

Little Brat's 361

Chapter 361: Let Her Explain

He Xiaochen sent a Weibo link to Ning Li.

Ning Li clicked on it.

[Happenings on campus: Explosive news! National Physics competition finals, examinees caught cheating on the spot!]

The blogger was an account with more than two million fans. Usually, he would mainly post campus-related news.

The blog post was accompanied by a screenshot of a private message and a photo.

The screenshot of the private message had been mosaicked, and the content was only a few lines long. However, the amount of information contained was huge.

[Blogger, I have a shocking piece of news! This morning, in the National Physics Competition Finals, Ye Ci from Yunzhou Second High School brought a cheat sheet into the exam room and was caught by the invigilator on the spot!]

This private message had obviously shocked the blogger. His first reaction was to reply with a series of question marks.

[??? Really?! Did someone really dare to cheat during the national competition?]

The other party then replied with a photo.

[Of course, it's true. She was taken away before the exam had ended. Everyone present saw it clearly. Also, the inspection team's car then arrived at noon.]

That photo was the only one that the blogger had released.

A black car was seen slowly driving away from the school gate of Capital First High School.

Capital First High School had been the exam venue for this year's competition.

This Weibo post had been released half an hour ago but already several VIPs were involved. Within a short period of time, the comments had already exceeded 10,000 and were still increasing at an alarming rate.

Everyone was stunned by this news, and the comment section was in chaos.

[Cheating in the National Physics Competition!? Holy sh*t! What kind of crazy thing is this???]

[How was this possible? For such a level of exam, the invigilators are extremely strict. Isn't carrying a cheat sheet a bit too low?]

[This post even mentioned the school and the person's name. It's 80% true, right? The national competition's results and rankings are published. So, if it's fake, then what's the point of this rumor?]

[Emmm... A friend of a friend of mine was also in this examination hall. So the news is said to be true.]

[To the person above, the friend of the friend you mentioned... Were you talking about yourself?]

[You really are a master at studying! Enjoy the spotlight then!]

The comments section quickly went askew, and there was a neat row of [You really are a master at studying! Enjoy the spotlight then!]

Another comment was quickly pushed up.

[Without mentioning anything else, I just want to say one thing: those who can enter the national competition finals will get at least 20 points for the college entrance exam. If they can get better results in the finals, they could potentially sign a contract and be sent into the Top Three in the country without even having to participate in the college entrance exam.]

This comment received the most replies.

[F*ck! 20 points! ? Free admission? Is this world just for big shots? I'm jealous!]

[Be reasonable. There are only a few dozen people in the country who participate in this level of competition every year and they are all top geniuses. For them to be able to get this treatment, is because of their ability. But, what about cheating? So many of us have worked hard to study for decades. Why can't we just bring cheat sheets too?]

[The person above is right! I agree! Cheating in the competition can not be tolerated! Isn't Yunzhou Second High School very famous? How could there be such a student?]

[Doesn't the person involved want to come forward and explain? What kind of powerful person is this Ye Ci? Does no one want to find out?]

Very quickly, the blogger replied with a comment.

[It is said that the results of the competition will be announced tomorrow. If there are any punishments, they should be announced at the same time. In any case, whether or not there was cheating, we will know tomorrow.]

Although the circle of the competition was small, in the eyes of many people, those who could engage in the competition were all very powerful. Everyone naturally had some admiration and respect for these people.

Now that the matter of cheating had suddenly occurred, naturally, everyone's emotions were easily stirred up.

Apart from shock and astonishment, there was also anger.

The comment section had already become a sea of curses.

Because the matter involved a top national competition and was also linked to the college entrance examination and the university, public opinion had developed extremely quickly.

Ning Li withdrew from Weibo, while the forum of Yunzhou Second High School had long exploded.

The post about Ye Ci having been caught cheating in the exam had been pushed to the top and continued to go viral.

[Ye Ci cheated? Is it Ye Ci from Grade 12 First Class from our school?]

[Who else could it be? There were only three people in our school who participated in this final. Who else could it be other than her? Her name was even mentioned. This can't be fake, right?]

[Are you kidding me? Ye Ci ranked fifth in the province in the preliminary exam! Why would she bring a cheat sheet into the exam room to cheat? What a rumormonger! I don't believe it!]

[Hahahaha! The person just above is killing me! If this news is fake, why hasn't Ye Ci come out to clarify it? Even without mentioning the finals, how did she get her fifth place in the preliminary exam? It's hard to say!]

[It's just a screenshot of a private message and a photo. What does it mean? Maybe Ye Ci is currently busy and has not looked at her phone at all. Up until now, there has not been a single solid evidence of this matter. Some people have been enthusiastically cursing here. I think you're just feeling sour. Are you jealous of her?]

[No way, no way. Don't tell me that people really think that Ye Ci doesn't know anything about this matter? It has already been blown out of proportion now. Even if she didn't know, Ning Li and Pei Song also took the exam with her. Why haven't the two of them stood up for Ye Ci? At the very least, what about Zhou Fei?]

Ning Li and Pei Song could still speak up. It might have been because their relationship with Ye Ci was not that good, so they could not be bothered.

However, Zhou Fei was different.

He was the leader of the team. His own student had caused such a huge cheating scandal, so how could he not react at all?

Until now, all these people remained silent.

Was this not enough to explain the problem?

[I've already said before that based on Ye Ci's results, she couldn't possibly be qualified enough for the national competition. Was it achieved using this kind of method? Amazing, amazing!]

[If this is true, our school's reputation will be ruined by her.]

[Can anyone contact Ye Ci? Can you ask her to quickly come online and give an explanation? She may not care about her reputation, but we care about ours!]

In fact, there were quite a number of posts on the Second High School forum about Ye Ci.

After all, she had previously been recognized as the school belle. She had a good family background, talent, and a gentle and generous personality.

Every time someone had posted a photo of her, or she participated in a competition and won an award, it had always become a hot topic of discussion.

After Ning Li had transferred over, these posts had sunk.

Every time someone mentioned her, the focus of the discussion would almost always be about Ning Li.

Now, finally, the whole page completely featured her name, but it was because she had cheated in the national competition.

Weibo and other forums were blowing up.

In the senior year overall group and senior First Class group, countless people were tagging Ye Ci one after another, in a neat row.

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There were no other words, but the meaning was obvious.

Everyone was waiting for an explanation from Ye Ci!

Chapter 362: Shameless!

Other than He Xiaochen, several other people also sent messages to Ning Li, asking about this matter.

Ning Li swiped through all the messages but did not reply.

She put away her phone, tore off the candy wrapper, and put the candy into her mouth.

A strong peach smell spread between her lips and teeth, and her beautiful and clean peach-shaped eyes narrowed slightly.

Lu Huaiyu turned his head to look at her.

The two of them were about to walk out of the shooting range.

He had also vaguely heard the phone call from He Xiaochen.

Ning Li's phone rang again.

Ye Ci was the one who was calling.

Ning Li rejected the call, and then simply blocked Ye Ci.

After walking a few steps, Su Yuan also called.

As usual, Ning Li rejected the call and blocked it.

There was nothing from Ye Ming, but after a while, Zhou Fei called.

Only then did Ning Li pick up.

“Teacher Zhou.”

“Ning Li, where are you now?”

Zhou Fei’s voice carried a hint of fatigue.

Ning Li turned her head to look at Lu Huaiyu.

“I’m with Second Brother.”

Only then did Zhou Fei feel relieved.

“That’s good. The situation here is a little chaotic at the moment. It might not be convenient for you to come back. I’ve booked a hotel room for you. You can stay there for the night.”

Ning Li paused.

“What’s wrong?”

Zhou Fei was silent for a moment, as he felt a little helpless.

“You know about what’s happening on the Internet, right?”

“Yes, I’ve read some.”

“Ye Ci now feels that you’re the one who leaked the news, so she’s become quite agitated. Mr. and Mrs. Ye are trying to calm her down now. For the sake of convenience, it would be better if you don’t encounter her for the time being.”

Zhou Fei had not wanted to do this initially, but the development of the matter had already gone out of his control.

This was all he could do.

Seemingly worried that doing so would make Ning Li feel uncomfortable, he added, “Don’t worry, I trust you. When the results are out tomorrow, I’ll go pick up—”

Lu Huaiyu took Ning Li’s phone from her.

“It’s not safe for her to live outside on her own, so I’ll take her home with me. Also, I’ll send her over tomorrow.”

Zhou Fei was stunned. He considered it carefully and decided that Lu Huaiyu’s suggestion was more appropriate.

After all, when they were had been in Yunzhou, Ning Li had also gone to stay at Yunding Fenghua’s place.

Moreover, this was the Capital. It was indeed the safest option to hand her over to Lu Huaiyu.

“Okay, then please keep an eye on her.”

Zhou Fei quickly hung up the phone.

He had to deal with several parties now, so he really did not have any extra energy left.

Lu Huaiyu returned the phone to Ning Li and raised his chin.

“Let’s go.”

Ning Li, “...”

Why was she suddenly going back with Lu Huaiyu?

She hesitated for a moment.

“Second Brother, actually, I could go back to Shuiyuan Shijia...”

“Oh right, I forgot about that. I thought you had already returned the key to Elder Yu when you left previously.”

Lu Huaiyu suddenly had a realization.

“However, I’ve already made an agreement with Zhou Fei—”

Ning Li, “...”

One side of her cheek was slightly puffy from the candy, and the smell of peach seemed to be even stronger.

She nodded.

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In the hotel room, Ye Ci stared at the cell phone in front of her with bloodshot eyes.

She called Ning Li, but Ning Li had not picked up. When she called again, Ning Li had blocked her.

It was the same on Su Yuan's side.

Zhou Fei walked over with a complicated expression on his face.

"Ning Li is going to meet a friend so she won't be coming back tonight."

Ye Ci sneered.

"What? Is she feeling guilty? Is it because she doesn't dare to come back?!"

Zhou Fei frowned.

"Ye Ci, there is no evidence to prove that she did it. It's not appropriate for you to say that."

Normally, Ye Ci would not say such words in front of outsiders.

But now, she had already been reduced to this situation. How could she care about anything else!?

If it was not Ning Li, who else could it have been!?

Ning Li had disliked her for a long time. That slip of paper had been planted by Ning Li. Of course, she had to have been responsible for this leak!

Ning Li was clearly planning to completely destroy her!

Seeing that Ye Ci was still certain of Ning Li's guilt, Zhou Fei also had a headache.

Just as he was about to try and persuade her otherwise, his cell phone rang again. The call was from Second High.

He could only tell Su Yuan to give her some good advice before turning around to answer the call.

Ye Ming was not present either.

Only Ye Ci and Su Yuan were left in the room.

Su Yuan looked at Ye Ci, knowing that she was on the verge of exploding. Thus, she advised, "Lil Ci, why don't you stop looking at the phone for now? Why don't you have a good rest and get some sleep?"

Ye Ci remained silent and continued to stare at the phone.

She mechanically opened the class group chat and saw the long list where people had tagged her. She felt as if there were a heap of stones pressing on her chest, making it difficult for her to breathe.

Then, she went to the forum and saw all kinds of comments.

Some people were scolding her for cheating and tarnishing Second High School's reputation. Some people implied that she had cheated to get her provincial grade five. There were others who said that they wanted to ask the school to expel her. Second High School was a well-known school that was a hundred years old and they could not afford to have their reputation be tarnished!

At first, there had still been some people who had spoken up for her. However, as time had passed, no one had come out to clarify or explain. So, even those people became skeptical and kept their mouths shut.

As for Weibo, the situation was even more chaotic.

Under the Weibo post that had exposed the news, there were already tens of thousands of reprimands, and the popularity of the topic was still high.

Then, Ye Ci discovered that her name had become a hot search.

[Ye Ci, who cheated in the national competition]

Her heart jumped and she subconsciously clicked on it.

The first Weibo post on the feed was still the original post that had exposed the news.

She scrolled down and saw that many people were still commenting on this matter.

Suddenly, she saw that someone had posted a photo of her.

[Everyone, look carefully. This is what that cheater, Ye Ci, looks like! Since she's so shameless, I'll just help her out a little!]

In the photo, a huge bright red cross had been drawn across her face with a red pen! That red color was terrifying!

"Ah!"

Ye Ci screamed and tossed her phone away!

Chapter 363: Sleepless Nights

Bang!

The cell phone smashed against the door and fell to the ground with a muffled sound.

Ye Ming had just happened to push the door open and entered. He was shocked by the noise and the fire in his heart instantly exploded.

“Ye Ci! What are you doing?”

Ye Ci shivered and bit her lip, as her tears flowed down.

Seeing this, Su Yuan hurriedly said, “Don’t yell at the child! You don’t know how bad the people on the Internet are!”

She had just sat beside Ye Ci and vaguely seen the photo.

She was terrified just from seeing, how much more terrifying was it for Ye Ci?

Ye Ming picked up the phone. The screen had a long crack, but this did not obstruct him from seeing the photo.

With a livid face, he threw the phone on the bed and stared at Ye Ci gloomily.

“Oh, so now you know fear? What’s the use of being afraid? If you hadn’t insisted on participating in the competition, would this situation have happened?!”

Of course, he knew about the situation on the Internet!

Otherwise, he would not be so angry!

Previously, he had thought of trying to smooth things over and trying his best to suppress this matter at Second High.

Who would have known that in the blink of an eye, this matter would have spread on the Internet and that it would spread at an alarming rate!

However, not to mention Second High School and Yunzhou, but the entire Internet knew about Ye Ci's cheating now, and they would not be able to suppress it even if they wanted to!

Seeing how furious he was, Su Yuan knew that it was useless to persuade him otherwise. She could only choose to shut up and sit beside Ye Ci, as she gently patted her shoulder in an effort to comfort her.

She also knew that the matter had already blown up.

Ye Ci muttered, "Ning Li... It had to have been Ning Li behind all this! Dad! It must have been her!"

Ye Ming looked at her coldly, almost laughing out of anger.

"So what if it's her? So what if it's not her? In your examination venue, other than you, there were still fifty-one examinees and four invigilators! With so many people, did you think you could shut everyone up?"

Other than the four teachers who might not actively expose the news to the media because they were more concerned about the competition, there were still fifty-one other students who could be any one of them!

After all, this thing really had happened.

Otherwise, Ye Ci would not have been unable to say a word of defense to refute it until now.

"The most important thing now is to reduce the heat of this matter as soon as possible!"

Ye Ming took a deep breath and continued.

"I've already called Yiming. He said that he will help contact them and remove the trending Weibo search as soon as possible. Also, we'll find some Internet trolls and try to change the direction of public opinion as much as possible."

Upon hearing what he had said, Su Yuan also quickly added, "Right, right! This is the most important thing! Those people on the internet are really too scary. Some of them have already started to make fun of Lil Ci. You said that they bear no grudge against Lil Ci, so how could they do so many terrible things?"

As she said this, she had completely forgotten that Ning Li had experienced something similar when she had been attacked by the Internet.

If she had paid any attention at that time, she would have realized that the picture with the cross was actually nothing.

At that time, all she had been able to think about was that Ning Li had caused so much trouble for her and the Ye family after having only just arrived at the Ye family. She had been so completely embarrassed, so how could she have paid any attention to what Ning Li had gone through?

Now, it was Ye Ci's turn.

Only now did she seem to realize what the word "cyber-bullying" meant.

Ye Ci clenched her teeth.

"Then, are we just going to let this go?!"

The person who had leaked the information had harmed her to this extent. How could she let it go so easily?

Ye Ming frowned and spoke in a deep voice.

"Yiming said he would investigate as soon as possible. However, you should also control your emotions and stop going crazy! While you're at the center of the storm, anything you say or do could make things worse. Do you understand?"

His tone was extremely stern.

It sounded extremely harsh to Ye Ci's ears.

Ever since she was young, Ye Ming had always doted on her.

Today, he had been angrier with her than he had ever been in the past ten years combined.

She choked and said, "I understand."

As she spoke, she walked over and took back her phone.

However, just as she took her phone, the screen lit up.

It was an unfamiliar number from Yunzhou.

Ye Ci's heart skipped a beat. Her instincts told her this was not something good and she immediately wanted to reject the call. However, in her panic, she accidentally answered the call.

An unfamiliar voice came from the other side.

"Ye Ci? You're the one who cheated, right?"

Ye Ci hung up in fear. Her heart was beating violently, and her mind was blank.

She had already guessed what the call was about, and it had turned out to be true!

Before this, she had never known that a call from a stranger would be so terrifying!

Even if the other party had only asked if she was Ye Ci, she still felt extremely terrified and her whole body had turned cold.

But then, that same number sent another text message.

[It looks like it really is you. What? You have the guts to cheat, but you don't have the guts to pick up the phone? Why are you so shameless?]

With a pale face, Ye Ci quickly deleted the text message and dragged the number into the blacklist.

However, this was only the beginning.

Someone had exposed her personal information on the Internet, including her name, class, photo, and phone number.

Almost at the moment that she blocked that number, another call came in.

It was still an unknown number.

At the same time, all kinds of abusive messages were sent one after another.

[I heard that you cheated in the national material competition? That's pretty impressive.]

[As expected, no one is as shameless as you. Cheating in the final, while the results of the preliminary competition are also problematic, right?]

[Looking at the photos, you look so mean. Sure enough, you're just as shameful! Are you happy with the honor that you stole? Is it glorious?]

[You snatched the opportunity that should have belonged to someone else. Don't you feel any guilt at all!? Ye Ci, can you sleep at night? Why don't you just die?]

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More and more phone calls and text messages bombarded her. At one point, Ye Ci's phone had even jammed.

Every word was like a sharp knife that ruthlessly scratched her body. It was incomparably painful!

Her whole body trembled violently, and it became difficult for her to breathe. It was as if an invisible hand was choking her neck, making it difficult for her to breathe, and her chest hurt.

Ye Ming frowned and said, "Don't look at those things. We'll talk about it tomorrow."

Su Yuan quickly went over and took the phone from her hand.

"Your father is right. You have a good sleep first. Let your father and your cousin handle these things first, okay?"

Ye Ci did not say a word. Her eyes had a faraway look, as if she was still in the midst of that huge shock.

After a long while, she nodded stiffly.

Ye Ming left again.

Ye Ci lay on the bed, intending on getting some rest.

However, as soon as she closed her eyes, the phone calls and text messages quickly surfaced in her mind.

It was as if she had suddenly stepped on air. Her whole body trembled, her eyes snapped open and she immediately sat up!

She was stunned, tears silently flow down her face.

How could she sleep tonight?

Chapter 364: Wants to Turn the Tables?

This night was destined to be a sleepless night for many people.

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Ning Li followed Lu Huaiyu back to the Rongyue Mansion.

The sky was already completely dark.

Ning Li sat on the sofa in the living room, took out her phone, and casually browsed through it.

The matter of Ye Ci cheating had already caused a huge uproar on the Internet, and the related hot searches were still rising.

Not only was the hashtag for this topic used to death, but the front page had also been changed several times.

It seemed that everyone was involved in this farce.

She looked at it calmly.

This scene was very familiar.

In her previous life, after she had been reported for cheating, the situation had also been like this, setting off a public opinion carnival.

Countless taunts and insults had surged over, drowning her and making it impossible for her to escape.

In addition to countless harassing texts and phone calls, there had also been people who kept sending her WeChat friend requests.

It did not matter whether she had approved it or not.

Their goal had merely been to let her see the insults that were attached to those applications.

Those had only been the situations on the Internet.

In reality, her things had wantonly been vandalized, and she received threatening packages with blood.

For a long time, even after that, whenever she walked along a road and heard the same notification sound as her phone, she would immediately become highly tense.

That had almost become a stress trigger for her.

However, this time, the person who bore all of this was now Ye Ci.

As she was observing this, Wei Songzhe sent a message.

[Sister Li, who was it that leaked the news about Ye Ci? Why was it faster than us?]

Ning Li paused.

[There's no shortage of people who want to watch the show.]

[Should we look into it?]

Wei Songzhe seemed to be quite interested in this matter.

[Don't worry about it. Someone will naturally check it out.]

Wei Songzhe reacted for a moment and quickly understood.

This matter was so big that Ye Ci's side would definitely not let it go.

After all, she still had the Ye family behind her. If she really wanted to investigate it, it would not be difficult.

[Okay.]

Wei Songzhe simply replied and ran off to consume more gossip.

Ning Li turned off her phone screen and looked out of the window.

Not many people knew that Ye Ci had been caught with a cheat sheet. The person who had leaked the information had just been one of the examinees.

It did not really matter who it had been.

What was important was that this layer of window paper had already been pierced through.

Since the flames had already appeared, all it needed was a little wind to be added, then it would be able to become a prairie fire.

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It was already 11 o'clock at night, which was the period with the most traffic.

The terms related to Ye Ci's cheating had already risen to seventh place on the hot search list, followed by a conspicuous "Hot".

The number of searches was still increasing.

Ye Ming dialed Ye Yiming's number again.

"Yiming, what's going on with the hot search? Why is it still remaining? Not to mention, it's still rising?"

He had clearly instructed Ye Yiming to deal with this matter as soon as possible. However, so much time had already passed, yet there was no effect at all. In fact, the heat was even greater than before!

Wasn't this getting more and more troublesome?

Ye Yiming also had a headache.

"Uncle Ming, it's not that I don't want to help, but I can't really do it! I've contacted them, but they said that this is normal data, so there's no way to withdraw it, and the heat can't be reduced either."

Ye Ming's heart sank.

Ye Yiming's company specialized in these matters, so he was the clearest about the methods that were involved.

If even he could not do it, then there really was no other way.

However, did they really have to just sit and watch?

Not only was Ye Ci the focus, but some people had also started to mention the Ye family.

Once the Ye family was implicated...

Ye Yiming hesitated for a while, but he still could not help but ask, "Uncle Ming, did she... offend someone?"

Ye Ming did not understand the reason, but he understood what was being implied.

The statement from Weibo was actually just an excuse.

The platform was theirs. As long as they wanted, what kind of trending topics could not be taken down? What kind of news could not be suppressed?

It was nothing more than a matter of money.

However, he had already raised the price twice before, yet the other party still refused to budge.

Wasn't it obvious that someone was deliberately making use of this matter, with the intention of completely destroying Ye Ci's reputation?

Other than money, he was more worried that the person behind this might have an extraordinary identity.

The platform's attitude was so firm. Either the other party had given enough money or had a strong background.

But no matter what, this did not bode well for them.

That was why Yiming asked this question.

Ye Ming frowned.

“She’s just an ordinary girl who just goes between home and school. Who could she have offended? Why are you asking this?”

Ye Yiming wanted to say something but hesitated.

He could not explain it to Ye Ming in such a short time.

He said, “It’s nothing. I’m just asking. I’ll think of another way. Uncle Ming, don’t be too anxious. Actually, netizens are the easiest to be led astray. As long as you can grasp a little bit of it, you might be able to turn the tables. Regarding this exam... Did Lil Ci give any other explanation?”

Ye Ming suddenly thought of something.

“There is.”

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Rongyue Mansion

Lu Huaiyu looked at Ning Li and raised his eyebrows.

“Are you still going to sleep in the master bedroom?”

Ning Li, “...”

This was really too much...

Just as she was about to refuse, her phone rang.

It was a message from He Xiaochen.

[Ning Li, this is bad! There are people online who are saying that you're the one who framed Ye Ci for cheating! Quickly go and take a look!]

Chapter 365: Bite Back

Ning Li hung up the phone and clicked on Weibo.

The post related to Ye Ci's cheating was already ranked sixth.

She clicked on it and saw that the Weibo post that had exposed Ye Ci's cheating on the topic square had been blocked by another Weibo post.

[Gossip Duck: I'm shocked! The national competition cheating case turns out to have another inside story? The real daughter was envied by the fake miss and was deliberately framed!]

There were a few pictures attached below.

The first one was the screenshot of a private message.

The name and profile picture of the person who had sent the private message had been cut off.

[Hello, blogger, I'm a student of Yunzhou Second High School, and I'm in the same grade as Ye Ci. At the moment, the Internet is saying that she cheated, but as her classmate from the same school, I really can't stand it anymore, so I have to say something.]

[First: Ye Ci has always been very outstanding. Her ranking has always been in the top ten of her grade. Even without participating in the competition, she is capable of getting into the Top Two of the national universities based only on the strength of her college entrance exam results. There was no need for her to deliberately cheat in the competition for a guaranteed spot in the university.]

[Second: Ye Ci has always been a good person. I accidentally got injured in PE class, and it was she who helped me get to the infirmary. She might not remember me anymore, but I'll always remember her. It's not just me. Most of the students in Second High School can testify that her character is absolutely fine."

[Third: Last but not least, everyone knows that the invigilation of the Physics competition finals is extremely strict. Wouldn't Ye Ci would know that? Under such circumstances, why would she have chosen to carry a cheat sheet, a method that is extremely easy to be discovered? No one knew that she was staying with another classmate, Ning Li, for the duration of the exam in the Capital. In addition to this layer of competition with Ye Ci, there is a deeper contradiction between the two: Ning Li's biological mother is Ye Ci's stepmother.]

[Ning Li's name may not ring a bell. But if you think back to the school violence incident where she choked a classmate and almost pushed that person down the stairs, you should have a bit of recollection, right? That person was her.]

[Her father is in prison, and her grandmother has passed away, so the Ye family took pity on her and brought her home. They've given her the best in food and clothing, and they even got her into Yunzhou Second High School. However, Ning Li has a problem with her personality. Ye Ci has always taken care of her, but Ning Li has never appreciated it. All the students in Second High School know that Ning Li has never even looked at Ye Ci in a nice way.]

Ye Ci had always been fine. Why is it that the moment she went to take an exam with Ning Li, she was suddenly accused of cheating? Isn't it strange?]

[Anyway, I believe that Ye Ci definitely did not cheat! Even if a cheat sheet was found on her, she definitely did not bring it herself!]

After this picture, there was also a list of the many awards that Ye Ci had won in various competitions, both in and out of school.

Other than these, there was also a photo of her wearing a pure white gauze dress as she danced on stage.

That was her solo dance during one of the celebrations held at the Yunzhou Second High School.

She was delicate, gentle, and beautiful.

Anyone could see that she was an extremely outstanding young lady that had been carefully nurtured by an aristocratic family in all aspects.

The last photo, however, was a screenshot of a video with Ning Li.

Her face was half covered in the photo, but there was an aloof and ruthless air about her that could be felt even through the photo.

When the two photos were put together, the contrast was even more intense.

The comments on this Weibo were rapidly increasing.

Many people were discussing Ning Li in the comments section.

[I knew that Yunzhou Second High School sounded very familiar. So, this is the school where the school violence incident happened?]

[Tsk, what this person said is not impossible. Why did this young lady who was originally doing fine, suddenly have all sorts of problems when she was with Ning Li? Looking at the photos, I can tell that Ning Li is not someone to be trifled with, right?]

[I have wondered before. Why would someone bring a cheat sheet to the Physics competition? That would be utterly stupid! However, it makes sense if they were framed.]

[How can there be such a disgusting person in this world? It's not enough that they've taken advantage of others, yet they still want to frame them? Are they really that hard up to become a rich young lady?]

[This Ning Li is not a good person! We should investigate thoroughly!]

[The person above is right, but the difficulty lies in obtaining evidence. They eat and live together. Who knows when it was done? There aren't even any surveillance cameras.]

[Ye Ci is so pitiful...]

Ning Li casually swiped down.

There was obviously a troll army leading the way, and the hot comments were now all in favor of Ye Ci.

It was as if they had already determined that Ye Ci had been caught cheating because Ning Li had framed her, and Ye Ci herself had been completely unaware of it. She was completely innocent.

It was as if it had already been decided that she was a victim.

“What are you looking at?”

Without her realization, Lu Huaiyu had walked up to stand behind her. With one hand propped on the back of the sofa, he leaned over slightly.

The cool, cedar-like aura on his body instantly wafted over.

Ning Li turned off her phone and shook her head.

“Nothing, it’s only some small matters.”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“Small matters?”

At a glance, he had actually already caught sight of some harsh words.

Ning Li nodded slightly.

“It’s just some small problems. Don’t worry about it.”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her.

It was as if she already expected Ye Ci’s side to bite back, so there was no surprise in her eyes.

Moreover, judging from her reaction, she seemed to already have a way to deal with it. She did not appear to be anxious at all.

He raised his eyebrows slightly.

“You really don’t care?”

Ning Li replied with an “hmm”, her eyes were frank and clear.

She had faced worse words and a storm of public opinion before.

To her, this was just a small issue.

Lu Huaiyu observed her quietly as if he was trying to see through the deepest part of her heart.

He had noticed a long time ago that Ning Li did not seem to bother about these things.

It was as if there was an invisible layer of armor in her heart that blocked out all the sharp blades.

However, he did not know where this layer of armor had come from.

He also did not know what kind of suffering his little girl had suffered.

Ning Li was a little embarrassed by his stare, so she stepped back quietly.

“Second Brother, shall I sleep in the guest bedroom?”

Lu Huaiyu stood up.

“Yes.”

Ning Li returned to the guest bedroom.

Lu Huaiyu sat in the living room for a long time.. His eyes were deep, as his hands played with his phone.

Chapter 366: What Did You See?

By the time Ning Li had finished washing up and gone to bed, it was already past midnight.

On the Internet, the news of her framing Ye Ci for cheating had also become increasingly popular.

In a short period of time, many bloggers posted that it was indeed unreasonable for Ye Ci to have cheated with a cheat sheet.

In addition, many classmates, friends, and even teachers who had any connection with Ye Ci, whether big or small, had also come out one after another, to vouch for Ye Ci as someone who had always been outstanding and would never cheat.

There were also some people who cited a lot of evidence to show that she and Ye Ci were on bad terms, as if this would prove even more that she was the one who had harmed Ye Ci.

Very soon, the direction of public opinion on the Internet changed.

From initially accusing Ye Ci of cheating and insulting her passionately, to gradually becoming suspicious, and then finally blaming everything on Ning Li by insinuating that she had used some underhanded means to frame Ye Ci.

Even if the person involved did not say a word from beginning to end, it did not prevent the Internet from setting off a wave of public opinion.

He Xiaochen was still sending messages to Ning Li, and feeling like she was about to explode from anger.

[Ning Li! Those people are really too much! They don't know anything and are just spouting nonsense! Ye Ci's results were okay in the past, but she was still one step away from Xijing University, right? What did the person mean by not lacking the qualifications to be guaranteed in this competition? Who in the whole of Second High School did not know that her recent exam rankings had plummeted? That informant is either not from our school, or they are deliberately lying.]

[In addition to that, that person is insinuating a lot of negative things about you! If you can't any produce evidence, then you're just spouting nonsense! Also, these people on the Internet are really easily led astray! Ye Ci's cheating should be confirmed. Why is it that it now comes across as if she has been wronged?]

Ning Li looked at the string of exclamation marks that she had put. It was not difficult to imagine her furiously typing away on her phone.

She could not help but laugh.

[It's okay. Today's exam results and punishment results will be out. When the time comes, everything will be clear. There's no need to argue with them.]

No matter how much she said, people would take it as a sign of her guilt.

The results of the finals and the punishment notice were the most important things.

Hearing her words, He Xiaochen finally calmed down.

"That's true! No matter how much they argue, it won't change the final result."

However, she was actually still angry.

Ye Ci had done something wrong, yet she still wanted to throw dirt on others.

[Don't read any more of those online comments. Go to bed early!]

Ning Li said good night to her, put her phone aside, and went to bed.

In her room, He Xiaochen had intended to go to bed as well.

However, after lying down for a while, she could not help but take out her phone and get on to Weibo to challenge those people again.

Unfortunately, she was too weak, so her comments quickly sank.

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By the time Ning Li woke up in the morning, it was already past nine o'clock.

She took out her phone, thinking that she would have received a lot of strange calls and messages to harass her. However, everything was clean.

She blinked her eyes.

Based on Ye Ci's hatred for her now, she should have been itching to release all her information to the public.

What—

She opened Weibo.

[Ning Li]

[Ning Li framed Ye Ci for cheating]

[Ye family of Yunzhou Second High School]

After a night of fierce battle, these few entries were also trending.

But the strange thing was that when she clicked into the relevant topic square, she found that the popularity of the relevant Weibo posts was very low.

This was the hot search that the other party had bought, so it was normal that the data was not high.

However, this had obviously been filtered.

She scanned a few times and found that although these topics had been posted, she did not find any Weibo or comments that had leaked her personal information.

That included her cell phone number, photos, address, and so on. All of it was clean.

She saw a few marketing accounts with millions of fans posting pictures, probably with her related content, and pictures that had been posted.

She heard familiar footsteps coming from outside.

Ning Li took her cell phone and walked out, but she did not see Lu Huaiyu.

He seemed to have entered the master bedroom.

Ning Li walked over and saw that the door was ajar.

Without thinking too much of it and she pushed the door open and went in.

“Second brother, over on Weibo is—”

Before she could finish her sentence, a half-naked, tall, and straight back came into view.

The lines on the man’s shoulders were smooth and straight, and the muscles on his back were perfectly formed. It was not hard to imagine the vigorous and astonishing strength hidden underneath.

He had a slender waist, with perfect lines that could cause people to daydream, hidden under his trousers.

Ning Li’s voice suddenly stopped, and she was completely stunned.

Lu Huaiyu was changing his clothes!

And she had actually barged in just like that!?

She had suddenly pushed the door open and entered, which was surely not what Lu Huaiyu had been expecting.

He paused for a moment, before continuing to change into a black shirt, buttoning it up from the bottom up.

He always seemed to carry himself with a proud and noble air. Even in such a situation, he still carried his body with a casual languidness.

Such a simple action made him look unspeakably casual and seductive.

Ning Li's mind went blank. Subconsciously, she tightened her grip on the door handrail, and her heart started beating rapidly.

Lu Huaiyu had cocked his head to the side and buttoned the top button with one hand which highlighted his sharp and smooth jawline, and made his protruding Adam's apple clearer.

Ning Li suddenly remembered that she had kissed Lu Huaiyu and... his Adam's apple on this bed that night.

She held her breath.

"I-I'm sorry, Second Brother. I didn't know you were changing--"

As soon as she said that, she made a move to leave.

Lu Huaiyu slowly took the tie and coat that was beside him, then raised his eyebrows and asked, "What did you see?"

Chapter 367: Has Been Thinking About Me?

Ning Li hurriedly averted her eyes, not daring to look at him. Her throat had gone dry.

"What? I didn't see anything."

Lu Huaiyu walked over, each step felt as if he was stepping on her heart.

At the moment, Ning Li was feeling extremely regretful.

How could she have forgotten that this was Lu Huaiyu's bedroom?

How could she have pushed the door open and entered just because she had seen that the door was not locked?

Even if she said so, Lu Huaiyu probably would not believe her, right?

Lu Huaiyu stood beside her.

Ning Li lowered her head slightly and stared at the ground. From the corner of her eye, she could see the edge of his black trousers.

When she saw this, she could not help but think of what she had just seen.

Lu Huaiyu was born with a perfect frame for clothes. No matter how ordinary the clothes that he wore were, they always seemed to bring out a sense of nobility and ascetic bearing that others could not compare to.

Usually, all she could discern was that his shoulders were wide and his waist was narrow. Generally, he looked handsome and elegant.

However, with his clothes removed, she finally understood what it meant to look slim while wearing clothes, but fleshed out when undressed.

Under the thin clothes, the man's body was tall and perfect. His muscles were smooth and flawless.

This man had a cold and ascetic face. Anyone could see that he was like an untouchable flower.

However, he had such a perfect body. His whole body was well-proportioned, every inch of it an irresistible temptation.

These two contradictory perceptions intertwined with each other and formed a subtle, indescribable, and extremely repressed but also an extremely vigorous sexual tension.

One could not help but wonder what kind of emotional appearance such a person would have when he finally fell in love.

As soon as this thought appeared in her mind, Ning Li's heart skipped a beat.

She must be out of her mind! Was she actually thinking about this?

Lu Huaiyu did not speak.

The short silence almost made it hard for her to breathe.

His gaze fell on her face, as if he could see through everything.

Ning Li braced herself and spoke again.

“I really, really didn’t see anything—”

Lu Huaiyu suddenly laughed.

A deep and unhurried laughter came from over the top of her head, instantly causing Ning Li to feel stuck.

“I’m talking about Weibo.”

Lu Huaiyu said as he laughed unhurriedly.

“What did you think I was asking about?”

Ning Li, “!!!”

This man—

He had done it on purpose, right??

He must have done it on purpose!?

Ning Li was completely overwhelmed by shame and embarrassment, so she took a deep breath and forced herself to speak calmly.

“Oh. What I meant was... I didn’t see anything on Weibo. It seems that all of my personal information was deliberately blocked.”

Lu Huaiyu admired the change in the young girl’s expression for a while. When he saw that her ears were flushed, he withdrew his gaze in satisfaction, and the corners of his eyes and brows held a smile.

“Yes, I made a small suggestion to their Vice President.”

Ning Li, “...”

A small suggestion...

Did he misunderstand this word?

Lu Huaiyu tapped her forehead lightly and said in a light voice, “It’s the same as last time.”

Ning Li was stunned and looked up at him.

Lu Huaiyu’s expression was light, but there was a hint of coldness in his eyes.

She pursed her lips.

The time he was referring to was the time when she had been abused in school.

In fact, Lu Huaiyu had acted very quickly at that time, yet it seemed as if he still felt that it had not been enough.

This time, he had actually come out personally and cut off the trouble at the root.

However, other than the part about personal information, the rest did not seem to be affected.

Her name was still on the hot search list, and the black entries that the other party bought were still on the hot search list.

Lu Huaiyu put on a tie as he walked, and then looked at the time.

“It’s already late. Let’s have brunch first, and then we’ll go to Capital First High School. Is that okay?”

He had obviously planned a rough schedule, but he still asked Ning Li for her opinion.

Ning Li nodded.

“Then I’ll go and clean up.”

With that, she finally released her hand from the door handle, turned around, and hurried to the guest bedroom.

She had just taken a step when she suddenly remembered something. She turned around and said hesitantly, “Those... those trending searches...”

With Lu Huaiyu’s methods, it would not have been difficult for him to remove all the relevant content.

However, he had only blocked the parts related to her personal information, without touching anything else.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly and spoke nonchalantly.

“We have to give them some leeway, otherwise, it would be too boring.”

Ning Li vaguely guessed his thoughts.

Or perhaps, Lu Huaiyu had guessed her plan.

She tacitly did not ask anymore and went back to her room.

Around 10 o'clock, the two of them went out and headed to a morning tea shop for breakfast. After that, they went to Capital First High School together.

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On the way, Ning Li received a landline phone call from the Capital.

She picked it up.

A gentle middle-aged woman's voice came from the other end.

"Hello, this is the enrollment office of Xijing University. Are you Student Ning Li?"

When Ning Li saw the number, she had already guessed the other party's intention.

"Hello, yes, I'm Ning Li."

The teacher's tone was gentle and warm.

"Hello, Student Ning Li. It's like this, we are very interested in you..."

The call lasted for a full ten minutes.

Just as Ning Li hung up, another landline call from Haicheng came in.

She glanced at it and answered the call.

This time, it was a young man's voice that sounded like he was in his twenties.

“Hello, Student Ning Li? This is the enrollment office of Haicheng Hua University.”

By the time Ning Li had finished with the call, they had already arrived at the entrance of Capital First High School.

Fang Qingyun was extremely excited to hear this from the front of the car.

When Ning Li was finally free, he could not help but ask, “Ah Li, were those calls from the enrollment office of Xijing University and Haicheng Hua University?”

Ning Li nodded.

“Yes.”

Fang Qingyun was even happier.

Recently, because of Ning Li’s participation in the Physics competition, Elder Lu had specifically looked up a lot of information, so he also knew a lot about it.

Today was the day of the finals. Although the results had not been announced yet, the major universities would always get the results in advance.

Since both Xijing University and Haicheng Hua University had called Ning Li, it proved that she had to be very high in the rankings!

He had to quickly send a message to Grandfather Lu!

Ning Li and Lu Huaiyu got out of the car at the school gate and walked to the school administration building together.

Today was a day of rest, so the students of Capital First High School were on vacation.

The campus was deserted.

As Ning Li walked, she suddenly remembered something.

There seemed to have been a scar on Lu Huaiyu's back and left shoulder blade.

Previously, she had been so embarrassed that she had not paid too much attention to it.

Now that she thought about it calmly, she remembered that he did seem to have suffered some kind of injury.

That position...

"Ah Li?"

Lu Huaiyu called her twice before she came back to her senses and looked at him in a daze.

"Second Brother."

Lu Huaiyu seemed to have noticed something and stopped in his tracks.

"What's wrong?"

Ning Li hesitated for a moment before she finally asked, "Second Brother, was your back injured before?"

Lu Huaiyu tilted his head slightly and looked at her. When he heard this, he raised his eyebrows slightly.

A moment later, his thin lips curved slightly.

“Didn’t you say that you didn’t see anything?”

Ning Li’s face instantly turned hot.

Lu Huaiyu bent over slightly and lowered his voice. Then, with a faint smile, he said, “So, have you actually been thinking about this since just now?”

Chapter 368: Is About My Thoughts

‘So, you saw everything just now.

‘So, you keep recalling the scene.

‘So, in your heart and mind, you are thinking about Lu Huaiyu.’

This casual sentence of Lu Huaiyu’s instantly formed several layers of meaning in Ning Li’s mind.

His voice and expression had always been low and pleasant to the ear. When he spoke in such a low and gentle tone, he appeared especially gentle.

Ning Li felt that his words were no different from saying that she had been thinking about him all this time.

She hurriedly took half a step back and reflexively replied, “I didn’t!”

Lu Huaiyu straightened up and looked at her with a faint smile.

Her ears and cheeks had flushed red, making her look like a jumpy little rabbit.

Those who did not know better would think that he had somehow stepped on her tail.

“Okay, so you didn’t think about it.”

He said casually, his eyes and brows full of indulgence, “I was thinking about it, okay?”

Ning Li, “...”

It was not as bad as her thinking about it!

All she had wanted was to ask him about that scar–

“Ning Li?”

Zhou Fei’s voice came from behind.

Ning Li turned her head to look and saw Zhou Fei walking over from the direction of the school entrance.

Pei Song was with him. He had obviously come to see the overall results.

Ye Ci was not with them.

“Teacher Zhou.”

Ning Li greeted the two of them.

Zhou Fei looked a little tired. There were shadows under his bloodshot eyes.

It was obvious that he had not slept well yesterday.

Zhou Fei was also sizing her up. Seeing that there was nothing wrong with her, she was relieved.

It had already been troublesome enough when Ye Ci had been exposed as cheating yesterday afternoon.

No one could have known that by evening time, someone would come out and make another accusation, by saying that it was very likely that Ning Li deliberately framed Ye Ci.

For a time, the Internet had been in chaos, causing him to not be able to close his eyes the whole night.

Before he had come, he had still been a little worried that Ning Li would be affected by these things, but fortunately, she looked okay.

“It’s good that you’re here. You should have received a call from the enrollment office of Xijing University and Haicheng Hua University, right?”

Ning Li nodded.

Zhou Fei heaved a sigh of relief.

“That’s good.”

Although he had not gotten his grades yet, Ning Li and Pei Song had both received a call from the headhunting recruiters from the universities. Clearly, they had done well in the exams.

As long as they performed normally, there would be absolutely no problem.

The small group entered the administrative building together and arrived at an office on the second floor.

The final grades would be announced here.

Before them, they saw a number of students and leading teachers who had arrived in advance and waiting there.

When they saw Ning Li, everyone kept a subtle expression on their faces.

The matter on the Internet had caused a big commotion, so they all had known about it.

Ye Ci had been caught cheating redhanded, and she had been punished. All of that had been within their expectations.

However, no one had expected that Ning Li would be implicated in this matter as well/

Moreover, the rumors were getting more and more intense, and the public opinion was very unfriendly to Ning Li.

Yet, she still looked very relaxed...

Some people were watching Lu Huaiyu.

When the Winter Camp had ended, he had come to pick Ning Li up personally, and many people had known about it.

However, not many people had witnessed it with their own eyes that day.

Seeing him here today, they realized that this man was even more outstanding than what the rumors said.

The office door was opened from the inside, and a teacher walked out.

“The final results will be announced according to the order of the rankings. Students whose names have been called, please come in and receive your certificate and file.”

All the students and teachers who were waiting in the corridor quieted down.

The atmosphere was tense.

The teacher’s gaze scanned the surroundings before finally landing on Ning Li. A smile appeared on his face.

“Ning Li, you may come in.”

The crowd became even quieter.

With this sound, it was almost certain that Ning Li had won first place in this year’s Physics competition!

Even though there had already been some speculation, it was impossible to say that they did not feel any envy at this moment.

That was... the number one overall score in the country!

Ning Li responded to the person and subconsciously glanced at Lu Huaiyu before walking over.

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Ning Li was inside for quite a while.

The people in the corridor were anxious, but they had no other choice but to wait.

How had Ning Li become number one?

There seemed to be several teachers from Xijing University and a few other universities in the same office.

Who did not want to compete with her?

It was normal for her to take a longer time.

After a long time, Ning Li finally came out.

There was a file bag in her hand.

Everyone looked at it eagerly.

“I wonder if she signed with Xijing University or Haicheng Hua University...”

Someone murmured.

Zhou Fei went up to her.

“How was it?”

Ning Li nodded, opened the file bag, and handed the comprehensive report card to Zhou Fei.

Zhou Fei’s eyelids twitched when he saw the score.

After a while, he carefully put away the report card and returned it to Ning Li.

“Who did you sign with?”

Ning Li shook her head.

Zhou Fei immediately understood.

“You didn’t sign with any of them?”

“Yes.”

Ning Li’s voice was light and her expression was calm.

Pei Song heard her and looked over.

The color of his eyes behind the lenses could not be seen clearly.

Zhou Fei’s tongue touched his cheek and he smiled.

Previously, Geng Haifan had told him before that Ning Li wanted to participate in the competition and also the college entrance examination.

He had not expected that the opportunity that other people only dreamed of would be here, yet she had given it up just like that.

It was her...

“Alright! Since you have already thought it through, then let’s do it your way.”

The office continued to call for people.

“Pei Song.”

The corridor fell into silence once again.

Ning Li had taken first place, but Pei Song had... taken second place?

In addition to Ye Ci, who had been disqualified for cheating, the three people from Yunzhou Second High were really...

Pei Song entered the office..

Chapter 369: Did You Guys Agree on This?

A few more people went upstairs.

“Jingxuan, you don’t look too good. Did you not sleep well yesterday?”

“Yes, a little. Is it obvious?”

“It’s not that bad! Anyway, you’re pretty, so it doesn’t affect you much! But I rarely see you like this. Is it because you’ve been too nervous about the results today?”

“Don’t just talk about me. Aren’t you guys nervous?”

They were the examinees from Capital First High School.

Ning Li raised her eyes and looked in that direction. The person walking in the middle was Cao Jingxuan.

As if sensing her gaze, Cao Jingxuan suddenly raised her eyes and looked over.

The two of them looked at each other.

The smile on Cao Jingxuan's face inexplicably froze.

The students around her seemed to have sensed the tension in the atmosphere and kept quiet.

Seeing that the office door was closed, one of the students could not help but ask, "Have the results been announced?"

Cao Jingxuan spotted the file bag in Ning Li's hand and her expression changed slightly.

—Ning Li was the only one here who had taken this thing.

"It has begun. The first place has already been called in for discussion."

Someone beside her added.

First place.

Cao Jingxuan and the others immediately realized something. Ning Li, who had gotten first place in every test at the Winter Camp, had undoubtedly won first place!

"In second place is Pei Song. He's already been called in."

"Yunzhou Second High School... is really awesome!"

"It's a pity that Ye Ci didn't finish the test that day. I would really have liked to know what kind of test results she could get."

“Haha, I won’t be able to see how much she got, but I can wait to see what her punishment is!”

The crowd began to discuss in low voices again.

Without a doubt, the biggest commotion in the past two days had been the matter of Ye Ci cheating.

Of course, this matter also involved Ning Li.

But no matter what, Ning Li had already taken first place in the exam. She did not need to care about any mess on the Internet anymore.

Cao Jingxuan thought for a moment and walked towards Ning Li and the others.

She first looked at Lu Huaiyu and Zhou Fei.

“Senior Lu, Senior Zhou.”

These two people were famous figures from Capital First High School. Even though they had graduated a few years ago, they were still very famous among their juniors.

With Cao Jingxuan leading the way, the people following behind also came over to greet them.

Lu Huaiyu’s expression was as aloof as ever.

Zhou Fei, on the other hand, was fine.

Although he had been tormented by Ye Ci’s matter, Ning Li had won first place today, which had finally given him something to be happy about.

He responded to them one by one.

Cao Jingxuan looked at the scene in front of her, and a subtle bitterness rose in her heart.

It was clear that Lu Huaiyu and Zhou Fei took great care of Ning Li.

She had gone to bed very late last night and read a lot of content related to Ye Ci and Ning Li on the Internet.

She really did not understand why a person like Ning Li would have any connection with Lu Huaiyu?

It went without saying that since Zhou Fei was Ning Li's teacher, it was normal for him to take care of her.

But... what about Lu Huaiyu and Ning Li?

She could not figure it out.

Why was this noble and cold Second Master of the Lu family so close and concerned about Ning Li?

But of course, these questions could not be asked out loud.

She looked at Ning Li with her usual standard smile.

"Ning Li, I heard that you got first place. I haven't congratulated you yet!"

She let out a sigh of relief.

"I really envy you! After this, you'll be completely liberated! Unlike us, if we don't do well this time, we will still have to go back and take the college entrance exam."

Ning Li raised her eyebrows, and the corners of her lips curled up into an extremely faint smile.

“Speaking of which, I also have to thank you. Previously, when Ye Ci told me about red being auspicious, I didn’t take it to heart. But now, the facts have proven that it’s true.”

The smile on Cao Jingxuan’s face suddenly froze.

Ning Li continued to speak slowly.

“If you hadn’t accidentally spilled that banana milkshake on me that morning, I wouldn’t have gone back to change into that red down jacket. I might not have been able to get this result.”

Cao Jingxuan’s palms were wet with sweat.

After a long while, she forced a smile and said,

“That was an accident. You were able to get first place because you have the ability.”

The corners of Ning Li’s lips curved, but she did not say anything more.

Cao Jingxuan felt that there was something hidden in her words, so she felt a little guilty. However, she did not say anything more and waited patiently for the results to be announced.

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In the office, several teachers sat behind a huge oval-shaped conference table.

Pei Song was sitting opposite them, with a file bag on the table in front of him.

The teacher sitting in the middle looked at him with a complicated expression.

“Pei Song, let me ask you again. Have you really thought it through?”

Pei Song nodded slightly.

The teachers looked at each other helplessly.

“You have to know that once you miss this opportunity, it will be too late to regret it.”

Pei Song’s expression was calm, and his voice was as cold and distant as ever.

“Thank you for your reminder, teachers, but I have already made my decision. I will not regret it.”

The office fell into a brief silence.

Finally, a teacher shook his head with a bitter smile.

“I really don’t know how your school educates you. The two of you are refusing this opportunity?”

Ning Li had done the same earlier, and Pei Song had done the same thing now.

The first and second places in the country in this competition were the ones who were most qualified to select their preferred colleges or universities and be interviewed for instant admission.

In the end, both of them had given up the opportunities.

Other people might not even have gotten such an opportunity in their whole lives, but if they said they did not want it, then there was nothing more to be done. It was really...

However, both of them had excellent results.

Even if they did not participate in competitions and still chose to take the college entrance exam, the top universities in the country would still allow them to take the exam.

In short, they had results, but they were willful!

The teacher in the middle shook his head and smiled.

“That’s enough. You can go back and prepare for the college entrance exam. Any university here will still welcome you and Ning Li.”

Pei Song stood up and nodded slightly.

“Thank you, teachers.”

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Just like Ning Li, Pei Song’s conversation had lasted a long time.

Finally, he pushed open the door and walked out.

Everyone looked over with undisguised curiosity in their eyes.

Zhou Fei asked, “Pei Song, you should have signed with Xijing University, right?”

Pei Song was considered half a citizen of the Capital. Between Xijing University and Haicheng Hua University, the possibility of choosing Xijing University was higher.

Pei Song paused.

“No, I didn’t sign with them.”

Zhou Fei was stunned.

“You didn’t sign either!?”

His words immediately attracted the attention of many people.

Everyone was stunned.

Ning Li did not sign with any university, and Pei Song did not sign with any university either?

What was he trying to do?!

Zhou Fei subconsciously looked at Ning Li, and his gaze swept back and forth between the two of them.

He said in disbelief, “Did you guys... discuss this?”

Ning Li looked at Pei Song in surprise.

She remembered that in her previous life, Pei Song had successfully signed with Xijing University. Why hadn’t he done it this time?

Lu Huaiyu and his gaze swept over Pei Song’s body, with his brows raised slightly.

Pei Song explained calmly, “No, I just didn’t want to enter the Institute..”

Chapter 370: Full Marks?

Most of the students who got a place in the university through the competition would enter the Institute of Physics.

It would be more troublesome if they wanted to apply for other majors. Usually, only the top scorer would have this privilege.

In his previous life, the top scorer had been Pei Song.

This time, the top scorer was Ning Li.

In this case, it was normal for him to give up the contract in order to get the major that he preferred.

However, it was a pity. After all, not everyone had such an opportunity.

Zhou Fei massaged his temples.

“You... Fine. You’ll be able to take the college entrance exam anyway.”

Whether it was Ning Li or Pei Song, this contract was not that important.

After all, both of their results in other subjects were also top-notch.

Zhou Fei only had one feeling: this batch of students was too difficult to lead!

“Alright, since both of your grades are out, you can go back first. I’ll wait here and go back later.”

He still had to wait for Ye Ci’s disciplinary notice to come out.

“Also, I’ve already booked a flight back to Yunzhou tomorrow morning.”

After settling the matters here, he naturally had to go back.

Ning Li nodded.

“Then, we’ll be leaving first.”

Many people in the surroundings were looking over.

Ning Li was about to leave before Ye Ci’s punishment was announced. She really did not seem to bother about Ye Ci’s issue at all.

However, it made sense. She even had the confidence to give up on signing the contract. What else was there for her to worry about?

Zhou Fei nodded.

“Oh right, I still have to call the school and report both of your results.”

Ye Ci’s cheating had caused too much trouble, and the reputation of Yunzhou Second High School had also been affected. Now, they urgently needed Ning Li and Pei Song’s results to restore their image.

As he spoke, he quickly walked to the side and called the school leader.

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Fang Qingyun was still standing by the car and talking to Old Master Lu on the phone.

“... Yeah! Just now, the people from the enrollment office of Xijing University and Haicheng Hua University called Ah Li!

“I think they said that only the Top 20 students in the country are qualified to be sent to this competition. These two schools were competing for Ah Li, so her ranking must be higher!

“Ah? Which one did she choose? I’m not sure yet. Ah Li did not say it clearly when she picked up the phone... Hey! She’s back! Old man, I’ll be hanging up now!”

Fang Qingyun immediately put away his phone and smiled as he looked at Ning Li and Lu Huaiyu who were walking over.

“Second Master, Ah Li, why did you come back so quickly?”

He had thought that he would have to wait for a long time. After all, it was a big deal.

Ning Li smiled faintly.

“I came back after I got my results.”

Fang Qingyun’s gaze fell on her file bag, and his heart felt like it was being scratched.

“Then, then how did Ah Li do? Did she get into... the Top Ten?”

Ning Li, “... Yes.”

Fang Qingyun immediately beamed.

He knew it!

“Good, good, good! Our Ah Li is indeed amazing! Oh right, the old man also heard that your results were out today. Do you want to tell him—”

Before he could finish his sentence, Ning Li’s phone rang.

Someone was making a voice call to her.

Ning Li took a look and answered the call.

“Grandpa Lu.”

Fang Qingyun, “...”

Old Master Lu had not planned on making this call.

However, he really could not wait any longer!

“Ah Li, the results of your Physics competition are out, right?”

Old Master Lu could not hide the curiosity in his voice.

“Well, how did the exam go?”

Ning Li glanced at Fang Qingyun.

Needless to say, the two of them must have already spoken on the phone.

She said, “It was alright.”

Old Master Lu said, "Good, good, good! Then why don't we celebrate at home?"

Ning Li, "..."

This turn of events was a bit too sudden...

She turned her head to look at Lu Huaiyu.

The corners of Lu Huaiyu's lips curved slightly, and he said with a casual smile, "The Old Master has never seen the results of the National Physics Competition. Just take it over and show it to him."

Ning Li, "..."

With Lu Huaiyu's resume, how could he have lacked such a report card?

However, since the old man had given her such a warm invitation, she naturally could not refuse.

After a moment, she nodded.

"Okay."

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Lu family.

The Black Panamera stopped in front of the gate.

As soon as Lu Huaiyu got out of the car, he saw the old man looking around in the courtyard.

Old Master Lu's gaze swept past him, and then he quickly looked at Ning Li who had gotten out of the car behind him. The smile on his face grew wider, and he waved at Ning Li repeatedly.

"Ah Li is back? Hurry up! It's cold outside, hurry up and enter the house!"

Lu Huaiyu, "..."

Ning Li walked over.

"Hello, Grandpa Lu."

Old Master Lu looked her up and down for a while and sighed.

"Aiya, how long has it been since we last met? Ah Li seems to have lost weight? Was this exam too hard?"

Ning Li was silent for a moment.

She had just spent New Year's Eve here. That did not seem... It was not that long ago, right?

As she followed Elder Lu in, she asked, "Grandpa Lu, have you been feeling well recently?"

Elder Lu said repeatedly.

"I'm doing great! Grandpa goes out to exercise every day! By the way, this is the report card for the competition in your hand, right?"

Ning Li handed over the file bag.

"It's this."

Old Master Lu pulled Ning Li to sit down on the sofa. He revered the file bag in his hand and looked at it for a long time before opening it carefully.

He pulled out the comprehensive report card inside.

He was stunned when he saw the scores and rankings on it. He took it further and looked at it for a while before muttering, "Ah Li, is grandfather seeing things? This one here... Why are there two identical scores?"

Ning Li was silent for a moment before explaining, "Grandfather Lu, that's the standard total score for the object competition as well as my exam score."

Old Master Lu reacted for a moment and widened his eyes. "... Full, full score!?"

Ning Li nodded slightly.

This comprehensive score was made up of two parts. One part was the result of the final exam paper, and the other part was the result of the Winter Camp test.

Ning Li had gotten full marks in every test.

Therefore, her comprehensive score was also full.

Old Master Lu stared at the report card for a long time before sighing. He then looked at Lu Huaiyu speechlessly.

'Kid, are you even worthy of Ah Li?'

Lu Huaiyu, "..."

Old Master Lu asked Ning Li eagerly again, “Ah Li, can grandpa frame— Can I take a picture of it?”

Although he really wanted to carefully frame this and hang it at home, it was indeed not suitable at the moment.

He did not even have a proper title yet!

Sigh, if it was not for his grandson not living up to expectations, would he still need to take a picture here?

Ning Li nodded. “Of course.”

When Elder Lu heard her say that, he immediately placed the report card on the table in high spirits. He fiddled with his phone for quite a while before he took a satisfactory picture.

“Oh right, Ah Li, which school did you sign up for?”

After Elder Lu finished taking the photo, he looked at the file bag again.

The contract should be in there as well, right?

Ning Li’s lips curved.

“Grandpa Lu, I didn’t sign with any..”