

Lazily 421

Chapter 421: Sworn Enemies

Two days after the ambush was Old Man Tang's birthday. This was also the day that the malfunction of the Long Companies bullet started to spread. A study had been released online. It stated that the bullet was not only dangerous to its user as it would produce a toxic gun powder, it would also cause long-term effects that would include hallucinations to anyone who smelled the gun powder! The worse thing is the fact that the bullet would act as a drug to its user.

The more you smell the gun powder, the more you would want it.

The news was strange and unbelievable. However, it didn't take too long for many people to notice that it was somehow true. Some of them only wanted to use the bullet and nothing more.

On that day, three people who had a test declared that they developed mysterious illnesses because of keeping the bullet close to them. Two of the men showed infertility and other chronic diseases, while the other actually had cancer. Rumor has it that the bullet's gun powder contained asbestos and benzene that could cause cancer.

When the news blew up, Long Company's shares suffered another tragic fall. But this wasn't something that surprised a lot of businessmen. Since Old Man Long suffered a stroke, many businessmen were not really enthusiastic that the company would survive in Long Yi's leadership.

However, this wasn't the hottest news in the market. Many sites suddenly released another rumor. Shen Security, who was under LS Group, is planning to cooperate with the government! A credible source said that they are willing to sell everything for Three Billion. Right now, the cooperation wasn't final yet. They also didn't announce which project they would sell for Three Billion, but many anticipated it was the design and blueprint of the armor that shocked the world a few weeks back.

"Long Yi had been calling me since morning. I'm sure it was about the news. I already sent a breach of contract to his lawyers. Since the bullet is actually dangerous, they would need to pay us a few hundred millions worth of damages. We would release a statement banning them from working with us again. Right now, Long Yi is done." Xu Jihan was smiling as he poured more syrup for his pancake. He then poured the rest of the syrup into his strawberries and apples. "Didn't know that this Shen Qui is so scheming. He first bought the stocks to make them recover, creating a false sense of security. Then sold it just before he released the news. He actually had a few hundreds of millions of profits. If I had known that he would do that, I would have bought a few millions of shares too."

"Do you need more money?" Ken asked after he sipped his tea.

"You won't understand since you don't invest in the stocks. It was about the thrill."

Xu Ke snorted. "Is everything set for tonight?" Today was actually Old Man Tang's birthday. And he already asked Xu Jihan to set everything up for him.

"Yes. I am coming with you."

Xu Ke lifted an eyebrow but didn't say anything.

"You know? I am more concerned about the rumors. The price was already three billion. Once the news would reach the ears of those private companies abroad, they would surely send her a higher offer. Why do I feel like she was waiting for us to move before giving us a huge blow?"

"No matter the price it would be worth it." Xu Ke's aim was to get closer to her. As long as he would work with her, then he is fine.

"You sure about that?" Xu Jihan lifted an eyebrow. For some reason, he felt that Xu Ke had become dumber. Does this man like that Lyca Huang? Impossible! Xu Jihan had been friends with his cousin since they were in their diapers. All these years, Xu Ke never allowed anyone to take advantage of him. If anything, Xu Ke was the type of person that would always use his brain to take advantage of people.

"Of course. I am always sure of my actions. Oh about my clothes. I want a white three-piece suit."

"You are coming to a birthday. Why would you wear white?" White is always associated with death, and it's a color worn in funerals, not on happy celebrations.

"You have a point. Then just do a three-piece black one."

"Why are you acting like a high school student who just developed a crush?" Xu Jihan finished his pancakes and grabbed his glass of milk.

"Because" Xu Ke made a deliberate pause. He initially chose the color white because Lyca would surely wear black or red. It would compliment her clothes. "Because I'm bored."

"So believable," Xu Jihan rolled his eyes. "Anyway I already looked into Lyca's past, and just like you, she also had an accident when she was a child. She fell into a coma too. But it was just a for a few days."

Xu Jihan lowered his gaze as he hid the excited expression on his face. He had been looking for someone like him in this world. He gave out all those poisons and created scenes and accidents that would reveal people like him. All along, he never once thought that his woman would also travel in this world with him.

If this isn't fate, then what is?

Who would have thought that the woman whom she liked, the smartest woman he knew, the only woman that he wanted to have and stand beside him, would come into this world with him?

Isn't this a sign that they should rule this world together?

"Did you find anyone else from the Ye Family in the country?" Xu Ke asked. This was his only problem. Lyca was actually a Ye, and his family and the Ye Family were sworn enemies. In this world and the last.

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"No. Not one from the Ye's." Xu Jihan said. "However, I am not confident about these findings. You know how cunning they are. She had white hair. Once you try to trace her history, you would know that she is a Ye. Even from the direct lineage. Knowing those people, they would never let this opportunity go."

The Ye Family are considered the Royals in Du Empire. They handle international relations but don't really manage the country. The current monarch, Nicholas Ye, was a cunning King, a strict father, a scheming friend, and a very dangerous enemy. Despite all the smiles, he was known for his cruel actions to benefit his own country.

For instance, asked the prime minister to focus more on the military and used this advanced military system to intimidate other countries. The man wasn't a dictator, but he was very clear on the things that he wanted. And that is to make his country the number one.

It is undeniable that the country is considered the most expensive and one of the world's top three wealthiest countries. If Nicholas wanted Lyca to work with their government, he would surely do everything to achieve this goal.

"Monitor all entrances in the country. I want to know if he would send a representative on Old Man Tang's birthday. Also I want to change the gift. I wanted to give the old man that painting."

"The wedding painting?" Xu Jihan asked. Xu Ke had been very obsessing with a painting of a bloodied man and woman in a traditional red wedding dress. The painting didn't show the couple's faces, but it was clear that the woman in the man's arms was already dead as he carried her in the middle of the woods.

"Precisely."

"Cousin you are going to a birthday party. Why would you give such a bloody painting?" That painting was full of blood. There was even an arrow stock in the bride's legs. Plus, you can see traces of blood everywhere. Why would he want to give this painting to the birthday celebrant?

A sigh escaped Xu Ke's lips. "You are right. Just Just hide the painting for now." Sometimes, he would get impulsive and do some strange things when it comes to his woman.

Meanwhile, Long Yi is not as relaxed as Xu Ke and Xu Jihan. Right now, he was pacing inside his room. Both of his hands were holding two different phones. One was his business phone, while the other was his personal cellphone. The large bags under his eyes, coupled with his pale face, made him looked a little dead.

The ring in his phone stirred him out of his stupor.

"How dare you!" Long Yi hissed. His face turned darker when he heard Shen Qui chuckled in response.

"Good Noon Mr. Long. How may I help you?"

Long Yi let out a couple of curses. At first, he thought Shen Qui would never give the news to the media. After all, he still owns a big chunk of shares in the company. He was wrong oh! He was so wrong!

Shen Qui was actually a cunning fox!

He waited for the prices to bounce back before selling his shares. Then he released the news. All this happened in one day. It made Long Yi conclude that this was deliberate. The timing was so perfect, he knew that Shen Qui must have been planning this revenge for a long time.

Shen Qui didn't get what he wanted. So he is pulling him down! "What the hell do you want from me?" Shen Qui's voice was light. It was as if he just finished laughing.

"Nothing," Shen Qui said. "I already have everything that I need."

"If you want the patent then I will give it to you!"

"How do you like the news?" Shen Qui answered almost immediately.

"Shen Qui, I am telling you many people would "

"Guilt-tripping me won't work." Shen Qui interrupted him. "It only works on good people. I'm not one of those."

"You "

"Instead of trying to see me why don't you focus on your debts instead? I heard you already owe the government a few hundreds of millions?" There was mockery in his tone. At the end of the day, life is still like a wheel. It would always turn.

Last time, Long Yi and the Long Family were considered on top. The wheels turn, and now he was at the bottom.

Instead of blowing up, Long Yi let out a deep chuckle. He never thought that one day, he would actually lose this fight. His father is still in a coma. His friends and family instantly left him the moment the government announced the verdict about those bullets. Everyone else is either laughing at him or hiding from him, pretending not to know his current predicament.

All this time, Long Yi achieved everything because of his connections. He and his father took advantage of this as they conquered and oppressed smaller businesses. All those people celebrated with them. They gave them gifts and accepted the Long Family's bribes in return for their help.

Right now, all those people vanished. They left him. Alone. "You must be enjoying this" His voice contained the defeat that was showing in his eyes.

"I am." Shen Qui answered without batting an eyelid. "My wife said she liked it. She thought it was like watching some Drama. It was very entertaining."

"Lyca" Long Yi dragged Lyca's name on his tongue. Yes. Lyca. It was her. If he married Lyca, this wouldn't have happened. Lyca would have been standing by his side now, creating those weapons for him, treating him as her king.

But this did not happen.

Just as Long Yi was thinking about all this, Huang Xiaoxuan walked inside the room. She was wearing a long white off-shoulder dress. Her face was still pale. The smile on her lips was weak, but it was there. It had a promise of tomorrow, a promise of company despite the dark times.

But Long Yi's gaze was already dark.

"Our child" Huang Xiaoxuan's smile had a hint of relief. It was gentle and beautiful. "The doctors said they would sign the release "

"It's your fault!" Long Yi hissed.

"Yi?"

"This Everything is your damn fault!" Long Yi suddenly yelled at her. He ended the call and glared at the frozen Huang Xiaoxuan. "You seduced me. You drugged me. You made her think that I like

you! I never liked you, and I never will!" He took a step towards her, his hands balled into tight fists. He was fighting his inner demons, trying his best not to hurt her delicate face.

"Yi? What are you talking about?" The smile on Huang Xiaoxuan's face froze. She took a step back as he took another step towards him. "You Are you alright? Did Did something happened?"

"What a foolish question. You didn't even know what happened to me?"

"I I don't I was at the hospital, I wasn't looking at my phone I was "She was just staring at their child, crying and praying. "I didn't mean to "

Long Yi snorted. "Foolish!" By now, Long Yi was already two feet away from her. He squinted his eyes. "Since I met you all the bad luck started happening in my life. I always thought it was my fault. But then I realized it was yours!"

"You "Tears were already streaming in Huang Xiaoxuan's eyes. Since giving birth, this was the first time that she came home and met him. This was the first time that she saw him. She thought he would be different. After all, their child was already safe. How could he still treat her like this? How could he blame her for everything? She did nothing but love him! She only loved him!

Before she could say anything else, Long Yi's palms already landed on her cheeks. She staggered and clutched her cheeks. Despite all the abuse and ill-treatment, this was the first time that he did this. "What are you doing? Long Yi... I just gave birth! How could you hurt me like this?" She instantly reminded him of the fact that she gave birth to his child!

She was the mother of his child!

How could he still hurt her?

"Hurt you? Huang Xiaoxuan... I should have killed you when I had the chance!" Long Yi said.

And that was the last words that Huang Xiaoxuan heard before she felt his hand clutched her throat.

Long Yi's downfall was inevitable. Shen Qui and Lyca already expected him to lose. What they didn't expect was for him to actually kill his own wife, Huang Xiaoxuan.

Of course, Lyca and Shen Qui were unaware of Huang Xiaoxuan's death. Currently, they were on their way to Old Man Tang's birthday.

"I hate purple," Lyca said. "I feel like an eggplant while wearing one."

"But you were wearing one."

"You told me I look pretty in this dress!" Her dress was actually a hombre purple. It was a beautiful A-Line dress with intricate laces, beads, and tulle. It was a midi dress, and the best thing about this dress was that she could easily cut it. In case another ambush happens. Yes. The tulle is removable!

"You were pretty all the time. Even if you're not wearing clothes."

Lyca chuckled. "So nasty," she was calmly sitting on the front seat, staring at him as he drove the car. "The color purple makes me feel like a royal, you know. Like a queen or a princess."

"And you don't like it." That wasn't a question. Shen Qui knew that she wasn't the type to want to become a princess.

"Ah, when I was a child, I never wanted to become a princess. I thought it was way too complicated." Lyca uttered as she closed her eyes. "Anyway do you think grandfather would like our gift?"

"Of course he will." Shen Qui assured her. At this point in time, everyone who would receive the armor that Lyca personally made would indeed feel lucky. Especially if they knew that this armor was specifically designed and created with the lightest material. It wasn't big and bulky. This armor wasn't really a complete armor but more like a bulletproof vest. Except this one is very hard to recognize.

It was small and thin. You could easily hide it in a suit.

After a few minutes of driving, the two arrived in Tang Family's mansion.

Walking inside the mansion, the two didn't actually attract much attention. Everyone was looking at the group of women dancing in the middle of the stage located in front of the tables and chairs. The party was at the back of the mansion where everyone could have the perfect view of the city lights and the garden.

Small tables for people who wanted to stand can be seen near the bar while the bigger tables were placed near the stage. This time, Lyca didn't immediately go to the table nearest to the food. Instead, Shen Qui and her walked towards her grandfather, who was surrounded by many people.

"Grandfather," Lyca's smile was as gentle as her voice. She hugged her grandfather. "Happy birthday!"

Old Man Tang laughed. After the ambush, he already told Huang Sheng Hong not to show up and just leave the country. It was becoming more dangerous for them. He was confident that many people would use his birthday to try and meet Lyca.

He wouldn't want to put his daughter and granddaughter into a difficult situation.

"Grandfather," Shen Qui also greeted the old man. Then he handed the box. "This is our family's gift. We hope you liked it."

In front of everyone, Old Man Tang accepted the gift. He didn't hand it to his secretary and just held it close to him. He then turned towards the people surrounding him. "You two you didn't have to bring anything for my birthday. You know that I never liked extravagant gifts. Your presence is enough for me."

"Grandfather, Lyca made this gift for you. Please accept it." Shen Qui said. He could feel everyone's gaze turned towards his wife.

"Ah, right everyone this is my granddaughter Lyca Huang and her husband who is now my grandson, Shen Qui." Old Man Tang's voice was light. Before anyone could say anything, he already added, "You two are late. It's already seven you should go and find something to eat. I included some of Lyca's favorites tonight. Feel free to enjoy the food."

"Old Man Tang why does it feel like you wanted them to leave? These two youngsters were showing their filial piety, and yet you would just send them to eat?" The man who spoke laughed.

"How about this That gift was made by your granddaughter. Why don't you open it and show it to us? Wouldn't it be nice to show off the things that our granddaughters made?"

"General Li this gift was made by my granddaughter. Naturally, I wanted to show it off. However, I cannot just open it in front of everyone. After all, it was made for me. Isn't it right that I see it first?"

"Hahaha! You are still childish!" General Li sneered. "Here look at this" He opened to buttons of his shirt and showed a huge necklace made of various stones. "This is made by my granddaughter. She loved to design jewelry and thought it would be nice to make something for me. You see this stone? This represents bravery and patriotism."

"That is such a flashy necklace," Old Man Tang said, unimpressed. "I would never wear something so huge around my neck." "It would make him feel like a dog."

"Hmph! That wasn't the point! The point was that I am very proud of this creation! I asked an expert jeweler to appraised this necklace, and he told me it was worth about three million!" General Li laughed. "Is my granddaughter the best? Or not?"

"Of course not!" Old Man Tang instantly argued. "Your granddaughter is obviously not as good as mine!"

"Then why don't you open the gift? Let me guess this should be a huge collection of jewelry. It was wrapped in a gorgeous box, and it didn't look that heavy. Tell me if I'm wrong."

"General Li let me tell you something." Old Man Tang lifted his chin as he declared proudly, "My granddaughter is not as dense as some people. Why would she give me a piece of useless jewelry? Is that something that would help me walk? Or eat?" His voice attracted a lot of people's attention.

"Then why don't you open the box so we can see if she is one of those dense people?"

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Before Old Man Tang could say anything, Shen Qui suddenly chuckled. "General Li, the gift is dangerous to strangers. It is specifically made for Grandfather."

"Dangerous?"

When the people surrounding them heard his words, they became even more curious.

"What could be something so dangerous that could harm other people?"

"It will explode if expose to other people's smell." Shen Qui lied without batting an eyelid. This is just the security feature of the thing that we gifted grandfather."

"Security feature? I've never heard of that."

"Well that's it. You already heard it. The gift is not safe for other people to see." Old Man Tang smiled. "If you really want you can accompany me when I open it. Of course whatever happens to you is not going to be my problem. Hahaha."

General Li eyed another man at the corner of his eyes before he let out a deep, heartfelt laughter. "Old Man Tang we used to work before. Why would you want to hurt me?"

Old Man Tang just continued laughing before the butler approached him and whispered to his ears. "Chu Family?" He looked at Lyca and Shen Qui.

"Yes, Master. Mr. Chu Munan and Chu Nan are here," the butler continued. "Also someone from the Shen Family from the Capital also arrived."

Old Man Tang lifted an eyebrow. "Then let them in."

"Old Man Tang, it seems that your old bones are getting more popular these days, ah." One of the men surrounding them said. "The Chu and Shen Family? Those people don't just attend birthdays of retired General like us."

"Ah please excuse me. I will go and welcome the new visitors." He turned towards Shen Qui then he realized that Lyca was no longer standing by his side. "I "

"Uncle Wai and Uncle Second are already coming here to help you entertain the new guests." Shen Qui smiled at the old man before excusing himself too. In the first place, he wasn't a Tang. It would

be awkward if he accompanied the old man in welcoming those people. Even Lyca, who was clearly a Tang, is already gone, hiding somewhere with food.

He looked at the people who just arrived. Aside from Chu Nan and Chu Munan, who brought Cleo and Rue as their partners, there was also another woman. This should be the representative from the Shen Family.

As if sensing his gaze, the woman turned towards Shen Qui and smiled. Shen Qui just nodded and turned his head away. The woman's name was Shen Jiao. Jiao meant tender and beautiful, and this woman really looked like one. However behind all the smiles was actually a very ruthless woman.

Shen Jiao is the person that the Shen Family sent every time they try to close a deal. And this woman would always close the deal no matter what it was.

She was also the eldest granddaughter of Shen Duyi the current patriarch of the Shen Family.

After a quick scan, Shen Qui finally found Lyca selecting food from the banquet table. Despite all the people walking his way to greet him, Shen Qui approached Lyca and held the plate in her hand. Then, he stood by her side as she chose various food for their dinner.

"The Shen Family arrived." Shen Qui said in a low voice. "Just as you anticipated."

Lyca nodded. "The Eldest?"

"Yes."

Again, she nodded. It seems that the Shen Family also wanted to have the deal with her? Lyca chuckled inwardly. The Shen and Xu's were obviously rich not as rich as the Chu, but they are pretty powerful because they have their own family armies. Rumor has it that the Shen and the Xu's were actually wealthier than that Chu Family. It just that they have a lot of undeclared assets and some money that was hidden abroad. They are also trying to evade paying the proper taxes.

"Alright I need another plate." Lyca said and handed him another plate. Without saying anything, Lyca started putting various food on the plate. After a few minutes, Lyca and Shen Qui found a table located far from the stage.

They knew that people would try to approach them, but this night is not their night but Old Man Tang's. Plus, having all the attention was tiring for Lyca. Who would want to talk to people she doesn't even know?

"I am looking for you guys!" Cleo said the moment she walked towards them. Rue followed behind her. "That damn Chu Nan forced me to come here." Before Lyca could ask, Cleo already explained. "He said it would be good to pretend that I am his girlfriend to fend off women who wanted to marry him." She rolled her eyes. "As if Women who would want to marry him are either blind or stupid."

"Then are you stupid?" Lyca suddenly asked.

"Huh?"

Rue burst out into a puddle, a puddle of laughter. She stood next to Cleo and poked her temple. "She is definitely stupid."

Seeing Cleo's confused look, Lyca shrugged and started peeling shrimps for Shen Qui.

"Chu Munan said someone from the Xu will come," Rue said. "Probably that Xu Jihan. Aside from that, some businessmen from abroad decided to come to give their gifts too. They came without invitations." Rue stared at Lyca. "Obviously, they are here to build connections."

"Then they should be disappointed. We are here to eat, not talk about business." Shen Qui answered. Lyca was too busy eating and peeling shrimps. She didn't have the time to talk right now.

Their attention soon turned towards another presentation on the stage. It was another group of women wearing red sexy clothing as they danced for the crowd. "Isn't that your cousin?" Rue asked. "Mei? Tang Mei?"

"Tang Fangmei," Lyca said as she nodded in approval. Who would have thought that her cousin could dance so well? She stared at her cousin, who was only looking at her left as if

Lyca followed her cousin's gaze, and just as she expected, Xu Jihan was there drinking some wine with a few men. Lyca quickly lowered her head. It seems that she was right after all. Xu Ke was indeed here. He was standing next to Xu Jihan while staring at her, like an eagle gazing at its prey.

But then again... one would wonder. Who is the eagle? And who is the prey?

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Lyca continued eating before she sighed.

Looking at her empty plate, she realized one crucial thing. Why does cooking take a few hours, five or even eight hours but eating only takes about three seconds?

This

Isn't this unfair? She lifted her head, and before she could say anything, Shen Qui already smiled at her. "Let me get you another plate." He leaned and kissed her greasy red lips before leaving.

Lyca responded with a smile so big, it surprised Cleo and Rue. "The best people are the ones who knew when you get hungry and what you want to eat," Lyca stated as she nodded. Her choice to marry Shen Qui was something that she would never regret. It was really fate! "You should find people like that."

The two just eyed each other and rolled their eyes almost at the same time.

What kind of dog food is this? Clearly, they are single and aren't looking for partners. They can clearly feed themselves and don't need anyone else to do that for them.

"When it comes to husband, you should definitely pick someone good-looking. Don't mind the food." Almost immediately, Lyca's opinion changed.

"Hey stop staring at your husband's ass!" Rue reprimanded. What an embarrassment.

"Oh? It was that obvious?" Lyca asked and peeled her gaze away from Shen Qui's body.

"You were drooling. Jesus" Cleo added. "Have some wine" she handed Lyca a wine glass. "We should act like proper human beings here. Your grandfather is apparently a well-known General. You didn't even tell me that you have this kind of background. It is intimidating."

"What was so intimidating about that?" Rue chimed in.

"Well? It was the fact that she came from a military family."

Rue snickered. Lyca came from a military family, but her primary source of income was supplying weapons to the military's enemies. Isn't that ironic? "I hated people with authority," Rue added. Her childhood was pretty bad. Some of it was caused by people who had the authority to imprison her and her brother.

"Someone's coming our way," Rue said as she lowered her gaze.

"Ladies." Xu Ke had a slight smile on his face. He was holding two glasses of champagne and put one of them in front of Lyca. "Let me introduce myself. I am Ken Dr. Ken Xu from the Xu Family."

"Oh. Cleo go and escort Dr. Xu I think he didn't know that it was actually my grandfather's birthday and not mine. He is lost. Bring him to grandfather for some formalities."

"Miss Lyca is really too harsh," Xu Ke chuckled. He ignored Cleo and Rue's gaze and just focused on Lyca. "I am not lost. I came here to offer a toast. I already talk to Mr. Shen, and he promised something to me. I figured I needed to meet the woman behind such an outstanding man. After all, behind every strong king is an even stronger queen."

Lyca faked a smile.

"Mr. Xu"

Luckily Shen Qui arrived on time. He placed the food in front of Lyca.

"Mr. Shen Good Evening." Xu Ke said.

"Mr. Xu this is Mr. Tang's birthday. I hope we refrain from talking about business and focus on the celebrant instead." Without any hesitation, Shen Qui immediately informed him that talking about business would never happen tonight.

"Oh please I completely understand that. No need to worry, I am just here to give Old Man Tang a gift." All this time, the smile on Xu Ke's face didn't disappear. He shamelessly stood next to Lyca as Lyca just ignored him and started eating. Shen Qui and the others on the table began ignoring him too.

It was an awkward moment before Xu Jihan finally arrived to join them. Lyca was confident that Shen Qui would always be there tonight to chase this Xu Ke away. But this confidence vanished when her cousin Tang Jinyi suddenly arrived, wanting to pull Shen Qui towards the house to play chess.

Lyca glared at Tang Jinyi. Her hand held Shen Qui's arms tightly. "Cousin as you can see, we are busy. Why don't you go and entertain some of your friends instead? Tonight is grandfather's birthday. You should have fun with your visitors." Lyca said. She didn't miss the surprise on Tang Jinyi's face.

"You "Actually, this was the first time that Lyca spoke like this to him. No, this was the first time that she spoke more than two sentences to him! "Well then how about we all go inside. I will ask the maids to bring us food then we can play chess? I mean" Tang Jinyi leaned closer. "This place is crawling with older people. It's pretty boring."

With the temptation of a more comfortable area to eat, Lyca immediately agreed. All this time, she acted like a clingy wife, always holding her husband's hands or arms something that irritated Xu Ke.

Speaking of Xu Ke, he had been trying to act friendly to everyone, but it seemed that everyone in this group was deaf. They just continued ignoring him and Xu Jihan like they couldn't see them. Almost immediately, his mood changed, and he decided to leave them for the time being. Unlike him, Xu Jihan chose to stick with Lyca and the group.

This arrangement wasn't planned ahead, and Xu Jihan was sincerely curious about the people around Lyca. After all, you can always judge a person by the companies they keep. Plus, it was apparent that Lyca loved food, just like him. Sticking to the foodie is still better than sticking to a schemer.

"Ah, a few of my friends are already here. Everyone I want you to meet Miss Shen Jiao. Everyone can call her Jiaojiao. She is a good friend of mine. This is well I think you already know Mr. Chu Nan and Mr. Chu Munan, and this is Mr. Xu Xu Jihan. Oh... My cousin Tang Fangmei will also join us."

"Cousin Jinyi you wanted to play chess, but there are a lot of us. Why don't we play a card game instead?" Tang Fangmei side-eyed Xu Jihan. Seeing that he briefly looked at her, she instantly blushed and lowered her head.