

## Little Brat's 371

Chapter 371: Bad Tactics

Old Master Lu was stunned.

“You didn’t sign? None of them? Xijing University– Didn’t sign?”

Ning Li nodded.

“I didn’t sign with any of them.”

Old Master Lu was completely stunned.

Ah Li was the top scorer in the whole country!

Whichever school she wanted to attend, and which major she wanted, didn’t she have the freedom to choose now?

Why had she not signed in the end?

“Wouldn’t you be able to skip the college entrance examination if you signed up for guaranteed admission?”

Elder Lu had recently learned a lot about this.

If she could get enough outstanding results in the national competition, she could completely bypass the college entrance examination. She would be able to save a lot of time and energy compared to other students.

Yet, in the end, Ah Li did not choose any of them?

Ning Li smiled.

“Grandpa Lu, I just feel that I would regret it if I didn’t participate in the college entrance examination. So...”

Old Master Lu suddenly understood.

What she said made sense, but... it was indeed a pity!

He thought about it, still feeling a little worried.

“Then, then if you participate in the College Entrance Examination, which school do you plan to apply for?”

She should not be going abroad...

“Xijing University,” Ning Li said.

Old Master Lu’s worried heart finally settled in his stomach.

“That’s good, that’s good! Xijing University is good! Haha!”

It was right in front of his house!

In the future, Ah Li would be able to come over frequently when she went to university!

Good!

Old Master Lu was happy again.

“Oh right, Chun Lan has already gone shopping, so you’ll eat at home here tonight, okay?”

Ning Li, who had suddenly been booked for dinner, said,

“Okay. Thank you, Grandpa Lu.”

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Capital First High School.

The students were receiving their results files, one after another.

Cao Jingxuan was waiting in the corridor, but she was getting more and more anxious.

Sixth place had already been called, yet it was still not her turn yet.

The university she wanted to attend the most was Xijing University.

However, if she did not get a good result in the exam, her situation might be a little dicey.

A teacher came out of the office.

Cao Jingxuan immediately looked over, her heart feeling as if it was suspended in the air.

“Song Mengtang.”

The teacher shouted.

Song Mengtang walked in under everyone's envious gazes.

Cao Jingxuan's heart slowly sank.

She was already in seventh place.

Although the Top 20 could all qualify for guaranteed admission, the schools that would make an offer to them would be different.

Only the top few students would be able to win the favor of Xijing University.

If she was stuck in eighth place, there might still be a glimmer of hope.

However, if she was ranked any lower, Xijing University would probably not consider her.

Apart from Ning Li and Pei Song, the negotiations with the other students had all gone smoothly.

All of them had already chosen a school of their own. With their good grades and great choices, their discussions were naturally very quick.

Song Mengtang was the same.

When she came out, someone beside her immediately asked where she had signed to.

Cao Jingxuan clearly heard her mention Xijing University.

She felt even more uneasy.

Xijing University's quota was probably quite limited...

The teacher came out again.

However this time, Cao Jingxuan was still not called.

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After a long while, Cao Jingxuan finally heard her name.

Eleventh place.

This ranking might be considered good for others, but in Cao Jingxuan's eyes, it was abnormal.

She thought that she should have been in the Top 10, no matter what.

Who would have known that she would actually be stuck in eleventh place?

She took a deep breath and entered the office.

In the room sat the teachers from the admissions offices of several universities, including Xijing University.

After Cao Jingxuan had sat down, they also briefed her about the conditions of signing the contract and asked her to consider it.

However, the teacher from Xijing University did not speak from the beginning to the end.

"Student Cao Jingxuan, have you considered it?"

The teacher sitting in the middle asked.

Cao Jingxuan held her report card and hesitated for a long time before she finally spoke.

“Teacher Lin, Xijing University...”

Teacher Lin from Xi Jing University smiled apologetically.

“Dear student, I’m really sorry. Our quota is already full. Therefore, I’m afraid we can’t sign with you anymore.”

Cao Jingxuan was very embarrassed.

This was equivalent to a clear rejection.

However, she still did not give up.

Since she had already opened her mouth, she just had to make sure.

“... But, didn’t Ning Li and Pei Song not sign?”

If that was the case, she should still be able to get a spot, right?

Teacher Lin smiled and shook his head. He said concisely, “They are them, and you are you.”

Cao Jingxuan’s face instantly turned red. She felt extremely embarrassed and wished that she could find a hole to hide in!

The teacher's words had been tactful and straightforward, implying that Xijing University was not interested in her, the eleventh-ranked student!

She forced herself to remain calm and managed to maintain the expression on her face with much difficulty.

"Thank you, teacher. I understand."

The teacher sitting in the middle smiled and tried to help her out of her predicament.

"It's alright, Student Cao Jingxuan. Haicheng Hua University welcomes you very much! Look—"

Cao Jingxuan took a deep breath, stood up, and bowed to the teachers.

"Thank you, teachers, but... I won't be signing today."

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Cao Jingxuan walked out of the office.

The other students from Capital First High School immediately surrounded her.

"Jingxuan, how was it? Did you sign up?"

Cao Jingxuan was ranked the best among them, so of course, they were curious.

Cao Jingxuan shook her head:

"No, I rejected it."

The others were stunned, and quite a few people looked over.

“You didn’t sign it? Why didn’t you sign it?”

“Yeah, didn’t you always want to enter Xijing University? Don’t you want such a good opportunity?”

Cao Jingxuan said softly, “Actually, my first choice is not the Institute of Physics. Didn’t Pei Song reject it as well just now? I thought about it for a long time, and I feel that I should apply for the major that I like so that I won’t regret it in the future.”

The others were full of envy.

“So, this is a straight-A student? She really is not afraid of anything with her grades in hand... If it were me, I’d be willing to go to any department, as long as I could get into Xijing University!”

“Me too!”

“Sigh, don’t think about it. Jingxuan will definitely be able to get into Xijing University easily in the college entrance examination. We can’t be envious of her!”

Cao Jingxuan tightened her grip on the file bag, but her expression remained the same.

“It’s university, after all. It’s better to choose the school and major you like the most.”

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At the Lu residence.



Ning Li stayed in the same guest bedroom that she had stayed in previously and was sitting casually on the rattan chair on the balcony.

The file bag had been placed on the small table next to her.

She was holding her phone.

After one night and one morning, the Internet had completely shifted its direction in favor of Ye Ci.

The blogger who had initially posted the Weibo post which brought forward the suspicion that Ning Li had framed Ye Ci, retweeted his own Weibo post an hour ago.

[ Gossip Duck: It's been so long.. Isn't Ning Li going to come out and give an explanation? Is she feeling guilty? We can't tolerate someone who openly cheated in the national competition, but we also can't accept someone using dirty methods to sabotage their competitors and obtain results that don't belong to them! This kind of behavior is even worse! We urge the competition team to thoroughly investigate this matter! ]

Chapter 372: Announcement and Good News

This Weibo post quickly received a response from everyone.

[ Yes! This matter must be investigated clearly! The competition should have been fair and open! Even if you win using such underhanded methods to frame others, aren't you afraid of ghosts knocking on the door in the middle of the night? ]

[ The physics competition team should quickly come out and respond! If you allow this kind of person with such a bad character to enter a top university, wouldn't it be like a rat's poop spoiling a pot of soup?! ]

[ Ning Li hasn't come out to respond even after the incident. ]. At least, Ye Ci still had quite a number of classmates, friends, and teachers standing up for her. On Ning Li's side, not even a single person has come out to defend her. Isn't this enough proof? ]

[ A guilty conscience! She's capable of framing someone, so why would she care about being reprimanded? Besides, this isn't the first time. Dog Head. JPG. ]

All kinds of comments were being made in the comments section as if they had already determined that it was Ning Li who had harmed Ye Ci.

Someone had brought this issue up.

#the competition should be fair, fair, and open

Many people then started to follow the trend after seeing this.

The comments started coming in almost simultaneously.

This topic quickly became the tenth most searched topic.

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In the hotel.

In the room, Ye Ci was looking at Weibo, continuously clicking on this entry.

The square had been completely occupied by related content. The top few posts were all directed at Ning Li.

Below, many constantly refreshed personal blogs brought up these topics as well.

The competition circle was small and belonged to a few top geniuses.

However, the fairness of the competition and the fairness of the exam were eternal themes that had remained unchanged for a long time, and could easily stir up people's emotions.

The Internet trolls had started mixing in and stirred up public opinion. Even the spectators who did not know the truth began to go with popular opinion.

Ye Ci's mood finally improved.

Now, the matter of her cheating could not be changed, no matter what.

That was because she could not produce any evidence to prove that Ning Li was the one who had done it to her.

Even so, she had to win even a small victory!

Since she was finished, she did not want Ning Li to have an easy time either!

As long as she could stir up public opinion and pour all this dirty water on Ning Li, then in the future, Ning Li's situation would only be worse than hers!

She had already turned her phone off early because she could not bear the constant stream of people calling and harassing her.

The one she was using now was Su Yuan's.

She called Ye Yiming.

"Cousin, thank you so much for your help this time. Otherwise, I really..."

Because she had been crying for a long time, her voice was still hoarse.

Ye Yiming felt his heart ache when he heard this and quickly said, "It's alright, Lil Ci, don't worry too much. Public opinion has basically changed now and most people are on your side. Don't be afraid.

"All you need is a little more time, there's not even any need for evidence, and everyone will only remember that Ning Li framed you, understand?"

The hot topics on the internet appeared and disappeared quickly.

Most of the time, people would not really investigate the truth of a matter.

They would only remember the situation when the news was at its hottest.

Even if someone came to refute the rumor, the netizens would not pay attention to it anymore. It would be useless.

In their hearts, they would only remember the first impression of the hot topic and the deepest impression.

Hearing his words, Ye Ci felt much more at ease.

"The progress of this matter is still very smooth. If you continue to remain silent, you will naturally be able to turn the tables later!"

Ye Yiming had initially been worried that there was someone behind Ning Li, but after waiting for a long time, the other party did not make any movements.

The hot searches for black articles had already been hung up for a day and a night.

As long as someone had the capital, they would not let it go so easily.

Only then did he gradually feel at ease. He was also confident of winning this public opinion battle.

He comforted Ye Ci for a while more before hanging up the phone.

Ye Ci went to wash her face.

Her cousin was right. Since the matter had already happened, the most important thing was to find a way to resolve it.

It was useless for her to cry here all the time.

Only by stepping on Ning Li could she turn over a new leaf!

She tidied up briefly before taking her phone again. She wanted to see how badly Ning Li had been scolded.

Suddenly, she noticed that a message had suddenly popped up on the screen of her phone.

—A notice was posted in the senior class group of Yunzhou Second High School.

Her heart skipped a beat, and she immediately clicked on it.

[ Notice: Ye Ci, from First Class of the first year of our high school, was caught cheating with a cheat sheet in the National Physics Competition Finals. The evidence is conclusive. The competition organizing committee and the Provincial Ministry of Education have jointly discussed and decided to punish Ye Ci as follows:

Disqualify Ye Ci from participating in the National Physics Competition Finals.

Revoke Ye Ci's results in the Provincial Physics Competition Preliminaries and revoke the certificate and trophy.

Prohibit Ye Ci from participating in any form of the provincial and national competitions.

Ye Ci will be given a major demerit, and a severe warning. She will be placed under probation. If any further violations occur, the student will be expelled.

@ all teachers and students, the integrity in the exams is the bottom line! It is also a red line! Please take this as a warning, and resolutely stick it in your heart! Once a similar situation is discovered, the school will definitely punish severely! ]

Looking at the disciplinary notice, the blood in Ye Ci's body instantly turned cold.

She had known that she would not be able to escape punishment, but she had never expected that the school would announce it so straightforwardly!

Now, everyone had seen it!

Just as her mind was in a state of chaos, another notification was posted in the group.

[ Good news! Congratulations to our Senior Grade First Class students, Ning Li and Pei Song, for obtaining the first and second place respectively in the National Physics Competition's Finals! ]

Chapter 373: Sincerity and Love, Seeking Truth and Pragmatism

One announcement, one good news.

Comparing the two, it was ironic and absurd.

Ye Ci stared at those two lines of words. Her heart almost stopped beating at that moment. Her ears buzzed non-stop, and the color drained from her face.

First place in the total national score...

Ning Li actually got first place!?

Two announcements had been posted one after the other.

How embarrassed was she, while Ning Li was so ostentatious!

In order to post these two messages, the members of the grade group were all banned.

Therefore, these two notifications occupied the entire screen on the phone.

No one answered below, making it seem empty. However, that made these two notifications even more eye-catching.

Ye Ci left the grade group with trembling hands.

However, the group chat of Senior Grade First Class was already exploding.

[ Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah! Ning Li and the class monitor took the national level first and second place respectively! That's too awesome! Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah! ]

[ Amazing! The national level first and second places were taken by the two gods of our class! ]

[ School beauty Ning and brother Pei are forever gods! ]

[ Beaming with joy!@ning li@pei song ]

[ Beaming with joy! May the top students bless me to perform exceptionally in the college entrance examination! Ah Ah Ah! The national level first and second place, what kind of concept is that? Both XiJing University and Haicheng Hua University must be snatching people overnight! I just don't know which one they signed a contract with? ]

Everyone was discussing this topic fervently, except for Ye Ci, who had been deliberately omitted.

It was as if she had never existed.

At the beginning of the incident, there were still people who had constantly asked Ye Ci to come out and give an explanation.

However, as time passed and all kinds of rumors appeared on the Internet, the matter became more and more complicated. Many people had wisely chosen to keep quiet and wait for the school to settle the matter.

Now, a disciplinary notice and a happy report made it all clear and conclusive.

Ye Ci had been cheating!

All the people who had previously spoken up for her now shut their mouths.

In front of this extremely strict official notice, all the explanations seemed so pale and ridiculous.

First Class was the class with the best grade in the entire senior year.

In fact, not only the grades, First Class had never lost in any other aspect.

It was definitely the class that had stood at the top of the entire senior year.

Naturally, the students of First Class had extremely strong pride and self-esteem.

Ye Ci had cheated in the national competition and the official notice had punished her. Not only had her own reputation been tarnished, but she had also sullied the reputation of the entire class!

This punishment would be recorded in her personal school record, and it would follow her for the rest of her life.



In other words, she would never be able to erase this huge stain!

Not only had her reputation been ruined, but First Class and even the whole of Yunzhou Second High School had also been dragged down because of this stupid matter.

Now, who would be willing to have much involvement with her?

People were even afraid to mention her name for fear of tarnishing the class group.

[ The school's official Weibo has posted. The link is here. Everyone, go and support it! ]

Someone had posted a Weibo link.

Yunzhou Second High School had been badly criticized on the Internet in the past two days. Now, they finally had a chance to retaliate. A fire had been burning in their hearts so of course, they did not hesitate to attack now.

[ Received! ]

[ Coming right away! ]

[ Oh no! I just uninstalled it! Wait for me to come back! ]

[ My alma mater can only be criticized by me! Who else wants to try?! I will go up and argue with them! ]

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Almost at the same time that these two notifications were sent to all the grade groups in the school, Yunzhou Second High School's official Weibo also posted these two Weibo posts.

[ Yunzhou Second High School V:@National Physics Competition Organizing Committee@M Provincial Ministry of Education@Yunzhou Municipal Education Bureau. Notice about our school student Ye Ci cheating in the National Physics Competition Finals. Yunzhou Second High School was founded a hundred years ago and has always adhered to the school motto of sincerity, love, and pragmatism. This incident will be handled seriously and will be taken as a warning! ]

There was a punishment form attached below.

The content of the text was basically the same as the mass-posted notice.

Each and every one of them had been clearly listed and clearly understood.

Yunzhou Second High School only had a few hundred thousand official Weibo fans. However, because Ye Ci's cheating incident had become a hot topic on Weibo these two days, the number of comments quickly exceeded 1,000 within a short period of time after this Weibo post had been posted,

After a few Big V's who had been paying attention to this matter had reposted about it, the number of comments rose even faster.

[ Whoa! The official announcement has come! This is the real deal, right? ]

[ Look at the blue V's... This is a done deal, right? Right? ]

[ This cheating thing is really true! Hah! How shameless! ]

At first, the comment section was quite chaotic. Later, however, it was gradually flooded by the same comment.

[ Sincerity and love, seeking truth and pragmatism! ]

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More and more different IDs appeared, leaving such a sentence in the comment section in seriousness.

This was the school motto of Yunzhou Second High School, and it also represented the attitude of all the teachers and students of Yunzhou Second High School towards this matter.

The top hot comment positions were gradually replaced by the uniform school motto.

However, another one was soon pushed to the top.

[ Didn't Ning Li frame Ye Ci for cheating? Why is only Ye Ci being punished now? Isn't your school going to give an explanation for the rumor that Ning Li used improper means to frame her competitor and steal their results? ]

There was a heated argument under this one.

[ That's right! Since one of them was punished, the other one should also be investigated! ]

[ Fair competition! Fair examination! Anger. jpg! ]

[ Hahaha! Don't give them such a hard time. It has already been exposed that Ye Ci cheated. If Ning Li is also beaten up, wouldn't the school suffer a huge loss? They should at least be able to protect one. Gossip. jpg ]

Soon, the official Weibo of Yunzhou Second High School replied to this hot comment.

[ Regarding this matter, please check the latest Weibo post. ]

When everyone saw this, they all went to the official Weibo homepage.

As soon as they entered, they saw the top Weibo post with a big red picture.

[ Good news! ]

Chapter 374: First Place in Nation's Overall Score! Ning Li at the Top

[ Yunzhou Second High School V: We warmly celebrate the students from our school, Ning Li and Pei Song, for obtaining first place in the national overall score and second place in the national overall score respectively in this year's National Physics Competition Finals! ]

There was a huge red happy article below, which was extremely eye-catching.

Apart from that, there were also two pictures attached to it.

Those were two electronic versions of the National Physics Competition comprehensive results report.

The name on the first one was Ning Li.

Clicking open and zooming in, the admission ticket number and ID card number had already been coded, but the last line of words was extremely clear.

National overall score ranking: 1.

Next to it was her score... which was the same score as the standard total score.

All the people who had rushed to join in the fun were dumbfounded.

The passionate insults that they had prepared were all stuck in their throats at this moment.

[ F\*ck! ]

[ Am I blind? This report card is showing a perfect score! ]

[ How could someone get a perfect score? This comprehensive score isn't just about the final exam! I heard that a high proportion of the results include the national team's Winter Camp training scores as well. So, how could she get a perfect score? ]

[ Well, as for the one above, just because you haven't seen it yourself doesn't prove that it didn't happen, right? My colleague's sister's child's classmate also participated in the Winter Camp. He said that Ning Li got a full score in all her exams during the Winter Camp. With a full score in the final, wouldn't she naturally achieve this result? ]

[ This is f\*cking ridiculous! She's the top scorer in the whole country! With this kind of result, why would she have needed to frame Ye Ci? She could have just crushed her! ]

[ Hahahaha! This is the first time I've heard that the top scorer in the whole country had to squeeze out their competitors by giving them cheat sheets to steal their results! ]

[ Same as above, I'm really laughing. Who doesn't know that after Ning Li transferred to Yunzhou Second High School, she had consistently been the top scorer in the whole school for the past six months? She even got first place in Yunzhou for the midterm and final exams! As for Ye Ci, tsk, she had already slipped to the Top 200 in the grade, but she was still guaranteed a place in Xijing University? I did even better in the final exam than her. @Xijing University, can you send me an acceptance letter? ]

In the reply from this floor, someone sent a report card of the overall ranking of the grade for Yunzhou Second's mid-term final exam.

[ Come, come, come, everyone, take a look! Ye Ci, who was ranked in the Top 10 of the grade, is guaranteed to get into Xijing University's final exam. Look at the picture.jpg ]

This comment with a picture was quickly pushed to the top.

[ F\*ck, you want to enter Xijing University with just this score? Did Xijing University agree with it? ]

[ To be honest, I scored 50 points higher than her in last year's college entrance exam, so I only entered the top 5 in the country. Somehow, she's still able to enter Xijing University, so that's pretty awesome. ]

[ ... Oh, drag this humble-bragger out of here. ]

It was unclear whether it was because the good news was too eye-catching, or because the report card with full marks was too shocking, but the comments on this Weibo post were increasing at an alarming rate.

The IDs that had been clamoring for Yunzhou Second High School to investigate Ning Li's framing of Ye Ci had all disappeared without a trace.

However, how could they let it go so easily? Not only did they return to the Weibo post where Ye Ci's disciplinary action had been reported. They also replied to the happy IDs that had been jumping around earlier, even going to their homepage. They queued up and asked them to look at the top Weibo post of Yunzhou Second High School.

[ Didn't you want the results of the investigation? Yunzhou Second High School has sent out a good news report. Did you see it? ]

[ Hey, open your eyes and see who the top student is! ]

[ How much money did Ye Ci give you? Cleaning up after her is terrible! ]

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These two Weibo posts of Yunzhou Second High School had only been posted for half an hour, yet they were all trending.

This matter had become a very big deal. With just a slight push, a huge storm could potentially be set off.

Countless spectators were fine when they had seen the disciplinary notice, but then they were stuck on the happy news Weibo post.

[ I don't want to gossip. I just want to worship the god of learning! ]

[ Yunzhou Second High School is really awesome. Three students entered the National Competition Finals, one was punished for cheating, and two directly dominated the first and second place in the country? How are the students from other provinces and cities going to live? ]

[ I haven't gotten a perfect score since the first grade of primary school. How could such a big shot get a perfect score in the national competition? The gap between humans is sometimes bigger than the gap between humans and dogs! ]

[ ... The person above doesn't have to be so hard on himself... And as for me, is there anyone who can help? My knees hurt after kneeling for such a long time. ]

However, there were still a few eye-piercing comments mixed in.

[ I remember that Ning Li's results were very bad in the past. Why is she doing so well now? Is there really nothing fishy about this? ]

[ I used to be in the same primary and secondary school as her. Her grades were always in the middle and lower grades. In the end, when she went to Yunzhou, she became a straight-A student. How interesting. ]

[ This is the National Physics Competition. In all these years, she has never gotten a perfect score. Ning Li's result... ]

This result was too shocking and unbelievable.

Therefore, the moment someone started to doubt it, it quickly attracted many people to agree.

Some people even went directly to the official blog of the National Physics Competition Organizing Committee and asked them to explain.

#Ning Li ranked first in the national physics competition

#Ning Li got full marks

#Yunzhou Second High School

#Ye Ci's cheating discipline notification

#Ye Ci's real results

A few entries connected to the top searches, directly occupying the Top Five on the list.

Even Pei Song's name rushed to ninth place.

Ning Li's report card quickly exploded on the Internet.

Countless people were amazed and envious, but at the same time, countless people also doubted and questioned it.

At 4:30 pm, the Big V account that had first exposed Ye Ci's cheating, "Two or Three Incidents on Campus," once again made another Weibo post.

This Weibo post did not have any text, only a few pictures.



In order-

The first one contained the report card of the Senior Grade of Yunzhou Second High School, which included the midterm exams and the final exams.

And-

The summary of the results of the three internal tests from the National Competition Winter Camp..

Chapter 375: Comparison

Each grade form had the same name at the top.

-Ning Li.

First in grade in the monthly examinations of Yunzhou Second High School.

First at city-level of the Yunzhou City mid-term examinations.

First in the National Physics Competition Winter Camp Quiz.

Except for language, she had scored perfect marks for all her other exam subjects.

Then, with her results in sharp contrast was Ye Ci's continuous decline in scores and rankings.

From the Top 20 of the Senior Year of Yunzhou Second High, she had fallen out of the Top 50, Top 100, and by the end of the last semester, she was already close to 300th place in the entire grade.

As for the summary of the results of the Winter Camp, her name was even more clearly ranked last.

Everyone was stunned when they saw this Weibo post.

[ My god... full marks, full marks, full marks... except for language, this 'big boss' actually got full marks!?  
]

[ What is this? Is this some kind of god of learning? With this kind of result, how could anyone suspect that there is something wrong with the 'big boss' first placing? Anyone who is still in doubt, please come out and show yourself, okay? ]

[ Ye Ci's decline is so obvious. Were there actually people who bragged before? With this kind of result, if they did not rely on the competition, they would not even have a chance to get into Xijing University in their lifetime, right? ]

[ Then... Can anyone explain why on the last Winter Camp result sheet, everyone else had three grades, but Ye Ci only had two? ]

[ Person above, according to insider information, that was the first official exam of the Winter Camp. Ye Ci did not finish the exam that day because she said that she had a stomachache and went to the hospital. Ning Li was the one who had accompanied her! Thus, Ye Ci's results from that time were not included in the summary. ]

[ No, if she had been accompanied by Ning Li, how come Ye Ci did not get any results but Ning Li got full marks? ]

[ To the person above, that was because Ning Li handed in her exam an hour early, and she got full marks for it... ]

[ ??? ]

[ Don't you think that Ye Ci's results at the Winter Camp are very strange? I heard that she entered the camp with the fifth-highest score in the province. Even if she couldn't compare to the others, she still shouldn't have gotten such a low score, right? 43? Is this serious? ]

This comment quickly attracted the attention of many people.

Indeed.

There had only been 52 people in the Winter Camp, and Ye Ci's results in the two tests seemed to be out of place with other people.

There was actually still a big gap between her score and the score of the person in the second to last position.

Anyone could see that there was a problem.

People from Yunzhou Second High School said that Ye Ci's previous results were indeed good, but her level in Physics was far from the level of competition. Many people who were better at Physics than her had not even done well in the preliminary exam. I went to ask her about a Physics question, but she could not write down the answer at all. Maybe she was just lucky and performed exceptionally in the preliminary round. Laughing.jpg ]

[ With such a gap, it's hard to say how she even got into the National Finals! It's no wonder that she had to bring a cheat sheet! If the final results were announced and still did so badly, her image as an exceptionally intelligent person would be ruined! ]

[ It's no wonder that her results in the preliminary round were revoked. ]

[ Tsk, if I were her, I would have withdrawn from the competition a long time ago! That would have been better than letting everyone know that I cheated, right? ]

[ That's it? That's it? Do you still want to pour dirty water on Ning Li? Please take a look at yourself in the mirror, Ye Ci! Not only is your standard bad, but you want to drag others down with you? Isn't that interesting? ]

[ Pity Ning Li, the 'god of learning' for a second. Even her first placing has also been smeared. However, it's true that Ye Ci is the Ye family's 'true daughter'. It wouldn't be easy to deal with a 'fake missy', right? ]

This was the implication of the Weibo post that the blogger Gossip Duck had said was why Ning Li was framing Ye Ci.

It was also at that time that many Internet trolls had appeared, as if they had confirmed this matter and were criticizing Ning Li.

Now it seemed that someone was clearly just adding fuel to the fire behind the scenes, by trying to trample Ning Li down to save Ye Ci's reputation.

Unfortunately, when these pictures had been published, all the speculations and excuses seemed extremely weak.

If she had done well once or twice, there might have been a problem.

However, what about three or four times? What about each time?

Did Ning Li have the ability to copy from first place in the whole school to first place in the whole country?

The eyes of the onlookers were all bright.

No matter what kind of speculations had been made before, the evidence was now clearly displayed here. This was enough to explain everything!

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At the hotel.

After Ye Ci saw the summary of the results, she was completely dumbfounded.

She had never thought that Ning Li and her would actually be compared in such a manner.

This was completely embarrassing and humiliating!

Previously at school, she had not been able to beat Ning Li in the tests. Other than the initial shock, everyone had gradually not bothered too much about it.

This was because she had not been the only one who could not beat Ning Li's results. Everyone in school had not been able to beat her either!

Even if her results had continued to slide, using the excuse of the Physics competition, at most, those people would just whisper a few words in private.

But now...

The matter between her and Ning Li had already been causing a ruckus online for two days.

With this summary of the results, everyone was sure to compare the two of them.

Thus, the gap between the two of them, which was already gradually widening, was quickly magnified!

Just then, Ye Yiming called.

Ye Ci answered, her face already pale.

As soon as the call was connected, Ye Yiming was the first to speak before she could say anything.

“Lil Ci! What’s going on with the summary of results that were exposed online?!”

Ye Ci opened her mouth, but she did not know what to say.

What happened?

What else could it have been?

These results sheets were public, to begin with. As long as someone decided to make a thorough search, they could easily get their hands on them.

As for the Winter Camp’s internal test results sheet...

All the emotions in Ye Ci’s heart that had piled up in her chest, were on the verge of exploding.

She burst into tears at once, her voice shrill.

“Cousin! Someone is trying to harm me! It must be Ning Li! It must be her! The results of the Winter Camp are not to be released to the public, so it must be her doing!”

Ye Yiming’s temples were throbbing.

“Lil Ci, now is not the time to pursue this matter! The important thing is that it has already been released!”

Up til now, neither the organizing committee nor the others had come out to express their views on this matter.

To a certain extent, this was already a tacit agreement.

The Internet was making a big fuss about Ye Ci cheating and Ning Li framing Ye Ci. These public opinions had already affected the national organizing committee and the M province's Ministry of Education.

The netizens wanted a fair competition and a fair examination.

So, these things had been released to prove this point!

Ye Ci was stunned. Tears kept pouring out of her eyes, and her face was ice-cold.

"Then... then what should I do now?"

Since things had gotten to this point, her future was completely ruined!

Ye Yiming was silent for a long while before he said, "How about this, don't worry about it first--"

Bang!

Before he could finish his words, the door of Ye Ci's room was suddenly pushed open violently!

#### Chapter 376: Leaked Questions

Ye Ci was shocked. Subconsciously, she looked up and saw Ye Ming walking in with a gloomy face. There was a storm brewing on his face, and his eyes were filled with fury.

His expression this time was even scarier than when he had found out that Ye Ci had been caught cheating and rushed to the Capital from Yunzhou.

Ye Ci felt uneasy and fear rose in her heart.

“Dad... Why are you—”

Ye Ming walked over and took her phone without saying a word.

Ye Yiming also heard the commotion and asked repeatedly, “Uncle Ming? What’s wrong?”

Ye Ming did not speak and immediately cut off the phone call with a sullen face.

The unease in Ye Ci’s heart grew stronger.

“Dad...”

Ye Ming suddenly threw the phone away!

Bang!

He had used so much force that the phone fell to the ground and the screen completely shattered!

Ye Ci’s entire body shrank.

If Ye Ming’s slap had landed on her...

Her tears kept flowing.

It was due to fear, but also due to a feeling of grievance.

Ye Ming’s anger towards her in these past two days had been more than it had been in the past ten years!



The slap earlier had already broken her heart.

However, that had been because she had been caught cheating. He had been so angry that it had caused him to act impulsively.

But now, what was the reason??

Ye Ming's voice was filled with uncontrollable anger.

“Ye Ci! I think you're crazy! How could I, Ye Ming, have a daughter like you?!”

Ye Ci was stunned by his harsh reprimand.

Hurried footsteps were heard.

“What's wrong?”

Su Yuan had been resting in the cubicle because Ye Ci had said that she wanted to be alone. Hence, she had stayed there.

When she heard the sound of the phone hitting the ground, she had realized that something was wrong and quickly come over.

When she saw how furious Ye Ming was, and the badly smashed phone on the ground, Su Yuan's eyebrows raised.

“What's wrong? Hubby, Xiao Ci is suffering right now. Don't be so angry at her—”

“You don't know what she has done!”

Ye Ming interrupted Su Yuan's words abruptly. He was obviously extremely angry!

He raised his hand and pointed at Ye Ci, enunciating each word clearly.

"Not only has your own future and reputation been ruined, are you going to implicate the Ye family now?"

Ye Ci was completely dumbfounded.

"Dad, what... what are you talking about?"

What did he mean by implicating the Ye family?

Could it be because of the disciplinary notice and the summary of the results that had just been revealed?

However, in the end, it was still her who would be affected the most!

The Ye family's reputation might suffer somewhat because of this, but from what Ye Ming had said, it was clearly about more than that—

Ye Ming looked at her with a livid expression.

He suppressed the anger in his heart and said to Su Yuan, "You go out first."

How could Su Yuan feel at ease enough to leave this situation?

She took a step forward, intending on pulling Ye Ming with her, but she met his extremely cold gaze.

“I said, go out! Didn’t you hear me?!”

Su Yuan immediately stopped in her tracks. Her face had become flushed due to her extreme embarrassment.

She had married Ye Ming to raise her social status. Therefore, throughout all these years, she had always behaved in a gentle and careful manner.

Not to say that she was completely obedient to Ye Ming, but she could be considered more or less so.

At the very least, when Ye Ming was angry, she definitely did not dare to talk back.

All she could say was, “Alright, then why don’t you talk things over with Xiao Ci now... I’ll wait for you outside.”

With that, she left.

Only Ye Ci and Ye Ming were left in the room.

Seeing this, Ye Ci could feel that something was wrong. It was as if something was grabbing her heart and was slowly sinking.

Ye Ming stared at her.

“Are you still saying that you don’t know? Don’t you know what happened to the cheat sheet that you brought into the examination room?”

Ye Ci felt uncomfortable being scolded, and her voice became shrill.

“Dad! I told you, that cheat sheet was given to me by Ning Li—”

Ye Ming suddenly sneered.

“How can you still say that at a time like this? That cheat sheet contained the actual questions of this year’s National Physics Competition’s final exam! Are you still insisting that it was Ning Li who harmed you? Are you still saying that she was the one who gave you that cheat sheet?”

Ye Ci was stunned.

She had heard every word of Ye Ming’s words, but how could she not understand it when they were connected?

The actual questions...

The actual questions!?

“Impossible!”

Ye Ci seemed to have been greatly stimulated, and her first reaction was to deny it.

“How could the questions on it be the actual questions!?”

Ye Ming pointed at her.

“You should ask yourself this!”

Ye Ci’s mind was in a jumble.

“How could it be... How could it be!?”

The note that she had secretly stuffed into Ning Li's clothes had been questions that she had casually copied from the Winter Camp's course work.

In fact, it had not mattered what it was. As long as there was something written on it, it could have proven that Ning Li had cheated.

She knew that the note that she had been caught in the exam with, was not the one that she had prepared for Ning Li.

Both cheat sheets had been different.

However, she had always thought that the one that Ning Li had given her would be similar to hers.

But... how could it have contained the actual questions?

Ye Ming gritted his teeth.

"Back then, I even asked you if everything had been deleted. What did you say!?"

After Ye Ci had been caught cheating, this was actually what he had been the most worried about.

However, at that time, Ye Ci had repeatedly promised that she had deleted everything, so he had believed her.

At that time, all he could think about was that Ye Ci was being punished for cheating, which would definitely affect the Ye family's reputation, and he had only wanted to suppress the matter as soon as possible.

Who would have known that even until now, it would result in an explosion!

On the cheat sheet that Ye Ci had been caught with, in the examination room, were the original questions of the final exam paper with a miniature seal!

Ye Ming's questioning stunned Ye Ci completely.

After a long while, she finally found her voice.

"Dad, where did you hear this news from?"

Ye Ming sneered.

"The National Organizing Committee has already sent out an investigation notice on the official website! Tell me how I found out!"

The blood drained from Ye Ci's lips, and her legs went limp as she collapsed onto the sofa.

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At 5 pm, just as the scores were posted together which caused a huge public discussion, a piece of news was quietly and quickly uploaded.

[ School incident 2-3: Shocking News! ] According to the rumors, the cheat sheet that Ye Ci had brought in on the day of the cheating contained the original questions of the physics competition test paper! This cheating incident might also involve the competition examinees and internal personnel leaking the question! Attached is a screenshot of the investigation notice posted by the National Competition Organizing Committee on the official website. ]

Under the text, there was a picture attached.

It was an investigation notice that clearly stated that there had been an incident of leaking the questions in the competition.

Although there was no name in it, anyone with a discerning eye could tell that it was referring to Ye Ci and her cheat sheet.

The organizing committee said that the incident of leaking the questions was already under investigation. After the results were out, they would immediately announce it to the public and deal with it strictly.

Once this matter had come out, the entire Internet was in an uproar!

It turned out that Ye Ci had not just cheated!

She had also participated in this leak incident!

Very soon—

The entry for the #National Physics Competition Leak Problem Ye Ci# rushed to the top of the hot searches.

Within just 20 minutes, the search volume had exceeded 10 million, and the black and red word “Explosive” was affixed at the end!

Chapter 377: Let's Owe It First

Cheating and leaking questions were two completely different things.

About the former, most people would just gossip about it, join in the fun, and discuss a few things.

However, the matter of leaking questions was not the same.

This matter was extremely bad and involved a great deal.

If not, the organizing committee of the competition would not have issued such a serious statement.

Compared to the previous statement about bringing cheat sheets into the examination room to cheat, the matter of leaking the questions was truly stepping on the red line of fairness in the competition and the examination!

Therefore, once this news broke out, it quickly became the top trending topic and attracted the attention of the whole nation!

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The Lu family.

Ning Li looked at her phone indifferently.

On Weibo, the top trending list and the front page, everyone was discussing the matter of the questions being leaked.

Ye Ci was only a senior high school student. How could she have gotten hold of the actual questions for the National Physics Competition Exam?

Obviously, there had been other people helping with the operation.

As for who this person was...

Her father, Ye Ming, of course, was the most probable person.



After all, the Ye family was considered one of the top wealthiest families in Yunzhou, and Ye Ming had been in the business world for decades. He had no lack of means and connections.

If it had not been him, then who else could it have been?

Although there was no evidence yet, such an extremely private matter involved huge benefits. Other than Ye Ming who had the closest relationship with Ye Ci, there was no one else who came to mind.

Within a short period of time, #Ye Ming#, #Yunzhou's Ye family# were also trending one after another.

Having started from Ye Ci, now even the Ye family had been dragged out from behind her.

A large amount of information about Ye Ci and the Ye family appeared, and even Ye Ming's life history had been scrutinized intensely within a short period of time.

Looking at the rapidly increasing search volume, reading volume, and discussion rate, Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly.

It was such a pity that she could not see the Ye family's reaction at this moment with her own eyes.

Ye Ci had given her a "small surprise" and in return, she had given her a "gift package", the kind with many gifts.

She did not know whether they liked it or not.

Knock, knock.

There was a knock on the door.

"Li."

It was Lu Huaiyu's voice.

Ning Li put away her phone and got up to open the door.

"Second Brother."

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the door frame:

"It's time to eat."

Ning Li thought for a moment and suddenly raised her hand to pull on his sleeve.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly,

"What's wrong?"

Ning Li pulled him gently and looked behind him.

Lu Huaiyu leaned forward and smiled.

"Grandpa and the others are in the living room. They won't be able to hear you. Just tell me."

Ning Li shook her phone and asked softly, "Second Brother, did you do this?"

Even though her question was vague, but Lu Huaiyu knew what she was asking.

The summary of the results had been something that she had prepared long ago.

The investigation statement of the organizing committee of the competition had also been within her expectations.

Previously, there had been a lot of arguments on the internet. She had not made a sound because she had been waiting for such an opportunity.

This series of solid attacks was enough to make Ye Ci and the entire Ye family extremely anxious.

However, the progress of all of this had been much smoother than she had expected, and the storm that had been stirred up had gotten even greater.

This included the series of revelations that were related to the Ye family. Whether it was true or not, it was overwhelming and did not give the Ye family any chance to catch their breath.

Beneath the huge heat, it was as if there was an invisible hand that was forcefully and resolutely attempting to pull the entire Ye family down.

And this person...

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“What did I do? I merely helped them complete their KPI for this year ahead of time. Their vice president just called and said that he wanted to treat me to a meal.”

Ning Li, “...”

Lu Huaiyu rubbed her head.

“This matter was already a hot topic. I was just taking advantage of the situation.”

If he had not made a move, this matter would not have developed so quickly. After all, public opinion needed time to ferment.

Now, with just a gentle push, he had easily taken away the Ye family's last bit of leeway.

It had neither been a big nor small effort.

To him, it was a piece of cake.

If he had not guessed that Ning Li had other plans, he would not have waited until now.

Seeing his little girl being criticized for an entire day and night, he had already held on to his patience for long enough.

"Oh."

Ning Li finally let go of his hand. It looked like tiny lights were flickering in her beautiful and clear peach blossom eyes as she looked at him.

"Thank you, Second Brother."

Lu Huaiyu's eyelids drooped slightly, the sleeves of his shirt having been slightly wrinkled by the young girl's slender and fair fingers.

His thin, scarlet lips curved.

"Is that all?"

Ning Li was stunned.

Didn't... didn't he just say that he barely did anything?

In the blink of an eye, why was he asking for favors?

However, he had helped, especially regarding blocking her personal information and dealing with the Ye family...

"Then, how do you want me to thank you, Second Brother?"

Ning Li asked with uncertainty.

She owed Lu Huaiyu many favors, but he rarely mentioned it.

It wasn't that she did not want to pay him back, but she really had not had the chance yet.

Lu Huaiyu had been born into an aristocratic family, and he was outstanding in all aspects.

There was nothing that he lacked.

So, what could she do to help him?

Lu Huaiyu looked at her.

Due to the difference in height, she raised her small face and slightly widened her eyes. Her crimson red lips were slightly parted.

She was caught off guard, soft and sweet.

It seemed that this question really troubled her.

Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened before he then smiled.

"I can't think of anything at the moment. You can just owe it to me first."

Ning Li blinked, only able to nod in response.

"Okay."

Lu Huaiyu raised his brows slightly, and the smile at the corners of his eyes deepened.

The young girl had agreed so quickly. It was like she really had no fear of being abducted.

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The Lu family's dinner tonight was exceptionally sumptuous.

It was rare for Old Master Lu to bring out the rare wine that he had been saving for a long time.

"This is to celebrate our Ah Li getting first place in the national competition! Ah Li, Grandpa has been keeping this wine hidden for a long time. You won't be able to get this from anyone else! Do you want to give it a try?"

"No—

"She's not allowed to."

Chapter 378: Was Not For Him

Ning Li was just about to refuse him, but Lu Huaiyu, who was sitting across from her, was even faster.

He looked at Old Master Lu.

“Grandpa, did you forget that Ah Li is only seventeen?”

Old Master Lu suddenly felt guilty and withdrew his hand that was about to pour the wine.

“Ahem! Oh, it’s just that I’m happy because Ah Li did so well in the exam! Besides, it’s not that much. It shouldn’t be a big deal to just take a sip...”

Lu Huaiyu’s expression remained unchanged.

“Dr. Yan said that you can only have one cup at most.”

Old Master Lu, “...”

Even though Ah Li had done so well in the exam, he still would not even allow anyone to drink two glasses!

Lu Huaiyu raised his hand and brought the bottle of wine over to him.

Old Master Lu looked at the poor little wine glass in front of him. The wine was clear and bright, but... It was too little!

He sighed deeply.

The air was filled with the strong and clear smell of wine.

Ning Li took another look at the bottle of wine.

For Old Master Lu to be so fixated on it, it must be a good wine.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows when he saw her gaze.

“You can’t drink it no matter how much you look at it.”

Ning Li recovered her senses and defended herself by saying, “I didn’t want to drink it...”

It wasn’t important whether she wanted to or not. What was important was that her taste in wine was really...

Lu Huaiyu placed the wine further away and took a glass of juice from the side.

“Children should drink this.”

Ning Li pressed her lips together slightly.

This thought had not occurred to her at first, but when Lu Huaiyu had said this...

She asked, “Then, can I drink it at eighteen?”

Old Master Lu also felt sorry for Ning Li.

“Ah Li, don’t listen to him! This kid and his brother aren’t that obedient either!”

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the back of the chair and looked up at Ning Li. He saw that the young girl’s eyes were filled with dissatisfaction. After a while, he smiled.

“Yeah.”



“You can drink it... when you turn eighteen.”

Ning Li took a bite of the shrimp.

Eighteen it was then.

There were only a few months left anyway.

“Then Second Brother, you can’t go back on your word.”

If Lu Huaiyu continued to insist on something like that...

Lu Huaiyu laughed.

“I always keep my word.”

...

Ning Li stayed at the Lu family home that night.

Old Master Lu was in a good mood, so he insisted on playing chess with Lu Huaiyu, even allowing Ning Li to watch from the side.

Ning Li sat down next to Old Master Lu.

Old Master Lu chatted with Ning Li as he played.

“Ah Li, you guys will be taking the college entrance exam in three months, right?”

As he spoke, he placed down his chess piece.

Ning Li nodded.

“That’s very fast! When you’re done with the exam—”

Before Old Master Lu could finish his words, he saw Lu Huaiyu move a white piece on the opposing side to directly block his path.

He hurriedly said, “Hey! No, no! I made the wrong move just now! Let’s start again!”

Lu Huaiyu did not move.

“Grandpa, you should not regret making your move.”

Old Master Lu looked anxiously at the board.

“My piece hadn’t even been placed properly, yet you already placed yours! How can this work?”

He winked at Ning Li.

“Ah Li, don’t you agree?”

Ning Li, “...Yes.”

Old Master Lu looked at Lu Huaiyu proudly.

“Did you hear that? Even Ah Li said so! Quick, take away that piece of yours!”

Lu Huaiyu turned his gaze slightly, and his gaze fell on Ning Li.

Ning Li did not look away.

“Second Brother, Grandpa Lu’s chess piece just now had indeed not been placed properly yet.”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her for a while, before smiling.

“Alright.”

As he spoke, he slowly took back the chess piece.

Old Master Lu held the chess piece in his hand and stared at the chessboard for a long time before he hesitantly placed it in a position.

Ning Li looked at the position where he had placed the chess piece. She wanted to say something but hesitated. In the end, she refrained from saying anything.

Lu Huaiyu asked, “Are you sure this time?”

Old Master Lu immediately raised his hand and awkwardly changed to another position.

Snap.

Ning Li looked away.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“You’re not changing it this time?”

Old Master Lu rubbed his hands together.

“I’m not changing it! This is it!”

Lu Huaiyu and the slender fingers of the pavilion held a chess piece and fell to the side.

Snap.

Old Master Lu was stunned for a moment.

“Aiya! That’s not right! I saw wrongly just now! I didn’t want to put it there. You, you pick up the chess piece first!”

Lu Huaiyu continued to hold himself in a laidback manner.

“What did you say just now?”

Old Master Lu’s voice suddenly stopped and his lips moved soundlessly.

After a long while, he said, “Ah Li didn’t see the previous two steps clearly just now. Shall I play it again for her?”

Ning Li, “...”

Lu Huaiyu seemed to have expected this. Hearing this, he looked at Ning Li.

“Is that so?”

Ning Li coughed lightly.

“... Yes.”

Lu Huaiyu obeyed and picked up his chess piece.

“Alright, let me show you again.”

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On this night, Ning Li finally saw what a sneaky chess game was like.

In this one game of chess, Old Master Lu regretted his moves eleven times.

It was amazing.

The key was that Old Master Lu always used her as an excuse.

In the end, she wished she could play the game herself.

After a long back and forth game of chess, Old Master Lu finally won and went to rest in satisfaction.

Lu Huaiyu patiently sorted the pieces back and placed them back into the container.

The light in the study was warm, the light reflected onto his cold face. The light and shadow intersected, like a frozen scroll that could only be seen from afar and could not be touched.

Ning Li sat beside him, resting her chin on her hand. She was lost in her thoughts as she observed him.

On this day in her previous life, she had been in a state of chaos.

In the long time that had followed, she would occasionally dream.

What she saw in the dream, was a solemn and quiet examination room. She saw a piece of paper falling from her sleeve over and over again. She heard the countless doubts and insults that had overwhelmed her from all directions.

Now, however, she was at the Lu family... Eating, playing chess, and chatting.

It was peaceful and so very precious.

Lu Huaiyu suddenly looked over at her.

“What are you thinking about?”

Ning Li came back to her senses and her eyes lit up.

“Nothing. I was just thinking about the chess game with Grandpa Lu. It was quite interesting.”

Lu Huaiyu could hear the slight sarcasm in her words. He chuckled.

“Grandpa usually doesn’t play chess like this.”

Ning Li didn’t believe it. “Really?”

Lu Huaiyu stood up and placed the chess container on the bookshelf.

“Of course it’s true.”

It wasn’t that Grandfather Lu was a good chess player. However, under normal circumstances, Lu Huaiyu would rarely give in to him like this.

“I only gave in a little more today.”

Lu Huaiyu said.

Ning Li nodded in understanding.

“Oh... I think it’s okay to give in occasionally, but today...”

She coughed lightly and changed the euphemism.

“Second Brother, it’ll be easy to allow Grandpa Lu to become a crooked player this way.”

Lu Huaiyu paused and laughed lazily.

“It’s not like I made way for him today.”

Chapter 379: Hopes That You Will Cooperate With the Investigation

It was not him who was allowing it.

Of course, there were other people who had gotten used to it.

Ning Li was stunned for a moment. Looking at Lu Huaiyu and his tall and handsome figure, she did not know how to reply.

Suddenly, her phone screen lit up.

The call was from Zhou Fei.

Ning Li picked up the call and tried her best to suppress her rapidly beating heart.

“Hello? Teacher Zhou?”

“Ning Li, where are you now?”

Ning Li Glanced at Lu Huaiyu.

“I... I’m with Second Brother.”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her with interest.

Zhou Fei heaved a sigh of relief.

“That’s good. I won’t be able to accompany you and Pei Song back to Yunzhou tomorrow. I’ll have Lu Huaiyu send you off then.”

He was using Lu Huaiyu to his advantage by leaving Ning Li in Lu Huaiyu’s hands.

Ning Li choked for a moment, but she quickly guessed that he was probably busy running around because of the leak.

Originally, after Ye Ci’s punishment for cheating had been announced, they should have gone back then.



No matter how embarrassing it was for her, no matter how much of a black mark this matter had smeared Yunzhou Second High School, the moment the results of the treatment were out, the matter would have been settled.

Now, however, once the matter of the leak had come out, the situation was much more troublesome than before.

It was very likely that Ye Ci had been detained. As the lead teacher, Zhou Fei naturally had to stay behind to cooperate with the investigation.

Ning Li did not ask too many questions and replied, "Yes."

"Okay."

Zhou Fei, on the other hand, fell silent. He wanted to say something but hesitated.

"Ning Li—"

He seemed to be considering how to speak.

Ning Li's tone was calm.

"Teacher Zhou, if you have anything you want to ask, just say it."

Hearing her say this, Zhou Fei took a deep breath and finally said, "It's like this. You've seen the news about the leaked exam questions, right?"

"Yes, I saw it in the afternoon."

"Then... do you know anything about this?"

Zhou Fei's voice sounded helpless,

"Don't misunderstand. I'm not doubting you. I just wanted to ask if you knew where Ye Ci had gotten the original exam questions from."

He had only just found out about this matter.

After Ye Ci had been caught cheating, he and several leaders of the inspection team had gone to the office and seen the cheat sheet that Ye Ci had been caught with and the surveillance video of the whole process.

However, at that time, he had not known that what was on it were the actual questions on the exam paper!

It was not until this evidence had been presented to determine Ye Ci's punishment that this point was discovered.

The organizing committee of the physics competition took this matter seriously and immediately ordered an investigation.

In the end, because of this matter, it had become a big issue on the Internet for the past two days. Everyone's emotions were already at a sensitive point. Now that it had been leaked, naturally it would explode.

Ning Li said lightly, "Regarding this, I don't know."

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"She doesn't know!? How could she not know!?"

In the hotel room, Ye Ci's emotions had completely collapsed.

“She was the one that secretly put that cheat sheet in my clothes! She deliberately shortened the original question from the exam paper in order to completely kill me! Who else could it have been but her!?”

Zhou Fei, who was sitting opposite her, quietly observed her without any expression on his face.

After Ye Ci had finished shouting, he said, “Ye Ci, you’ve always said that she framed you with that note, but until now, you haven’t been able to produce any evidence, have you?”

Ye Ci’s chest hurt. She had never felt so aggrieved!

Of course, she had no evidence!

If she had the evidence, why would she have just watched things develop to this point?

However, Ning Li had harmed her to this point. How could she just let it go?

“In addition, according to the organizing committee, all of your personal items in the Capital, except for your personal clothes, must be submitted for inspection.”

“That includes your cell phone, luggage, books, and so on.”

Zhou Fei paused.

“In addition, your personal computer must be sent from Yunzhou as soon as possible.”

Ye Ci clenched her teeth.

This situation was something Ye Ci had already considered when the authorities had said that there would be a thorough investigation about the leak.

“I told you, I didn’t do anything!”

“Whether you did it or not, that will become clear after the investigation.”

After two days, Zhou Fei’s patience had run out.

“Ye Ci, please be clear. This is to inform you that you are to cooperate with the investigation, not ask for your opinion.

“If you really have done nothing, the inspection team will not malign you and they return your status to a clean slate as soon as possible. This way, you can return to Yunzhou as soon as possible and return to a normal life, understand?”

Ye Ci almost sneered outwardly.

Return to a normal life...

Even if nothing was found out, she would never be the same as before!

What Zhou Fei had not said was that once it was confirmed that Ye Ci had really been involved in the leak, there would be untold troubles waiting for her and the Ye family!

In fact, he was almost certain of this matter in his heart.

After all, the cheat sheet had fallen out of Ye Ci’s clothes.

The original test paper had indeed been printed on it.

If someone had not revealed it, where else had she found it?

Moreover, she had a very strong her motive.

In the entire Winter Camp, her results had been the worst.

Whether it was for Ye Ci herself or for the Ye family, a decent competition result sheet was very important.

Besides, how could Ye Ci, a student, have so much power when it came to the questions?

However, she had the Ye family behind her.

“The inspection team has started to investigate the teachers who had given out the papers today. Other than them, all the people who handled this paper are also involved.”

Zhou Fei said, “I hope you can adjust your emotions as soon as possible and cooperate with the investigation.”

Chapter 380: Aren't You Going to Congratulate Me?

Zhou Fei's voice was very calm.

Ye Ci was silent for a long time. The countless emotions that were surging in her heart were finally suppressed.

She closed her eyes. “I understand.”

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The matter of the leaked questions had spread like wildfire on the Internet. Of course, Yunzhou Second High School also knew about it.

In the year group and the class group, everyone tacitly maintained their silence on this matter.

The matter of leaked questions in a national competition was a huge matter of fraud.

Once it was verified that it was related to Ye Ci and the Ye family, it would probably never be cleared up again.

The people who had previously spoken up for her had also quietly disappeared by now.

Everyone was waiting for the results of the Physics Competition Organizing Committee's investigation.

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The next morning, Ning Li woke up and looked at her phone.

On Weibo, the topic of the leaked questions was still on top of the trending list. Ye Ci and the Ye family were also still in the top ten.

Even though quite some time had already passed, the heat surrounding this matter was still high.

Ye Yiming had tried to take down the trending topic. However, this matter was already a scandal. Besides, it also involved the organizing committee and other officials, so it was really difficult to deal with.

Just by relying on the marketing numbers and trolls that his public relations company had raised, it was simply impossible to deal with this matter.

The direction of public opinion on the Internet had also completely changed.

As long as he opened the relevant entry, the topic square would be filled with curses.

Ning Li put away her phone.

After having breakfast with Old Master Lu, Ning Li had brought up the matter of returning to Yunzhou.

“Grandfather Lu, I’ll be going back to the hotel to get my things first. After that, I’ll go straight to the airport.”

Elder Lu was very reluctant for her to leave, but he also knew that her exams had already ended and she had to go back to class.

He did not usually use his smartphone much and had only learned how to use WeChat for Ning Li’s sake. So naturally, he did not know about the controversy on the Internet.

“Alright, after the college entrance exams are over, Ah Li will have to find time to play!”

The corners of Ning Li’s lips curved up.

“Okay.”

Lu Huaiyu said, “I’ll accompany you back later.”

Ning Li was slightly stunned. She remembered that Zhou Fei had specially asked him to send her back, so she nodded.

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Half an hour later, Fang Qingyun parked the car at the entrance of the hotel.

Lu Huaiyu was the first to push the door open and get out of the car.

Ning Li followed.

“Second Brother, I’ll be back after I go up to get my things. You don’t have to come with me.”

“I’m not lacking in these two steps.”

As Lu Huaiyu spoke, he closed the car door.

Ning Li could not argue with him, so the two of them got into the elevator together.

She pressed seven buttons.

After Ye Ci’s cheating had been exposed, Zhou Fei had helped Ning Li get another room for convenience’s sake.

However, she had not stayed here in the past two days.

Ding.

The elevator door opened.

A familiar face appeared just outside.

Su Yuan.

She was looking rather haggard. Her eyes were red, and the dark circles under her eyes were obvious.



Most of the time, she was the elegant Mrs. Ye with exquisite makeup so it was really rare to see her like this.

Su Yuan had been preparing to go downstairs to buy something.

After she and Ye Ming received Zhou Fei's call, they rushed over from Yunzhou. They had not brought many things with them.

They had originally thought that the matter would be resolved quickly. Who would have known that there would be trouble with the leaked questions now? For the time being, they were unable to go back.

Yesterday, she had found out about the issue of the leaked questions from the Internet. Only then had she understood why Ye Ming had been so angry at that time.

Seeing that the Ye family had also been implicated, she had not sleep well the whole night.

Ye Ci had always said that the cheat sheet had been given to her by Ning Li, but what was the point of repeatedly saying it when there was no evidence?

She did not dare to ask Ye Ming exactly what was going on. She could only secretly hope that they could solve this matter quickly.

With this thought in mind, she had unintentionally looked into the elevator.

When she saw Ning Li, she was instantly stunned.

"Ning Li? You're back?"

Ning Li's expression was indifferent as she walked out of the elevator.

“I came back to get my things.”

As she said this, she walked directly past Su Yuan as if she did not want to say anything more.

When she brushed past her, Su Yuan suddenly reacted and immediately moved to grab her wrist.

“Wait!”

Ning Li heard the movement and tried to move away immediately.

However, someone else was faster than her.

Lu Huaiyu grabbed her wrist and pulled her over. At the same time, he took half a step forward and blocked Su Yuan.

“Mrs. Ye.”

He stood in front of Ning Li, his body tall and straight, blocking her completely. His voice was unhurried and cold.

“Please have some self-respect.”

Perhaps it was because the aura around him was cold and oppressive, Su Yuan subconsciously stopped in her tracks.

She had not expected to meet Lu Huaiyu here.

Seeing that he was protecting Ning Li, Su Yuan’s imposing manner was greatly weakened.

“Second Master Lu, please make way for me. I have something to say to Ning Li.”

Lu Huaiyu said lightly, "Mrs. Ye, if you have something to say, just say it."

Su Yuan's expression immediately turned awkward.

This...

How could she say it in front of Lu Huaiyu!?

Her lips moved, and she finally managed to squeeze out a sentence.

"It's about some private family matters. I'm afraid it's inconvenient for Second Master Lu—"

"Is it related to Ah Li?" Lu Huaiyu interrupted her. "If it's related to her, then it's the same if you tell it to me."

Ning Li stood behind him. From her perspective, she could only see the man's straight and broad shoulders.

She blinked slightly and lowered her eyes.

He was still holding her wrist, defending her resolutely and without hesitation.

Hearing his words, Su Yuan was both angry and anxious, but she did not dare to argue with Lu Huaiyu.

After hesitating for a long time, she finally made up her mind. She looked at Ning Li who was standing behind him and tried her best to restrain herself and asked, "Ning Li, was it you who planted the cheat sheet on Lil Ci?"

Ning Li looked at her calmly.

Things had come to this point. This was the first question Su Yuan had asked after seeing her.

Seeing that she was not saying anything, Su Yuan was a little anxious.

She lowered her voice and said anxiously, "If it really was you, you should admit it to the organizing committee!"

Lu Huaiyu's eyes were cold.

Ning Li finally opened her mouth.

"Do you think that I was the one who printed out the original test paper?"

Her voice was filled with a hint of laughter.

"So, that's how highly you think of me."

Su Yuan was speechless.

She had only wanted to prevent the Ye family from being dragged into this mess. If it really had been Ning Li, the Ye family would have then be able to get out of this mess.

However, she had overlooked one thing: with Ning Li's current status and ability, how could she have possibly gotten hold of the original test paper?

She was really anxious and confused.

"I... Mother didn't mean that..."

Su Yuan argued weakly.

Lu Huaiyu's voice and expression were cold:

"If that's all that Mrs. Ye wanted to ask, then please excuse me. My time is very precious."

With that, he turned around and was about to leave with Ning Li.

Ning Li pulled him back.

Lu Huaiyu paused and looked at her.

Ning Li took a step forward and stood in front of Su Yuan.

There was only the distance of one step between them, but it was so far that it seemed like they would never be able to cross it.

The corners of Ning Li's lips curved slightly as she said softly, "I got first place. Aren't you going to congratulate me?"