

Little Brat's 1231

Chapter 1231 Side Story 10: Very Similar

In the Capital, the autumn air was cool and the sky was clear.

A top private hospital had been booked over half a month ago, and security was quite strict.

The Gu family had already arrived in the Capital in advance and took turns to visit her every day.

In the late stage of her pregnancy, it had not been convenient for Shen Li to move around, so Lu Huaiyu had personally taken care of her and accompanied her all day.

Shen Zhijin also came every day. Sometimes, he would bring a small gift. Sometimes, he would have a meal with her. However, he did not stay for long.

However, Shen Li knew that Shen Zhijin was the same as Lu Huaiyu. He had declined all recent jobs.

This had included two extremely important international astrophysics conferences and a few large-scale projects.

He had not mentioned this to Shen Li, and behaved as if everything was as usual. However, she continued to keep in contact with Yan Qiu and the others, so it was not difficult for her to know this.

However, since he did not say anything, Shen Li did not take the initiative to ask.

As time passed, the expected date of delivery got closer and closer. She could clearly feel that Shen Zhijin seemed to have become a string that was getting more and more tense.

She had never seen Shen Zhijin so nervous before.

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September 20th was the day that Lu Suisui and Lu Guoguo were born.

Lu Suisui took the lead by five minutes and successfully took over the role of the elder brother.

The delivery room was already surrounded by people, with only Lu Huaiyu accompanying her inside.

The doctor carried the two dumplings that had been washed and wrapped, and placed them beside Shen Li.

“Congratulations, Miss Ah Li and Second Master. Mother and children are all safe.”

The doctor smiled and said, “The young master and young miss are both very beautiful!”

Shen Li turned her head to look at the two wrinkly, red little faces and fell silent for a moment.

“...”

Lu Huaiyu helped her wipe the sweat off her forehead and tidied her hair. His soft and slightly cold lips landed between her brows, and their fingers intertwined.

“Ah Li.”

He called out her name in a low voice, wanting to say something, but when the words reached his throat, he suddenly did not know how to start.

His kiss was very light, but the touch of his hand was quite strong, as if he wanted to merge her into his bones and blood.

It was as if... he was afraid of losing her.

She did not know if it was an illusion, but she felt that his hand was particularly cold.

She lifted her head slightly and kissed him.

The warmth spread to his whole body, and he finally came back to his senses. He turned his head to look at the two little bundles.

After staring at them for a few seconds, he chuckled and said, "They are very beautiful."

Shen Li looked dubious.

As if he could read her mind, Lu Huaiyu smiled and said, "I'm sure everyone will think so. The minority is subordinate to the majority."

Shen Li looked at the two little bundles again, before gently tapping their faces with her finger.

"They're so soft."

She had finally found a suitable evaluation.

After being touched by her, the two little bundles actually opened their eyes in a daze and looked over in confusion.

Shen Li blinked her eyes, as she felt as if her heart had been jabbed by something.

Lu Huaiyu's thin lips curled up slightly.

"Now, do you think they're beautiful?"

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The door to the delivery room was finally opened.

All the people waiting outside immediately gathered around.

“Ah Li?”

“Ah Li, are you tired?”

“Ah Li—”

The doctor who was instantly blocked was also stunned by the situation and quickly said, “Don’t worry, Miss Ah Li is in good health. Both brother and sister are also very healthy.”

It was only when she spoke that everyone remembered that there were two other little ones.

“Brother and sister?”

Looking at Shen Li, who was already surrounded, and being bombarded by all kinds of inquiries, even the doctor began to feel a headache coming on

However, someone else spoke first.

“Ah Li is a little tired, let her rest first.”

The person who had spoken was Lu Huaiyu.

These words finally brought everyone back to their senses. They all stepped aside and escorted Shen Li back to the VIP ward.

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After finally settling down, Shen Li reclined on the bed.

Although she looked a little pale, she was still in good spirits.

Several pairs of eyes then fell on the two little bundles beside her.

One was pink while the other was blue.

“Ah Li, you must be tired, right? It’s good that you’re safe! It’s good that you’re safe!”

Old Master Lu hurriedly went forward, his heart almost melting.

“And Guoguo...”

Before he could touch the pink bundle, he suddenly caught a glimpse of a Tang suit.

Old Master Gu finally heaved a sigh of relief.

“Let Ah Li have a good rest first. Also, Guoguo—”

He paused.

The two of them looked at each other, and the atmosphere was delicate.

Shen Li's line of sight shifted slightly and she looked at Shen Zhijin, who was standing at the door.

Everyone was by her side, wishing they could get even closer to her.

He was the only one who had not stepped forward, choosing to watch from afar.

She called out, "Dad."

The room was silent for a moment.

Shen Zhijin raised his eyes and looked at her. On his elegant and clean face, there was a moment when he seemed to be at a loss.

His hands slowly clenched by his sides. Even his heart felt like it was being pressed down by something, making it hard for him to breathe.

Old Madam Gu looked at him, with slightly red eyes. She waved at him and said in a gentle voice, "Zhijin."

He then walked over and finally stood beside Shen Li.

"Tangtang."

He looked as if he wanted to say something, but his throat tensed up.

Shen Li's eyes curved into crescents.

"Don't worry, I'm fine. Don't you think Suisui and Guoguo look like me?"

Suisui and Guoguo.

He was stunned, and his gaze finally fell on the two little bundles. beside her.

Although they had both only just been born and had wrinkly and red faces, one could still tell the difference between the boy and the girl.

Shen Zhijin's gaze stayed on Guoguo's face for a few seconds longer.

After all, girls should be more like their mothers.

After a long while, he said in a soft voice, "I... don't know."

He had never seen Tangtang's appearance when she was born.

The first time he had seen her was at the lakeside of Xijing University.

In the past, she had been an untouchable blank to him.

So, he did not know.

Shen Li was stunned for a moment.

Old Madam Gu laughed for a while before she smiled and said, "How can it not be so?"

Suisui opened his eyes again. This time, he was looking at Shen Zhijin.

The vision of a newborn baby was very blurry, so this "look" was not a true "look", but more like a kind of perception.

He snorted a few times, but ultimately, seemed to have disturbed Guoguo, who was beside him.

“Waa-!”

Guoguo started crying.

Shen Zhijin’s heart tightened and he immediately reached out to hug her.

At that moment, Guoguo suddenly stretched out her small hand and unconsciously grabbed his finger. After that, the sound of her crying gradually became softer.

Shen Zhijin’s eyelid drooped slightly. He stopped moving for a while before he gently tucked her in.

Only then did Guoguo obediently close her eyes.

Seeing that there was no possibility of him holding Guoguo, Lu Zheng said, “Huaiyu, let’s not disturb Guoguo. Let’s take a look at Suisui.”

Lu Huaiyu replied with an “hmm” and went to carry the other blue bundle that was snuggling up to Shen Li.

Sensing something, Lu Suisui finally looked over and made eye contact with his father.

A moment later.

“Waa-!”

Chapter 1232 Side Story11: Suisui and Guoguo

The feud between Lu Suisui and his father had been formed.

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Xijing University's affiliated kindergarten.

Today was the first day of school for the little children. In the classroom, all the little ones were crying.

"Boohooohoo! I want my mother!"

"Mother! Daddy! I want to go home... Boohooohoo!"

"I don't want to stay here! I want to go to the toilet!"

Just as the teachers managed to comfort one when another one started crying again, almost in a flurry.

A young female teacher who was new to the school felt like bursting into tears herself. She was helping a child wipe his tears while comforting another child.

"I'll take you there immediately!"

The sound of crying echoed throughout the classroom.

She looked at the other teacher beside her in despair.

"Teacher Su..."

Teacher Su coaxed the two children who were in her arms and gave them a comforting look.

"Xiao Li, the first day is always like this. It'll get better after a long time..."

Just then, the classroom suddenly fell silent.

All the children looked at the door at the same time and forgot to cry.

Teacher Su and the others were stunned. They turned around as well and saw a teacher standing at the door with two children.

The moment they spotted the two children, Teacher Su and the others knew why the other little children had such a reaction.

Both of these children were too beautiful!

The one on the left was a boy. He was wearing a formal white shirt and black pants. He had black hair and eyes, and his facial features were exquisite. At such a young age, he exuded an inexplicable cold and noble aura.

The one on the right was a girl. She was wearing a red dress with a baby collar and a crystal hairpin on her head. She was fair and delicate, and her round, black eyes were as bright as black grapes.

“Teacher Su, these two are new to our class.”

The boy on the left looked at Teacher Su and quickly determined that she was their teacher.

“Hello, Teacher Su.”

The tone of his voice was slightly cold, but because of the childish tone, it made it seem even more soft and cute.

Teacher Su’s heart instantly softened.

So, so cute!

The little girl on the right immediately followed and called out, "Good day, Teacher Su!"

Her round eyes curved like crescents, and when she smiled, there were faint dimples at the corners of her lips.

Teacher Su heard the sound of her rationality collapsing.

Ohhhhhh!

Cute was no longer enough to describe them!

Teacher Su quickly waved her hand.

"Quickly, come in! Hurry and come in!"

Upon hearing this, the boy on the left walked in while holding the hand of the girl on the right.

He looked around.

"Teacher Su, may I know where our seats are?"

All the teachers were shocked.

On the first day of kindergarten, this kid did not cry or throw a tantrum, and he was so self-aware and self-disciplined!

He even took the initiative to ask for his seat!

What kind of divine baby was this?

Teacher Su immediately pointed to the right.

“This way, this way!”

“Thank you, Teacher Su.”

The little boy thanked her politely, then pulled the little girl over.

He pulled the small chair out and helped the little girl remove her schoolbag, which was then placed beside her.

“Guoguo, please take a seat.”

The little girl smiled at him.

“Thank you, brother!”

The little boy’s lips curved up slightly before he then sat down next to her.

The little girl patted her chest and leaned over. She lowered her voice and said with a relieved expression, “Fortunately, we were not late! It’s the first day of kindergarten!”

In the morning, the family members had different opinions on who should send them to school. They argued for a long time.

“Daddy is the best!” The little girl’s face was full of admiration as she spoke. “If it wasn’t for Daddy carrying Brother into the car, we would have been late!”

The little boy who was in the middle of unzipping his bag suddenly stopped.

He endured the memory as he recalled the scene of him being ruthlessly carried into the car. Considering that his mother and sister also got into the car later, he reluctantly nodded.

“Yes.”

He felt that his father must have wanted to do this for a long time.

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The appearance of these two children had obviously caused a huge impact on the teachers and the other little children in the classroom.

A little boy with tears all over his face quickly turned around to wipe his tears.

The little girl who had been hugging Teacher Li’s leg and crying to go home, now also quietly let go.

Teacher Su was so excited that her eyes were filled with tears.

Having been in the industry for so many years, this was the first time she had experienced such a quiet first day of school!

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“Please... May I know your name?”

Lu Suisui took out the book he had borrowed from his grandfather. He had only flipped through a few pages when he heard someone come over.

He raised his head and saw a little boy standing in front of Lu Guoguo's table. He was looking at her with a shy and curious expression. Because he was nervous, he was stammering as he spoke.

Lu Guoguo smiled and said, "I'm Lu Qingchu!"

The little boy blushed.

"H-Hello! I'm Ye Ziming! Can we be friends?"

Lu Guoguo nodded generously.

"Sure!"

The little boy's face turned even redder, "That's great! I..."

Before he could finish his sentence, he suddenly felt someone's gaze on him.

He turned his head subconsciously and was met with a pair of dark, clear, and cold eyes.

Children were always very perceptive to danger.

Thus, he quieted down almost immediately.

There were a few other boys who had also been planning to step forward, but when they sensed that the atmosphere was not right, they also became hesitant.

After a long while, another girl walked over and gathered her courage to ask, "Are you both... siblings?"

Before Lu Guoguo could say anything, Lu Suisui spoke first.

He said indifferently, "I'm Guoguo's brother, Lu Qianhe."

"Guoguo?" The other boy had a strange look on his face. "Didn't you just say that her name is Lu Qingchu?"

Lu Suisui said, "Guoguo is a nickname that only our family members can call."

Lu Guoguo blinked and gently tugged her brother's hand under the table as if to say, 'It's the first day of school! Please get along well with your classmates!'

Only then did Lu Suisui restrain his aura. He turned to look at her before adding, "I'll have to trouble everyone to take care of me in the future."

The inexplicable oppressive aura on his body dissipated, and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. The atmosphere eased greatly.

Another boy noticed the book in his hand.

"Are you reading a book? I really like to read too! What are you reading— Huh? What is this?"

He could not understand the words on it.

Lu Guoguo wanted to help her brother build a good relationship with everyone so when she heard this, she immediately explained very enthusiastically, "This is the German version of "Cosmic Ray Physics"! It's very interesting! I like it too! If you want to have a look, I can ask my brother to lend it to you!"

The group of children quieted down in unison, their faces blank.

What?

Finally, a little girl said, “This... actually I like dolls... more.”

Lu Qingchu’s eyes brightened.

“Me too! My brother and I both have—”

“Lu Guoguo.”

Lu Suisui lowered his voice and glanced at her with a warning look.

Lu Guoguo quickly covered her mouth.

Ah, she had forgotten that although her big brother also had a full set of dolls, he did not seem to like them very much.

She coughed lightly and took out a small turntable from her bag and placed it on the table.

By this point, almost all the children in the class had gathered around. Seeing this scene, someone couldn’t help but ask, “Lu Qingchu, what kind of toy is this? It looks fun!”

Lu Guoguo placed the wheel down and stared at it attentively. She chuckled and explained, “It’s nothing! I just wanted to see who would pick me and my brother up from school today!”

She was very familiar with this.

Chapter 1233 Side Story 12: Come Pick Up the Child

The turntable was very exquisitely made and was divided into several segments. There was a silver needle in the middle.

The surrounding children all gathered around curiously.

Lu Guoguo extended her fair little finger.

Tada-

The needle began to spin!

The children around them were all curious.

“Lu Qingchu, do you have a lot of people in your family? Why do you need to use this?”

Lu Qingchu nodded and counted with her fingers.

“Yup! Mom and Dad, Grandpa and Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Fengmian, Uncle Siyang... This way it’s fair!”

This was not the end!

As she spouted out this long string of words, the children could not quite follow it, but they understood the general meaning.

Ye Ziming nodded seriously.

“So it’s like this! Lu Qingchu, you’re so smart!”

The group of children echoed his sentiments.

Lu Suisui glanced at Lu Guoguo indifferently, as if he did not care where the needle was pointing.

The needle's speed gradually slowed.

Lu Guoguo held her two small hands together, her small face full of curiosity and anticipation.

"Who is it?"

Everyone was moved by her emotions, and several small heads gathered together, looking at her eagerly.

Finally, the needle slowly stopped and pointed to a grid.

— Uncle Siyang.

The children all asked impatiently, "Who is this?"

Most of them did not really recognize these words.

Seeing this, Lu Guoguo did not immediately answer their questions. Instead, she stretched out her little finger and moved the needle to the side.

— Grandpa.

"Alright, it's settled!"

Lu Guoguo happily raised the wheel and proudly showed it to everyone. She raised her little face, and her big black grape-like eyes curved into crescents.

"Grandpa will be here to pick us up today!"

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The classroom was silent for a moment.

All the children were dumbfounded.

Only Lu Suisui, who seemed to be used to this, calmly turned a page of the book on the table.

Lu Guoguo looked over happily.

“Big Brother! We can go to Grandpa’s house today!”

Lu Suisui pondered for a while and touched her head. He smiled.

“It just so happens that I have some questions to ask our grandfather. Guoguo’s luck is really good.”

“Exactly!”

Lu Guoguo happily put away the turntable and planned to call her grandfather later.

“L-Lu Qingchu...” stammered Ye Ziming. What had happened in front of them had been so unexpected that no one had been able to react.

No one had expected Lu Qingchu to do this.

“You, didn’t you say that the wheel was used for fairness? B-but you...”

So many pairs of eyes had been watching!

Why had she moved the needle over?

“What?”

Lu Qingchu blinked.

“Yes! The names of Uncle Siyang and all the others are all on it! And every grid on the wheel is the same size. Isn’t that fair?”

Ye Ziming was at a loss.

The surrounding children were also at a loss.

Lu Suisui turned another page of his book.

Very good. It seemed that Guoguo’s statistics and probability were quite good.

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At the Fino Laboratory.

Shen Li wore a white lab coat and stood in front of three large computer screens. Behind her stood a few researchers who were also wearing lab coats.

Among them, Shen Li was the youngest, but she had the highest title and the most experience.

A picture of a star cluster was displayed on the leftmost screen, while the two screens on the right displayed data and calculations.

Her eyes lingered on the screen on the far right for a few seconds, then she took out a pen from her left chest and tapped on a certain spot.

“There’s an error in the calculation here.”

The few people behind him quickly followed and looked over.

A mistake?

They had not even finished reading the data, how could she have spotted the error?

However, no one dared to question Shen Li’s professionalism.

She was now the head of the Fino Laboratory Branch in the Capital.

It was an extremely rare opportunity for her to personally lead and guide them.

“Adjust the parameters, measure, and calculate again.”

Shen Li’s voice was cold and calm, as her long, white fingers tapped on the keyboard a few times.

For a moment, there was only the sound of the supercomputer running and her tapping on the keyboard in the laboratory.

After a while, she put the pen back to her left chest and looked at the time. It was already three in the afternoon.

“Alright, that’s all for today.”

As she spoke, she walked out, as if she was about to leave.

Since Shen Li had multiple roles now, she did not spend too much time in the laboratory, and everyone was used to it.

“Oh, that’s right.”

She took a few steps and suddenly thought of something.

“Please cancel the meeting that was originally scheduled for this afternoon and change it to tomorrow morning.”

The others were stunned.

Shen Li paused and added, “Professor Shen has other plans this afternoon.”

Naturally, Professor Shen Shen Zhijin.

He was an extremely important person in this meeting. If he could not make it, naturally, it would be postponed.

The others immediately nodded.

“Yes.”

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Shen Li changed her clothes and walked out of the laboratory.

A black car was already waiting outside the door.

A man in a black shirt leaned against the car door, looking cold, abstinent, noble, and lazy.

When he heard the sound of footsteps, he looked up, his dark eyes deep and dark.

Shen Li walked over and stood in front of him.

“I was held up by something. Second Brother, have you been waiting for a long time?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled and opened the car door for her.

“I just arrived.”

Shen Li did not really believe that.

She sat in the front passenger seat.

Lu Huaiyu had one hand on the car door. He could tell what she was thinking from her expression.

He bent over slightly.

“Ah Li.”

She raised her head.

He laughed in a low voice.

“You have to be patient when you come to pick up a child.”

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On the first day of school, a miraculous scene appeared at the affiliated kindergarten of Xijing University.

It was supposed to be a chaotic scene, but because of the appearance of the two new children, all the children in the park became exceptionally quiet and well-behaved.

Lu Suisui and Lu Guoguo held hands and stood together in the first row.

Originally, they had stood in the middle, but the children in front of them kept looking back, causing the line to become out of shape.

In the end, the only thing Teacher Su could do was allow the two of them to stand together at the front.

Everyone could not help but look at the two little dumplings that looked as if they had been carved from jade.

Lu Guoguo kept looking out of the door until she saw a familiar tall figure. She immediately waved her little hand.

“Grandpa! Grandpa! We’re here!”

There were many parents who had arrived early outside the gate. When they heard this, they all turned around subconsciously.

“Vice-Principal Shen?”

“Is that... Shen Zhijin? So those two little dumplings are from their family?”

“You don’t say... Those two children really do have some resemblance to him.”

Many people greeted him warmly.

Shen Zhijin nodded gently and returned the greeting politely in his usual distant and cold manner.

When he arrived at the door and saw the two little ones, his brows relaxed and he revealed a gentle smile that he rarely showed to ordinary people.

Lu Guoguo ran over with her short legs and threw herself into his arms.

“Grandpa!”

Shen Zhijin picked up the soft and fragrant bundle and looked at Lu Suisui.

Lu Suisui was very reserved. He walked over step by step, grabbed his hand, and looked up.

“Grandpa.”

He was a big boy now. He did not need to be carried. He could walk on his own.

Shen Zhijin understood and held his hand as they walked.

“Guoguo, Suisui, was kindergarten fun?”

Lu Guoguo wrapped her arms around Shen Zhijin’s neck.

“Fun! But my brother and I really missed Grandpa! I was lucky today, and the wheel went to Grandpa!”

Lu Suisui nodded seriously.

“Yeah.”

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At Jinshui No. 1 Courtyard.

Gu Siyang looked at his row of supercars that were already covered in a layer of dust and scratched his head in frustration.

“So many times! Why isn’t it my turn yet?!”

Chapter 1234 Side Story 13: A Kind Father and a Filial Son

In the evening, the warm sunlight passed through the lush leaves, casting mottled light spots on the ground.

As a gentle breeze blew past, the light and shadow intertwined, causing the leaves to rustle.

In the study room, two small figures were sitting opposite each other on both sides of the desk.

Lu Suisui was still reading the book he had brought to the kindergarten that day. He had almost finished it.

Lu Guoguo sat opposite him, swinging her two short, fair-skinned legs. She tilted her head as held a pen, drawing on the book that was spread open.

After a few strokes, a cute pony appeared in the blank bottom of the page.

She waved at Lu Suisui, “Brother! Quickly look! Is my Black Snow pretty?”

Black Snow was a miniature pony that Gu Tinglan had given her. It was snow-white all over except for its black hooves. It was very beautiful.

Lu Suisui also had a horse called Flying Feather. It was black all over, except for the snow-white spot between its eyebrows.

It was being kept in Hong Kong City.

He moved forward to look and said, "It's nice."

Lu Guoguo happily raised her brush.

"Then I'll draw Flying Feather too!"

As she drew, she muttered in a childish voice, "Brother, we haven't gone back to see them in a long time!"

Lu Suisui nodded.

"Three days is a long time."

They had only just returned from Hong Kong three days ago.

"Ah."

Lu Guoguo sighed and counted with her fingers.

"One, two, three... We still have twenty-five days before we can see them again!"

Lu Suisui was stunned.

“What?”

“That’s right. Twenty-five days!” Lu Guoguo said seriously, “I heard Dad say that he’ll take us back to Hong Kong City during the National Day holiday!

Her face was full of anticipation.

“And Dad said that we can stay there for a whole week! I also miss my great-grandmother and the others!”

“A week?”

Lu Suisui’s dark eyes were calm as he raised his eyebrows slowly.

After a while, he suddenly laughed.

“That is a long time.”

Knock, knock.

Shen Zhijin knocked on the door.

“Suisui, Guoguo, it’s time to eat.”

“We’re coming!”

Lu Guoguo happily responded.

Shen Zhijin went over and picked her up. Lu Suisui had just finished the last page and closed the book. He walked to the side and rose up on his toes to put the book back on the shelf.

“Grandfather, I’ve finished reading this book.”

Shen Zhijin gently nodded.

In order to make it more convenient for the two of them to come over and read, he had specially rearranged the books on the shelf and placed the books they wanted to read the most in the bottom two rows so that they could pick them up by themselves.

They were changed around every once in a while.

Shen Zhijin led them to the dining room.

Just as he sat down, his phone rang.

He handed Lu Guoguo a small pair of chopsticks before picking up his phone to take a look.

It was Gu Siyang.

Lu Guoguo picked up a piece of meat with her pink chopsticks and placed it in Shen Zhijin’s bowl.

“Grandpa! This is delicious!”

Shen Zhijin’s lips curved slightly.

“It’s your Uncle Siyang calling. I’ll answer it.”

“Ah? Oh! Alright!”

Lu Guoguo picked up a second piece of meat and gave it to Lu Suisui.

“Big Brother!”

“Thank you, Guoguo.”

Shen Zhijin answered the call. After a moment, he looked at Lu Guoguo, who was trying hard to put the third piece of meat into her bowl.

“Guoguo, your Uncle Siyang is looking for you.”

Thud.

The grip of Lu Guoguo’s small hand loosened, and the piece of meat fell.

Fortunately, it had fallen into the bowl. Lu Guoguo patted her small chest and heaved a long sigh of relief.

Shen Zhijin placed the phone next to her and turned on the speaker.

“Guoguo?”

Gu Siyang’s voice was heard, Lu Guoguo called out, “Uncle Siyang! I miss you so much!”

Gu Siyang’s heart softened.

“Guoguo! Uncle misses you too!”

If it was not for his bad luck, he would have been the one to eat with Guoguo today!

“Guoguo, have you eaten? I discovered a very good restaurant recently. If you haven’t eaten, I’ll go pick you up—”

Lu Guoguo looked at the meat in her bowl and nodded.

“I’m eating! In fact, I’m almost done!”

Gu Siyang’s voice stopped abruptly and tears began streaming down his face.

Why was he still too late?

Seeming to have sensed something, Lu Guoguo asked curiously, “Uncle Siyang, is the restaurant you mentioned really good? Why don’t my brother and I go over to eat with you later?”

Gu Siyang’s cold heart finally warmed up.

Her words wrapped around his heart just like a little cotton jacket!

She had already eaten, but in order to keep him company, she still wanted to eat together with him.

His eyes were filled with tears.

“No need, no need! We can wait for another day!”

Lu Guoguo replied in a crisp voice, “Alright!”

Gu Siyang’s mood improved a lot after hearing that little voice call him uncle a few times. He then made an appointment with Lu Guoguo to have dinner this Sunday.

Lu Guoguo did not forget to give him a loud kiss over the phone.

Gu Siyang was very pleased. He felt that although he had not been able to pick anyone up today, it was not too bad to be able to receive a kiss!

He then ended the call reluctantly.

Shen Zhijin put away his phone.

Lu Guoguo raised her small chopsticks again.

“Ah, I’m hungry! Grandpa, Brother, I’m going to start eating!”

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After dinner, the siblings played for a while. It was only when the sky turned dark that Lu Huaiyu and Shen Li came to pick them up.

On the way back, Lu Huaiyu drove the car while Shen Li sat in the back. The siblings sat on either side of her.

“How did you feel about your first day in kindergarten?”

Shen Li asked.

Lu Guoguo’s eyes lit up.

“Fun!”

She continued to ramble.

Lu Suisui was a man of few words, as always. He only glanced at his father in the rearview mirror a few times.

Lu Huaiyu's brows raised slightly.

"Suisui?"

Lu Suisui looked away and turned to Shen Li.

"Mom, it's kindergarten. It's good."

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When they got home, it was already past eight o'clock by the time the siblings finished washing up.

When the two of them got into bed, Shen Li asked, "Can you sleep by yourself?"

Today was their first day in kindergarten and their first day of sleeping on their own.

It could be considered a small sign of growth.

Lu Guoguo clenched her small fists. "Dad, Mom, don't worry. I can do it!"

Lu Suisui did not say anything.

However, this was the way his personality had always been, so Shen Li did not pay much attention to it. She tucked them in and left.

Lu Huaiyu held her hand, turned off the lights, and closed the door.

Click.

Lu Guoguo closed her eyes and prepared to sleep.

However, after a while, she heard Lu Suisui's voice.

"Guoguo."

Lu Guoguo drowsily opened her eyes.

"Brother? What's wrong?"

Lu Suisui looked over and asked, "Can you sleep without your mother?"

Lu Guoguo was stunned.

"... I should be able to..."

She had almost fallen asleep just now!

"No," he said.

Lu Suisui rolled out of bed.

"You can't."

...

As soon as she returned to the bedroom, Shen Li felt a tight grip on her waist and a cool kiss landed on the back of her ear.

His hot breath fell on her delicate neck.

Her body shivered slightly from the heat and she shrank into his arms. She gritted her teeth.

“Lu Huaiyu! In the afternoon, you...”

Why was he still doing this?

“Afternoon is afternoon, night is night.”

Lu Huaiyu chuckled and cupped her chin with one hand, forcing her to turn around so that he could kiss the corner of her lips.

His body was boiling hot, and his breathing was much heavier.

His slightly calloused hand slid under her clothes and rubbed against her white and tender skin.

There was a slightly bemused look in her eyes.

Knock, knock!

There was a sudden knock on the door.

Lu Huaiyu’s movements paused, and so did Shen Li.

“Dad! Mother!”

Lu Suisui’s voice could be heard clearly from outside.

Dead silence.

Shen Li pulled Lu Huaiyu’s hand out.

Lu Huaiyu closed his eyes.

“I’ll open the door.”

Creak—

When the door opened, a little dumpling was revealed to be standing outside the door, hugging a pillow.

There was a dangerous look in Lu Huaiyu’s eyes.

“Lu Suisui, what are you shouting for?”

Lu Suisui pulled Lu Guoguo over and looked up.

“Guoguo said she can’t sleep without her mother.”

Lu Guoguo was about to die from exhaustion, but she still had to cooperate with her brother so she nodded her little head.

“Dad, why did you take so long to open the door? Where’s Mom?”

As she asked, she peered into the room.

Lu Huaiyu stared at Lu Suisui and clenched his fists.

Lu Suisui met his father's eyes fearlessly.

"Guoguo wants to sleep with her mother, so I want to accompany her."

The air seemed to have frozen over.

That was, until Shen Li walked over and picked Lu Guoguo up.

"Alright, Guoguo, Suisui, come and sleep with Mommy."

Lu Guoguo snuggled under the blanket. Lu Suisui rose up on his toes and climbed into bed.

"Mom, can you sleep in the middle?"

As he spoke, he had already laid down and patted the other side of the bed. He seemed to be very considerate as he said, "Daddy, you can sleep here."

With every second that passed, the torment seemed to increase.

After an unknown period of time, Lu Huaiyu finally closed the door.

He laughed to himself.

"Lu Qianhe."

‘You’re good.’

Chapter 1235 Side Story 14: Captain Lu, Long Time No See

It was the weekend.

Longmao Building was very lively.

On the third floor, there was a high-end tea restaurant that was exquisitely decorated and had an elegant environment.

A tall man walked over with two little children.

One was being carried with one arm, while the other was holding onto his other hand.

He was dressed in an all-black casual outfit and had a baseball cap of the same color on his head.

His clothes were loose and casual, but for some reason, he still looked very tall and regal.

Even with only a view of his back, he still exuded a handsome and upright temperament.

It was obviously not his first time here. As soon as he reached the door, the staff recognized him and welcomed him warmly.

“Mr. Lu, you’re here.”

The shop assistant’s eyes swept over the faces of the two little children, and her smile deepened.

The adorable little divine babies were also here!

“Suisui, Guoguo, you guys are here too?”

Lu Guoguo’s eyes curved as she smiled.

“Yup! My brother and I just came back from the training ground with Uncle!”

She waved her little hands in excitement.

“Shooting and fighting are both fun!”

Lu Yuxiao lowered his head and glanced at Lu Suisui.

Lu Suisui was silent for a moment. He raised his hand to adjust his collar which was slightly askew.

Lu Yuxiao gently tapped on his forehead.

Of all people to offend, he had to offend his own father.

In the end, he had still been sent away.

He had been transferred back to the Capital due to work, so he spent most of his leisure time taking Lu Suisui to experience the dangers of life.

Oh, it was mainly because of his father’s ominous demeanor.

He walked in with Lu Guoguo and Lu Suisui.

Suddenly, he stopped and looked to his left.

“Mr. Lu, what are you looking at?”

Lu Yuxiao collected his thoughts and withdrew his gaze.

“It’s nothing.”

The man’s voice was deep and clear.

He sat down by the window with Suisui and Guoguo.

“Mr. Lu, will you be having the same today as before?”

Lu Yuxiao nodded, then thought of something.

“Please serve Suisui and Guoguo first. Mine will be served later.”

The waitress was momentarily stunned before she carefully asked, “Do... Do you have an appointment today?”

“Yes.”

An awkward expression appeared on the waitress’ face, but she still nodded in agreement.

“O-okay!”

She put down the menu and turned to leave.

A few of the other wait staff quickly surrounded her.

“Hey, Sister Zhao, is Young Master Lu here again today?”

“Guoguo and Suisui are also here!”

Sister Zhao raised her finger to her lips.

“Shh! Lower your voices! Are you afraid that people can’t hear you?”

She turned around and sighed.

The others were puzzled.

“Sister Zhao, what’s wrong?”

Young Master Lu and their boss were friends. He would come over whenever he was free. Although he did not come often, who would not be happy to see such a handsome man sitting there?

Therefore, every time he came, everyone’s enthusiasm for work would be very high.

Today, this was...

There was a complicated look in Sister Zhao’s eyes as she shook her head.

“Tell me... what woman would like a man who brings two children along when she’s on a blind date?”

Young Master Lu had been going on blind dates for several years, but ultimately, he would only meet them once and never follow up with another date.

It was said that the old master of the Lu family was getting very frustrated.

Even their boss would waive the bill every time he heard that Young Master Lu was here for a blind date.

However, there was still no movement from Young Master Lu's side.

This time, however, he had brought his nephew and niece along!

In what way was this suitable for a blind date?

The others shared looks with each other, with very interesting looks on their faces.

"Well, I believe the boss will order for his meal to be free again today."

"I think it's because of Young Master Lu. He's cold and emotionless. I think he probably still won't be married even after I retire..."

"You jinx! Even with this man's temperament, just his face alone would make countless women fall for him. It's not that he can't get along with anyone, he clearly just doesn't want to!"

In fact, Lu Yuxiao was dressed very discreetly today. Even so, countless eyes in the store were on him from the moment he walked in and sat down.

He received particular attention from a few young girls who blushed immediately.

Of course, when they saw Lu Guoguo being carried by him and Lu Suisui beside him, they all stopped in their tracks.

One of the wait staff snorted.

“What’s the point of thinking so much? Isn’t it enough to have such a top-notch handsome man to look at? Besides, we still have Guoguo and Suisui!”

Another nodded in agreement.

“It is! By the way, have you seen the guest at Table 7? She’s very beautiful!”

This teahouse had very high standards, and the customers who went in and out were all of high status. They saw many beautiful women on a daily basis.

However, the person at Table 7 had killed him in seconds just by sitting there.

“It looks like she’s only in her early 20’s, I think? She looks so pure and beautiful! Her temperament is especially good and gentle like water. It’s amazing! Oh, right, I even suspect that her hands are used for modeling. They’re so beautiful!”

“I think she’s here on a blind date too, but I don’t think she’s interested in that man. She’s been on the phone since she sat down, and she hasn’t stopped talking since...”

Sister Zhao looked at them and said, “Alright, alright. Are you done with your work? Why are you here gossiping about the guests? Disperse!”

...

“Miss Ji? Miss Ji?”

The man across from her called her several times before she finally came back to her senses.

For a moment, she felt that she must have gone crazy and hallucinated that man’s voice.

She came back to her senses and gave the other party a gentle and generous smile, but there was also a hint of a sincere apology in her smile.

“I’m sorry, I was just thinking about the concert tour.”

Her smile was bright and warm.

The man’s emotions that had arisen from having only heard her say three sentences to him in the span of half an hour instantly disappeared.

Miss Ji was an internationally renowned violinist. It was said that she had just returned to China and was busy with a concert tour in the country. It was understandable that she was busy!

He immediately said, “It’s okay. I know that Miss Ji has been busy recently.”

A look of relief appeared on Ji Xiru’s face. She looked at her watch again with an apologetic expression.

“Ah, I see. I have to meet with the orchestra in half an hour. I’m afraid it’s going to be a busy day.”

The man felt a little regretful, but since this was what she said, naturally, he could not stop her.

“I understand. Miss Ji’s business is important. I drove here today, so why don’t I send you there? ”

Ji Xiru smiled as she declined.

“Thank you, but there’s no need. One of my colleagues happens to be here, so I’ll go to look for her.”

Only God knew how torturous this half an hour had been for her.

However, her family had already found out about her bad habit of leaving within three minutes of her blind dates and she had been scolded for it.

In any case, today's mission could be considered complete.

It was time to wrap it up now!

With that, she got up and left.

The man's gaze swept across her face, but he still said,

"Then... Then allow me to walk Miss Ji to the door—"

This was not an easy offer to refuse.

Ji Xiru pursed her lips and smiled as she nodded.

When she passed by a dining table, she noticed two little dumpling-shaped children gathered together. They seemed to be looking at the menu very seriously.

She could not help but laugh.

Suddenly, one of the little dumplings moved to the side, as if he wanted to come down.

His short legs were unable to reach the ground, and he was about to fall!

Ji Xiru's heart clenched. She immediately stepped forward to pick up the little dumpling.

"Be careful!"

Lu Suisui was stunned.

Why had he not landed successfully this time?

Lu Guoguo was also stunned. She blinked her big black grape-like eyes and stared at Ji Xiru for a long time.

This sister is so beautiful!

But... How why had she stopped her brother?

Ji Xiru lifted Lu Suisui back to his seat and heaved a sigh of relief when she was assured that he had not fallen.

“Little kids, where are your parents?”

However, when she looked around, she did not see the adults.

She frowned slightly.

“Who brought you here? How could they abandon you and leave you here alone? This is too irresponsible!”

This was the first time Lu Guoguo and Lu Suisui had heard someone call their uncle irresponsible. They were stunned.

Lu Suisui hesitated for a moment, then pointed behind her.

“That...”

Before Ji Xiru could react, she heard a familiar deep and clear voice.

“I brought them here. Do you have any objections, Miss Ji?”

Ji Xiru’s body instantly froze!

She did not dare to turn around.

However, the man’s gaze behind her just fell on her, making her feel both cold and hot.

Lu Yuxiao had not expected to be criticized so harshly before he could even go over to get the ice cream for the two little ones.

The main thing was that it was this person.

The man next to her was stunned by what he was seeing. He glanced at Lu Yuxiao and Ji Xiru and said, “Miss Ji... do you know this gentleman?”

At this point, playing dead was no longer possible.

Ji Xiru took a deep breath and turned around as if she was ready to face a firing squad.

After not seeing him for so many years, this man looked much more mature without his combat uniform than she remembered.

He was much more indifferent and cold.

To her.

She greeted him and forced out a smile.

“Captain Lu, long time no see. I didn’t expect your children to be so big.”

Lu Yuxiao stared at her, then glanced at the man beside her.

The man’s body suddenly shuddered! That gaze was as sharp as a blade!

Lu Yuxiao chuckled.

He had always been cold and stern, and rarely smiled.

Now that he was smiling, Ji Xiru’s legs went soft from fear.

No, she was not scared.

It was because she was feeling guilty.

“It’s been a long time indeed. I didn’t expect Miss Ji’s taste...”

Lu Yuxiao suddenly paused. After awhile, he continued, “It seems that after you dumped me, life hasn’t been treating Miss Ji very well.”

Chapter 1236 Side Story 15: Zhi Jin

The end of August, Xijing University.

The end of summer in the Capital was always particularly hot. The blazing sun shone through the lush branches and leaves, scattering bright spots on the boulevard.

The notes of the chirping of the cicadas were long as if it was dragging out these days of boredom.

The air conditioner in the principal's office was blowing cold wind, covering the girl's delicate and fair skin with a layer of coldness.

Beside her, Gu Ci and the principal of Xijing University, Zhang Baitang, were having their final discussion about the Gu family's donation of a library in commemoration of Xijing University's anniversary.

The Gu family was the most eminent family in Hong Kong City, and Xijing University was one of the top universities in the country.

The donation this time would be beneficial for both parties.

They had a pleasant conversation.

Zhang Baitang stood up and stretched out his hand. He smiled and said, "Mr. Gu is devoted to education, and is both generous and benevolent. Once again, on behalf of all the teachers and students of Xijing University, I would like to thank Mr. Gu.

"Principal Zhang is too polite. I've merely tried to do my part, it's not worth mentioning."

Gu Ci shook hands with him politely.

However, he was, after all, a powerful figure in Hong Kong City who had been a part of the very rich and ostentatious society for many years. Even just by standing there, the person in charge of the Gu family still had a strong aura around him, subconsciously commanding respect from the people around him.

Zhang Baitang laughed.

"Mr. Gu, you may move to the meeting room next door for more details about the donation ceremony and the subsequent arrangements."

Gu Ci was about to nod when he suddenly thought of something. He turned to look at the girl sitting not far away.

She sat upright, looking elegant and generous, but...

She was lost in thought.

She had never been interested in such things, and she always felt sleepy listening to them.

It was already a great honor for her to have been able to persist until now.

Gu Ci laughed.

“Yin Yin.”

Gu Tingyin suddenly came back to her senses and focused her gaze. Her dark, round, and almond-shaped eyes looked over.

“Daddy?”

Gu Ci said, “I have something to discuss with your Uncle Zhang later. You may rest here for a while.”

He was giving her the chance to take a break.

“Thank you, Daddy!”

Gu Tingyin’s eyes lit up as she nodded obediently. Then, she thought of something.

“By the way, this is my first time at Xijing University. Can I go for a walk?”

Gu Ci looked at the hot weather outside and did not agree immediately.

Zhang Baitang laughed.

“If Miss Gu is interested, why don’t I get someone to show you around?”

Gu Tingyin’s eyes curved up as she smiled.

“Thank you, Uncle Zhang, but there’s no need! I can go on my own!”

Zhang Baitang was stunned.

She winked at Gu Ci as she spoke.

“Dad, may I go do some sketching?”

Gu Ci knew that she was just having fun, but he could not reject her request, so he nodded.

“Sure, but pay attention to the time.”

He then looked at Zhang Baitang with a smile.

“The first draft of the library’s design came from Yin Yin’s hands. It was for this reason that she has read a lot of information about the buildings at Xijing University. Although it’s her first time here, she’s quite familiar with this place.”

His words did not hide his love for her.

Zhang Baitang was surprised.

“I see.”

He had seen the design drafts before. They were outstanding and original.

“I was still wondering which designer had come up with that draft, but I didn’t expect it to be Miss Gu. I’ve only heard that you’re good at traditional Chinese painting, but I didn’t expect you to be so talented in architectural design as well.”

Gu Ci laughed.

“Principal Zhang, you’re too kind.”

Although he said that, it was obvious that Gu Ci enjoyed the compliment the most.

Zhang Baitang had long heard that the Gu family doted on the only pearl in the palm of their family, but seeing her today, he finally understood.

Since the semester had not started at Xijing University yet, there were not many people on campus, so Gu Ci complied with his daughter’s wishes.

“Go ahead.”

Gu Tingyin carried her drawing board.

“Thank you, Daddy!”

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The climate in the Capital was different from that in Hong Kong. Although both were hot in summer, Hong Kong City was close to the sea and was relatively humid and pleasant.

However, the end of summer in the Capital was extremely hot, without even a trace of wind.

However, the novelty of being new to the school overcame everything else. Gu Tingyin walked around the quiet campus alone, sizing up the ancient buildings that she had only seen in books and photos before. It was quite interesting.

She came to a T-junction and looked at the road sign.

“On Wenxi road, you should go left, you should go left, you should go left.”

She mumbled softly and was about to turn left.

However, at that moment, she inadvertently looked to her right. A thin and tall figure of a young man suddenly entered her sight.

She was suddenly stunned.

It was a teenager who looked no more than 17 or 18 years old. He was elegant, clean, and cold.

He had a calm expression on his face, and there was a pure youthful aura between his brows. However, for some reason, it revealed a cold and distant aura that kept people at a distance.

The shadows on the tree-lined road fell upon him, bright and dark.

It seemed as if time and space had stopped, and he was the only ink that was moving.

She had seen countless art exhibitions and painted countless paintings, but none of them could compare to this moment... this moment when she had seen this young man.

As if he had noticed something, he looked up slightly.

His eyes were as dark as ink, calm and distant.

It was at this moment that Gu Tingyin suddenly felt that even the hot sun seemed to have been covered with a layer of coldness wherever his eyes reached.

Her heart started to beat rapidly.

Then, she felt the wind brush past her ears and lift her hair.

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Shen Zhijin had just returned from Bai City today.

The Fino Laboratory was preparing to set up a branch in the Capital. As the only Chinese person, he was the most suitable person to be in charge, so he had followed his supervisor back to China.

Today, he was here to deliver some documents to Xijing University.

However, before he could reach the Physics Department, he was stopped.

“Classmate!”

The young lady’s red dress fluttered, and her wavy long hair had been lifted into an arc, as if it were drawing the shape of the wind.

She stood in front of him, her dark, round, almond-shaped eyes shining like a galaxy as she looked over at him.

“Student, did you come to report in advance?”

The sunlight fell on her smiling face, her skin was fair and clear, and the dimples at the corner of her lips were faintly visible.

It seemed to be brighter than the sun, making people’s hearts burn.

Shen Zhijin’s eyes flickered slightly. He quietly withdrew his gaze and lowered his eyes to look at the luggage in his hands.

Inside were the precious documents and experiment records from the Fino Laboratory.

His lips moved slightly, and just as he was about to speak, the young girl opposite him said warmly, “Where are you going? I’m very familiar with this place, I can take you there!”

Shen Zhijin, who had already been at Xijing University for three years, was silent for a moment.

However, this moment of silence had a different meaning to Gu Tingyin.

Was he... embarrassed?

She quickly said, “Student, you don’t have to be afraid of troubling me! Xijing University campus is very big, and you’ll get lost if you’re not careful. I have some free time now! Are you going to the dormitory?”

Shen Zhijin paused and finally said, “Physics Department.”

The young man’s voice was as cool as jade.

Gu Tingyin’s ears went soft for a moment before she quickly came back to her senses.

Physics Department?

“So you’re a freshman from the Physics Department!”

She exclaimed.

She did not know anything about Science and Engineering, so when she heard that he was from the Physics Department, she immediately admired him.

“That’s amazing!”

Shen Zhijin was at a loss for words.

He had heard similar compliments countless times since he was a child, but this was the first time that he felt so awkward and embarrassed.

Gu Tingyin quickly tried to recall the map of Xijing University and the buildings of the Physics Department in her mind.

Her red lips curved up, and her eyes were like crescent moons.

“Then, come with me!”

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“Student, why did you come to report so early? The registration office hasn’t been set up yet! But it’s good to be early. We can take advantage of the lack of people and stroll around in advance!”

“Since you study Physics, you must be very smart! Was the Physics Department’s scoreline the highest in Xijing University? Your scores must be exceptionally high!”

Everything about Xijing University is good, but the campus was extremely big. It was a 20-minute walk from here to the Physics Department.

“But the scenery here is very good! In addition to the Physics Department, there are a few other places you can go to!”

Gu Tingyin was walking side by side with him.

She realized that he did not talk much, but this was good too. Whenever he spoke, her heart would beat uncontrollably.

It seemed better to walk together quietly like this.

He did not really answer her questions much, only occasionally replying with a single syllable. However, Gu Tingyin did not really care.

How could she still have the mood to think about those things?

When they reached an intersection, Shen Zhijin lifted his long legs and was about to walk to the right.

Then, he saw Gu Tingyin turn to the left.

Shen Zhijin stopped in his tracks.

Gu Tingyin turned around with a surprised expression.

“Classmate, why aren’t you walking? We’ll reach the Physics Department soon if we follow this road!”

Shen Zhijin was stunned.

His gaze fell on her face.

She waved at him.

“Come quickly!”

A moment later, he followed her.

...

Gu Tingyin realized that Xijing University was really big.

She had not thought too much of it when she had looked at the map, but she found that walking like this was really terrible.

Moreover, there were so many roads and alleys that were connected to each other!

As she walked, she looked to both sides and could not help but mutter in her heart.

Something did not seem right.

They had been walking for more than half an hour, why had they not reached the Physics Department yet?

Afraid that Shen Zhijin would be anxious, she did not forget to comfort him.

“Um, classmate, don’t be anxious. We’re almost there... Almost there!”

Shen Zhijin paused for a moment. He looked at the thin layer of sweat on the tip of her nose and her face that was red from the sun. Finally, he replied in a low voice, “Okay.”

Gu Tingyin was even more embarrassed.

He was still dragging his suitcase along!

She really wanted to take out the map, but when she met his calm black eyes, she really could not bring herself to do it.

How embarrassing!

The two of them walked for a while.

She glanced at him and asked in a soft voice, “Hey, aren’t you tired?”

Her feet were so sore!

Shen Zhijin looked at her.

“A little.”

She quickly said, “Then, then let’s take a rest first?”

“Alright.”

Gu Tingyin heaved a sigh of relief.

She pointed to the bench beside her.

“T-then, Student, please sit!”

Shen Zhijin did not move. His gaze fell behind her.

Gu Tingyin was about to persuade him again when she suddenly heard a voice behind her.

“Senior Brother?”

Gu Tingyin turned around in confusion and saw a boy in his early twenties greeting them.

He looked pleasantly surprised and polite.

No, he was not greeting... them.

This “Senior Brother” that he was calling to...

The boy’s gaze swept across Gu Tingyin’s face, and a look of surprise flashed across his face. He then quickly looked at Shen Zhijin and teased, “Senior Zhijin, Professor Su has been waiting anxiously. He said that you were supposed to arrive at 3:30 pm, but it’s already 4 pm. This is the first time you’re late. Did you get delayed by something?”

“I couldn’t possibly study a Ph.D. overseas for a year and come back without knowing the way to my alma mater, could I?”

Gu Tingyin’s mind went blank!

Shen Zhijin’s gaze fell upon the young girl in front of him.

Her entire body stiffened, and the tips of her ears turned red.

He said, "Yeah, there was something."

After a pause, he calmly said, "I'm showing this new junior around the school."

Chapter 1237 Side Story 16: Chase

For the first time in all of her 17 years, Gu Tingyin had run away.

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"You want to go to the Xijing Academy of Fine Arts?"

Back at the hotel, Gu Ci raised his eyebrows in surprise when he heard what Gu Tingyin said.

"But didn't you already decide to go to the Bai City Royal Academy of Fine Arts? "

Gu Tingyin's talent in painting was unquestionable, and she had long received offers from several world-class art academies.

She was born in Hong Kong City and later completed her secondary school in Bai City, so she was most familiar with these two cities.

She had already decided on which academy she wanted to go to.

Gu Ci had not expected her to suddenly change her mind.

Gu Tingyin blinked.

“Yeah, but I’ve been thinking about it recently. If I want to learn Chinese painting, it’s best to do it in China! Xijing Academy of Fine Arts is the top art academy in the country, so it’s the most suitable place to go. Don’t you think so, Daddy?”

Gu Ci leaned back on the sofa and looked at her.

Gu Tingyin straightened her shoulders with a serious expression on her face.

Gu Ci suddenly said, “You changed your mind after spending just one afternoon at Xijing University?”

For a moment, Gu Tingyin felt that her thoughts had been seen through.

She coughed guiltily, “I don’t think so. I’ve actually discussed the matter of Xijing Academy of Fine Arts with my teacher before, but I didn’t have the chance to find out more about it. I came to the Capital with you this time with the intention of taking a good look around. After comparing the two, I think that Xijing Academy of Fine Arts is more suitable for me!”

A smile appeared on Gu Ci’s face.

“If I remember correctly, Xijing Academy of Fine Arts and Xijing University are not on the same campus, right? ”

After strolling around Xijing University, she had finally come to the conclusion that Xijing Academy of Fine Arts was more suitable for her?

Gu Tingyin was speechless.

She was a little anxious.

“It’s still a school! Aren’t the school mottos and school spirits the same? Since Xijing University is so good, that means that Xijing Academy of Fine Arts must be good too!”

Gu Ci did not comment.

Of course, he knew the status of Xijing University and Xijing Academy of Fine Arts. Otherwise, he would not have come here.

However—

Gu Tingyin clasped her hands together and looked at him with her bright almond-shaped eyes.

“Daddy!”

Gu Ci did not want to displease her.

He looked at her for a while, then finally smiled and nodded.

“Alright. However, your big brother and the others have been preparing a welcome banquet for you to commemorate the start of school some time ago. You should tell them about this yourself.”

The whole family thought that she was going to continue her studies in Bai City.

Now that she had suddenly changed to the Capital, it was natural that a clear explanation would have to be given.

Gu Tingyin was not worried about this problem at all.

Her eyes were bright.

“Alright!”

...

Gu Ci went left, leaving Gu Tingyin alone in the room.

She pulled out the chair and sat down in front of the desk to look at her computer again.

On the screen was the official website of Xijing University, the official website of the Fino Laboratory, and the Xijing University campus forum.

All these pages contained the same name.

– Shen Zhijin.

[At the age of 14, he received an exemption and was admitted to Xijing University. In three years, he completed his master's degree with full marks.]

[He went to Bai City at the age of 17 and became the first doctor that was jointly trained by the Physics Department of Xijing University and Fino Laboratory.]

[At the age of 18, he returned to China with his mentor and co-founded the Fino Laboratory branch in the Capital.]

Gu Tingyin muttered as she covered her face in despair.

How could she have thought that he was a freshman from Xijing University's Physics Department?!

College entrance examination results? He had not even taken the college entrance exam!

She had even volunteered to lead the way! That was his alma mater!

It was no wonder he had not answered the questions she asked him. How was he supposed to explain it?

Did he think that she had deliberately led him around?

No, probably not.

He must have noticed that this was her first time at Xijing University!

Gu Tingyin felt that the amount of shame she had felt in her entire life was less than what she had felt in this one afternoon!

She rested her chin on her hand and sighed.

She was worried.

She was really worried.

She picked up a pen and drew something on the paper.

A cute and handsome little boy in a white shirt appeared from her pen.

Even though it was in the style of a cartoon, there was a sense of distance between his eyebrows.

He was angry.

He was really angry.

How could he not have said anything?

Gu Tingyin snorted, and a little girl in a long dress appeared next to him.

The little girl carried the little boy on her shoulder.

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Although her application was late, Gu Tingyin was very talented, and several teachers at the Xijing Academy of Fine Arts were interested in her. Coupled with the library that the Gu family had donated, Gu Tingyin was finally admitted to the Xijing Academy of Fine Arts.

She had officially become Shen Zhijin's... junior.

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Xijing University, Physics Laboratory.

Shen Zhijin was wearing a white lab coat. There was a stack of experiment records by his side. The computer in front of him was running a calculation program.

Behind him stood an Associate Professor in his thirties and two Ph.D.s.

As they watched and listened to Shen Zhijin's explanation, they would nod from time to time.

Shen Zhijin was only a second-year Ph.D. student this year, but because he had spent a year at the headquarters of the Fino Laboratory in Bai City, he knew more about many things than the teachers and students in the Physics Department.

This year, he had returned to China with his supervisor to set up a branch of the laboratory. He was mainly responsible for the in-depth experimental cooperation with Xijing University.

There was indeed a gap between done by the Chinese and foreigners in their astronomy research, so he had to deal with many of them personally.

Although he was a second-ranked student, his current status in the Physics Department was far more than that.

“Hey, Zhijin, class is about to start. Shall we go?” Asked another second-degree student as he walked over.

Shen Zhijin’s gaze was still fixed on the screen. He shook his head, his expression indifferent.

The boy did not seem surprised. He smiled and said, “That’s true. It’d just be a waste of time for you to attend a foreign language class, right?”

Shen Zhijin was proficient in English and German, so it did not make a difference whether he attended the class or not.

Moreover, he had been helping out in the academy recently, so the teachers had turned a blind eye to his non-attendance.

Another male student who was reading literature looked up and laughed.

“Senior Brother Xu Zhe, I’ve never seen you so enthusiastic about a class before! Tell me, is it because of that girl who always comes to the class?”

Xu Zhe smacked him on the head and scolded him with a smile.

“What are you saying? Is your senior brother that kind of person?”

Kong Wenhan snorted.

“The news has spread throughout the school! It’s said that she’s a very beautiful new junior who always attends the classes at the Physics Department. She isn’t sitting in on the undergraduate classes, but specifically for Ph.D. classes instead. I heard that when she goes, the classroom will be filled with people, and many people even skipped class to chase after her. ”

He dragged his chair forward and asked curiously, “Tell me, what do pretty girls think about this idea? The classes in our department are so boring, yet she’s actually here? She doesn’t seem to think much about the undergraduate students. Must one have a Ph.D.?”

Xu Zhe did not like what Kong Wenhan had said.

“What are you saying? The girl said that she liked physics! What’s wrong with listening in?”

It wasn’t a problem to like physics, but wasn’t that girl just a freshman?

“Senior Brother, which department is that girl from?”

Xu Zhe picked up his backpack and walked out. He stopped in his tracks and chuckled.

“You’ll never guess, that girl... Is from the Academy of Fine Arts! She just got in this year! I have to go now, or those b*stards will take all the good seats again!”

Shen Zhijin’s brows furrowed slightly. He raised his long eyelashes slightly and his eyes were dark.

“Who is she?”

Chapter 1238 Side Story 17: Don’t Come Again in the Future

In the lecture hall of the multi-purpose complex.

There were still a few minutes before class started, but the classroom was almost full.

This class was a foreign language class, which was a public class. Ph.D. students from various specializations attended this class together, so there were about 100 people in the class.

However, the number of students in the classroom had clearly far exceeded this number.

Boys made up the majority.

Their gazes were all directed at the girl sitting in the last row of the classroom.

She was wearing a long white dress with a few red camellia petals embroidered on the hem of the dress. It was as if the leaves and flowers were being blown by the wind and they were floating on her skirt.

Her waist-long hair was soft and black, and the ends of her hair were slightly curled. When she walked, it seemed to look like an attractive arc.

The skin on her palm-sized face was fair and clear. Her eyebrows were delicate, her nose bridge was high, and her chin was sharp.

Her pair of round, dark, almond-shaped eyes, long, thick, and curly eyelashes were especially captivating. If anyone were to look over at her, her eyes seemed to be like a clear pool of dazzling stars in the sky.

Because of her presence, the entire classroom was quieter than usual.

In the silence, there was a surge of young impatience and tension.

Some people were born to be the focus of attention, just like her.

Even just by sitting there quietly, she exuded an invisible aura that made people's hearts beat faster.

She was beautiful, clean, and regal.

The girls in the Academy of Fine Arts were famous for their beauty, but she was even more so.

On the first day of school, she had already been privately selected as the new campus belle.

No one would have thought that the school belle would actually be interested in physics and liked to sit in on the Ph.D. level classes.

Perhaps it was because she was so beautiful and exuded an air of nobility from head to toe. Thus, although there were many people who liked her, there were very few who actually dared to pursue her.

However, this still did not stop a large number of boys from coming.

She was such a beautiful girl that it was good to take a second look!

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Gu Tingyin sat at the end of the last row. She took out a thick book from her bag and placed it on the table. She also held a pen in her hand.

She had long been accustomed to the looks that were directed at her and did not take them to heart.

At this moment, there was only one thing on her mind- he wouldn't be absent from today's class, would he?

Sigh.

She lazily rested her chin on her hand and sighed.

Shen Zhijin was an influential figure at Xijing University, so it had not been difficult to find out his class schedule.

However—

Who would have known that he would always skip class?

From Monday to Thursday, she would come all the way from the Xijing Academy of Fine Arts to this place. She had waited here several times, but she had failed to see him every single time.

Not even his shadow could be seen!

Just then, a slightly nervous and eager male voice came from the side.

“Classmate?”

She turned around.

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“Zhijin, this must be the first class you’re attending this semester, right? Professor Li’s jaw will probably drop when he sees it.”

Xu Zhe and Shen Zhijin walked side by side toward the classroom.

“Tsk, I guess the students in the class have the same reaction.”

Many people knew that Shen Zhijin was meant to be attending this class, but even more people knew that he would usually not attend it.

Prodigies always had special privileges.

Even Xu Zhe, who was close to him, thought he was hallucinating when he had seen him take off his lab coat and say that he was going to class.

Shen Zhijin's expression was indifferent.

Xu Zhe lowered his voice and teased, "But it's a good thing that you decided to come here at the last minute. Otherwise, there wouldn't be any space left in our classroom."

There were too many girls who had a crush on Shen Zhijin at Xijing University.

Usually, the classes he attended would be very lively.

Most of them were girls who would come to see him.

He had only been 14 years old when he first got into Xijing University. It had not been obvious at that time, but in his final year at Xijing University, he had truly been worthy of being called the school hunk. His name was all over the confession wall.

Not to mention that his return this year had caused quite a stir in the school.

This was another very important reason why Shen Zhijin was unwilling to go to class.

He only seemed to be interested in physics.

If it were any other boy, they would at least be happy and enjoy being pursued like this.

But Shen Zhijin was different.

He was truly not interested.

Xu Zhe had once seen the belle of the Foreign Language Department personally approach Shen Zhijin to confess her admiration to him. In the end, Shen Zhijin had only said one sentence with a calm expression.

“I’m sorry, I’m in a hurry.”

He had also chosen to say it halfway through her confession.

Xu Zhe watched as the department belle’s face turned from red to pale. In the end, she had turned around and run away as she held back her tears.

This scene had left a deep psychological shadow in Xu Zhe’s heart.

That was because Shen Zhijin had been in a hurry to go to the laboratory to read up on some literature.

As the two of them conversed, they arrived at the front door of the classroom.

The moment Shen Zhijin stepped into the classroom, the entire classroom fell silent. The air seemed to have frozen.

The expressions on everyone’s faces were particularly interesting.

“F*ck! Are my eyes playing tricks on me? Am I actually seeing Shen Zhijin come to class?”

“I’m one of the people who are seeing things! I’m seeing it too!”

“What day is it today? Is the prodigy lowering his status like this?”

Xu Zhe tutted.

“I told you, if you came, they’d definitely— Hey, what are you looking at?”

Xu Zhe followed Shen Zhijin’s line of sight and saw that the girl who always came to the class was here again.

He was overjoyed and elbowed Shen Zhijin.

“See that? That one, isn’t she beautiful? Wow, I’m early enough, yet how come someone else got here first?”

A tall and thin boy was standing beside the girl, looking reserved and shy.

As long as one was not blind, one could tell what he was up to.

Shen Zhijin walked forward.

Xu Zhe was stunned.

“Hey, Zhijin, there’s still a seat in front. Wait for me!”

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“Student, is there anyone sitting next to you?”

Gu Tingyin turned around. When the boy saw her face, he became even more nervous.

In the past few days, she had been sitting in the corner of the last row.

At first, when everyone asked, she always said that there was someone beside her.

However, after a few times, not a single person had sat there.

This was obviously an excuse.

Gu Tingyin returned an apologetic smile.

“I’m sorry, there’s someone beside me.”

The boy was determined to pursue her this time, so he said, “Hey, it’s almost time for class. Your friend isn’t here yet. Is he not coming?”

Gu Tingyin was at a loss for words.

Based on her previous experiences, it seemed like he really would not come.

But—

Suddenly, her eyes lit up and she waved at the figure behind the boy.

“Classmate!”

Perhaps it was because she did not try to hide the happiness in her voice, but everyone looked over.

When they realized that the person she was calling out to was Shen Zhijin, everyone immediately looked even more interested.

Shen Zhijin stopped in his tracks and looked over with a calm expression.

Gu Tingyin quickly said, "I helped you reserve a seat! Hurry up and come!"

As she spoke, she smiled at the tall, thin boy who was already stunned.

"My friend is here!"

The boy looked at Shen Zhijin in disbelief. He had never expected that the person she was talking about was... this person?!

Looking at each other for a moment, for some reason, he felt guilty.

It was really not good to provoke this great god!

He quickly retreated.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I didn't know it was you—"

He paused for a moment and did not know how to continue.

Shen Zhijin did not move.

Gu Tingyin quickly blinked at him again.

He finally walked over and sat down beside her.

Gu Tingyin's wildly beating heart calmed down a little and she shot him a quick glance.

The young man's side profile was clear, elegant, yet distant.

Very good. Her heart beat even faster.

Although the two of them had walked side by side in school for nearly an hour, it still felt very different to sit together like this.

The space seemed to have suddenly been compressed, and she felt as if something was pressing down on her heart. It felt heavy, but it also seemed to have grown wings and felt extremely light.

The entire classroom was dead silent. Then, everyone looked at each other and finally understood.

Oh, so this girl was here to pursue Shen Zhijin.

Xu Zhe sat down in the front row of the aisle with a blank expression. He looked back and back again, almost thinking that he was dreaming.

Oh, so Shen Zhijin had suddenly come to class because of this girl.

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Gu Tingyin was very happy.

She had waited so many times, and the day she had been waiting for had finally come!

"Hey, what brings you here today?"

She asked in a low voice.

Shen Zhijin paused.

“This class is on the schedule.”

Oh.

Gu Tingyin suddenly felt that her question was very strange.

That’s right! What’s so strange about him attending his own class?

However—

“Then why didn’t you attend your previous classes?”

Shen Zhijin finally looked at her. His eyes were calm and clear.

“How do you know I didn’t come?”

“Of course it’s because in every class I—”

Gu Tingyin’s voice stopped abruptly.

When she put it that way, it doesn’t seem too appropriate...

Meeting his gaze, her face inexplicably heated up, and she was the first to look away.

“No, what I meant was... I wanted to thank you!”

“Thank me?”

“Yeah! Didn’t you take me on a tour of the school previously?”

Gu Tingyin coughed lightly and tried to glorify what had happened that day.

Shen Zhijin probably had not expected her to say something like that and he was momentarily speechless.

After a moment of silence, Gu Tingyin decided to change the topic.

“By the way, I still don’t know your name! You’ve done me such a big favor, I want to thank you properly—”

She even knew what class he attended, so how could she not know his name?

“Please don’t come again.”

A cold and distant voice interrupted her.

Gu Tingyin was stunned and muttered, “What?”

Shen Zhijin’s gaze fell on the “Popular Astronomy” book on her desk and he said calmly, “I said, don’t come again.”

Chapter 1239 Side Story 18: Return

As usual, the tone of his voice was cold and distant. The people sitting in the front row heard him and subconsciously turned around, looking shocked and surprised.

Xu Zhe’s eyes widened as if he had seen a ghost.

No, Shen Zhijin had deliberately stopped working on his experiment to come to class today. He had even sat with this girl. He thought that it was because he liked her!

After all this effort, his intention had just been to reject her to her face? He just wanted to completely nip the girl's feelings in the bud?

Xu Zhe silently cursed.

Absolutely.

When it came to the ways of making a girl give up on him as quickly as possible, Shen Zhijin was ranked second. No one at Xijing University could possibly be ranked first.

Naturally, Gu Tingyin also noticed the probing and gossipy gazes and panicked for a moment.

She looked at the young man sitting next to her and felt a faint aura of coldness around him. The light in her eyes dimmed and a sense of helplessness appeared in its depths.

After a moment, she lowered her head and mumbled, "Oh, I... I see."

With that, she turned around and sat down, her hands still gripping the book tightly.

Shen Zhijin saw her slightly pursing her lips. Her originally relaxed posture had also become tense. Her entire person was now listless, as if she had been hit by frost. She was no longer as lively as before.

He furrowed his brows.

The bell rang and Professor Li walked in.

When he saw Shen Zhijin sitting in the corner of the last row, he was very surprised. He glanced at the young girl sitting next to him and smiled as he teased, "Oh, I was wondering why I saw Zhijin attending

my class today. So it's not because the sun has risen from the west, but because he's accompanying someone to class?"

Shen Zhijin was a young genius. Although he rarely attended classes, he scored full marks in all his subjects. In addition, he was aloof and proud, and he did things in a low-key and rigorous way. The professors admired him greatly, so they did not bother much about these things.

It was truly a rare sight for him to come to class, especially with a young girl seated next to him. Naturally, Professor Li could not help but tease him a little to gain back a slight upper hand over him.

Everyone in the classroom turned around to look.

Such an atmosphere should have been very embarrassing... if Shen Zhijin had not rejected the girl so publicly just now.

Gu Tingyin's head drooped even lower.

She... She seemed to have caused him trouble...

Shen Zhijin's lips moved slightly. He wanted to explain, but from the corner of his eye, he saw that her fingers had become pale from the force of her grip, and he suddenly stopped.

He did not say anything.

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This class was too difficult for Gu Tingyin to endure.

She remained silent, without even having the courage to turn her head to look at him. All she could do was try to reduce her presence.

A gust of wind suddenly blew outside the window, and soon, raindrops the size of beans fell upon the window.

The sky was so dark that even the classroom grew dark.

Many students looked outside and became restless.

“It’s raining?”

“The rain is too heavy, I didn’t bring an umbrella!”

“I still have to go back to the campus for my second class later. It’s raining so heavily, do you want me to swim over???”

A thought came to Shen Zhijin’s mind and he looked at the young girl beside him.

Her backpack was very small, and it looked like it was barely enough to hold the book “Popular Astronomy”. It did not look like she had an umbrella.

Moreover, she had come from the Academy of Fine Arts, so it would be more troublesome if she had to return there later.

As if sensing his gaze, Gu Tingyin finally raised her head from her book and looked over.

Their eyes met.

Her red lips moved slightly, as she looked rather conflicted. She hesitated, as if she wanted to ask something.

He had always been thorough in his work. The weather forecast had predicted showers for the past few days, so he had carried an umbrella throughout that time.

“You...”

She said hesitantly.

Shen Zhijin quietly thought that if she wanted to borrow it from him, he would just give it to her.

“Please don’t be angry.”

She said in a lowered tone of voice.

Shen Zhijin was slightly stunned.

At such a close distance, her face heated up again, and her heart beat so fast that she could not control it at all.

Thinking of what he had said earlier, her heart turned cold, and her loudly beating heart calmed down a little.

“I... I won’t come here to disturb you anymore. Really!”

As if to prove her feelings, she even put her fingers together as a gesture of assurance.

Shen Zhijin looked at her dark and moist almond-shaped eyes.

This was the answer he wanted, but for some reason, it did not feel as easy about it as he had expected.

After a long while, he finally came back to his senses when a look of confusion appeared in her eyes.

“Okay.”

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Even though the class was over, the rain did not seem to have any intention of stopping.

The rain continued to pour down heavily.

Several students were holding umbrellas, while a few ran past in the rain.

“Sigh, this rain is too heavy! Even if you’re holding an umbrella, you’ll still get wet if you walk back to the campus from here.”

Xu Zhe stood in the corridor, pulling out an umbrella as he muttered, “I don’t know how the girl is going to return! I don’t think she brought an umbrella.”

Shen Zhijin calmly held up his umbrella and walked out into the rain without a care.

A gust of wind blew.

“Hey, d*mn!”

Xu Zhe could not dodge in time, and the wind blew his umbrella to the side, causing the cold rain to fall on him.

He wiped his face sadly.

“Forget it, forget it. The girl is so pretty. I don’t know how many people are waiting for this opportunity to court her!”

Shen Zhijin stopped in his tracks.

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Gu Tingyin was still sitting in the classroom.

Another boy walked over.

“Junior, didn’t you bring an umbrella? Why don’t I let you have mine?”

She shook her head.

“Thank you, but there’s no need. Someone’s coming to pick me up.”

She had already called the chauffeur and told him that she would be there a little later.

Her family had been very worried about her coming to the Capital to study alone. They bought a villa near Xijing University and even specially arranged for a driver and a housekeeper for her.

However, she spent most of her time in school and kept a low profile. She had never let the driver come over, so no one else knew about it.

The boy shrugged his shoulders, obviously not believing her words.

She was a new student from the Academy of Fine Arts. Who would come to pick her up?

He thought for a moment and asked with a smile, “Then shall I wait here with you?”

Gu Tingyin looked up in surprise. Before she could reject him, the boy had already taken two steps towards her, as if he was going to sit down next to her.

She furrowed her brows slightly.

"I..."

Tap, tap.

A slender and fair hand came into view, as his fingers tapped on her desk.

Gu Tingyin's heart skipped a beat.

This hand was a little familiar.

She slowly turned her gaze to the side and saw that Shen Zhijin had returned without her knowing and was standing beside her.

The black hair on his forehead was damp, and there was a faint rain vapor around him, making his brows and eyes even darker.

He was holding the umbrella in his other hand.

Drip, drip.

Drops of rainwater fell, leaving a small dark trail on the ground.

Without even casting a glance at the boy standing beside her, Shen Zhijin only looked at her indifferently.

Gu Tingyin was pleasantly surprised.

“Are you here to send me off?”

The words that Shen Zhijin was about to say suddenly stopped.

He had originally planned to leave after giving her his umbrella.

But for some reason, when he met her gaze, the speech he had prepared was replaced by something else.

His distant voice sounded even colder in the rain.

Chapter 1240 Side Story 19: Let's Have Dinner Together

The heavy rain fell like a waterfall.

Gu Tingyin walked half a step behind Shen Zhijin. She secretly took out her phone and sent a text message to the driver, telling him not to come.

Shen Zhijin turned around and saw her hurriedly hiding her phone.

At this time, most families still used landline phones, and it was really rare for someone to be able to use a private mobile phone.

Gu Tingyin quickly walked over and looked outside again. She seemed a little worried, and her beautiful brows furrowed slightly.

“It's raining so heavily.”

This was really good!

She looked at him, as if she was a little embarrassed.

“It’s not appropriate for you to send me back to the academy in such a heavy rain.”

Shen Zhijin, who had planned to leave after sending her to the bus stop at the school gate was left at a loss for words.

He opened up his umbrella.

“Let’s go,” he said.

She looked at the heavy rain again, hugged her backpack tightly in her arms, and stepped under his umbrella.

The distance between them suddenly shortened, and a sweet and light fragrance filled the air. It mixed with the rain, causing him to unexpectedly caught his breath.

He had never shared an umbrella with a girl before, nor had he ever been so close to a girl.

A few strands of soft hair brushed against his wrist, making it tingle slightly.

He tightened his grip on the umbrella handle.

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The rain fell on the umbrella, making pitter-patter sounds.

It was already a little difficult for the two of them to share an umbrella, not to mention that the rain was so heavy that the distance between them was very short.

A few drops of rain fell on Gu Tingyin’s left shoulder.

She tilted her head to take a look.

Shen Zhijin noticed her movement. He moved his wrist slightly, and the black umbrella tilted to her side.

A gust of wind blew, and she slipped. She cried out in surprise and almost fell to the ground.

In a moment of desperation, she quickly grabbed the arm of the young man beside her.

Her warm touch could be felt through the thin shirt.

It was a strange feeling, and a frown subconsciously appeared on his face.

Gu Tingyin heaved a long sigh of relief and looked up happily.

“It’s... a good thing... I didn’t fall, otherwise—”

When she saw the young man’s slightly furrowed brows, she realized that she was still holding onto him and quickly let go.

“I-I’m sorry, I didn’t do it on purpose!”

He did not like it when she went to his class, and he definitely did not like this kind of physical contact.

Although she had clearly let go of his hand, for some reason, the place she had touched felt as if it were still burning.

It could not be ignored.

However, she had not used much strength, and the palm of her hand had been soft...

Shen Zhijin suddenly came alert.

What was he thinking?

Seeing that he had not spoken for a long time, Gu Tingyin's brows furrowed and she became nervous.

Was he angry again?

Shen Zhijin avoided her gaze.

"You won't be able to stand properly if you carry your backpack like this."

She was stunned for a moment and mumbled softly, "But I just bought the books here..."

"Popular Astronomy"

He paused and finally said, "Then follow me closely."

Her eyes lit up. Even though she was trying her best to control herself, she could not hide the joy in her voice.

"Oh."

She moved closer to him.

Shen Zhijin was about to leave when he suddenly felt something and looked down.

A small, fair hand had quietly held onto his sleeve.

Gu Tingyin asked curiously, “Why aren’t you moving?”

Hadn’t he told her to follow him closely?

Shen Zhijin was speechless.

He moved his legs and walked forward, with a young girl hanging on his arm.

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When she finally arrived at the school gate, she looked down and saw that the hem of her skirt was wet. Mud had splashed onto it and it now stuck to her calf, causing her to feel very uncomfortable.

She was also cold.

She shivered a little.

When she had come here, how could she have imagined that it would rain?

Shen Zhijin tilted his head slightly. Seeing that they were about to reach the bus stop, he finally raised his hand to hail a taxi.

The distance from Xijing University to the Xijing Academy of Fine Arts was not far. It was only about half an hour by bicycle.

The students from both campuses also interacted with each other a lot.

However, even though Shen Zhijin had been at Xijing University for three years, today was his first time at Xijing Academy of Fine Arts, and he had headed straight to the female dormitory.

The rain had not stopped, so he had no choice but to send her all the way here.

“Thank you for today!”

Gu Tingyin stood on the steps and waved at him.

Shen Zhijin responded faintly and turned around to leave.

“Wait!”

Gu Tingyin called out to him again, only to see that the right shoulder of his shirt was almost soaked.

The thin clothes clung to his body, outlining the young man’s lean and tall figure.

She was stunned. She had thought that she was already wet enough, but he was even more...

However, the look in his eyes was light, as if he did not care.

She felt as if something was rubbing against her heart. Seeing that he was about to leave, she quickly said, “You still haven’t told me your name!”

She seemed to be particularly persistent about his name. Even though she had known it a long time ago, she still wanted to hear it from him.

He turned around.

Her eyes were moist and bright as she looked at him.

After a long while, he said, “Shen Zhijin.”

The corners of her lips curled up into a smile, and her dimples were faintly visible.

“Gu Tingyin!”

Her voice was clear even in the rain.

“I’m Gu Tingyin!”

Of course, she knew his name. However, she wanted to get to know him herself, not from anyone’s mouth, not from any news reports or news.

She wanted him to tell her himself.

This way, it would make sense for her to say...

“Hello, Shen Zhijin, I’m Gu Tingyin.”

...

After that day, Gu Tingyin did not appear in his class again.

The people from the Physics Department sighed.

The class was so boring, and it was rare for a pretty girl to come, but she had been ruthlessly chased away by Shen Zhijin.

Where was the logic in this?

However, this person was Shen Zhijin so they did not dare to say anything. They could only cry silently in their hearts and occasionally cast a few sad looks.

Shen Zhijin's life returned to its usual routine.

He read literature and conducted experiments.

He did nothing else besides that.

That rainy day seemed to be no different from any other rainy day in the past and was forgotten by him.

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"Senior Brother, are you going to eat?"

Kong Wenhan asked as he closed the experiment record book.

Shen Zhijin shook his head.

"I'll wait for this data to finish processing. You guys go ahead."

Kong Wenhan heaved a sigh of relief. He exchanged a look with the two boys beside him and made an "OK" gesture under the table.

"Senior Brother, we'll be leaving then!"

With that, they got up and prepared to leave.

Just as he reached the door, he ran into Professor Su.

They quickly greeted him.

Professor Su nodded and walked in. As he walked, he looked back.

“What’s going on? These kids are like hungry ghosts. They run faster than anyone else when it’s mealtime.”

Xu Zhe quickly glanced at Shen Zhijin. Seeing that he did not react, he chuckled.

“Professor Su, they’ve been working hard lately. Isn’t it normal for them to think about their meals?”

“It’s just an excuse,” said Professor Su as he smiled.

“Isn’t Zhijin busier than them? However, Zhijin, it’s not good for you to not eat at the same time. You should pay more attention to yourself.”

Shen Zhijin responded but quickly turned his attention back to the screen again.

It was obvious that he had not listened to him.

Professor Su put one hand behind his back and said, “Oh, by the way, I saw that our Dongyuan cafeteria has been very lively recently. Even many students from the Art Academy have come here. I guess they must have developed some new dishes? ”

Xu Zhe’s heart jumped.

Shen Zhijin’s eyebrows moved slightly and he finally looked up.

Xu Zhe slowly raised his hand, feeling like crying.

"I... I really don't know!"

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"Zhijin, I say, this girl isn't actually disturbing you, is she? She's just here for a meal..."

At this point, Xu Zhe wanted to slap himself in the mouth.

She had come all the way from the Art Academy to have a meal here!

Who couldn't tell what she was thinking?

Shen Zhijin did not say anything and continued to walk forward.

Xu Zhe carefully observed his expression, feeling uneasy.

"No, it's a person's freedom to eat where they want. You can't just drive them out of the cafeteria, right? That would mean you're too—"

Shen Zhijin turned his head and glanced at him indifferently.

Xu Zhe felt a chill run up his neck, and his voice became softer.

"... Ahem... That's not what I meant. Actually... she hasn't come here that many times. It's mainly because she's so beautiful that the place has become a little noisy. Besides, you don't usually go to the canteen to eat, so we basically won't meet, so why are you wasting your time?"

Shen Zhijin suddenly stopped in his tracks.

Xu Zhe immediately stopped and followed his line of sight.

It was already past one o'clock. It was supposed to be past the peak period for lunch, but there were still many people in the cafeteria.

It was as if he had some kind of intuition, and he saw her almost immediately.

There was a claypot in front of her, a bottle of yogurt in her hand, and a straw in her mouth.

It looked like she had already eaten.

He felt slightly relieved.

She seemed to like the yogurt a lot. As she took a sip, the sweet and sour taste hit her. She could not help but squint her eyes, like a lazy cat.

The corners of his lips curved up slightly.

But in the next moment, that smile quickly disappeared.

Kong Wenhan and the others were sitting at the same table as her.

"Junior, this yogurt is delicious, right? It's a must-have at Xijing University!"

Kong Wenhan was the boy she had met with Shen Zhijin the other day.

To a certain extent, it could be considered that everyone knew each other.

Kong Wenhan had only found out a few days ago that the girl who had gone to the class was her, but at the same time, he had also heard about Shen Zhijin chasing her away in person.

So, when he met Gu Tingyin again in the cafeteria, he had guessed her plan immediately, but he never dared to mention it to Shen Zhijin.

He felt that his junior was a good person, but she was just a little stubborn.

Of all people to pursue, why did she have to pursue Shen Zhijin?

Gu Tingyin nodded.

"It's good! Thank you, Senior!"

As she spoke, she glanced at her watch again.

Why did he always eat so late?

Everyone could tell that she was waiting for Shen Zhijin.

Kong Wenhan and the others looked at each other and sighed.

After a few days of interaction, they had a good impression of her.

It could be seen that she came from a well-to-do family, but she did not have the temperament of a typical young miss. Instead, she was beautiful, warm, sensible, and polite.

Such a girl really should not have hung herself on that iron tree!

Kong Wenhan thought about how to say it so that he would not hurt the little junior's heart.

"Junior Sister, actually, Senior Brother... doesn't come often to the cafeteria to eat, and he... he basically eats by himself. He's not used to eating with others. In the future, will you still...?"

Gu Tingyin was stunned. The yogurt in her mouth suddenly became exceptionally sour.

How could she not understand the hidden meaning behind his words?

Shen Zhijin was distant and proud, and extremely difficult to pursue. It was better to give up as soon as possible.

But it would be great if it was that easy.

She picked up the yogurt and changed the topic.

"This yogurt is so good. Does he like it too?"

"I don't like it."

A clear voice came from behind.

Kong Wenhan and the others turned around stiffly. They were petrified when they spotted Shen Zhijin, who had come over without them knowing.

Hadn't he said he would come later?

And Senior Brother Xu Zhe! Why had he not given them a warning?

Xu Zhe's face was filled with despair.

In all honesty, he had really tried his best to signal them with his eyes, but all their attention had been on Gu Tingyin!

However, Gu Tingyin did not notice the dangerous aura at all.

The moment she heard this voice, she immediately turned around.

When she saw his handsome and clean face, all her previous chaotic emotions flew away, leaving only joy.

Come to think of it, she had not seen him in the past few days since that rainy day.

Her eyes instantly brightened. They were moist and bright, and there seemed to be a spark hidden in her dark eyes.

The moment he looked over, Shen Zhijin felt his left arm heat up again.

It was the same place that she had touched on that day.

“Shen Zhijin, are you here for dinner too? What a coincidence!”

The moment she said this, everyone who was present fell silent.

But in the next moment, they realized that it was too early to be silent.

That was because she added, “It just so happens that I haven’t eaten yet. Let’s go together!”

Everyone choked.

Xu Zhe looked at the table, and the corner of his eye twitched. Wasn't her soup still hot, right?

And that yogurt, she was still holding it in her hand!

How could she say that?

But Gu Tingyin could not care less about those things now.

It had not been easy to wait for this person, and this was a rare opportunity.

Worried that he would not agree, she sincerely said, "I haven't thanked you properly for what happened before! What would you like to eat? I'll-burp-treat you!"

"..."

This time, even she was silent.

What a sincere invitation.

What a loud burp.

After a while, just as everyone was wondering how the situation would end, Shen Zhijin finally spoke.

"Let's go to the second floor."