

## At School 181

### Chapter 181: Didn't Take Them Seriously

Jian Ai was a little surprised. She didn't expect Chen Jin to wake up so early and cook her breakfast.

She had caused him to lose his job. She should be the one compensating Chen Jin.

Plain porridge, boiled eggs, and some pickled vegetables from the fridge that her mother had made.

Her impression of Chen Jin improved even more. She thought to herself, *"He's indeed a breadwinner from a low-income family. Although he had dyed his hair blond and looked like a youth who was not doing proper work, he was unexpectedly meticulous and considerate. His living skills were quite comprehensive too."*

"Let's eat together." Jian Ai smiled at Chen Jin with a gentle and natural expression.

After digesting it for a night, Chen Jin wasn't that afraid of Jian Ai anymore. However, now that he was living at Jian Ai's house, he couldn't stay for anything. He had to do something.

Hence, there was this breakfast in front of them.

"Eating light breakfast is still better for your stomach," Chen Jin said seriously. He looked at Jian Ai with his small eyes. "I know how to make ordinary home-cooked dishes. If you can get used to it, I can help you cook in the next few days."

Her mother was in the hospital while her brother was accompanying her. During this time, Jian Ai had to settle all three meals a day. However, she was helpless. She did not know how to cook. At most, she could only cook porridge and noodles.

Hence, during the few days when there was no one at home, she settled her lunch in the cafeteria and ate her breakfast and dinner at the restaurants outside.

Now that Chen Jin had taken the initiative to cook at home, Jian Ai didn't refuse. She raised her eyebrows and nodded. "Alright! As long as you take note of safety."

Although she lived in a flat house, gas cans were used at home.

Halfway through the meal, Jian Ai suddenly stopped eating. Then, she took out five hundred yuan from her pocket and placed it on the table. "You don't have to go back to the dormitory. You can go out for a walk today and buy a few clothes and daily necessities. I have to go to the hospital to see my mother, so I won't be accompanying you."

When Chen Jin saw the five one hundred yuan bills, he immediately shook his head and rejected them. "No need. I have money. I'm already very grateful that you took me in and let me stay here."

"Your money is your money. They're two different things." Jian Ai looked at Chen Jin and said calmly, "Besides, I'm not taking you in. You lost your job because of me. I naturally can't abandon you."

A fourteen-year-old girl was speaking with loyalty.

As she spoke, Jian Ai pushed the money in front of Chen Jin. "Take it. I'll feel better too."

Although Jian Ai's expression was indifferent, her tone was very serious and sincere. Chen Jin looked up at Jian Ai and then down at the money on the table. In the end, he stretched out his hand and took two bills. "This is enough..."

In this day and age, two hundred yuan was indeed enough to buy a set of clothes in the wholesale market. Looking at Chen Jin's struggling expression, Jian Ai didn't make things difficult for him. She nodded and stuffed the remaining three hundred yuan into her pocket.

Then, Jian Ai looked at Chen Jin and slowly said, "As for what happened last night..."

Although she was halfway through her words, Chen Jin heard the meaning in Jian Ai's tone and quickly said, "Don't worry, I won't tell Brother Yu."

As soon as he finished speaking, worry filled Chen Jin's eyes. "But you beat Liu Yong up so badly. His father is very powerful in Zhonglou District. He probably won't leave the matter at that."

"Don't worry about me." Jian Ai continued to eat with an indifferent expression. "Since I dared to attack him at Starlight Bar, I naturally don't take them seriously."

### **Chapter 182: Rumors in the Hospital**

He didn't know why Jian Ai was so confident, but looking at her calm profile, Chen Jin opened his mouth to say something, but then swallowed his words again.

After all, this was not a problem that he could resolve with just a few words. Although he was worried, he had no substantial solution.

In the afternoon, at the First Hospital in Baiyun City.

It had been almost a week since Wang Yunmei had been admitted to the hospital. Over the past few days, they had done some routine preoperative examinations. Xiao Zhen entered the ward every day to understand Wang Yunmei's condition. Other internal departments of the hospital were also talking about the sudden appearance of this chief specialist in the oncology department.

Xiao Zhen walked through the hospital corridor with a cold expression. Wearing a white coat, it immediately gave him a sense of sacredness and inviolability. The temperature within a five meters radius from him fell, so much that the hospital nurses, who were infatuated with him, only dared to look from afar and did not dare to approach him.

At this moment, two young nurses behind Xiao Zhen looked at his back with heart-shaped eyes, as if they were going to faint at any moment.

Nurse A: "Doctor Xiao is so handsome and cold. I like him."

Nurse B: "At such a young age, he's already sitting firmly as an expert in the oncology department. He's amazing."

Nurse A: "Yes, yes. He looks so charming when he's serious."

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These were just the usual conversations between hospital nurses whenever they saw Xiao Zhen. Other than that, there was another version of rumors about Xiao Zhen.

The higher-ups only said that Xiao Zhen was a specially hired oncology specialist, but this young and solemn-looking Specialist Xiao had only received one patient when he had been in the hospital for over a week.

Although this patient was indeed diagnosed with a liver tumor, as an expert, how could he only treat one person?

Rumors started flying around the hospital. Some people even secretly checked Wang Yunmei's medical record out of curiosity.

Therefore, everyone was even more puzzled. This was because based on Wang Yunmei's current condition of cancer cells spreading, it was almost impossible to treat her completely. It was puzzling that Specialist Xiao was so focused on helping a patient who could last only at most a few years.

However, they mostly talked about this in private. After all, even the director didn't say anything. Everyone knew that this special expert had a powerful background, so no one dared to provoke him.

What everyone did not know was that Xiao Zhen was known as the doctor with the ghost hand. He could snatch people from the King of Hades and kill people without leaving a trace. His personality was gloomy and unpredictable that even Bai Zhou did not dare to speculate.

In the past, the ancient sect's sect master had not shown up for a long time. Xiao Zhen's murders and savings depended on his mood.

Now that the sect master had appeared, he would only listen to Jian Ai.

If the person lying on the hospital bed was Bai Zhou's mother, no one could say for sure whether she would be saved or not.

"Are you full?"

In the ward, Jian Yu asked Wang Yunmei while holding a bowl of porridge.

He had been accompanying his mother in the hospital for the past few days. Fortunately, his mother's condition had not deteriorated to the point where she could no longer take care of herself, so Jian Yu was not tired these days. He was only in charge of buying food and running errands.

Wang Yunmei nodded slightly. "I'm full."

Then, she looked at Jian Yu with a heavy heart and said slowly, "You don't have to stay here with me every day. You can sleep more at home at night and just come over during the day."

"It's okay, Mom. I'll feel more at ease if I stay by your side," Jian Yu answered while putting away the lunch box.

Wang Yunmei sighed and was about to persuade him when she looked up and saw Xiao Zhen pushing open the door and entering.

**Chapter 183: I'm Here to See You**

“Doctor Xiao.”

Seeing Xiao Zhen, Jian Yu quickly stood up and greeted him. Then, he asked anxiously, “How was the examination? When can my mother undergo surgery?”

Wang Yunmei also looked over uneasily, and Xiao Zhen nodded expressionlessly. “There’s no problem with the results. The surgery will be performed tomorrow.”

“That’s great.” Jian Yu heaved a sigh of relief and looked at Wang Yunmei with a relieved smile.

Wang Yunmei also felt relieved. She looked at Xiao Zhen and said, “Doctor Xiao, it’s been hard on you for the past few days.”

The rumors in the hospital were spreading rapidly. Even if Wang Yunmei didn’t want to hear them, she would inevitably overhear them. They all said that Doctor Xiao didn’t receive any other patients other than her. Although she didn’t know why Wang Yunmei still thanked Xiao Zhen from the bottom of her heart.

“You’re welcome.” Xiao Zhen still didn’t have any expression on his face. He even kept his distance from her.

“From now on, you can’t eat anymore. Try to drink as little water as possible...” Xiao Zhen started to remind them about things to take note of before the first twenty-four hours of the surgery. Jian Yu listened carefully and remembered everything.

“If you have any other questions, look for me in the office.” As usual, Xiao Zhen turned around and left after leaving this last sentence.

“Although this Doctor Xiao is a bit unapproachable, he is doing his best for Mom’s illness,” Jian Yu sat down on the bed and muttered.

Wang Yunmei smiled faintly when she heard that. “Doctor Xiao could become an expert at such a young age. He’s naturally capable.”

Jian Yu didn’t say anything more about Xiao Zhen. He immediately changed the topic and looked at Wang Yunmei. “It’s the weekend tomorrow. Xiao Ai and I will be accompanying you. You don’t have to be nervous.”

Wang Yunmei nodded with a smile on her lips. No one could tell that she was nervous.

Just then, someone knocked on the door of the ward. Wang Yunmei froze. Jian Yu thought his sister had come over, so he looked back.

The door opened, and an old man in his fifties appeared at the door.

The old man was wearing a black Chinese tunic suit. His half-white hair was combed neatly, and his figure was tall and strong. When he saw Wang Yunmei, a smile immediately appeared on his face. His eyes were bright and full of life, completely unlike the turbid look of an ordinary old man.

Wang Yunmei recognized the old man at a glance and immediately sat up from the bed in shock. Her tone of voice sounded surprised. “Old Ji?”

The person who came was none other than the current CEO of Ji Group, Old Ji, Ji Minghui!

“Old Ji, you... why are you here?” Wang Yunmei asked in shock.

At this moment, Old Ji had already entered the ward with his assistant following behind him. The assistant carried some beautifully packaged supplements and placed them on the table in the ward the moment he entered.

“I came to see you!” There was a smile on Old Ji’s face. He looked at Wang Yunmei and asked with concern, “How is your body?”

Jian Yu came back to his senses and quickly moved a chair. Old Ji didn’t stand on ceremony and slowly sat down.

Wang Yunmei regained her senses from her shock and could not help but feel touched. She did not expect that the dignified CEO of Ji Group, Old Ji, whom others could not even see even if they wanted to, would take the initiative to come to the hospital to see her.

“Thank you for your concern, Old Ji. I will be undergoing surgery tomorrow. The doctor said that I can recover.” Wang Yunmei was inevitably nervous when she faced Old Ji, and she immediately became a little reserved when she spoke.

As if he could see Wang Yunmei’s nervousness, Old Ji couldn’t help but smile. “That’s good. When I saw the resignation letter you handed over, I was shocked.”

Even someone as experienced as Old Ji was shocked when he saw the words *‘liver cancer’* on Wang Yunmei’s resignation letter.

#### **Chapter 184: Manager Wang Resigned**

Wang Yunmei couldn’t help but look apologetic when she heard that. “It wasn’t my intention to resign. Unfortunately, something happened to my body. The huge Yaochi can’t be left unattended. However, according to the procedures, I have to personally submit my resignation letter to you for approval. I didn’t expect you to be worried, Old Ji, that you even came to the hospital to see me.”

“It’s my duty!” Old Ji gently waved his hand. He looked at Wang Yunmei with a kind expression and said, “That day, your daughter saved my life but didn’t accept my thanks. I’ve always wanted to find an opportunity to thank your family.”

“Old Ji, you’re too kind. It happened so suddenly that day. Even if it were anyone else, Xiao Ai would have helped them,” Wang Yunmei quickly said.

“That may be so, but who asked that person to be me?” Old Ji teased before continuing, “Since the doctor said that you can recover, I won’t approve your resignation. I’ll keep Yaochi’s position for you!”

Wang Yunmei was shocked when she heard this, and she revealed an anxious expression. “How can I do that...”

Before she could finish, Old Ji interrupted her, “It’s fine. Focus on the surgery and recuperate. I’ll send someone to take over Yaochi’s management for the time being. You can go back to work after you’ve recovered and been discharged.”

Although Old Ji's tone was indifferent, his words didn't allow for anyone to easily refute him. Wang Yunmei felt that it was inappropriate, but she didn't dare to refuse immediately.

At this moment, his accompanying assistant leaned in to whisper a few words in his ear. Old Ji nodded and stood up. "I still have something on, so I'll take my leave first. Stay in the hospital steadily. Don't think too much about anything else. I'll come and see you again when I have time in the future."

His tone was casual, as if Wang Yunmei was his family friend.

As the CEO of Ji Group, Old Ji had many things to do every day. Wang Yunmei was already very touched that he could take time out to visit her in the hospital. Now that he had even kept her position with an annual salary of three hundred thousand yuan, Wang Yunmei sat on the bed for a long time and could not calm down. She did not know if she was excited or grateful, but she had mixed feelings.

When Jian Ai reached the hospital, she saw the supplements on the table.

Ginseng, cordyceps, and all the other expensive items. She could not help but show a puzzled expression.

Seeing this, Jian Yu told Jian Ai about Old Ji's visit.

*Old Ji?*

Jian Ai was also a little surprised. The dignified CEO of Ji Group was usually very busy, yet he especially came to visit her mother, a mere general manager of Yaochi.

However, it was reasonable if it was because she had saved him that day.

Just that he didn't approve her mother's resignation? What was going on?

"Let's not think about anything else for now. Mom's undergoing surgery tomorrow. We'll talk about it after it," Jian Yu said.

Jian Ai nodded and walked to the bed. She sat down and smiled at Wang Yunmei. "Brother and I will accompany you tomorrow. Mom, don't worry."

The siblings said the same thing. Wang Yunmei smiled helplessly. "With you guys accompanying me, Mom won't be nervous."

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At night, at Yaochi.

The door of the innermost room on the third floor was open. Jian Changsheng smiled and exited the room while talking to the person inside.

After the door closed, the expression on his handsome face faded. He immediately grabbed a waiter and asked, "Is your Manager Wang around?"

The waiter was stunned. "Manager Wang?"

"Oh!" The waiter was enlightened. He looked at Jian Changsheng and said, "Sir, you're talking about Sister Mei, right?"

Jian Changsheng nodded. He had come to Yaochi twice this week to see Wang Yunmei. He even ordered two Grand Slams just to see her, but she didn't appear.

The waiter smiled and said, "Manager Wang already resigned!"

### **Chapter 185: Nothing to Do With Him**

"She resigned?"

Jian Changsheng frowned and looked at the waiter in surprise.

The waiter nodded weakly. "Yes... It has almost been a week."

However, he was just a small waiter. Even though he knew that Manager Wang had resigned, he did not know the reason.

Jian Changsheng's mind was in a mess. He thought that since Meizi was the manager of Yaochi now, her life with the children wouldn't be too hard.

However, he did not expect Wang Yunmei to resign. Could it be because of his sudden appearance? Did she abandon such a high-paying job to avoid him?

It was no wonder that Jian Changsheng thought too highly of himself. Wang Yunmei's educational background was not high. Although she was strong and willing to do things, she was very stubborn. The general manager of Yaochi made an annual salary of hundreds of thousands of yuan. With her qualifications and abilities, it was not easy for her to get to this position. She should not have resigned so easily.

Now that he had reunited with her, Jian Changsheng was even more convinced that Wang Yunmei had left because of him.

He could not help but feel upset and guilty. Although his reunion with Meizi was an accident, he should not have pestered her that day. Perhaps, it wouldn't have caused too much worry for her.

The two of them had been separated for more than ten years, and he had always held the attitude of not disturbing them. Both of them had brand new lives.

At this moment, Meizi was probably afraid that he would disrupt her and the children's lives, so she deliberately avoided him.

Jian Changsheng thought for a moment. But little did he know that to Wang Yunmei, an annual salary of three hundred thousand yuan was much more important than him. This matter had nothing to do with him.

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When she reached home at night, Jian Ai saw the lights in the house outside the yard and knew that Chen Jin had returned.

When she entered the yard, the faint fragrance of food came from the house. Jian Ai smiled in her heart and pushed the door open.

At this time, four dishes had already been laid out on the dining table. Stir-fried eggs with tomatoes, sour and spicy shredded potatoes, braised pork ribs, and stir-fried pork with chili. Just as Chen Jin had said, they were all home-cooked dishes, but the fragrance from his cooking assaulted the nostrils. Just looking at the colors, it was very appetizing.

As if he had heard the door open, Chen Jin poked his head out of the kitchen. When he saw Jian Ai, he smiled and said, "There's also soup. It'll be ready soon."

With just a glance, Jian Ai realized that Chen Jin's hair had been dyed black. Not only that but it had also been styled into short hair. Although he couldn't be said to be handsome, he looked clean and refreshing. He was also much more stable and pleasing to the eye.

She went to the bathroom to wash her hands. Chen Jin was carrying soup out of the kitchen. He immediately said in a casual tone, "Is Auntie's body okay?"

Jian Ai sat down at the table and nodded. "Pretty good."

As soon as she finished speaking, Jian Ai looked at Chen Jin. Seeing that he was still wearing the same clothes as yesterday, she asked, "Did you go to buy clothes today?"

Chen Jin smiled in embarrassment. "Yes, I bought two sets. I also bought a pair of shoes and some daily necessities. I know an especially cheap place, so I spent only more than a hundred yuan on these things. I still have a few dozen yuan left."

He couldn't help but raise his eyebrows at Jian Ai smugly.

Jian Ai could not help but laugh. She shook her head with a smile and randomly picked up a mouthful of food. Her eyes immediately lit up.

*Delicious!*

Although it was not as good as Chi Yang's Michelin food, it was much more delicious than those from ordinary home-cooked restaurants. One could tell with just a look that the sour and spicy shredded potatoes were fried with white vinegar, which suited her taste.

"Not bad, right?" Chen Jin's eyes lit up. Although he was asking a question, he was very confident.

### **Chapter 186: I'll Explain to You Later**

Jian Ai nodded and praised him generously. "It's delicious. It's much better than the restaurants outside."

"Heh." Hearing the praise, Chen Jin felt smug again.

Jian Ai ate two bowls of rice and drank a bowl of soup, giving Chen Jin enough face.

Jian Ai's stomach was full from eating. She leaned back in her chair and glanced at Chen Jin. "My mom's undergoing surgery tomorrow, so don't worry about work first. I'll arrange it for you in two days."

At this moment, Chen Jin also put down his bowl and chopsticks. He looked at Jian Ai and pursed his lips before slowly saying, "Actually, I can find a job myself. Baiyun City is a huge city, so it's not difficult to find a job."



“I’ll find it for you,” Jian Ai said firmly.

Chen Jin had no qualifications and was not yet an adult. Although it was not surprising that children can be employed these days, most of them were nightclubs with chaotic environments or small restaurants. Putting aside the working environment, the salary was not high. A strong and young worker like Chen Jin was the cheapest in the current society.

“Do you have any requirements for your job?” Jian Ai asked.

Chen Jin shook his head without thinking and chuckled. “I don’t have any expectations. It’s fine as long as I can earn money.”

Chen Jin knew his conditions and abilities very well. He knew he had no qualifications and skills, and it was not his turn to choose a job.

Jian Ai didn’t listen to him completely. She couldn’t help but think about it. She reckoned that she would have to get Bai Zhou’s help to resolve this matter and see if there were any positions worth learning in the company.

Chen Jin was still young, and it was not too late for him to learn a skill. Moreover, Jian Ai could tell that Chen Jin was an intelligent person. Most importantly, he was upright and kind.

Jian Ai sincerely wanted to help him.

On Sunday, the day of Wang Yunmei’s surgery.

Jian Ai arrived at the hospital early in the morning. Wang Yunmei deliberately hid this matter from Wang Yunzhi’s family. Her parents knew neither. Hence, only Jian Ai and Jian Yu were at the hospital today.

At eleven in the morning, everything was ready.

“I’ll leave everything to you.” In the corner, Jian Ai couldn’t hide her worry as she looked at Xiao Zhen and whispered.

Although Xiao Zhen did not have any expression on his face, he could not help but feel terrified when he heard the Sect Master’s tone.

“Don’t worry, Sect Master. This is just a minor operation for me. Nothing will go wrong.”

Xiao Zhen’s confidence was like a stimulant that instantly relieved Jian Ai.

At half-past eleven, under Jian Ai’s and Jian Yu’s gazes, Wang Yunmei was pushed into the operating theater. The moment the door closed, Jian Ai’s and Jian Yu’s hearts tightened.

“Xiao Yu, Xiao Ai!”

Suddenly, someone called their names from behind them. They turned around and were both shocked.

“Uncle Wu?”

Jian Yu and Jian Ai were both surprised.

Wu Shaoqi walked over quickly. He raised his eyes to look at the tightly shut operating theater door and said worriedly, "Your mother went in?"

Jian Yu nodded blankly. He looked at Wu Shaoqi and asked, "Uncle Wu... why are you here?"

They did not tell anyone about this. Even Wang Yunmei's biological sister, Wang Yunzhi, did not know, let alone Uncle Wu.

"I went to your house to look for your mother just now, but you weren't at home. A young man at home told me that your mother was undergoing surgery today, and that you were all in the hospital. That's why I asked for the address and rushed over," Wu Shaoqi said. That young man was naturally Chen Jin.

*Young man?*

Jian Yu was stunned. He turned to Jian Ai with a puzzled look.

Jian Ai coughed awkwardly. "Brother, I'll explain it to you later."

### **Chapter 187: I'm Going Back Tonight**

Jian Yu was suspicious, but he knew his sister well. She wouldn't do something so out of line such as bringing her puppy love home.

Wu Shaoqi's thoughts were not on the two of them. With a worried look, he immediately said, "How's your mother's condition? What illness does she have that she has to undergo surgery?"

Jian Yu first pulled Wu Shaoqi to a chair in the corridor and sat down. Then, he said, "Uncle Wu, don't worry. The doctor said that there's no big problem. She can definitely recover."

Jian Yu didn't mention liver cancer, afraid that it would scare Uncle Wu.

Over the years, their mother had been taking care of the two children alone. If Uncle Wu had not helped them, the difficulties would have been unimaginable. Therefore, other than respect and gratitude towards Uncle Wu, Jian Ai and Jian Yu had long treated him as a family member closer to them than their Elder Uncle and Younger Uncle.

When Wu Shaoqi heard this, he nodded firmly and said, "It's good that she's fine."

Wu Shaoqi was worried about Wang Yunmei, so he had to see her come out safely with his own eyes to feel at ease. Therefore, he sat there and waited with the two children.

Jian Ai and Jian Yu said nothing. They looked at each other and walked to the end of the corridor.

"What young man? Who is it? Jiachi?" Jian Yu couldn't help but ask Jian Ai. He deliberately lowered his voice.

He knew his sister the best. Not to mention a male classmate, but Guan Tao was the only same-gender friend who had played with her since she was young. Therefore, apart from their cousin Yao Jiachi, he could not think of anyone else.

Jian Ai initially didn't want to tell her brother about this. After she finds Chen Jin a job and arranges a place for him to stay, he will naturally leave, so no one will know.

Unexpectedly, Uncle Wu suddenly found his way to their home.

Knowing that she couldn't hide it anymore, Jian Ai said to Jian Yu, "It's not Jiachi. It's Chen Jin."

"Chen Jin?"

Jian Yu didn't react for a moment. He repeated the name in his head before revealing a shocked expression. "Chen Jin from Starlight Bar?"

He sounded uncertain because Jian Yu couldn't tie the dots from his sister to Chen Jin.

Jian Ai only nodded indifferently. "When I went to the bar to look for you that day, I bumped into Liu Yong and the rest. At that time, Liu Yong came up to strike up a conversation with me. Chen Jin was afraid that I would suffer, so he jumped out to help me out. Hence, he offended Liu Yong and lost his job. I saw he had nowhere to go. Furthermore, he fell into this state because of me, so I brought him home to stay temporarily."

Jian Ai told a story, but it was not considered a lie. At most, she hid the fact that she sought revenge on Liu Yong and beat him up.

However, Jian Yu was stunned by these words. After a while, he came back to his senses and asked with concern, "Are you okay? Did Liu Yong bully you?"

Jian Ai shook her head. "I'm fine. It was outside the bar. There were many people, so he didn't dare to go overboard."

Jian Yu heaved a sigh of relief and nodded gently.

Jian Yu and Chen Jin had worked together at Starlight Bar for over a year. He was a year younger and usually called him Brother Yu. Hence, Jian Yu knew a bit about him. He had blond hair and looked like a gangster, but was actually very honest in his bones. He gave the money he earned every month to his sister, who was studying, as her living allowance. This was very similar to his situation, so the two of them had always been on good terms.

But even so, his sister was a girl, after all. There was no one else at home. As her brother, Jian Yu was still worried.

"I'm going back tonight," Jian Yu said.

Jian Ai nodded and did not object.

### **Chapter 188: Didn't Have the Intention or Guts**

The wait was always long.

When it was past three in the afternoon, the red light on the operating theater door finally went out.

The door opened and two nurses pushed a cart out. Wang Yunmei's eyes were closed as she lay there motionless.

Jian Ai, Jian Yu, and Wu Shaoqi quickly surrounded them. The nurse saw this and said, "Family members, don't worry. The surgery went smoothly."

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when they heard this. Then, they saw Xiao Zhen take off his mask and walk out. Jian Yu went up to thank him, albeit agitatedly, "Doctor Xiao, thank you so much."

As he spoke, his eyes could not help but turn red.

Even if Doctor Xiao kept telling them that there was no problem, as her son, how could he be completely at ease? Now that the surgery was successful, Jian Yu felt relieved. He was so excited that he almost shed tears.

Xiao Zhen was as indifferent as usual. He just nodded at Jian Yu.

Because there were others present, Xiao Zhen only glanced at Jian Ai and said nothing. Then, he instructed the nurse to push Wang Yunmei into the intensive care unit and observe her for twenty-four hours.

This step was just following the hospital's procedures. Patients who had undergone Xiao Zhen's hands never needed to be observed.

Family members could not enter the intensive care unit. After they pushed Wang Yunmei inside, they had to stop right outside.

"Uncle Wu." Jian Ai walked up to Wu Shaoqi and said, "You've been waiting for so long. My mom is fine now, so you can go back. My brother and I, as juniors, feel bad that you're worried and tired."

Wu Shaoqi looked at Wang Yunmei, who was lying on the hospital bed, through the glass. His heart ached for her, but he could not show these emotions. In everyone's eyes, he and Wang Yunmei were just friends.

He had lost his wife in his early years, and Wang Yunmei had a child before she got married. The two of them had to be careful when they interacted. Otherwise, there would be another round of gossip.

He didn't care about that himself, but he didn't want Wang Yunmei to suffer.

He nodded. "Alright, I'll go back first. Find me if anything happens."

While Jian Yu sent Uncle Wu off, Jian Ai went to Xiao Zhen's office.

"Sect Master."

When he saw Jian Ai, Xiao Zhen quickly stood up.

Jian Ai waved her hand and gestured for him to sit down and talk. Then, she walked to the opposite of Xiao Zhen and sat down. She looked at Xiao Zhen and asked, "Will just one surgery be enough?"

Xiao Zhen nodded. "One is enough. I will prepare the medicine personally in the future. Sect Master, don't worry."

Only then was Jian Ai completely relieved.

At night, Jian Yu and Jian Ai went home.

Chen Jin was cleaning the bass he had just bought in the kitchen. When he saw Jian Yu suddenly coming back, he was shocked.

“Brother Yu!” Chen Jin hurriedly washed his hands with the tap and walked quickly to Jian Yu.

Jian Yu looked at the food he bought and the half-done bass in the kitchen. Then, he looked at Chen Jin, who had changed his appearance. He was a little surprised. He stared at Chen Jin for a long time before saying slowly, “Xiao Ai said that you were staying at home, so I came back to look.”

Chen Jin scratched his head in embarrassment when he heard that. He said in a low voice, “I’m sorry, Brother Yu. Jian Ai took me in because she saw I had nowhere to go.”

As if knowing what Jian Yu was worried about, Chen Jin quickly guaranteed with a serious face, “Brother Yu, don’t worry. I promise to be honest and obedient, and not cause you any trouble.”

As he spoke, he looked at Jian Ai and thought to himself, *‘Those who dare to be dishonest with this sister of yours are as if courting death. He didn’t have this intention nor the guts.’*

### **Chapter 189: Everyone’s Looking at Me?**

Seeing Chen Jin’s attitude, Jian Yu smiled.

He had always trusted Chen Jin, but since he had learned of this matter, he should indeed come back and look. After all, as an elder brother, he couldn’t help but worry about his sister. However, in the end, he wasn’t targeting Chen Jin.

Jian Yu didn’t stay for the night after dinner. He was still worried about leaving his mother alone in the hospital, especially when she had just finished her surgery. So he took some clean clothes and spoke to Jian Ai and Chen Jin before leaving in the night.

As for the story Jian Ai told him before, Jian Yu believed in his sister, so he didn’t confirm it with Chen Jin.

The next day, at Erzhong.

A black Audi car slowly stopped at the door. Lin Yi wore Erzhong’s school uniform and alighted with a bag slung over one shoulder.

Ever since the fire at the hot spring villa, Lin Yi had been recuperating at home. He only returned to school after a week.

“Young Master.” The accompanying driver poked his head out of the car and looked at Lin Yi. “Don’t forget to take your medicine in the afternoon.”

Although the previous incident was dangerous, it was not exactly that scary. But it still rendered Lin Yi’s body injured quite badly to where his body had not completely recovered. And though he could return to school to study, he still needed to take some medicine.

“Got it.”

Lin Yi closed the car door and answered casually. He looked up and saw Jian Ai slowly walking over from afar.

Delighted, he smiled and dashed up to her. “Jian Ai!”

His voice was neither loud nor soft. At this time, the school gate was filled with students. As the male god of Year One, who didn't know Lin Yi?

For a moment, everyone looked at Lin Yi in unison. When they saw Lin Yi suddenly around after disappearing for a few days, shock flashed across their eyes before emotions filled their hearts.

While Lin Yi was not around, the rumor between him and Jian Yiyi blew through the school like a tornado for an entire week. Originally, it was just a lively rumor among the Year Ones, but for some reason, the entire school now knew about it.

At this moment, many girls looked at Lin Yi with fascinating expressions. Some were unwilling, some were resentful, and some were sad.

Some of the boys' gazes were not friendly as well. After all, Jian Yiyi was a goddess for many people.

Yan Tian and the others had kept their mouths shut about the rumors. They did not mention it to Lin Yi in private because it was like a plague that had spread too quickly, and by the morning, it had already reached an uncontrollable stage.

When they thought about how Lin Yi was still recuperating, they didn't want to add to his troubles.

Hence, Lin Yi was confused by everyone's gazes.

Jian Ai was also stunned when she saw Lin Yi. The two of them stood at the school gate. Jian Ai looked at him from head to toe before smiling. "Are you well now?"

"Almost."

Lin Yi answered, but he looked around curiously. Because these people's gazes made him feel uncomfortable, he couldn't help but guess what had happened during his absence.

"What's going on? Why do I feel like everyone is looking at me?" Lin Yi frowned and asked in a low voice.

It was no wonder Lin Yi was so sensitive. He was a famous person in school, and it was common for others to take a second look at him.

However, today was clearly different. It was as if these people's eyes were on him, and they were more exaggerated than before.

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Jian Ai naturally felt the peculiar gazes of the surrounding people as well. Even she, who was standing in front of Lin Yi, could not avoid them.

At that moment, Jian Ai was already immune to everything. She walked towards the school calmly and asked, "Yan Tian and the rest didn't tell you?"

Lin Yi was already suspicious, so when he heard Jian Ai's words, Lin Yi felt that something was even more fishy. He quickly walked over to Jian Ai and said, "No, what's going on? Is it related to me?"

“Now, everyone in school knows that you are with Jian Yiyi.” Jian Ai shrugged helplessly and didn’t hide it.

There was no need to hide this matter. Lin Yi was not a fool. Even if she did not tell him now, he would know after a lesson was over.

“Wh... What?” Lin Yi looked like lightning struck him when he heard this. His handsome face was filled with disbelief, and his pink lips moved. In the end, he couldn’t help but be angry. “Me and who? Me and Jian Yiyi?”

This was too ridiculous!

In a hurry, Lin Yi looked at Jian Ai and said, “Jian Ai, this is completely false. Don’t take it seriously.”

Lin Yi had always been a good-tempered person, but at this moment, his heart was burning with anger. It was no wonder. If it were in the past, he would never take some harmless rumors to heart. But now, it is different. He already had someone he liked. He was afraid that these ridiculous rumors would cause Jian Ai to bear a grudge against him.

Therefore, Lin Yi’s first reaction was to explain to Jian Ai.

Even if this had nothing to do with him, he was, after all, not in school this week.

As soon as he finished speaking, Lin Yi nervously looked at Jian Ai’s profile to observe her expression and reaction.

Unexpectedly, Jian Ai chuckled lightly and looked at Lin Yi casually. She said helplessly, “It’s not important whether or not I take it seriously. What’s important is that others take it seriously.”

Lin Yi was speechless. “...”

Her tone sounded relaxed, as if this matter did not affect her at all.

Lin Yi’s chest tightened, and a trace of sadness filled his eyes.

Did she not feel uncomfortable at all when rumors of him with other girls spread? Did she not feel uncomfortable at all?

“Lin Yi!”

Lin Yi was about to say something when a gentle and weak voice sounded from behind him like a lark in spring.

He turned around and saw Jian Yiyi running over in a white high-end suit with a smile on her face.

Because of Jian Ai’s words, Lin Yi’s expression was not good. When Jian Yiyi came up to him, she said, “Lin Yi, why are you back at school so soon? You don’t look too good!”

Her tone was full of concern, and her pair of watery eyes revealed some hint of friendship.

Faced with such a sincere Jian Yiyi, Lin Yi didn’t turn around and leave, but his tone was more indifferent. “I’m almost well.”

As if she didn't feel Lin Yi's abnormality and the distant feeling in his tone, Jian Yiyi widened her eyes and curled her lips. She revealed a cheerful expression. "That's great. You know, I was always worried about you! I even took the time to go to the hospital again, but the doctor said that you were discharged."

The two of them stood on the steps in front of the school building. Lin Yi didn't know if it was his imagination, but he felt that Jian Yiyi's voice was two to three decibels louder than before.

Because of the rumors, it upset everyone. Now, because of Jian Yiyi's loud voice, everyone looked at them.