!

### **Chapter 1106: Firing Shots**

However, when Jian Ai heard this, she subconsciously stopped in her tracks. Before she could react, Lu Youcai quickly walked up to her with a wine glass.

The smile on her face was friendly, and there was no trace of hostility.

Without waiting for Jian Ai to speak, Lu Youcai said, “CEO Jian, I’ve heard a lot about you. I sent you an invitation without informing you. I’m sorry!”

As soon as Lu Youcai spoke, he suppressed his originally prestigious status to the lowest, especially when he was facing Jian Ai, a girl who looked like she was not yet an adult. This scene made everyone around them dumbfounded and widened their eyes.

“Who is this girl?”

“I don’t know. What’s Old Lu up to?”

“I don’t understand. I don’t understand at all.”

Whispers sounded. Everyone looked at Jian Ai and Lu Youcai curiously. They pricked up their ears to listen.

Jian Ai quickly reacted. Facing Lu Youcai’s sudden humble attitude, Jian Ai said humbly and naturally, “Senior, you’re flattering me. As a junior, it’s my honor to receive an invitation to your company’s anniversary celebration. I should toast you.”

As Jian Ai spoke, she picked up her glass and finished the wine in it. Her entire action was clean and without a trace of finesse.

Lu Youcai had a smile on his face. Seeing this, he said, "It's my honor that CEO Jian is willing to give me face. I'll drink this glass of wine too."

As soon as he finished speaking, Lu Youcai finished drinking. It was not difficult to tell from his tone of speaking to Jian Ai that Lu Youcai did not treat Jian Ai as a child at all.

After drinking, Lu Youcai continued to say to Jian Ai, "CEO Jian, you can achieve such a great goal at such a young age. To be honest, I'm very curious about you. I believe there must be something attractive about you. If I have the chance, I would like to hear a thing or two."

There seemed to be nothing wrong with these words, but Jian Ai could hear the probing in them. Lu Youcai was talking to her with a smile on the surface, but he wanted to find out more about her.

How did a young girl develop a corporation to such a scale in less than a year?

However, Jian Ai did not show any rejection towards Lu Youcai's probing. She even expressed her understanding. If it were anyone else, they would probably be curious about her. Now, Lu Youcai was just more straightforward.

However, just because Jian Ai did not reject it did not mean that she would tell the truth. Her understanding of Lu Youcai was zero, and she had no collaboration with Hongxiang Group. It was unreasonable for the other party to suddenly show goodwill to her. Before she figured out the other party's strength, she had to be careful.

As the saying went, there must be a reason something was abnormal. Jian Ai did not believe that a big shot in the real estate world would flatter her.

Therefore, facing Lu Youcai, Jian Ai cleverly and gently replied, "Senior Lu, you're flattering me. I don't deserve to be praised for being outstanding. I'm still young, so in order to take less wrong paths, I'm just more cautious. Fortunately, my peers didn't target me. Otherwise, with just a small company like mine, it would be difficult for me to gain a foothold in the real estate world in Baiyun City."

Her words seemed to be a humble answer to Lu Youcai, but it was as if she said nothing.

Others who did not know Jian Ai's identity might not tell if there was anything wrong, but Lu Youcai was different. He was an old fox. If he wasn't intelligent, would Hongxiang have today's results?

Looking at Jian Ai's modest smile, Lu Youcai nodded without batting an eyelid with a look of approval on his face. However, he snorted in his heart. This girl was indeed smart. She easily blocked the test he tried to throw out with flashy words.

If he continued to ask, he would give himself away, making people think he was deliberately asking about the other party.

As soon as they met, Lu Youcai already had a rough estimate of the girl called Jian Ai in front of him. He smiled and said, "CEO Jian, the younger generation will surpass us in time. Don't be reserved here today. Perhaps our two companies can collaborate in the future."

Jian Ai's smile was still gentle. Hearing this, she nodded in agreement. "If there are suitable projects, I'm also looking forward to collaborating with Senior's company so that I can gain more valuable experience."

In other words, if there was no suitable project, there was no need to collaborate.

The two of them looked harmonious on the surface, but outsiders did not know that they were secretly exchanging arrows. In just a few words, they had already tested each other.

Lu Youcai was the focus of attention tonight, so everyone watched his every move. Jian Changsheng naturally saw this scene in the crowd, and his first reaction was inevitably surprise.

Lu Youcai even gave Xiao Ai an invitation? Moreover, he was talking and laughing with her alone. Could it be that Xiao Ai was not only close to Chen Lei, but also to Lu Youcai?

Jian Changsheng didn't know, but he imagined it in his mind.

After Jian Ai and Lu Youcai separated, they left the crowd on their own. Many probing gazes were still following him.

After Jian Ai left, many people couldn't help but approach him and ask, "Chairman Lu, who was that girl just now?"

Lu Youcai knew these people were curious. He couldn't help but smile and keep them in suspense. "You guys are too relaxed about our Baiyun City's real estate market."

Everyone couldn't help but look at each other. One of the business partners who had a good relationship with Lu Youcai couldn't help but urge anxiously, "Old Lu, stop joking. Who is that girl?"

Lu Youcai chuckled and blurted out calmly, "The CEO behind East Sea Real Estate."

"Huh?"

Everyone exclaimed and said in unison, "CEO?"

Lu Youcai nodded.

At this moment, someone reacted and said in surprise, "Old Lu, is the East Sea Real Estate you're talking about the East Sea Real Estate we know of?"

Another person said in surprise, "The one who was chosen as one of the top ten celebrity enterprises this year?"

Lu Youcai nodded again. There was no change in his expression, but he was gnashing his teeth in hatred in his heart.

Obviously, East Sea Real Estate's current reputation had already reached a point where everyone knew about it. What did this mean? It represented momentum and corporate reputation.

The influence of a company that had been established for a year was self-evident.



When others saw Lu Youcai nod and admit it, they were so surprised that they couldn't close their mouths. That girl was the CEO of M Group? If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes today and Lu Youcai had admitted it himself, no one would believe it.

### **Chapter 1107: Why Is It You?**

"After tonight, your identity will probably be exposed!"

As soon as Jian Ai sat down, Chen Lei walked over with a glass of wine and looked at Jian Ai teasingly.

Jian Ai smiled indifferently. "Uncle Chen, don't joke about me. My identity is not a secret. Otherwise, Mr. Lu wouldn't have found out, right?"

Chen Lei nodded and said, "Uncle Chen means that after tonight's cocktail party, you can be considered a famous person in the real estate industry in Baiyun City. You can't hide behind others in the future."

As he spoke, Chen Lei sat beside Jian Ai and gave her a meaningful smile.

Jian Ai was stunned for a moment before her heart warmed. Although Chen Lei didn't say it, she could tell the meaning behind his words.

As a young girl running a company, inevitably, people would be jealous and calculative. Previously, when she hid behind Bai Zhou, perhaps some people would have some scruples. However, now that everyone knew that the CEO of East Sea Real Estate was an underage girl, they would probably reach out to her with some thoughts and dirty hands they shouldn't have.

"I'm always prepared." Jian Ai smiled calmly and looked at Chen Lei. "Thank you for your concern, Uncle Chen. However, the business world is like a battlefield. Even if I keep hiding behind Bai Zhou, what should happen will still happen. East Sea Real Estate's development is like a hot knife through butter now. I'm afraid it has long become a thorn in many people's side."

As soon as she finished speaking, Jian Ai couldn't help but look around the cocktail party and sigh softly. "Who can easily see through others' ulterior motives through their smiles? Even if they do, they won't expose them!"

Jian Ai's words made Chen Lei raise his eyebrows. He had understood Jian Ai's sarcasm.

She was talking about the reason Lu Youcai invited her to today's cocktail party.

"Uncle Chen is relieved to see you so vigilant." Chen Lei smiled and raised his glass to Jian Ai.

The two of them clinked glasses and took a sip.

Not long after, people who knew Jian Ai's identity couldn't help but talk to her. Jian Ai came prepared. She took out a name card from her pocket and exchanged it with everyone. From time to time, she had to deal with these people who were older than her flattering her. They said things like 'I didn't expect CEO Jian to be so young.'

Whether it was real or fake, she did not care. Everyone had a goal, and Jian Ai was no exception. If she could expand her connections through this cocktail party, she would have another choice in the future.

It was easier to walk with more friends!

Not long after, Jian Ai drank a lot. After dealing with the last person, she quickly put down her glass and went to the bathroom.

Jian Ai didn't notice that someone had suddenly turned out from the other side.

Almost subconsciously, the two of them stopped in their tracks at the same time. Unexpectedly, there was some water left on the ground. As the other party stopped, his feet suddenly slipped, and he subconsciously leaned back.

Seeing this, Jian Ai quickly grabbed the other party's wrist.

The person's body immediately stopped in mid-air. Then, Jian Ai pulled him back.

Due to inertia, the person almost pounced on Jian Ai when he bounced back. Jian Ai raised her hand and quickly helped stabilize the other party's body.

The entire action seemed fancy, but it only happened for a moment. The other party was still shocked and confused.

"Are you okay? Did you hurt your waist?" Jian Ai asked with concern. Only then did she see the other party's appearance.

The other party looked to be in his twenties. He had a very short crew cut, but it was because of this that his handsome facial features were completely revealed in front of people. He had thick eyebrows, starry eyes, a tall and bright nose bridge, distinct lips, and deep cheekbones. He had two small and fair ears, and he had a sparkling diamond earring on his left earlobe.

His skin was fair and translucent. Even at such a close distance, Jian Ai could not see the pores on his face. This boy's temperament differed from the boys Jian Ai had seen before.

Yu Xiaoran came back to his senses. His gaze wandered for a moment before landing on Jian Ai. Then, he slowly smiled and said, "You're so strong!"

As he spoke, Yu Xiaoran's eyes were as bright as stars. Coupled with the evil smile on his lips, he immediately became lively.

Jian Ai: "..."

Jian Ai didn't expect the other party to say this. She paused for a moment and said, "If I didn't have such strength, the back of your head would have hit the ground."

"Heh..." Yu Xiaoran smiled and scratched his head in embarrassment. "I'm sorry. I was in a hurry and didn't notice, so I almost bumped into you. Are you okay?"

Jian Ai shook her head. "It's fine. I didn't notice. You don't have to apologize."

Yu Xiaoran's gaze landed on Jian Ai again. Even though Jian Ai was not short and was wearing a fitting suit, there was still a trace of interest in Yu Xiaoran's eyes.

Just as she was about to say something, a gorgeously dressed figure suddenly rushed up from the other side and pounced on Yu Xiaoran.

“Brother Xiaoran!”

A delicate cry followed.

Yu Xiaoran was caught off guard by the impact and moved two steps to the side before stabilizing his body. He supported Lu Qiaoqiao’s body with both hands and smiled at the same time. As soon as he opened his mouth, he mumbled, “Slow down. There’s water on the ground!”

Lu Qiaoqiao held Yu Xiaoran’s arm and pressed half her body against his. She immediately raised her pretty face and pouted. “I’ve been waiting for you for a long time. Did you hide on purpose?”

When Yu Xiaoran heard this, he narrowed his eyes in amusement. “I didn’t. I just went to the bathroom and was about to look for you.”

As if subconsciously, when Yu Xiaoran was talking to Lu Qiaoqiao, he looked up at Jian Ai.

Jian Ai’s gaze landed on Lu Qiaoqiao. Her memory had always been good, and it had only happened recently, so she recognized Lu Qiaoqiao the moment she saw her.

Wasn’t this the rich girl who forced her to give up her cufflinks at Hongfan Kata that day?

She could meet her in such a place.

At this moment, Lu Qiaoqiao also felt Yu Xiaoran’s gaze. She couldn’t help but turn around and meet Jian Ai’s gaze in midair.

While she was stunned, Lu Qiaoqiao quickly recognized Jian Ai in front of her. She couldn’t help but open her mouth in surprise. Then, her expression changed. She looked at Jian Ai with anger and displeasure and said, “Why is it you? Why are you here?”

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## **Chapter 1108: Treat Me Like Air From Now On**

Her questioning tone and arrogant gaze made it seem as if Jian Ai was a dirty thing and was not worthy of being here.

Jian Ai didn’t know Lu Qiaoqiao’s identity, let alone that she was Lu Youcai’s daughter. She just didn’t have a good impression of this girl in front of her, so she couldn’t be bothered with her.

Jian Ai silently retracted her gaze and ignored Lu Qiaoqiao. She walked around Yu Xiaoran and walked towards the bathroom.

Lu Qiaoqiao saw that the other party was so condescending. This was her family’s manor, but they didn’t even take her, the owner, seriously?

Furious, Lu Qiaoqiao looked at Jian Ai’s back and shouted, “Hey! I’m asking you a question!”

As she spoke, Lu Qiaoqiao wanted to chase after her. Since she was young, no one had ever looked down on her like this. Now, a young lady was making a face at her, and it was her territory. She naturally could not take this lying down.

Unexpectedly, Yu Xiaoran grabbed her body from the side and a gentle voice sounded from above her head. "Qiaoqiao, stop fooling around. Today's occasion is not right. Don't cause trouble for Uncle Lu!"

"Look at her. She ignored me when I spoke to her. She's not taking me seriously!" Lu Qiaoqiao looked arrogant and stomped her feet in anger.

However, facing Yu Xiaoran, she did not dare to go overboard. She ultimately wanted to leave a good impression in front of him.

Yu Xiaoran looked at the spot where Jian Ai had disappeared and smiled. Then, he looked at Lu Qiaoqiao and asked, "Why? Do you know that girl?"

"She snatched the cufflink I liked! Brother Xiaoran, didn't I tell you before?!" Lu Qiaoqiao puffed up her cheeks. Her chest still ached thinking of that matter.

"Oh?" Yu Xiaoran's eyes lit up as if he had heard something interesting. "You said that girl just now bought the global, limited edition cufflink you liked?"

Lu Qiaoqiao nodded with an aggrieved expression. Then, she felt that Yu Xiaoran's words were inappropriate and couldn't help but correct him. "She snatched it away! I saw it first, but I was just a little late. She beat me to it!"

"I initially wanted to give those cufflinks to my father as a birthday gift, but when I found out that they were a limited edition, my first reaction was to buy them for you. However, I didn't get them. She had already paid for them."

In the end, Lu Qiaoqiao sounded like she was crying, as if she had been wronged.

Yu Xiaoran pursed his thin lips and smiled as if the story Lu Qiaoqiao told was very interesting. Not only did he not sympathize with Lu Qiaoqiao, but he also blinked playfully.

"Brother Xiaoran, do you know her?" Lu Qiaoqiao reacted and quickly asked.

Yu Xiaoran shook his head and denied it. "No, I just accidentally bumped into her just now. I didn't expect you to know her."

"Tsk!" Lu Qiaoqiao pursed her lips indignantly and gritted her teeth as she muttered, "I wonder whose family she is from. When I find out, I'll ask my father to teach their company a lesson."

"There's no need, right?" Yu Xiaoran looked at Lu Qiaoqiao calmly and said, "It's just a pair of cufflinks. If you can't buy them, so be it. Why make a mountain out of a molehill?"

"Make a mountain out of a molehill?" Lu Qiaoqiao's expression darkened. She said seriously, "You don't know how she humiliated me that day. It's fine if I didn't see her, but now that I've seen her, there's no reason for her to humiliate me for no reason. I have to get back at her!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Lu Qiaoqiao pulled Yu Xiaoran's arm and swayed it back and forth unhappily. "Brother Xiaoran, why are you speaking up for her? I was the one who got bullied. You should stand on my side."

"Alright, do whatever you want. I won't interfere with you," Yu Xiaoran said.

When Lu Qiaoqiao heard this, she smiled and pulled Yu Xiaoran towards the banquet hall with an intimate and satisfied expression.

After Jian Ai came out of the bathroom, she returned to the cocktail party. When she looked up, she saw Jian Changsheng walking towards her.

Jian Ai stopped in her tracks and watched Jian Changsheng approach her step by step.

Jian Changsheng smiled at Jian Ai. However, the redness on his cheek made his smile look forced, but he still tried his best to smile.

Jian Ai raised her eyebrows and looked at Jian Changsheng. "Did someone hit Chairman Jian?"

As soon as she spoke, the old greeting of Uncle Jian became Chairman Jian. She even exposed Jian Changsheng's secret.

Jian Changsheng was a smart person. Jian Ai's tone, and attitude towards him was unprecedentedly hostile and distant. This was something he had never felt before. Even when the two of them had conflicts because of the company's competition, Jian Ai's attitude had not reached this level.

Therefore, Jian Changsheng had guessed something.

"You... you know?" Jian Changsheng asked uneasily, but he was looking forward to it.

Xiao Ai knew he was her father!

However, Jian Ai blinked when she heard Jian Changsheng's words. She looked at Jian Changsheng with a frown and asked, "What do you mean, Chairman Jian? What do I know?"

Jian Ai's attitude was aggressive, and her words stunned Jian Changsheng.

He could feel that Xiao Ai knew something, but was her attitude towards him because she didn't want to admit it?

A huge sense of disappointment surged in his heart. Jian Changsheng smiled self-deprecatingly and shook his head. "Nothing. I just saw you were here, so I came over to greet you."

The obvious loneliness and pitiful attitude on his face would shock those who did not know the truth. The CEO of the Jian Group, who could call the wind and rain in Baiyun City, had his temper grasped by a girl?

However, Jian Ai was unmoved. In her eyes, the guiltier Jian Changsheng was, the more she felt this person was hypocritical and disgusting.

"Chairman Jian, you're flattering me. I'm just a small CEO of East Sea Real Estate. How can I trouble you, the CEO of the Jian Group, to greet me personally? If others know this, they would say that I have no

rules as a junior, so please treat me as air in the future. If you see me, pretend not to see me. I can also heave a sigh of relief.”

“After all, what I hate the most in my life is fake courtesy. As the saying goes, people of different paths don’t work together. Chairman Jian, you should understand what I mean, right?”

Jian Ai looked at Jian Changsheng with disdain and provocation.

Jian Changsheng felt the expression in Jian Ai’s eyes and felt suffocated in his chest. He opened his mouth to say something, but Jian Ai had already looked away and walked around him.

“Xiao...” Jian Changsheng froze on the spot. Looking at Jian Ai’s back, he could feel her determination and coldness.

### **Chapter 1109: Are You So Delicate Because You’re Pregnant?**

After a while, Jian Changsheng looked away and sighed helplessly.

In the end, he had hoped too much. How could Xiao Ai acknowledge him so quickly?

However, when he thought of Xiao Ai’s attitude and what she had said to him, Jian Changsheng couldn’t help but feel sad. After all, she was his daughter, but now, she was like an enemy.

Although she had sufficient reason to hate him, as a father, he still yearned to reunite with his daughter. Even if he could not reunite with her, at least he would not be like an enemy.

Because he already felt immense guilt and self-reproach in his heart. It was not that he did not feel apologetic.

Jian Ai left the villa without looking back. She planned to leave.

Hongxiang Group’s invitation surprised Jian Ai. Only when she came today, did she know that the other party did not really want to invite her. He was just curious about her and wanted to test her.

She was like an uninvited guest who had accidentally entered someone else’s cocktail party. On the surface, she looked glamorous, but Jian Ai was not drunk. She knew that in the entire cocktail party, other than Uncle Chen and Uncle Xu, whom she had just met, no one treated her as a friend.

Perhaps Jian Changsheng, her biological father, cared about her, but Jian Ai didn’t.

Not that she gained nothing. The thick name cards in her pocket were her gain. Even if she could use one in the future, she would not have come for nothing tonight. Moreover, she had saved Uncle Xu Chu’s phone number.

After leaving the manor, the driver was waiting in the car. He was surprised to see Jian Ai come out at this time.

“Is the CEO done?” the driver asked.

Jian Ai smiled and said casually, “I’m done here. We can retreat now!”

“Where are we going?” the driver asked again.

Jian Ai said, “Let’s go home!”

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Wang Yunzhong and Xu Qianqian had been married for more than half a month. Because Xu Qianqian was pregnant, she almost never went out these days. Wang Yunzhong even specially found a nanny to serve her. She ate three meals a day and received all kinds of nutrients. She had visibly gained weight.

That night, Xu Qianqian’s ear-piercing scream suddenly came from the dining room.

“Ah!”

This voice was like a raging wave that almost lifted the roof of the villa.

The old man, who was drinking tea in the living room, rushed out when he heard the commotion. The old lady and the nanny, who were busy cooking dinner in the kitchen, also rushed out. Even Wang Yunzhong, who had just gotten off work and was washing his hands in the bathroom, rushed out in shock.

“Qianqian, what’s wrong? What’s wrong with you?!”

In the dining room, Xu Qianqian was curled up in the corner with a pale face. It was obvious that she had been frightened. The old lady quickly went forward to hug her and asked nervously.

Xu Qianqian widened her eyes and looked at a chair at the dining table in the dining room. She said with a trembling voice, “Mom, look there. Look at that...”

Seeing this, everyone couldn’t help but look over. Everyone was shocked.

The nanny was also timid and couldn’t help but scream, “Oh my!”

On the chair was a furry black spider the size of a palm. It had a pair of black bean-like eyes and claws that bared their fangs. Just looking at it made one’s scalp tingle.

The chair where the spider was sitting was where Xu Qianqian usually sat!

The old lady had goosebumps all over her body. “Where did this big spider come from?!”

As she spoke, she quickly called out to Wang Yunzhong, “Yunzhong, hurry up. Slap it to death with your slippers. Quickly slap it to death!”

Wang Yunzhong came back to his senses and quickly took off the slippers on his feet. However, the spider’s head looked terrifying. He raised his hand and gestured for a long time, but he didn’t dare to do it.

“Damn it. I’ll do it!” The old man panicked. He took off his slippers and walked forward.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he raised his hand, he saw Wang Zichen rushing down from upstairs. As he ran, he shouted anxiously, “Grandpa, Grandpa! Don’t hit it! Don’t hit it!”

Everyone was stunned. Wang Zichen had already rushed to the chair. Then, while everyone was dumbfounded, he picked up the spider with his bare hands and placed it on his palm. He even gently touched the spider and muttered, "My precious Huohuo. My Huohuo. They didn't scare you, right? It's fine!"

"Zichen, are you crazy? Quickly throw it away. Be careful not to let it bite you!" the old lady hurriedly said.

Wang Zichen smiled indifferently and looked at the old lady and Xu Qianqian in her arms smugly. "Look at how scared you are. It's just a pet spider. The thing doesn't bite. It's also not poisonous. I raised it as a pet for fun!"

"Nonsense!"

When Wang Yunzhong heard this, he couldn't help but reprimand him loudly. "What's wrong with you? Are you raising spiders for fun? Don't you know that your Auntie Qianqian is pregnant? What if something happens to her and her baby?"

"Yunzhong, don't shout at the child. I'm fine," Xu Qianqian said sweetly. Then, she said, "Zichen definitely didn't do it on purpose."

Wang Zichen sneered and glanced at Xu Qianqian. Then, he said to Wang Yunzhong, "Dad, is she so delicate when she's pregnant? She shouts when she sees a spider. I was still thinking about raising a snake for fun in a few days!"

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When she heard about snakes, Xu Qianqian couldn't help but shrink in fear.

Seeing this, the old lady glared at him. "Zichen, stop fooling around. That thing is a cold-blooded animal and can't be raised well. Moreover, there are so many people at home. What if you hurt someone?"

Wang Yunzhong was holding the slippers he had just taken off. Hearing this, he raised his hand to hit him. How could he not tell that this kid was deliberately scaring Xu Qianqian?

Even if he didn't like Xu Qianqian, he couldn't treat a pregnant woman like this. The person in her stomach was his brother!

However, with the old man around, how could he let Wang Yunzhong hit his eldest grandson? He snatched the slippers from Wang Yunzhong's hand. "What are you doing? How old is Zichen? Why are you still hitting him?"

"Dad, give me the slippers. If I don't beat him up today, he'll flip the sky!" Wang Yunzhong said angrily.

"You dare? If you dare to touch Zichen, I'll skin you alive!" The old man glared at him. His dignity was still there, and Wang Yunzhong immediately deflated.

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Wang Zichen dared to carry out his plan so unscrupulously because he knew his grandparents would support him.



Seeing this, he was secretly delighted, but he said on the surface, "Alright, I won't raise snakes anymore. However, this spider likes to run around. Be careful what you step on. Besides, there are eggs in the spider's stomach. You can't slap it to death. Otherwise, if the eggs escape, our house will become a spider's nest. Don't blame me for not reminding you."

Wang Zichen spoke casually, but in Xu Qianqian's ears, it made her scalp tingle. She was most afraid of these things!

Without waiting for Wang Yunzhong to flare up, Wang Zichen knew when to stop and ran upstairs with the spider.

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### **Chapter 1110: The Plan Succeeded**

Wang Yunzhong looked at his son's back and could feel his smugness.

"Dad, you're spoiling him too much," Wang Yunzhong said unhappily. "This kid did it on purpose. How many times has it been?"

"It's fine if he doesn't greet Qianqian when he sees her usually, but now, he's going overboard. He actually thought of such a method to scare people. If anything happens to Qianqian, let's see what you'll do!"

Wang Yunzhong was really angry because he didn't expect Wang Zichen to do these things. In the past, he had indulged him too much, but at least he knew his limits. How did the things he did now seem like something a child would do?

When the old man heard this, he immediately snorted and casually threw the slippers in his hand at Wang Yunzhong's feet. He said, "Zichen is in the rebellious stage of adolescence now. It's reasonable for Zichen to have such thoughts given your sudden marriage to Qianqian and Qianqian's pregnancy. If you still attack him at this time, it will only make him hate you even more. Children are sensitive now. You have to pay attention to methods to educate him. How can you hit and scold him just like that?"

Wang Yunzhong retorted disapprovingly, "I spoiled him too much in the past, which is why he dares to be so lawless now. Look if he changes after I beat him up!"

"Alright, stop arguing!" The old lady quickly tried to persuade him. "It's not the first day Zichen has been mischievous. Your father is right. We can't hit him because of this. The children have grown up and have self-esteem."

Before Xu Qianqian and Li Xia's children were born, Wang Zichen was still the only grandson of the Wang family. The old couple naturally had to put him in their hearts, so they were still helping Wang Zichen.

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However, the old lady didn't forget to comfort Xu Qianqian. "Alright, Qianqian. Zichen is still a child and doesn't know any better. It's human nature for him to have emotions when you suddenly got married

over, right? He did these things to attract attention, afraid that we adults wouldn't like him if you were pregnant."

"I also heard from my sister when she was pregnant with her second son that her first-born was much fiercer than this. He even said that he would strangle him to death when he was born. These children nowadays dare to say anything. Fortunately, Zichen hasn't reached that stage yet."

The old lady initially wanted to comfort her, but her words made Xu Qianqian even more uneasy.

Pregnant women were very sensitive. How could she not see Wang Zichen's hostility towards her? He said that the spider didn't bite. Such a big spider didn't need to bite at all. Just thinking about how there was such a big spider where she lived, Xu Qianqian couldn't eat or sleep in peace.

Coupled with the old lady's words, she panicked even more. She couldn't help but look at Wang Yunzhong pitifully and say, "Yunzhong, I'm a little afraid!"

Wang Yunzhong sighed and walked forward to support Xu Qianqian. He comforted her softly, "Don't be afraid. I'll talk to this kid later. If it doesn't work out, let him stay with his mother before you give birth."

"What are you talking about?" The old lady was instantly unhappy when she heard this. "Zichen is a child of the Wang family. Why are you letting him look for his mother? No, definitely not!"

At this moment, Wang Yunzhong was annoyed. When he heard this, he couldn't help but say impatiently, "What's wrong with that? It's not like we won't let him come back just because we send him over. Isn't this for Qianqian's sake? We can just bring him back after Qianqian gives birth."

"Otherwise, what do you think we should do? Qianqian is pregnant now. When Zichen makes a scene every day, who will feel comfortable? If something happens to Qianqian and the child in her stomach is hurt, who will be responsible?"

"I..." The old lady opened her mouth but couldn't find anything to refute Wang Yunzhong.

Although the old man could not bear to, he had no choice but to sigh. "Qianqian needs to rest and recuperate since she's pregnant. It's indeed not good for her body to be afraid every day. Yunzhong is right. We have to prioritize Qianqian's body now."

"Besides, Chunfen is Zichen's biological mother. How can she abuse him? We can rest assured if we send him to Chunfen."

Since the old man had already said so, the old lady didn't dare to say anything. Moreover, it wasn't that she wasn't worried about the child in Xu Qianqian's stomach. When she heard Wang Yunzhong say that something might happen to the child, she panicked.

In the stairwell on the second floor, Wang Zichen heard their conversation from the corner of the wall. He couldn't help but smile smugly.

Because it was the third year of high school, his family had forced him to study until he was about to go crazy. Now that Xu Qianqian had entered the family, he could no longer stay in this family. Therefore, he planned to create a conflict between him and Xu Qianqian and let his family choose between them.

Xu Qianqian was pregnant with the Wang family's unborn child, so she clearly had the advantage. Therefore, Wang Zichen won the bet. He could finally move to his mother's place!

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The night was dark and cold.

In a luxurious hotel in Baiyun City's Haicheng District, Andrew and the rest had been staying there for three days.

After arriving in Baiyun City, the first thing they did was to investigate the people around the target. This was because the difficulty of their mission had obviously increased. Previously, they only needed to assassinate the second heir of the Qiusi royal family. However, this time, Leader Hans had clearly said that they had to kill everyone around the target.

Therefore, they did not idle for the past three days. Instead, they did an in-depth investigation based on their abilities.

"The target's original name is Yale Zistane Linmoor Caricillado Bai Zhou. He's the second heir of the Qiusi royal family. Now, he uses the name Bai Zhou in China. Moreover, he's running a company now, and it involves real estate. I can't figure out why a dignified heir of Qiusi would come here to do real estate."

Eugene sat on the sofa in a bathrobe and said, "So I checked his company. East Sea Real Estate belongs to M Group. Be it the corporation or the subsidiary, they were established this year. This matches the time when Prince Bai Zhou arrived in China. Moreover, Prince Bai Zhou is only the general manager of the subsidiary. In other words, he is working for someone now. I followed this lead and found the boss behind M Group."

As soon as she finished speaking, Eugene placed a high-definition photo on the table. "This fifteen-year-old girl is the real boss behind M Group. Her name is Jian Ai, and she's an ordinary Year Two student in Baiyun City."

The others couldn't help but lean over to look at the photo on the table. The person in the photo was Jian Ai, and it was a very clear frontal photo.

"In other words, Prince Bai Zhou is staying in China to work for this girl in the photo?" Gale blinked in surprise, and his tone was filled with disbelief.