At School 301

Chapter 301: Lecture

In the disciplinary office, Hou Ping sat on a chair and looked at the three female students in front of him. His originally stern face was furrowed. After a while, he asked, "Tell me, why did you fight?"

Every school had a terrifying dean, and Hou Ping was no exception. In the past, as long as he appeared in front of the students, even if they did not do anything wrong, they would instinctively retreat from him. This showed his demonic status in the students' hearts.

Liu Na was secretly delighted. No matter what, it was a fact that the other party had hit her. Now that they were in Dean Hou's hands, it was possible for Jian Ai to get a demerit point or be expelled.

With that thought in mind and the anger in her heart unable to be appeased, she immediately took the initiative to complain, "Dean Hou, we didn't fight. She hit me. I was just one-sidedly beaten."

As she spoke, she even leaned forward to touch her face. "Look at my face!"

Liu Na's face was already swollen, and this was under the condition that Jian Ai didn't use any strength. Now that Jian Ai had the mental cultivation technique, if she used her full strength, she would probably slap Liu Na's head off.

Jin Xin also fanned the flames at the side and nodded in support. "Yes, Dean Hou, I was right there. I can testify!"

After the two of them finished talking, they looked at Jian Ai proudly as if saying, 'Just you wait. Dean Hou will teach you a lesson.'

Hou Ping's expression did not change as he looked at the silent Jian Ai.

Last time, he had almost misunderstood this student because of Li Yunmei. He had to check the surveillance cameras to clear her name. Hou Ping was an upright person and would not let this happen a second time.

Therefore, he didn't believe Liu Na's words alone. Instead, he looked at Jian Ai and asked, "Did you hit her?"

Jian Ai's face was calm without any fear. She immediately nodded. "Yes!"

She admitted it without hesitation.

It was because Jian Ai knew that she had no choice but to admit it. After all, there were so many students who had seen the event transpire. There was no need for her to lie.

Hou Ping was surprised. After all, Jian Ai looked weak and gentle, and she was also the good child that the teacher spoke of. How could she hit someone?

However, Hou Ping wasn't in a hurry to come to a conclusion. After all, there were some things that took two hands to clap. Others wouldn't cause trouble for you for no reason.

He looked at Jian Ai and asked, "Why did you hit your classmate?"

"Because I heard them slandering me behind my back." Jian Ai spoke the truth and did not exaggerate.

"Did you commit slander against her?" Hou Ping looked at Liu Na and Jin Xin with a frown.

Facing Hou Ping, the two of them were still a bit scared. In fact, they were so nervous that they didn't even dare to lie, and nodded repeatedly in acknowledgement.

'It was just a slander. It was not as serious as a physical attack.'

The two thought to themselves.

Seeing this, Hou Ping kept his expression and did not ask further. As for what exactly, there was no point in asking.

Since it was a slander, it was ultimately some nasty words.

He picked up the tea on the table and took a sip before saying, "This is a school, a place to study. You guys are simply fooling around!" Hou Ping's tone was not loud, but it made people feel that he was exceptionally strict.

"Slandering and beating people are not what you students should do, and you're all girls. What a disgrace!" Hou Ping scolded again.

Liu Na was afraid that Hou Ping would let Jian Ai go, so she said anxiously, "Dean Hou, but she hit me!"

Chapter 302: The Parent Was Here

Hou Ping's eyes widened when he heard that, scaring Liu Na so much that she shrunk her neck back. Hou Ping criticized, "It's the same thing as using your mouth!"

Liu Na and Jin Xin lowered their heads in silence.

If they angered Dean Hou, no one would have a good ending.

From the beginning to the end, Jian Ai only answered when Hou Ping asked her a question. She didn't say anything to defend herself.

This was because she had long heard of Hou Ping, the dean. Although he had a very bad temper, he was an impartial person. Jian Ai felt that he would handle this matter fairly. If Hou Ping gave her a demerit point, then everyone would get a demerit point. Hou Ping would not just give her a demerit point.

So no matter what the result was, as long as it was fair, she would accept it.

There was a moment of silence in the disciplinary office. Hou Ping seemed to be thinking about how he should deal with this matter. After all, Jian Ai had hit someone and attracted a lot of attention. The impact was not good.

However, he usually dealt with mischievous boys. Now that both parties were girls, he couldn't bear to be ruthless.

If they get a demerit point, this would affect their future studies.

Especially considering Jian Ai's difficult background and hard work, it was not worth it to have a stain on her record.

In the end, Hou Ping decided to give them a chance. He softened his tone and spoke in a sincere tone, "Although you guys did something wrong, I'm not an unreasonable person. Since it's your first time making a mistake, I'll give you a chance."

"Since both sides are at fault, then you should apologize to each other." As he spoke, Hou Ping's gaze swept across the faces of the few people, and then fixed on Liu Na and Jin Xin. "You two are seniors, so be magnanimous and apologize to your junior first."

Liu Na: "..."

Was there something wrong? She had been slapped, and it was a slap to her face. How could she apologize first?

Jin Xin: "..."

'What does this have to do with me? I'm here to testify. Why should I apologize?'

The two of them had shocked expressions on their faces, but they were naturally unwilling in their hearts.

Hou Ping knew that they were unwilling, but in comparison to getting demerit points, this was just an apology. It was not like they would lose a piece of flesh. Moreover, he had already shown mercy to them. An apology was not even a punishment.

Jian Ai also turned to look at the two of them, waiting for them to apologize to her.

Liu Na and Jin Xin hesitated for a while, but even though they were unwilling, they did not dare to go against Dean Hou.

The two struggled for a while and turned to face Jian Ai. But just as they were about to bow, the office door was suddenly pushed open from the outside.

"Nana!"

A man in a suit rushed in.

Everyone was shocked. Hou Ping was even more displeased with this kind of action of barging in without knocking. His face immediately darkened.

"Dad? Why are you here?"

When she saw who it was, Liu Na was shocked. She did not understand why her father would suddenly appear in school.

"Xiao Gang called me and said that you were beaten up in school!"

Liu Na's father was called Liu Dahai. He was thin and was 1.9 meters tall. Liu Na's tall figure was obviously inherited from her father.

The Xiao Gang that Liu Dahai mentioned was Liu Na's classmate, Han Zhigang. Both parents were also friends. Han Zhigang was also among the surrounding students earlier on. When he saw how Liu Na was being beaten up by a Year One junior, he quickly reported to Liu Dahai.

Chapter 303: Should Be Expelled

Liu Dahai, who ran all the way to the school, felt his heart ache when he saw his daughter's swollen face.

However, he was even more furious. He had spoiled his daughter since she was young and could never bear to lift a finger. In the end, she was beaten up in school!

Liu Na also realized that her father was around. He would support her!

Ask her to apologize? Dream on! What right did a poor girl from South City have to get her to bend down and apologize?

"Dad, she was the one who hit me!" Liu Na pointed at Jian Ai. Knowing that her father would stand up for her, she felt aggrieved and cried. Her eyes were red. "She slapped me three times. My face is swollen and it still hurts!"

Liu Dahai immediately turned his head and looked at Jian Ai following his daughter's hand. Jian Ai also raised her head and looked into his eyes without fear. Her eyes were clear, without any impurities, and there was not a trace of fear.

Her gaze seemed to be asking Liu Dahai, 'What's the matter?'

Jian Ai's gaze angered Liu Dahai. However, he was still an adult and could control his emotions.

Even though he was furious, he really could not teach a fourteen-year-old girl a lesson.

But that did not mean that there was no other solution!

He must avenge his daughter!

At that moment, Hou Ping coughed lightly and looked at Liu Dahai unhappily. "This is just a conflict between students. I've already criticized and educated them. Children are still young, so they will inevitably make mistakes. If they get demerit points because of such a small matter, it will inevitably affect their future studies. Therefore, I had them agree to apologize to each other just now. It can be considered a reconciliation!"

Hou Ping was still in the position of a teacher and wanted to give both sides a chance to speak.

However, when Liu Dahai heard Hou Ping's words, he didn't agree with a single word. The corners of his lips curled up, and he sneered. "Teacher, my daughter was beaten up and it's just going to be a simple apology? And to each other? Are you kidding me?"

Hou Ping knew how this parent felt as a father, so he didn't get angry at his impolite tone. He just reminded him, "But this matter started because your daughter started cursing people. Both sides are at fault!"

Liu Dahai didn't give up. He looked at Hou Ping and argued, "But there are big and small mistakes! Just like you said, it's normal for students to have some verbal conflicts, but hitting someone is different. This is violence, how can it be compared to cursing?"

Hou Ping retorted coldly, "Violence of words is also violence! Sometimes, the damage done to people is deeper than physical violence. If you want to give someone a demerit point, then everyone who's in the wrong will get a demerit point!"

Liu Dahai seemed to have heard something funny and sneered again. "If my daughter gets a demerit point, she has to be expelled!"

He pointed at Jian Ai.

Without waiting for Hou Ping to speak, Liu Dahai continued, "Today, your school must give me an explanation. My daughter was beaten up in school. If you don't settle this matter, I won't let this matter rest!"

With that said, he looked at Jian Ai maliciously and added, "This kind of student should be expelled!"

Hou Ping hated these kinds of unreasonable parents the most. Although the nature of hitting someone was bad, it was still the student's first offense, and he had to give them a chance to correct their mistakes. Every time he opened his mouth, he wanted to expel the student. He did not consider the feelings of others, and only wanted to be happy!

Chapter 304: What A Coincidence, We Meet Again

Jian Ai remained silent, which made Hou Ping inwardly nod.

This is how it should be when you make a mistake. You should admit it bravely, not argue, not cry, and not be weak. You should have a backbone and take responsibility!

Compared to Liu Dahai and Liu Na, the scale in his heart was already leaning towards Jian Ai.

That way, Hou Ping would have to stand up for a student who knew how to correct their mistakes!

But before he could speak, there was a knock on the office door.

Hou Ping paused for a moment before continuing, "Please enter!"

The door opened. Ji Haoyu was wearing flip-flops and shorts. He was wearing a white t-shirt and sunglasses.

At this moment, there was finally a clear change in expression on Jian Ai's face. Her eyes were wide open. If she was using some more strength, her eyeballs would fly out.

'Why is he here?'

'No, what is he doing here?'

'No, why is he here?'

Jian Ai had a big question mark on her head. Ji Haoyu's sudden appearance surprised her.

When Ji Haoyu saw her expression, his eyes subconsciously brimmed with a sense of achievement and joy. It was as if the more exaggerated Jian Ai's expression was, the happier he was.

'Little girl, I'm here to save you. Are you touched?'

With this thought in mind, Ji Haoyu sauntered into the office!

Liu Na and Jin Xin also recognized Ji Haoyu. Wasn't this the handsome guy who had caused a sensation in the cafeteria at noon?

The two of them looked at Ji Haoyu's extraordinarily handsome face and were stunned for a moment. They could not take their eyes off him.

At noon, they only looked from afar. Now that they were so close, he seemed even more handsome!

So cool!

Ah! Their infatuated selves were crazily screaming in their hearts.

When Jian Ai regained her senses, she kept her shocked look. However, her eyes were fixed on Ji Haoyu, wondering what he was up to.

Under everyone's gaze, Ji Haoyu walked to Jian Ai's side. Then, he gently leaned into Jian Ai's ear and whispered in a voice that only the two of them could hear, "Didn't I say that we are fated? What a coincidence, we meet again!"

Coincidence, my ass!

Jian Ai tried to control her expression, but she was cursing Ji Haoyu in her heart. What had she done today? Why was he everywhere?

Hou Ping adjusted the glasses on his nose bridge. He had been curious about Ji Haoyu's identity, but now it seemed that he was Jian Ai's guardian!

He could not help but mutter in his heart. It was really strange. The few of them had followed him to the disciplinary office. How did the parents of these children know?

"Are you Jian Ai's... brother?"

Hou Ping hesitated for a moment before asking.

Ji Haoyu looked to be in his early twenties. He couldn't possibly be her father!

Hearing this, Ji Haoyu smiled and casually took off his sunglasses. He said to Hou Ping, "Hello, teacher. I heard that our Xiao Ai got into trouble in school, so I came here to take a look."

As he spoke, he couldn't help but glance at the people in the office. Then, he frowned and tilted his head. "I wonder what happened?"

Ji Haoyu went straight to the point but did not admit that he was Jian Ai's brother.

He did not want to be this girl's brother!

Jian Ai glared at him. What did he just say? Our Xiao Ai?

He even said it so naturally! When did it become "our"? How shameless!

However, Jian Ai could not flare-up. Before figuring out what Ji Haoyu wanted to do, it would not be good to directly undermine him on account of that meticulous contract!

Chapter 305: Go Ahead, I'll Pay

Since the parents had come over, Hou Ping could not sit alone. He immediately called out to Ji Haoyu and Liu Dahai. "Since both sides have elders to communicate with, everyone should sit down first. Calm down and solve the problem peacefully!"

When Liu Dahai heard this, he raised his eyes to look at Ji Haoyu. He immediately snorted coldly and turned around to sit on the sofa in the office.

Ji Haoyu put on a half-smile again. No one could tell his current mood.

After everyone sat down, Liu Dahai wanted to make the first move. He looked at Ji Haoyu and said, "My daughter was beaten up by her. I want the school to expel her!"

The moment he opened his mouth, he spoke arrogantly and without any room for negotiation. It was obvious that he would only let the matter rest if the school expelled Jian Ai.

Liu Na and Jin Xin were sitting beside Liu Dahai, but they could no longer hear what Liu Dahai was saying. They couldn't care less about their grudges with Jian Ai. Their eyes were fixed on Ji Haoyu, and they did not care about anything else.

Hou Ping didn't say anything else. He had already said all that he could, but Liu Na's father wouldn't listen.

Now that Jian Ai's brother was here, this was good as well. If the two families could resolve this matter peacefully, then he would have no worries.

Hearing this, Ji Haoyu's gaze fell on Liu Na's face.

It was obvious that she was the girl Jian Ai had slapped. Her cheeks were swollen and red.

Ji Haoyu looked at Liu Dahai casually and said in a casual tone, "Isn't expelling her a little too serious? Since she hit someone, we'll just compensate you. Name a price!"

The moment Ji Haoyu opened his mouth, he looked as if he was rich and awesome.

Jian Ai wanted to object. Why should she compensate them? They were asking for a beating. Their parents did not teach them well, so she just taught them how to behave!

However, just as she thought of this, Ji Haoyu secretly suppressed her. Ji Haoyu leaned over and whispered, "I'll pay!"

Jian Ai: "..."

'Brother, this has nothing to do with who pays for it, alright?'

This is a matter of principle! You are fueling evil!

Jian Ai imitated him and whispered, "If people knew that they would receive money if they scold me, wouldn't I be chased and scolded every day?"

When Ji Haoyu heard this, his deep eyes instantly revealed a smile. He looked at Jian Ai with an expression that said she didn't need to worry. "It's okay, you can just hit them. I'll pay!"

Jian Ai: "..."

Was this person a fool?

The small interaction and eye contact between the two of them really hurt Liu Dahai's eyes, making him feel a sense of defeat from being looked down upon!

He directly interrupted their exchange of glances and whispers. He looked at Ji Haoyu with a rich and overbearing tone and said, "Compensation? Do I look like someone who lacks money? I will make the school expel her today!"

Ji Haoyu looked at Liu Dahai's irritated expression with a smile. It was as if he was watching an angry monkey performing.

In the end, he nodded lightly. "You don't lack money? Then which company are you from? Tell me about it so that I can increase my knowledge?"

As he spoke, the expression in Ji Haoyu's eyes changed. Those who did not know him would not be able to sense that he was on the verge of losing his temper, but those who knew him well knew that although Young Master Ji's change was subtle and hard to detect, it indicated that someone was about to suffer!

And the consequences were very serious!

Chapter 306: Are You Lacking Money Now?

When Liu Dahai heard this, he could not help but laugh disdainfully. He raised his head slightly and looked down at them with a condescending attitude. "Have you heard of Blue Sea Construction Materials?"

Liu Dahai was in charge of a construction material company in Baiyun City. Due to the development of the land industry, it also brought about the rise of the construction material industry. Liu Dahai's Blue Sea Construction Materials had made a name for itself in just a few years by borrowing the influence of the land industry. In the past two years, he had collaborated with the Jian Group, the leading company in Baiyun's real estate industry. Although they had not formed deep connections yet, it was a good sign.

Liu Dahai's net worth was in the tens of millions of yuan. With this momentum, it was only a matter of time before his net worth exceeded one hundred million yuan.

Even though Liu Na's family background could not be compared to Xia Qinghuan, who was from a prestigious family, it was still above average in a school like Erzhong.

Ji Haoyu had naturally heard of Blue Sea Construction Materials before. He could not help but raise his eyebrows and nod. This fool did indeed have some capital to be arrogant.

Seeing Ji Haoyu's expression, Liu Dahai knew that Ji Haoyu had heard of his company. Immediately, he felt proud.

In the next second, Ji Haoyu suddenly took out his phone. After turning it on, he quickly found a number and dialed it.

"Secretary Wang, there is a company called Blue Sea Construction Materials in Baiyun City. I want to hear the news of this company going bankrupt within half an hour!"

With that, Ji Haoyu hung up the phone!

Not looking at Liu Dahai's stunned expression, Ji Haoyu leaned lazily on the sofa, looked at Jian Ai, and said with a somewhat proud tone, "It's all because of you that I didn't even eat lunch!"

Jian Ai was speechless.

'What does that have to do with me? It's all because you're nosy!'

Liu Dahai came back to his senses and stood up from the sofa with a whoosh. He looked at Ji Haoyu and shouted, "What did you mean by those words just now? Do you think you can scare me like this?"

Liu Na and Jin Xin could no longer be bothered to admire Ji Haoyu's handsome face. What did he say on the phone just now? Did he want to bankrupt Blue Sea Construction Materials?

Ji Haoyu looked at Liu Dahai with a mocking expression and smiled slightly. "Whether I'm scaring you or not, you'll know very soon!"

Only Jian Ai clearly understood Ji Haoyu's ability.

The top financial groups in Asia could easily destroy a construction material company in an instant.

However, Jian Ai was still a little surprised. For her sake, Ji Haoyu had done such a thing. What was his motive?

But this was the way Young Master Ji did things that no one could understand or guess!

He liked to do this, so he did it. Don't ask him why, there was no reason!

Although Liu Dahai did not believe that a man in his twenties could be so capable, he could not help but feel fearful. An invisible fear surrounded him, making him unable to sit still.

The moment the phone in his trouser pocket rang, Liu Dahai shuddered and lost his arrogant look.

When Ji Haoyu saw this, the corner of his mouth revealed a trace of mockery!

When he picked up the call, Liu Dahai's gaze fell on Ji Haoyu. However, when he heard the contents of the call, his body felt as if it had fallen into a bottomless abyss.

All the companies that collaborated with him proposed to end the collaboration at the same time. The supply channels were willing to pay the penalty fee to stop the supply.

Everything happened after Ji Haoyu's call!

Liu Dahai could not take such a blow. His body went limp and he almost fell off the sofa.

Ji Haoyu, on the other hand, looked at him as if nothing had happened. He smiled and said innocently, "Are you lacking money now? Name a price!"

Chapter 307: I Think It's Fun

Liu Dahai's mind was in a daze. In an instant, the strength in his body drained out. His eyes were empty and he could not regain his senses for a long time.

Liu Na was scared out of her wits. Did this person's words come true?

Their family was bankrupt?

"Dad. Dad, what's wrong?!" Liu Na grabbed Liu Dahai's arm and cried.

Liu Dahai looked around helplessly and slowly stood up. However, his body was like a swaying willow branch.

For a moment, he forgot that his daughter had been beaten up. He forgot that Ji Haoyu had asked him to name a price. There were only two words in his mind: *It's over!*

Everything was over!

At that moment, he had already lost the ability to think about things. Millions of his assets were used up in an instant. It was as if he woke up in a daze and realized that he had nothing!

When Jian Ai saw Liu Dahai like this, she couldn't help but frown. Although this person was hateful, this punishment was too severe for him.

It was just a conflict between her and Liu Na, and it was not Liu Na's family's fault. Ji Haoyu's phone call had actually caused Blue Sea to go bankrupt.

Jian Ai was not a soft-hearted person, but Liu Dahai must have worked hard for many years to achieve what he had today. It would be a pity to lose everything just for this.

Jian Ai wanted to ask Ji Haoyu to turn the situation around.

But before she could speak, Liu Dahai had already rushed out of the disciplinary office with a dejected look.

"Dad!" Liu Na cried out in alarm and hurriedly chased after him.

Jin Xin naturally followed them.

The words were stuck in her throat. In an instant, only she, Ji Haoyu, and Dean Hou were left in the office.

Ji Haoyu raised his brows slightly and sighed softly. "Looks like the matter has been resolved!"

He then stood up and said to Dean Hou, "Thank you for your hard work, Teacher. I'll take Xiao Ai away."

Dean Hou was still in shock. Who exactly was this young man? He could actually do something so amazing with just a phone call!

But this matter had already exceeded the grudges between the two students, and it was not something he could mediate. From the beginning to the end, he only had one goal, and that was to not let Jian Ai be expelled!

As for Liu Dahai's company, although the matter was out of his scope, it was no longer his business.

In the end, it was all Liu Dahai's fault.

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Coming out from the disciplinary office, Jian Ai walked in front while Ji Haoyu followed behind her in flipflops.

Jian Ai's back was slender and weak. Her shiny black hair was tied up behind her head in a firm and neat ponytail.

However, her back seemed to be emitting a bitter aura.

"Hey!"

Ji Haoyu could not help but call out.

Jian Ai stopped in her tracks.

Turning around, Jian Ai looked at him with narrowed eyes under the sunlight. With an angry expression on her face, she questioned, "Ji Haoyu, what exactly do you want!"

Ji Haoyu shook his head playfully and looked at Jian Ai with a smile. "Don't you know how to thank me for helping you?"

"Who asked you to meddle in other people's business!" Jian Ai glared at Ji Haoyu and took a step forward to close the distance between them. She glared at Ji Haoyu and said, "And do you know that this is all because of you! Who asked you to suddenly come to school!"

"I just... think it's fun!" Ji Haoyu pouted and actually acted cute!

Jian Ai: "..."

Suddenly, Jian Ai realized that this person could not communicate normally. Jian Ai really wanted to pry open his head on the spot and see what kind of structure his brain had!

Chapter 308: Eat Shit

Seeing Jian Ai's expression, the smile in Ji Haoyu's eyes grew bigger. In the end, he asked, "Are you pitying him?"

Hearing this, Jian Ai dodged.

She knew that Liu Dahai was not someone to be pitied.

She only felt that he should be punished, but this punishment was too severe.

Even if Jian Ai didn't say anything, Ji Haoyu knew what she was thinking. He immediately chuckled. "If it doesn't hurt or itch, then it's not considered punishment."

Hearing this, Jian Ai raised her face. Her skin glistened in the sunlight, but there was a burning stubbornness in her eyes.

"I don't want to comment on your style of doing things, but in the end, you did this for me, so I have the right to disagree with you!"

Looking at Jian Ai's serious expression, Ji Haoyu suddenly laughed and said bluntly, "You don't have the right, because I didn't do this for you. It was only for my happiness!"

Jian Ai: "..."

Jian Ai's face stiffened.

This Ji Haoyu was simply her nemesis. How could there be someone like him in the world!

She should have seen through him a long time ago. From the beginning, he was someone who only cared about his feelings and only did whatever he wanted.

From the moment he inexplicably made her mother the general manager of Yaochi, she should have seen through him!

Jian Ai pursed her lips, but she could not find a suitable word to respond to him. Looking at Ji Haoyu's handsome face, Jian Ai finally gritted her teeth and spat out two words: "You win!"

With that, she turned around and left quickly without looking back.

Ji Haoyu was in a very good mood. He shouted at Jian Ai's back, "Hey! I haven't eaten yet. Aren't you going to treat me to a meal?"

Jian Ai waved her hand without looking back. "Eat shit!"

Not only was Ji Haoyu not angry when he heard this, but his smile was especially bright. It was even more dazzling than the sun above.

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Jian Ai returned to the classroom. The first lesson in the afternoon had ended.

"Where did you go? How dare you skip the Great Sage's class!" Xia Qinghuan hurriedly pulled Jian Ai and asked.

Guan Tao also came closer. They had heard many rumors in the afternoon. Seeing that Jian Ai didn't look good, they couldn't help but worry if she was affected by those rumors and thus missed the first lesson.

"Xiao Ai, are you okay?" Guan Tao asked with concern. She didn't dare to mention the rumors.

Jian Ai didn't want her friend to worry, so she smiled and shook her head. "It's fine. Dean Hou invited me to have some tea. I'll explain to the Great Sage later."

"Dean Hou?" Xia Qinghuan was shocked. He was the disciplinary master, the most feared person in the entire school.

"What's wrong? What trouble did you get into?" Xia Qinghuan lowered her voice and asked.

Jian Ai knew that this matter could not be kept under wraps, but she did not want to explain. Just thinking of Ji Haoyu's face made her head hurt.

"Qinghuan, stop asking. Xiao Ai will automatically share what she wants to say." Guan Tao tugged at Xia Qinghuan's clothes and said in a low voice.

Xia Qinghuan nodded and looked at Jian Ai. She said, "Oh yes, Xiao Ai, I was compiling the name list for the Mathematical Olympiad this afternoon. Didn't you say you were going to participate? You didn't come back this afternoon, so I signed you up!"

Jian Ai nodded and asked, "Who else signed up?"

"Lin Yi and Gao Yang!" After saying this, Xia Qinghuan couldn't help but roll her eyes. "And Jian Yiyi!"

Chapter 309: It's Simply Affecting the City's Appearance

Seeing Qinghuan's expression, Jian Ai couldn't help but laugh.

Aside from Lin Yi, Xia Qinghuan disliked Jian Yiyi the most in this class.

Perhaps it was because the magnetic field between them was not right. Even if Jian Yiyi had never offended her, Xia Qinghuan never liked her.

"Aren't you two going to sign up?" Jian Ai asked Guan Tao and Xia Qinghuan.

Xia Qinghuan sighed, then revealed a bitter smile. "I do want to participate, but I don't have the time. I have to join the production team after school in the afternoon. Recently, I don't even have time for the weekend."

Jian Ai nodded in understanding. Although Qinghuan's results were good, her priority now was to complete her first drama.

Guan Tao also had a bitter expression. "Forget about me. It would be a waste for me to go!"

In fact, Guan Tao really wanted to give it a try. After all, the temptation of bonus points for the college entrance examination was too great. However, Guan Tao was only good at certain subjects. Her Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry grades were not ideal. When she performed well, she could score above average, but most of the time, she was barely able to do so.

The reason why she always ranked among the top in every exam was because she relied on her full marks in Liberal Arts to pull up her grades. Although her Science results were not ideal, it was not too terrible.

Jian Ai and Guan Tao understood each other the best. Hearing her words, Jian Ai could not help but give her a comforting smile.

Guan Tao suddenly remembered something and clapped her hands. She looked at Jian Ai and said, "Oh right, Xiao Ai, I forgot to tell you. I bought a house!"

"You bought it?" Jian Ai was delighted. "Which place did you buy it?"

Uncle Wu had told Jian Ai's family about the demolition, so naturally, since Jian Ai and Guan Tao grew up together and the two families had always been on good terms, Jian Ai told Guan Tao about the demolition of South City and asked her to tell her parents.

As for whether to buy it or not, that would be their decision.

But they really bought it!

"Zhonglou District!" Guan Tao said in a low voice, "At first, our family couldn't fork out that much money. Moreover, my parents were not sure if the demolition matter was real or fake. But then, a while ago, my father went to Uncle Wu's place to buy tofu. When there was no one around, he took the opportunity to ask. Uncle Wu didn't hide anything and told my father everything. Only then did my father believe it."

Hearing this, Jian Ai nodded. "After all, adults won't believe the words between us children all at once, and it's such a big deal. But you will earn money after buying a house. Once South City is demolished, the first thing that will rise in property prices will be the neighboring Zhonglou District. Uncle's and Auntie's decision is right!"

"That's what Uncle Wu said as well!" Guan Tao continued, "So my father borrowed one hundred thousand yuan from my grandfather and second uncle. Together with our family's savings, we bought a second-hand house that was more than eighty square meters in the middle of Zhonglou District. That's more than one hundred thousand yuan!"

As soon as Jian Ai heard this, she made a mental calculation.

The property prices in Zhonglou District were not high, but if it was located in the center, it was not cheap either. Although it was a second-hand house, a hundred thousand yuan was not considered cheap, but it was not considered expensive either.

Xia Qinghuan had been to Jian Ai's house in South City once. Even now, when she thought about it, she still felt that the place was unbelievably dilapidated. Hearing what the two of them said, Xia Qinghuan could not help but nod and agree, "That place in South City should be demolished. It's simply affecting the city's appearance!"

Seeing the serious expression on Xia Qinghuan's face, Jian Ai and Guan Tao knew that this young miss had been traumatized by their last trip to South City. They couldn't help but look at each other and laugh out loud!

Chapter 310: Into a Vat of Vinegar

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At that moment, at the school's basketball court.

Lin Yi and the others were playing basketball with the guys from the other classes.

He took the ball, passed it, took a three-step take-off, and then a slam dunk. His movements were smooth and elegant, causing the girls around to scream.

It was just that Lin Yi no longer had his usual sunny smile on his face. Instead, he had a straight face. His eyes were filled with complicated emotions, and there was an unmistakable hint of depression around him.

Throwing away the basketball, Lin Yi turned around and walked to the side of the court. As he passed by someone, he acted as if the other party didn't exist and had his shoulder slam into him.

That person frowned and revealed a displeased expression. But just as he was about to flare up, Yan Tian rushed over and stopped him.

Yan Tian smiled apologetically and said embarrassedly, "Sorry, he's not in a good mood. Please forgive him!"

Although they weren't in the same class, they often played basketball together in between classes. Lin Yi's temper had always been good, and he never got angry even when he lost.

The boy nodded helplessly and waved his hand.

Yan Tian caught up with Lin Yi and put his hand on Lin Yi's shoulder affectionately. He frowned and asked, "That should be enough. What's there to be sad about?"

Walking to the side of the court, Lin Yi picked up a bottle of mineral water from the stone steps and drank half of it in one go. The thin sweat on his forehead glistened, making him look even more handsome!

Seeing that he said nothing, Yan Tian sighed helplessly.

This kid had been like this ever since he saw Jian Ai and that handsome guy appearing out of nowhere in the cafeteria.

He did not know what went wrong!

It was still unknown whether the two of them were related or not. Even if they were, they couldn't possibly be a couple, right?

Although that man was handsome, he looked to be in his twenties!

At this moment, Gao Yang came back from the toilet. When he saw the two of them standing by the side of the court, he hurried forward and asked indifferently, "Why aren't you playing anymore?"

Yan Tian curled his lips and raised his head at Lin Yi. "This brother is soaking in a vat of vinegar and hasn't recovered yet!"

Gao Yang couldn't help but glance at Lin Yi. When he saw that Lin Yi still had a cold expression on his face, he said, "You're overthinking things. Everyone saw it today. Jian Ai wasn't thrilled either!"

It meant that Jian Ai wasn't close to the man who turned up.

Yan Tian also nodded. "That's right, Qinghuan was sitting right beside her. She said it herself. Jian Ai never smiled at that person before! That's almost enough. Why are you getting so jealous!"

"Besides, you're not making your stand clear." Gao Yang was even more rational. He said to Lin Yi, "You're not Jian Ai's boyfriend. You have no right to interfere with her dealings with the opposite sex!"

When Yan Tian heard that, he looked at Gao Yang and said, "He wanted to interfere earlier. If it weren't for the two of us stopping him at noon, he would have really interfered!"

Lin Yi was also in the cafeteria. When he saw Jian Ai talking to the man, he couldn't help but want to go over and see what was going on, but Yan Tian and Gao Yang stopped him at the same time.

Everyone was looking at Jian Ai and the man at that time, and Jian Ai's expression was hostile. If Lin Yi rushed over now, it would only cause more unnecessary trouble for Jian Ai!

Lin Yi remained silent. He opened the bottle and drank the remaining half of the water.

Gao Yang furrowed his brows and looked at him. After a long while, he said faintly, "I don't think you're angry because of what happened at the cafeteria. You're angry because of those unbearable rumors that spread after the incident, right?"