

## At School 121

### Chapter 121: Deliberately Going Against Him

This ethereal voice shocked everyone present.

Did they dare to go against the Jian Group?

Everyone turned to look at the source of the voice, only to see Jian Ai with a calm expression and a teasing smile on her lips. On the other hand, Bai Zhou obediently raised the number plate in his hand.

The combination of these two people was a little strange. What confused everyone was that regardless of whether it was Bai Zhou or Jian Ai, they were unfamiliar faces to everyone. No one knew them at all.

“Who are these two people?”

“I’ve never seen them before. That man’s appearance is so striking. If I’ve seen him before, I would have remembered him.”

“That girl called the price just now, right?”

“Isn’t this nonsense...”

The private conversation broke out. Everyone looked at the two of them differently. Some were sizing them up, while others were curious.

Jian Changsheng also looked at them with a puzzled look. However, since they had dimmed the lights in the room because they were playing a video on screen, Jian Changsheng, who was sitting in the front row, couldn’t see Jian Ai and Bai Zhou who were hidden in the corner.

At this moment, Chen Lei said in a low voice, “Chairman Jian, this piece of land should be priced at fifty million yuan at the most. It’s quite difficult to develop it. I think you should reconsider!”

Although Chen Lei’s Century Group and Jian Changsheng’s Jian Group were arch-enemies, they had a decent private relationship. Chen Lei’s words were indeed what he was thinking. Although the current real estate industry in Baiyun City was developing steadily, the land around schools had always been the developer’s greatest headache. Because the rules were laid out, the construction difficulty was huge.

At this moment, Jian Changsheng was conflicted. The Jian Group had started to dabble in other industries in the past few years. Jian Changsheng had always wanted to find a piece of land in Baiyun City that was more than ten thousand square meters to build an amusement park. The host also said just now that this piece of land was currently being auctioned off as the largest piece of land in Baiyun City. If he missed this piece of land, there would be nothing else.

Thinking about what Chen Lei said, although this piece of land was very suitable to be developed into an amusement park, the current bid of forty-six million yuan had indeed reached the limit. If he increased the bid, others would inevitably say that their Jian Group was bullying other players and deliberately raising the bid.

Jian Changsheng was hesitating when the host started to count down...

“Forty-six million yuan going once!”

“Forty-six million yuan going twice!”

“Forty-six million yuan...”

Just as he was about to strike the hammer, Jian Changsheng struggled in his heart. He quickly raised his card and gritted his teeth. “Forty-nine million yuan!”

Jian Changsheng was very determined. Other than the land in Haicheng District, he could not bid fifty million yuan to another district in Baiyun City! However, before he could catch his breath, Jian Ai blurted out without thinking, “Fifty-two million yuan!”

When Bai Zhou saw this, he could not help but smile slightly, revealing a charming smile. It seemed that the Sect Master was determined to get this piece of land. Thinking that he would be the one to fork out the fifty million yuan, Bai Zhou immediately felt that he was useful and quickly raised his number plate.

Everyone was speechless again. They looked at Jian Ai with even more complicated expressions and probing eyes.

No one could remember who else in the real estate industry in Baiyun City could fork out so much money to buy a piece of land that was not easy to develop.

Jian Changsheng frowned. He instinctively felt that the other party did it on purpose. The price of the land had far exceeded the market value. They were deliberately going against him.

## **Chapter 122: Expensive Fifth Piece of Land**

However, although he was angry, Jian Changsheng had been in the business world for many years. The Jian Group’s glorious achievements today had something to do with his calmness.

On second thought, Jian Changsheng was not so angry anymore. If a powerful company did not buy this piece of land, it would be a hot potato for anyone.

Although it was a pity for Jian Changsheng to miss such a huge piece of land, its current price did not allow him to be impulsive. Fifty million yuan for a piece of land. If he did not invest well in the future, he would probably suffer a failure and lose everything.

Since Jian Changsheng had already given up, the people from the other companies naturally understood this logic. The host counted down and struck the hammer. He said, “Congratulations, bidder number thirteen.”

As soon as he finished speaking, the host found the name of the real estate company corresponding to bidder number thirteen in the register. Then, he said, “The first piece of land was bought by East Sea Real Estate at fifty-two million yuan.”

East Sea Real Estate?

Everyone couldn’t help but look at one another because they had never heard of it.

“A new company?”

“I don’t know. I’ve never heard of such a company in our city’s real estate world before!”

“It’s probably a newly registered company. To be able to casually take out fifty million yuan to buy such a large piece of land, the boss behind this must be very powerful!”

“This is not to be underestimated!”

Everyone started to speculate again because this was the first time they had heard of East Sea Real Estate. Now that it had stolen the limelight, others had to take precautions.

Jian Changsheng and Chen Lei sat in the front row. Although they did not show any emotions on their faces, they remembered the name ‘East Sea Real Estate’ in their hearts.

The auction continued, and the second, third, and fourth pieces of land also had large usable areas. However, Jian Ai did not make a move anymore. The real estate company had just been established. If she purchased so much land in one go, it was inevitable that everyone would target the company and she would become the public enemy of the entire Baiyun real estate world.

Therefore, Jian Ai was not too greedy, especially since she had already obtained the first piece of land. The value of this first piece of land was undoubtedly the greatest in her heart.

“Next, we will be bidding for the fifth piece of land.” At this moment, the host said, “It is also the last piece of land for this auction.”

As soon as he finished speaking, a video of the fifth piece of land appeared on the screen. The first thing that entered their eyes was Baiyun City Train Station.

At this moment, the host started to explain, “The fifth piece of land is located in the center of Haicheng District and occupies an area of three thousand and five hundred square meters. It’s adjacent to Baiyun City Train Station. Previously, it was a wholesale clothing market in Baiyun City. Due to city planning, the market was relocated and this piece of land is now idle. Half a year ago, the government had already demolished this wholesale market building, and the land is now ready to be rebuilt at any time.”

After introducing the basic situation, the host paused and said, “The starting price for the land is fifteen million yuan. The increase per bid is two million yuan. The bidding begins now!”

“Seventeen million yuan!”

“Twenty-one million yuan!”

“Twenty-five million yuan!”

“Thirty-one million yuan!”

The moment the host finished speaking, the price of this piece of land doubled. Everyone clearly had a strong desire for this piece of land.

Not to mention the area of this piece of land in Haicheng District, but just its geographical location was superior. It was adjacent to Baiyun City Train Station, which meant that it was at the city center. The land there was already expensive. It could be said that it was completely due to luck that they could encounter this idle piece of land.

**Chapter 123: The Auction Reached Its Peak**

Jian Ai initially decided not to take action, but her eyes could not help but light up. Anyone with discerning eyes could tell the value of this piece of land. No wonder this was the finale today.

The price soared and soon reached forty million yuan.

Bai Zhou immediately raised his eyebrows and turned to look at Jian Ai. "Boss, even if we buy this piece of land, we don't have to do anything. Its value will automatically appreciate in the next two years."

Jian Ai smiled. "With such an excellent piece of land in such a wonderful location, no matter what kind of project we develop it into, we will earn without losses."

Upon hearing Jian Ai's words, Bai Zhou understood and immediately raised his card. "Forty-three million yuan!"

Currently, the price was already approaching that of the first piece of land. However, the first piece of land had an area of over ten thousand square meters, which was several times that of the fifth piece of land. However, relying on its superior location and space for appreciation, the price of the fifth piece of land naturally increased.

The other companies also understood this logic. The bidding entered a state of anxiety, and Jian Changsheng and Chen Lei also called out their bids. Today's auction was at its peak only during the bidding for this last piece of land.

"Fifty-one million yuan!" Chen Lei raised his bid.

Currently, Century Corporation had no harvests at all. Chen Lei was famous for being cautious in the industry. Now that he refused to let go of this fifth piece of land, it was obvious that he understood the value of this piece of land.

"Fifty-three million yuan!" Jian Changsheng bid again.

The price had already exceeded fifty million yuan. It seemed to be a competition between the Jian Group and Century Group. Most companies had already retreated by then. Faced with such high bidding resistance, it was obvious that they were powerless.

"Fifty-five million yuan!" Bai Zhou joined the battle again, which attracted the other companies' attention.

This person from East Sea Real Estate had already spent over fifty million yuan to buy a piece of land. Yet, he was still trying to buy another piece of land?

A hundred million yuan was not a small amount. Even for a big corporation like the Jian Group, it was difficult for them to fork it out.

Chen Lei said, "Fifty-seven million yuan!"

Jian Changsheng said, "Fifty-nine million yuan!"

Bai Zhou said, "Sixty-one million yuan!"

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The price kept increasing. Other than the three people who were still competing with one another, the rest seemed to have become spectators at this auction.

In particular, East Sea Real Estate's capital secretly shocked them. They also guessed if East Sea Real Estate was a company established by a large corporation from another province and it was trying to break into Baiyun City's market.

Jian Ai sat on the seat expressionless, as if everything had nothing to do with her. It was also because of this that Bai Zhou followed the bids fearlessly. As long as the boss did not speak, he could call the bids without worrying.

"Seventy-three million yuan!" Jian Changsheng bid again.

Everyone was in an uproar when they heard that. This price had set a new record in Baiyun City's land auction in the past two years.

It was indeed the Jian Group!

Chen Lei immediately sighed secretly. His Century Corporation had just completed the development for the Century Mansion. Although the trading situation of this development was good, they had not yet sold all the apartments. The company did not have sufficient funds, and seventy million yuan was the maximum he could fork out.

"Chairman Jian, I won't fight with you anymore," Chen Lei softly said and smiled helplessly.

Jian Changsheng replied politely, "Thank you, Chairman Chen..."

Before he could finish his sentence, a lazy voice rang in the hall. "Eighty million yuan!"

#### **Chapter 124: The Biggest Winner at the Auction**

*Ga...*

Everyone's expressions froze on their faces, and the hall fell into a weird silence.

Even the host was stunned. After a while, he reacted and started counting down.

"Eighty million yuan going once!"

"Eighty million yuan going twice!"

"Eighty million yuan going thrice!"

"Deal!"

The decision pulled everyone back to their senses. Everyone turned around and saw that the young lady who had shouted eighty million yuan was casually leaning against the chair as if the bid earlier came not from her.

Jian Changsheng was stunned. When he came back to his senses, everything had been decided.

*Eighty million yuan!*

The other party directly added seven million yuan to their bid. They didn't want to play a game of equal footing and catch up. Instead, they wanted to seal the upper limit.

With the current market price of the land in Baiyun City, even if the location was excellent and every inch of land was expensive, its value would not reach the astronomical price of eighty million yuan.

With this thought in mind, Jian Changsheng couldn't be blamed for thinking too much. He just felt that the other party was deliberately going against him and the Jian Group. Otherwise, why would the two pieces of land he wanted to fight for end up in this company's hands?

Even Jian Changsheng, who didn't show his emotions easily, couldn't maintain his expression.

Did they think the Jian Group could not fork out more money? They could! But he could not let his emotions affect his decisions. This was the reason he could not take this lying down.

Chen Lei, who was standing at the side, wanted to laugh. Although this result was unexpected, he couldn't help but gloat when he saw the Jian Group suffer. As an old competitor, he initially thought that this piece of land would be in Jian Changsheng's hands. Who knew that someone would throw a wrench in the works and steal two pieces of fatty meat from the Jian Group?

The Jian Group, which had been running rampant in the Baiyun real estate world for years, would not have expected such a situation!

"Congratulations to bidder number thirteen. This fifth piece of land was bought by East Sea Real Estate at eighty million yuan," the host announced loudly. At this point, the real estate auction had already ended.

Everyone walked out of the auction hall one after another with different expressions on their faces. Some were happy, while others were sad. As the saying went, there were more wolves than meat. Today, no less than twenty real estate companies had come, but the government only put up five pieces of land for bidding. Currently, East Sea Real Estate was the biggest winner, and they had won both the largest and best pieces of land at astronomical prices.

Towards this mysterious company that came out of nowhere, its powerful boldness and robust funds completely attracted everyone's attention.

Therefore, as soon as Bai Zhou and Jian Ai left the hall, many representatives from other companies approached them.

Bai Zhou had a noble temperament, and it was obvious that he had an extraordinary background. Hence, everyone instinctively treated him as their primary target. They handed him their name cards and hoped that they could cooperate in the future.

Bai Zhou knew his role was to hide the Sect Master's true identity in front of others, so he didn't refuse anyone. He interacted with them freely and chatted happily with the representatives of a few companies, exchanging name cards.

Jian Ai quietly retreated from the crowd, but when she turned around, she saw Chen Lei walking forward with a smile.

“Young lady, I didn’t expect to meet you here!” Chen Lei recognized Jian Ai and immediately walked forward with a smile.

Jian Ai smiled when she saw Chen Lei. She had already recognized him from inside. Since the other party recognized her, she answered politely, “Uncle Chen, what a coincidence!”

### **Chapter 125: You’re Such A Smart Girl**

Chen Lei stood in front of Jian Ai and sized her up with a profound gaze. Then, he slowly said, “Can you tell Uncle Chen about the origin of this East Sea Real Estate?”

Chen Lei didn’t beat around the bush. He asked frankly, since he had doubts.

Even though Jian Ai had called for a price today, Chen Lei still could not link a fourteen-year-old girl to a real estate company that could easily fork out a hundred million yuan. Therefore, what he was actually trying to ask Jian Ai about was Bai Zhou’s background.

Jian Ai couldn’t help but look back at Bai Zhou, who was chatting with others. Then, she turned to look at Chen Lei and said, “Uncle Chen, if there’s a chance, we can arrange a time.”

It was obvious that the two of them were fated. Jian Ai had just entered the Baiyun real estate world. If she had a business partner with a strong background, things would be much easier for her.

Her first choice was Chen Lei’s Century Group.

The two of them had crossed paths in the beginning. Most importantly, Chen Lei left a wonderful impression on Jian Ai. She had only saved Old Ji out of a desire to save someone. But Chen Lei immediately gave her a fifty percent discount to buy a house as repayment.

Businessmen would not wake up early unless they had something to gain, but Chen Lei’s actions were filled with humanity in Jian Ai’s eyes. Only a businessman who was not pure enough would truly understand the essence of being a businessman.

Chen Lei was stunned when he heard that, but when he saw the suggestive smile on Jian Ai’s face, he felt enlightened. He immediately smiled and nodded. “Little girl, you’ve given me a big surprise.”

Chen Lei already knew Jian Ai’s identity.

“In that case, please keep it a secret for me, Uncle Chen,” Jian Ai said and blinked playfully.

Chen Lei nodded with a smile. “Don’t worry, girl. Uncle will keep his mouth shut.”

Jian Ai took out her phone. “Uncle Chen, give me your phone number. I’ll contact you some time.”

“Okay!” Chen Lei took Jian Ai’s phone and called himself. He didn’t forget to ask, “What’s your name?”

Jian Ai recorded Chen Lei’s phone number as ‘*Uncle Chen*’ and said, “Uncle, just call me Xiao Ai.”

Chen Lei did not ask about Jian Ai’s full name. Instead, he felt that calling her with that name made their relationship closer. He immediately saved Jian Ai’s phone number as ‘*Xiao Ai*.’

As if he suddenly thought of something, Chen Lei immediately looked at Jian Ai and said helplessly, "A few days ago, Old Ji came to my place. He wanted to pay the remaining of your house that day, so I had to tell him you already paid. Because of this, Old Ji scolded me."

Jian Ai could not help but laugh softly when she heard that. That day, when she saved Old Ji, Uncle Chen had already given her a fifty percent discount to show his gratitude. Old Ji said that he would pay the remaining half. However, Jian Ai's family did not accept Old Ji's gratitude but only accepted Chen Lei's fifty percent discount.

She did not expect that Old Ji would remember this and even blame Uncle Chen because of this.

"My mother being the general manager of the Ji Group's nightclub is already a huge favor. Moreover, I also said that the incident that day was sudden. If it were anyone else, I would have saved them still. I expected nothing in return," Jian Ai said.

Chen Lei glared at her. "Why did you accept my fifty percent discount then?"

Jian Ai couldn't help but smile. "Something happened to Old Ji in your territory. If it weren't for me, someone would have died in your lobby. Of course, I have to accept your thanks!"

Seeing how Jian Ai was so reasonable, Chen Lei couldn't help but laugh. He shook his head helplessly. "You're such a smart girl!"

#### **Chapter 126: Perhaps It's Because You're Good-looking**

As the two of them were talking and laughing, Bai Zhou pulled himself out and walked to their side.

He looked at Chen Lei and extended his hand. "Hello, Chairman Chen. I am Bai Zhou from East Sea Real Estate."

Chen Lei was stunned when he heard that, but he did not forget to reach out to shake Bai Zhou's hand. He said in surprise, "You know me?"

Bai Zhou raised his eyebrows and nodded. He smiled and said, "Our East Sea Real Estate just intruded into the Baiyun real estate world, so we naturally have to do our homework."

Chen Lei understood. Bai Zhou had an extraordinary bearing. Although he looked young and had somewhat flirtatious looks, he had an invisible aura of a leader. When they looked at each other, even he could feel pressure.

"Uncle Chen, I have something on later, so I'll take my leave. We'll contact each other over the phone," Jian Ai said lightly.

When Chen Lei came back to his senses, he smiled and nodded. "Alright, Uncle will be waiting for your call."

Without staying any longer, Jian Ai and Bai Zhou quickly walked out of the City Hall.

Not far away, Jian Changsheng looked at the back of the person who had disappeared from the door. His frown didn't fade.



That day, he was very upset. Until now, he had not gotten over it. It was reasonable to have given up the first piece of land, but losing the fifth piece of land was a tremendous loss for Jian Changsheng.

The secretary knew that the chairman was not in a good mood, so she could only shrink her head and stand at the side, not daring to say anything. Unexpectedly, Jian Changsheng suddenly took a long breath and said, "Find out more about this East Sea Real Estate."

After Jian Changsheng regained his calmness, he knew that the most important thing now was to figure out this company's background. With such huge financial support, it would inevitably become an obstacle to the development of Jian Group's real estate in the future. He had to be careful.

The secretary regained her senses and quickly nodded. "Yes, Chairman."

In the car, Bai Zhou casually looked at the pile of name cards in his hand. He looked at Jian Ai and smiled. "Boss, we were in the limelight today. Didn't you see those people's enthusiasm just now? They almost swallowed me alive."

Jian Ai smiled and teased, "Perhaps that's because you are good-looking?"

"Huh?" Bai Zhou looked frightened. He crossed his arms and pretended to be shy. "No way?"

*'Cough, cough...'*

Chi Yang, who was driving, coughed awkwardly. He had never seen his usually cold master act like this.

Jian Ai smiled but didn't continue to joke. Instead, she changed the topic and said, "It's our classmate's birthday today, and we're going to Baiyun Mountain Hot Springs for a day. I already know the details of the development of these two pieces of land. I'll plan and calculate again tonight. Gather the company's higher-ups to have a meeting at the company at four in the afternoon tomorrow. I'll tell everyone in detail then."

Bai Zhou also put away his expression and nodded. "Alright, I understand."

Finally, the car stopped at Baiyun Square, and Jian Ai got out of the car herself.

After Bai Zhou drove away, Jian Ai looked up at the big clock in the square. There was still an hour before the appointed time.

She touched her pocket. There were more than a thousand yuan that Jian Ai had saved up. Most of it was from her brother. Thinking that it was Lin Yi's birthday today, Jian Ai took it out and planned to buy Lin Yi a gift.

Of course, she could not spend all this money. She brought them all along just in case.

### **Chapter 127: Buying a Birthday Present**

Baiyun Square was in the most prosperous area of Haicheng District. There were many large shopping malls around it. It was still early, so Jian Ai walked towards the nearest Wanbo Commercial Building.

After her rebirth, this was the first time Jian Ai had gone shopping with a goal in mind.

Although Baiyun City was prosperous in 2002, there were only a few boutiques in the malls. The infusion of foreign brands was also not comprehensive. Eighty percent of the shops were local products.

Audio stores could be seen everywhere on the street. Shop entrances had posters of a popular singer, Ren Xianqi. The sound systems outside the shops were also playing the most popular music now. At this time, they still needed to buy tapes to listen to songs. Even laserdiscs had not been popularized yet. Who would have thought that later on during the rapid development of the Internet, the era of laserdiscs rose only for a few years before the Internet shut it down? The recording industry fell drastically.

Jian Ai had already thought of what to buy for Lin Yi. She immediately entered Wanbo Commercial Building and went straight to the third floor.

A Guoyou fountain pen was Jian Ai's dream when she was a student. However, she had never been willing to buy it because the most basic style cost close to a hundred yuan. Jian Ai had only used fountain pens that cost only a few yuan each. When Jian Ai became the boss later on, Guoyou had closed under the impact of the economic industry.

When she arrived at the counter, she saw that there were many Guoyou fountain pens of different styles displayed inside. Every one of them seemed to glow. They were exquisite.

A silver-gray pen immediately entered Jian Ai's line of sight. The pen was smooth and bright with a stable luster. It lay quietly in the gorgeous packaging box with a price of two hundred and ninety-nine yuan on the side.

This price was equivalent to Jian Ai's living allowance for a month, but the quality and style of this fountain pen made her think of Lin Yi at once. Jian Ai thought he would like it.

"Hello, please help me wrap this fountain pen up!" Jian Ai spoke to the lady at the counter without hesitation.

The lady took out the fountain pen and smiled at Jian Ai. "Are you giving it to someone or using it yourself? We've just introduced engraving techniques, so we can help you engrave a name on the pen for free."

Engraving technology had become widespread in the Internet era. Even if you buy a cup online, the shop would ask if you wanted to engrave something onto it. But in 2002, this technology was new.

Jian Ai thought for a moment before nodding. "Help me engrave a word."

She came out of Wanbo Commercial Building with the gift she had bought and returned to Baiyun Square via the same route. She realized that Guan Tao had arrived early.

"Xiao Ai!" Guan Tao waved her hand when she saw Jian Ai.

Jian Ai dashed forward. Guan Tao immediately saw the gift in Jian Ai's hand and asked, "You bought Lin Yi a birthday gift?"

The bag was specially made by Guoyou. Guan Tao recognized it at a glance and couldn't help but look shocked. "A Guoyou fountain pen? Xiao Ai, how much did you spend? You can't even bear to buy it!"

Jian Ai initially thought that it was nothing. However, she remembered they were all students, and it wasn't very practical to buy a fountain pen. After all, the soul in her body was no longer the fourteen-year-old around.

However, Guan Tao's reaction made Jian Ai feel a little embarrassed.

That's right. She had never used a Guoyou fountain pen in her life, but the first time she bought it was for someone else as a birthday gift.

However, she thought about it and felt relieved. Lin Yi was, after all, someone she had a crush on for three years in her previous life. He was worthy of this gift!

Jian Ai smiled faintly and found an excuse. "With Lin Yi's family background, he probably wouldn't fancy an ordinary fountain pen."

### **Chapter 128: Spent A Lot of Money**

Guan Tao nodded in agreement. However, her heart ached for Jian Ai when she thought about how she couldn't even bear to order a meatball for lunch.

"Is it expensive?" Guan Tao asked with a frown.

Jian Ai smiled relaxedly. "It's okay. I can afford it."

Seeing this, Guan Tao could only sigh silently in her heart.

Because of the love letter incident a while ago, everyone knew that Jian Ai liked Lin Yi. Although Lin Yi rejected Jian Ai, in Guan Tao's eyes, she still had feelings for Lin Yi based on Jian Ai's actions.

Not that she felt sorry for Jian Ai, but she was worried that Jian Ai's efforts would not be reciprocated.

Not long after, a limousine stopped in front of the two of them. The window rolled down and Xia Qinghuan's face poked out. "Jian Ai, Guan Tao, get in the car quickly!"

Through the window, Jian Ai saw Lin Yi, Yan Tian, and Gao Yang inside the car. Beside Gao Yang was Yu Mengyao.

The two of them quickly opened the car door and bent down to get into the car. Then, they sat beside Xia Qinghuan. Guan Tao immediately looked around and sized up the interior of this car. She said with a puzzled expression, "Eh, this doesn't look like the one we were sitting in last time."

When Xia Qinghuan heard this, she smiled and explained, "The last time, we were sitting in Yan Tian's car. Today, this car belongs to Lin Yi's family. Both of them have extended Stretch Lincoln Limousines. The model of the car is the same, but the interior is different."

Guan Tao nodded as if she understood.

There were a few branded shopping bags in the corner of the car. They were Xia Qinghuan's and the rest's birthday present for Lin Yi. As soon as Jian Ai got in, Xia Qinghuan saw the bag in Jian Ai's hand. She immediately looked at Jian Ai curiously and asked, "Oh, a gift for Lin Yi?"

It was a gift for Lin Yi, so Jian Ai didn't argue. She nodded indifferently and handed the gift to Lin Yi. "Happy birthday. It's a little something from Guan Tao and me."

Guan Tao was startled and quickly waved her hand. "No, no. Lin Yi, don't listen to her nonsense. Jian Ai bought this gift. It had nothing to do with me. She saw that I didn't buy a gift and said that on purpose!"

Guan Tao was a bit embarrassed. "Lin Yi, I don't have much money, so I didn't buy you a gift. I hope you don't mind."

Lin Yi was wearing a flowery shirt and a pair of light gray jeans. His new hair was a little shorter than usual, but it made his face look better.

He smiled and said to Guan Tao that it was fine. Then he reached out to take Jian Ai's gift. He stared at Jian Ai for two seconds with his bright eyes before smiling and whispering, "Thank you!"

Yan Tian glanced at the shopping bag from the side. When he saw it was a Guoyou fountain pen, he couldn't help but look at Jian Ai in shock.

With Jian Ai's family background, this brand of a fountain pen was not cheap.

Xia Qinghuan was a straightforward person, so she couldn't help but tug at the corner of Jian Ai's clothes. She lowered her voice and said, "Jian Ai, you've spent a lot of money!"

Jian Ai only smiled and said nothing.

Two hundred and ninety-nine yuan was indeed not a small sum of money for an ordinary high school student, but it was not worth mentioning to these rich kids. The reason they were surprised was that they knew Jian Ai's family background.

Under Xia Qinghuan's encouragement, Lin Yi opened Jian Ai's gift on the spot. It was an exquisite silver-gray pen. Lin Yi immediately noticed that there was a 'Yi' character engraved in the middle of the pen!

### **Chapter 129: What Was This Situation?**

Lin Yi felt a warmth in his heart, and the corners of his mouth curled up slightly. His fingers caressed the words engraved on the pen and his expression became gentle.

After a while, Lin Yi looked up at Jian Ai and said, "Thank you."

Jian Ai raised her eyebrows and replied calmly, "I'm glad you like it."

"I like it very much!" Lin Yi said as he carefully put the pen back into the box and stuffed it back into the bag. However, he didn't put Jian Ai's gift in the corner of the car with the others. Instead, he picked up his bag and stuffed it into it.

Lin Yi's series of actions was instinctive, and he didn't think too much about it. However, in the eyes of others, the meaning behind them was unclear.

Yan Tian immediately looked at Gao Yang and thought to himself, *'What's going on? I gave him a watch worth over twenty thousand yuan, but I don't see him being so careful.'*

Gao Yang expressionlessly pushed the glasses on his nose bridge, but those who knew him knew that once he pushed his glasses, it meant that there were fluctuations in his heart.

Xia Qinghuan looked at Lin Yi ambiguously and then turned to look at Jian Ai. Emotions were written all over her face. It was obvious that she felt that the two of them were in an extraordinary state.

However, no one pointed it out. After all, Lin Yi's and Jian Ai's relationship was strange. Not long ago, Jian Ai gave Lin Yi a love letter, but he rejected it.

If they spoke too much now and if it wasn't what they thought, wouldn't it cause the two of them to fall into embarrassment again?

The car drove out of Baiyun City. The scenery on the streets changed. As there were many villages around Baiyun City, farms filled the open space outside the city. Now that it was spring, the farms were filled with busy farmers plowing.

When the car entered Baiyun Mountain Hot Springs Resort, the sky was already slightly dark. This Hot Springs resort was a project that the Jian Group had developed last year. It was said that they had invited an internationally famous design planner to carry out a comprehensive transformation.

The car slowly stopped in front of the artificial fountain in front of the main building of the resort. They all got out of the car. Lin Yi left all the gifts in the car and only took the school bag he carried with him.

They looked up and saw Jian Yiyi, who had been waiting for a long time, walking towards them quickly. However, when they saw the person beside Jian Yiyi, their expressions changed.

It was none other than Li Yunmei!

Xia Qinghuan was the first to sneer. It was obvious that she was angry. "What's with this person? She knows that Jian Ai and Li Yunmei have conflicts, but she still brought her here? I knew it would be unreliable to leave her to make arrangements!"

Lin Yi also saw Li Yunmei. He remembered that Li Yunmei pushed Jian Ai into the pond because of him. He immediately looked at Jian Ai worriedly and whispered apologetically, "I'm sorry. I didn't know she would come. Jian Yiyi didn't let me know."

Jian Ai naturally knew that Lin Yi wasn't in the know. Moreover, today was Lin Yi's birthday. She didn't want to dampen everyone's fun because of her matters, so she smiled and said, "It's fine. Since Jian Yiyi brought her here, it wouldn't be good to isolate her."

Despite Jian Ai's words, Lin Yi's expression was still not good. He also developed some prejudice against Jian Yiyi.

Jian Yiyi didn't seem to notice the different expressions on everyone's faces. She walked forward and greeted them excitedly. "You're finally here. I've arranged everything. Go and check in first!"

### **Chapter 130: You Don't Mind, Do You?**

Everyone said nothing. After all, it was Lin Yi's birthday today. They couldn't ruin such an important day because of Li Yunmei.

Everyone followed Jian Yiyi into the hotel lobby. Jian Yiyi didn't forget to introduce the arrangements for tonight. "I've arranged a hot spring villa for everyone. It's the best in the entire resort hotel. Later, everyone will choose a room. Then, we'll go to the restaurant for dinner and celebrate Lin Yi's birthday. After dinner, we can go to the hot spring."

Everyone had different expressions on their faces. No one replied to Jian Yiyi. Jian Yiyi walked in front, thinking that everyone agreed that her plan was perfect. She couldn't help but feel smug.

At the front desk, the attendant smiled warmly at Jian Yiyi when he saw her. "Miss Yiyi, are your classmates here?"

Jian Yiyi nodded. "Yes. Give me the villa key!"

"Alright, please wait a moment."

Because this was Jian Yiyi's family's business, with Jian Yiyi around, it was like someone had turned a green light on. Some unnecessary and complicated procedures were exempted, and they received the key at the front desk.

Everyone got on the sightseeing bus and headed for the resort villa area at the back.

Guan Tao had never been to such a high-class place before. They even built the lawn by the road with all sorts of good-looking designs. They could see various artificial mountains and fountains, and there were also artistic sculptures that dazzled her.

"Xiao Ai, this place is so good," Guan Tao couldn't help but whisper in Jian Ai's ear.

Jian Ai nodded slightly. It had to be said that this hot spring resort developed by the Jian Group was not bad. The overall renovation and design would not be outdated even if it were ten years later.

In this day and age, extreme leisure activities such as hot springs were not yet popularized in the country. It could be seen that the Jian Group had their unique vision and advanced investment ideals in the industry.

At this moment, Jian Yiyi, who was sitting in the front row, suddenly turned around and looked at the two of them. "Student Jian Ai and Student Guan Tao rarely come to such places, right? We have to take this opportunity to experience it fully!"

Jian Yiyi said calmly, with a smile on her face. Anyone would think that she was considerate and meticulous.

However, didn't she mean they should cherish this opportunity because otherwise, they might not receive such treatment in the future?

As expected, Li Yunmei, who was at the side, could not help but sneer when she heard that. She said disdainfully, "Yiyi, you are too kind. If not for you, some people would probably never know what it feels like to soak in a hot spring!"

Jian Ai's eyes darkened. She looked up at Li Yunmei and bluntly said, "Lin Yi invited us. What does that have to do with Jian Yiyi? Some people came uninvited. Their skin is thicker than the city wall!"

Jian Ai didn't want to cause trouble. After all, it was Lin Yi's birthday today. However, some people liked to chase after her to get scolded.

"Who came uninvited? Who are you talking about?" Li Yunmei was angry. She glared at Jian Ai and shouted.

She was already angry that Lin Yi invited Jian Ai and Guan Tao instead of her for his birthday celebration. Later, when she found out that Yiyi would come, she begged Yiyi to let her come as well. Unexpectedly, Jian Ai poked her sore spot in public. Li Yunmei naturally couldn't help but stomp her feet.

Jian Yiyi saw this and quickly jumped out to be the mediator. She comforted them anxiously. "Don't argue. I brought Xiao Mei here. I'm sorry that I didn't inform everyone before. I just thought that since we're all classmates, we could have fun together to improve our relationship."

She looked at Lin Yi pitifully and blinked her big eyes. "Lin Yi, you don't mind, do you?"