

Little Brat's 781

Chapter 781: Shen Tangtang, How Much Do You Charge Per Kilogram?

Mathematics Department, five courses.

Five courses, full marks.

The smile on Li He's face froze for a moment, and the two teachers from the Mathematics Department behind him also fell silent.

The expression of the one who had just mentioned that Ren Qian had passed all of his exams for the exemptions with a score above 95, was even more interesting.

His mouth moved, but he did not say anything. He raised his knee again, as if he wanted to leave.

It looked like he could not stay in this place any longer.

Shen Zhijin's eyes contained a hint of a smile as he said gently, "Even though one has passed the exams, Dean Li is right. Attitude is very important."

Shen Li nodded.

"Mm."

The teacher from the physics department standing at the back clicked his tongue.

"Dean Shen, Shen Li has already gotten full marks in all six exams of our own department. She also passed the exams in the Mathematics Department. Isn't this attitude... good enough?"

Everyone held their breaths at the same time.

That's right?! If this was not considered a good attitude, then what would be?

Li He was filled with regret. Why had he asked that question?

What else was more unbearable than listening to a student from the Physics Department report that they had gotten full marks in all five of the exams in the Mathematics Department during an Advanced Mathematics class?

More importantly, he was the one who had brought this topic up first!

Ren Qian was the best in the Mathematics Department's exams. Originally, all the teachers in the entire department had been happy. After all, it was quite rare for such a student to appear.

But now, this happiness had been greatly decreased.

Now, Li He felt like he could not continue to sit in to listen to this class. What should he listen to? Listen to how many full marks Shen Li had scored in the Mathematics Department's exams? Or listen to how the students from the Institute of Physics had crushed them in the Mathematics Department's territory?

Just then, the bell for the class rang.

Shen Zhijin said, "Let's sit at the back while we listen."

Li He, "... Oh."

The small group of people sat in the last row of the classroom in this extremely strange atmosphere.

Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu also walked over.

Fortunately, this was a large classroom, and there were many seats in every row.

Perhaps for convenience, the teachers sat in a few seats on the left, separated from Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu by an aisle.

Professor Fang glanced at Li He and the others, resisting the urge to kick them out.

It was one thing for him to lose face, but did he have to pick his class?

Professor Fang felt that had managed to control his temper well earlier.

He drank some tea to calm his anger.

Forget it.

When he thought about it carefully, Shen Li only had one Math Department class to attend this semester. The burden on his shoulders was too heavy.

If even he broke through the defense, the Mathematics Department would really lose miserably.

Thinking of this, Professor Fang took another sip of tea and gave a faint sigh.

Sigh, the more capable a person was, the heavier the responsibility!

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It was not until Professor Fang started his class that the atmosphere in the classroom slowly returned to normal.

Faint whispers could be heard coming from the front.

“The Big Boss is truly a big boss! Not only did she get full marks in all six subjects in the Physics Department, but she also got full marks in five subjects in the Math Department!”

“What kind of person is this? Seriously, must she force me to kneel down and call her a tyrant?”

“I’ve decided that in the future, I’ll pay my respects to the God of Learning before the exams. The Bodhisattva may not be able to help me, but the magic power of the God of Learning is boundless. She can definitely help me!”

“Leave a place for me. I’ll pay my respects together with you.”

“Hey, did you see the expressions of the dean and the others just now? It was so exciting... Hahahaha! What do you think made them want to mention their results in front of Dean Shen and his daughter? Dean Li even asked which subjects she had gotten full marks for? The God of Learning gave them a direct killing blow. Hahahaha!”

Most of the students in this class were from the Physics Department.

Therefore, everyone was very happy after watching that scene.

Li He closed his eyes and held his forehead.

He wondered now why he had done what he had done earlier!

How could he forget that Shen Li was Shen Zhijin’s daughter?

He could not help but look at Shen Zhijin who was beside him.

This feeling of being mercilessly wiped out was really familiar and bittersweet.

In the past, Shen Zhijin had been in the Physics Department of Xijing University, but he had always been in first place in all the exams of the Mathematics Department.

Yes.

To be more precise, as long as there was an exam that Shen Zhijin took, everyone else could only fight for second place.

Li He sighed.

Shen Zhijin heard the sound and looked over. Thinking for a moment, and then he said in an objective and calm tone, "It seems that the increased communication between the two departments is indeed effective."

Li He, "..."

If I asked you to stop now, would you agree?

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Lu Huaiyu leaned back in his chair lazily. He was silent for a long time before he said, "Ah Li, you're right. Professor Fang's class is indeed very interesting."

Shen Li was stunned. She turned to look at him, not quite understanding why he had suddenly expressed such an emotion.

Hadn't he already followed this class for a whole semester?

Lu Huaiyu lowered his chin slightly and said seriously, "So, not a single class can be missed."

Shen Li looked at his empty desk.

“... Second Brother, you’re someone who never carries a textbook. It’s really not believable for you to say that.”

Lu Huaiyu met her gaze, met the young girl’s watery and bewildered peach blossom eyes, and smiled.

He reminded her, “Ah Li, have you calculated how many classes you still have to attend in the future?”

To begin with, there were not many classes that he could accompany her to, and there would be even fewer in the future.

Well, he might not be able to compete with Shen Zhijin.

Shen Li blinked and finally understood what he meant.

She could not help the corners of her lips from curling up, and her eyes curved.

She picked up the pen and wrote a line of words in the blank space of the book.

‘Lu Huaiyu, you are so calculative.’

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly when he saw this sentence.

In the next moment, he held her hand.

A warm temperature instantly enveloped her, and the force was irresistible.

Shen Li’s heart skipped a beat— Shen Zhijin was on their left!

She did not know if she was seeing things, but she suddenly felt as if someone was looking at her.

She looked up and widened her eyes: Lu Huaiyu!

Lu Huaiyu seemed completely unbothered. He held her hand as he wrote another sentence directly below.

Shen Li subconsciously looked over and suddenly paused.

After borrowing her hand, he wrote: [Shen Tangtang, how much do you charge for one kilogram?]

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After writing this sentence, he quickly let go of her hand and leaned back in his chair. He returned to his leisurely appearance, as if he had not done anything.

Shen Li's ears were slightly red.

After a while, Lu Huaiyu suddenly seemed to remember something.

"Oh, right."

He sat up a little straighter, bent his head slightly, and leaned in close to her ear again.

His breath was boiling hot, and when it landed on her ear, it seemed to be like a spark of fire.

Then, he said in a low voice that only the two of them could hear, he enunciated each word carefully.

"I can calculate my fortune. If I can buy it back with all my assets, that's fine too."

Chapter 782: Zhijin, I Support You

“Zhijin, Zhijin?”

Li He called out twice in a hushed tone of voice before Shen Zhijin finally looked over.

‘Strange,’ Li He thought to himself.

Shen Zhijin was well-known for being serious and meticulous. It was really rare for him to be so distracted.

Professor Fang Liang was still lecturing up there. Why did he seem to be lost in thought?

“Zhijin, what’s up with you? Are you thinking about something?” Li He asked in a lowered tone of voice.

“Yes.”

Shen Zhijin responded faintly before pausing for a moment.

“I’m thinking about banning outsiders from entering the classroom to listen to lectures.”

Li He, “...”

He silently glanced behind Shen Zhijin.

Wasn’t it said that Shen Zhijin liked Lu Huaiyu?

Previously, they had gone to the staff cafeteria to eat together, and then they had gone to the Tianye City supermarket to shop together.

But now... Why did it seem like something was not quite right?

However, Shen Zhijin was the vice-principal. If he really wanted to do this, it would not be impossible.

Moreover...

Thinking about the grievances between Lu Huaiyu and the Mathematics Department in the past, Li He's heart was filled with mixed feelings.

In any case, he could not deal with that kid. The entire Mathematics Department was relying on Professor Fang's Advanced Mathematics class to barely make a comeback.

But now, it could be seen that Professor Fang was also annoyed. He did not know how many times he had told Lu Huaiyu not to come again, but it was useless.

Lu Huaiyu was not an easy person to deal with. Initially, the sure-win situation he had been in had allowed him to endure until they had reached a draw. Now, he had the vague feeling that the tables would be turned.

If this continued, he felt that Professor Fang might have to persuade Lu Huaiyu to leave with a sincere tone.

How could this work?

Fortunately, Shen Zhijin was still here.

Thinking of this, Li He felt a lot more relieved. In seriousness, he said, "Zhijin, if this is proposed in the next meeting, I will give you my vote."

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Finally, the class ended.

Regardless of whether it was because of Professor Fang's lecture, the students who attended the class, or the teachers who had listened in on the class, after experiencing such an exciting class, all of them had complicated emotions.

One of the teachers from the Mathematics Department suggested, "Dean Li, Dean Shen, there is still another segment upstairs later. Do we still want to go over and listen?"

Li He's eyelids twitched.

Did they still want to listen?

What else was there to listen to?

Had he not been embarrassed enough today?

He coughed forcefully.

"This, I think..."

Shen Zhijin said, "There are still some things that need to be dealt with at the laboratory. I don't think I'll be able to go over today."

Li He let out a long sigh of relief. It would be good if he could not go over!

He did not want to see the students from the Institute of Physics attend the Mathematics Department's classes and neither did he want Shen Zhijin to see the students from the Institute of Mathematics attend the Mathematics Department's classes.

That would only remind him of everything that had happened today.

Shen Li's words seemed to have been engraved in his mind. He could not get rid of them no matter how hard he tried.

Five classes from the Institute of Mathematics.

Now that Shen Zhijin had actively refused the suggestion, Li He finally felt a little better.

"Ah, that's such a pity!"

Li He put on a regretful look on his face. Then, he changed the topic.

"Zhijin's time is precious, so the experiment can't be delayed. Shall we... just do that another day?"

He had no intention of persuading him to stay.

Shen Zhijin nodded, then looked to the side.

"Tangtang."

Shen Li turned around. "Dad."

Shen Zhijin's gaze swept past Lu Huaiyu and the black backpack that he was helping to carry. Then, he calmly said, "The third phase of your experiment can start now. It just so happens that there's a new observer in the institute. You can go take a look."

Shen Li's eyes lit up.

"Really?"

She had been waiting for the latest observer for a long time.

“Alright, I’ll go over in a moment!”

Seeing that she was happy, Shen Zhijin laughed lightly as well.

“Let’s go. I’ll go back with you.”

Seeing this situation, the teacher from the Mathematics Department sighed again.

“Scientific research is boring and there are fewer and fewer people who are capable of doing research quietly. It’s really rare that Shen Li is like this. The reason you applied for exemptions was to free up more time and energy to do this, right?”

Shen Li smiled at the teacher and nodded.

“It’s more convenient.”

The teacher looked at her in admiration.

“Getting full marks for all eleven subjects. This result is indeed...”

A teacher from the Institute of Physics curiously asked, “Huh? She didn’t get exemptions for only eleven subjects. She got it for fourteen subjects.”

The teacher was stunned. It was obvious that he was also shocked by the number.

“Fourteen?!”

Shen Zhijin's phone suddenly vibrated.

He took it out and Shen Li took a look. It was a call from the counselor, Xia Rui.

She was a little surprised.

Why did the teacher seem to be very... familiar with Shen Zhijin?

Shen Zhijin had already answered the call.

"Teacher Xia."

"Dean Shen," Xia Rui's cheerful voice came from the phone, "The results of the fourteen exams that Shen Li applied for have all come out. Could you ask her to make a trip to the institute to go through the follow-up procedures?"

Since she had applied for an exemption and passed so many subjects all at once, she needed to settle her file and other matters.

Shen Zhijin nodded.

"Thank you, Miss Xia. I'll bring her over later."

"You're too kind. I'm Shen Li's tutor. I'm just doing my job!"

Ever since Shen Zhijin had called to ask about Shen Li's results, Xia Rui had given more attention to Shen Li's matters since she was responsible for both her idol and her students.

This time, Shen Li had passed fourteen exams, which was a big deal. She had thought that Shen Zhijin might feel reluctant to ask directly ask Shen Li about her results, so she decided to take the initiative to call her.

In a sense, it could also be considered to be a boost to their father-daughter relationship!

“Oh, right, I have to specially inform you that Shen Li scored full marks in all fourteen exams! Principal Shen, congratulations!”

Shen Zhijin thanked her again before hanging up.

Li He, who was beside him, had overheard a few words that seemed to be related to Shen Li’s results.

He asked casually, “Zhijin, was that a teacher from your department?”

Shen Zhijin smiled.

“Yes, Ah Li’s teacher said that the results from all fourteen exams that Ah Li took have been released and that she got full marks. She needs to take some time to go through the follow-up procedures.”

“...”

The classroom, which had originally been noisy due to it being the end of the class, quieted down again.

Li He rubbed his face, took a deep breath, and finally spoke carefully, “Then, this matter is quite important. Don’t delay. You... you should hurry up.”

Just hurry up and leave!

Chapter 783: Sour

On Monday afternoon, the Xijing University campus forum was dominated by a hot discussion.

[Rational discussion: does the school belle have a full-score obsessive-compulsive disorder?]

The moderator took the lead and showed a beautiful photo of Shen Li in the lecture hall.

The photo had obviously been taken secretly. A young girl with a clean and beautiful face was sitting in the last row of the classroom while resting her chin on one hand. She had a lazy posture, with slightly lowered eyelids. The sun was shining through the window, causing her dark raven-like eyelashes to cast a faint shadow on her porcelain-white face.

A strand of soft and smooth hair fell down, adding a bit of laziness to her cold and indifferent temperament.

The surrounding scenery and people were blurred out, making her look even more exquisite. Her whole person seemed to be glowing.

[Poster: Shock my whole family! According to the internal news of the institute, the school belle applied for exemptions in fourteen subjects, and ultimately passed all of them with full marks! Without further ado, allow me to kneel first!]

This post immediately attracted a lot of attention the moment it was posted due to the headlines containing Shen Li's name. Added to that was the beautiful picture that had been taken of her in the lecture hall, this post quickly attracted a wave of views.

When everyone saw the post, they were all shocked.

[Second floor: ???]

[Third floor: !!!]

[Fourth floor: In broad daylight, why is the poster acting crazy???]

Everyone's first reaction was disbelief. Yes, Xijing University had always had this ruling that if a student had good results, they could apply for exemption in advance.

But... for fourteen subjects?! And they had scored full marks for every single one of them?! What kind of joke was this?

Seeing that no one believed him, the poster became anxious and frantically started typing his replies.

[Poster: What I said is the truth! This happened in Professor Fang Liang's Advanced Mathematics class this afternoon. Dean Shen said it himself, okay! The whole of the Institute of Physics knows about it! Oh, the Institute of Mathematics should also know about it too.]

[Poster: Why would I lie about something like this? It's not possible that there is anyone who doesn't know that the school belle also got full marks in all thirteen subjects at the end of last semester as well, right?]

Very soon, students from the academy appeared to explain.

[Everyone was stunned at the scene. What the poster said is true.]

Probably because the post was up, more and more people replied.

[The poster above is a little more low-key. Our school Belle is nothing more than an ordinary genius with full marks.]

[Full marks?! Full marks?! Why is the gap between humans greater than the gap between humans and dogs???]

[Thirteen plus fourteen... Woohoo... Seize the 27th floor! Rounding it up, the distance between us and the school belle and the God of Learning is now even further!]

[The perfect score is a real hammer. I heard that Dean Shen also got a full GPA in the past and he never took second place in any of the exams. Tsk, is this the mysterious power of genes?]

[Everyone, do you see the standard of my kneeling posture?]

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This matter caused quite a stir in Xijing University.

This was the top school in the country, so the difficulty of the exams was not low. It was not easy to get a perfect score.

What's more, it had been for so many subjects.

The most ridiculous thing was that not only had Shen Li gotten full marks for the final exams, but she had also gotten full marks for the exemption exams!

This was too much. It left everyone feeling hopeless.

Even until the next night, Shen Li and He Xiaochen could still many burning gazes upon them when they went to the cafeteria to eat together.

Even though the two of them chose a remote spot by the window, Shen Li could still hear her name mentioned from time to time.

She had always been the center of attention at Xijing University, and she had often been observed by others at school. However, it still felt rare to see someone like her today.

"Tsk... It's like they haven't looked enough!"

He Xiaochen inserted a straw into the yogurt bottle as she narrowed her eyes slightly and shook her head with an intense expression on her face.

"If only they had seen you in high school and known that you could memorize a book after only flipping through it once, I wonder how they would react."

As Shen Li's deskmate, she knew very well how bitter the blow was.

Shen Li lowered her head to eat, still not bothering to pay much attention to these things.

"Hey, Ah Li, have you heard?" A thought suddenly came to He Xiaochen's mind and she moved closer mysteriously.

Shen Li looked up. "What?"

He Xiaochen lowered her voice.

"I heard that the Dean of the Mathematics Department was greatly stimulated and gave the order to raise the standards of the Mathematics Department's mid-term final exam!"

Shen Li asked, "... Where did you hear all this from?"

He Xiaochen said smugly, "I have connections!"

"Ren Qian?"

"... No," He Xiaochen bristled, "We haven't talked much lately. This news was told to me by a junior high school classmate of mine. He was in the same grade as us and is also from the Mathematics Department. I happened to bump into him recently. It was only then that I knew that he was also studying here."

Shen Li nodded in understanding and immediately saw a person walking over.

He Xiaochen did not seem to notice and continued to talk.

“Speaking of which, my junior high school classmate’s studies were pretty average in the past. I think he was in the second year of the high school’s Liberal Arts and Science class. I don’t know why, but he suddenly became enlightened and went on a rampage. He got first place in his school and was admitted into the Mathematics Department of Xijing University.”

Shen Li looked at the figure that was getting closer and closer and suddenly said, “Speaking of Ren Qian... the Dean of the Mathematics Department mentioned that he had also applied for exemption from several subjects. Moreover, he got 95 points or above and did very well in the exams.”

He Xiaochen was first surprised. “Huh? Is that so?”

This time, it was Shen Li’s turn to be surprised. “You... didn’t know?”

He Xiaochen choked up and she pursed her lips as she spoke, “... He didn’t tell me...”

“Boss, you didn’t ask either.”

A familiar voice accompanied by a grin came from behind.

He Xiaochen immediately turned around, her almond-shaped eyes wide open.

“Ren Qian? Why are you eavesdropping on our conversation?”

Ren Qian pondered for a moment.

“It looks like I might have interrupted the Boss as she speaks ill of me behind my back? I’m sorry, I’m sorry.”

He Xiaochen, “...”

Although she had not really been badmouthing him, being caught like this was really... quite awkward.

Ren Qian sat down next to her and gave her a natural smile.

"I called you yesterday, but you didn't pick up. It's my fault for not insisting on calling you again. Otherwise, you wouldn't have only found out about my exemption results today, would you?"

He Xiaochen was instantly in the wrong.

"I... I was busy at that time..."

Ren Qian glanced at her and smiled.

"I guess you were quite busy catching up with an old classmate."

He Xiaochen, "..."

Shen Li put down her chopsticks. She felt that the vinegar potato strips were really too sour today.

Chapter 784: I'm Chasing You

He Xiaochen also choked up from Ren Qian's words. She reached for the yogurt and changed the topic.

"... Ah, right, Ah Li, little brother has been preparing for his concert lately. Is he especially busy?"

Shen Li silently lamented that this sudden change in topic seemed a little harsh, but she still cooperated and nodded in agreement.

"Yes."

This concert had been planned since last year. Later, due to scheduling problems between the venue and Lin Fengmian, it had been delayed for some time. The date was finally set for March 1st and would be held at the Capital Sports Center, a huge venue that could accommodate 80,000 people.

Counting the time, there were only a few days left till the day.

Lin Fengmian had been busy with rehearsals and other things lately, which was truly tiring.

However, those who were capable of holding a concert at this venue, basically had god-like status with extremely strong appeal.

Lin Fengmian was the first among all young idols.

On one hand, he was extremely popular. On the other hand, even though he had only debuted less than a year ago, he had already won numerous music awards in the music country. Among them, many of them were mainstream awards that were of extremely high value.

Possessing both popularity and strength, he was truly standing at the top of the idol circle.

“It was so difficult to snap up my little brother’s tickets! The tickets were released at 12 am yesterday, and there were 80,000 tickets available! However, all 80,000 tickets were sold out in one second!”

He Xiaochen was heartbroken.

“I’ve waited for so long! All his female fans are just too strong, aren’t they?!”

Shen Li saw how upset she was and asked, “You didn’t get them?”

He Xiaochen was listless.

“I only managed to get one ticket from Zone B...”

Zone A was the closest to the stage, which was directly opposite. Zone B was slightly further away, and its location was also slightly remote.

Shen Li said, "Shall I get you a ticket for Zone A?"

Lin Fengmian had already reserved some tickets for her. They were all the best seats in the inner court and were not available for sale to the public.

At first, He Xiaochen's eyes lit up, but a thought seemed to come to her and she puffed up her cheeks again.

"Of course, Zone A is very good, but... but..."

She did not say anything for a long time.

Shen Li studied her for a while.

He Xiaochen was a veteran star-chasing girl. Logically speaking, she should have been very happy to have such a ticket offered to her.

But now...

"I did ask if you wanted me to help you get it, but you said you didn't need my help and insisted on buying it yourself. Now you won't change it either..." Shen Li raised her eyebrows and said, "It's almost as if you don't want to go to this concert."

"How can that be? Of course, I want to go!" He Xiaochen suddenly said sternly, "Sister, how can you doubt my love for my brother?!"

Shen Li, "..."

She glanced at Ren Qian and saw he was leaning back against the chair with his elbows bent. He said in a very cynical manner, "How can that be, Big Boss? Your love for him is endless and so touching."

He Xiaochen, "..."

She turned her head and glared at him, unwilling to be outdone.

"I haven't seen you for a while, but you're really getting more and more eccentric."

"It's hard for you to remember that you haven't seen me for a while," said Ren Qian who almost applauded as if he was joking. "It seems that I still have a small place in your heart."

Originally, He Xiaochen was glaring at him, but when she heard this, her face instantly turned red.

Ren Qian also looked at her with a smile.

Shen Li was silent for a moment before she said, "Should... I leave first?"

"Ah Li, don't leave!" He Xiaochen hurriedly called out to her.

She and Ren Qian had not met during the winter break, but they had come together when school started. However, Ren Qian had seemed to be quite busy after that, and the two of them barely talked to each other.

Today, she had realized that he must have been busy preparing for the exemption exams.

Meeting again after so long felt... a little sudden.

Inexplicably, she was especially nervous as Ren Qian sat there.

It had not seemed like this before...

Shen Li looked at her. "So, you really don't want the tickets?"

He Xiaochen had a headache as she hesitated for a long time.

"Ah Li, could you help me get two tickets that are next to each other? It's fine even if it's not in Zone A!"

Only then did Shen Li understand what she was fretting about.

"You want to watch it with someone?"

He Xiaochen stammered, "Ah, I know someone who's also a celebrity chaser. Actually, I bought two tickets, but one is in Zone B while the other is at the top of the mountain... How can the seat at the top of the mountain work?"

Shen Li understood.

If she was going to watch a concert, it would indeed be better to go with a fellow like-minded person.

Also, for some reason, He Xiaochen was very insistent this time. She did not want the tickets that she had offered to give her. Instead, she had been insistent that she wanted to buy them herself.

It was likely that she had worked part-time to earn the money for this concert.

However, it would not be difficult to get two side-by-side tickets for her. She nodded and was about to speak when the opportunity was quickly snatched away.

"What a coincidence."

Ren Qian smiled.

"I have two tickets with consecutive numbers for Zone A here."

He Xiaochen was shocked. "What? What?!"

Zone A had been so difficult to buy. Not only had Ren Qian managed to buy them, but he had also even bought two tickets! They were even next to each other!

She looked at Ren Qian in shock. Only then did she notice the hint of sleepiness in his eyes, as if he had stayed up all night.

"You... you... you stayed up all night to buy the tickets?!"

Ren Qian let out a "Huh" sound, as if he was a little puzzled by her question.

"The ticket release time was set at midnight. What else could I do?"

He paused as he spoke.

"Besides, I've heard you repeat it so many times. It was hard to forget."

He Xiaochen, "..."

It was true, ever since Lin Fengmian had announced that he would be holding a concert, she had indeed repeated it many times...

With Ren Qian's brain as a math prodigy, it was naturally not a problem for him to remember the time.

As Ren Qian spoke, he took his phone out, tapped on the screen a few times, and handed it over.

“Take a look. What do you think about the location?”

He Xiaochen looked down. She saw that both seats were really next to each other in Zone A, and it was very close to the front. It was very good!

“... How did you get these?!”

That had not been what He Xiaochen had wanted to ask.

These seats had been extremely difficult to get, yet Ren Qian had actually managed to get them, and this position...

Was... very... expensive!

She raised her head in disbelief.

“Did you rob a bank?”

Ren Qian, “...”

“Wait a minute, I remember that you’re not even a fan of little brother!”

He Xiaochen knew Ren Qian quite well. He really was not interested in such things.

Although he could more or less pick up whatever He Xiaochen said during their conversations, he did not really chase after celebrities.

Yet, this time, he had spent so much money to buy two tickets to Lin Fengmian’s concert!

"I didn't rob a bank. I just made a little money during the holidays," Ren Qian said slowly with his usual smile, as if it was not a big deal, "Besides, my hand speed is just a little faster than yours."

He Xiaochen blurted out without thinking.

"The speed of being single for 19 years?"

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There was a moment of dead silence at the dining table.

Shen Li suggested again, "I really have something to do. I'll take my leave first—"

He Xiaochen finally came back to her senses and threw her a pleading look.

'Please, save me!'

Shen Li spread her hands.

There was no way to save a social death.

The good thing was that Ren Qian had persevered with He Xiaochen for a long time, so his mental endurance had been well trained.

He pressed the space between his eyebrows and tapped on the phone screen, but his eyes continued to be trained on He Xiaochen.

He smiled faintly and said, "I'm not chasing Lin Fengmian.

"I'm chasing you."

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Chapter 785: A Counterattack

He Xiaochen's face had turned as red as a tomato.

"Then, then... then how much are these two tickets? I'll transfer the money for them to you."

Ren Qian seemed to have expected her to say this.

"There's no need. I'm giving them to you."

He Xiaochen immediately shook her head like a rattle-drum.

"How can I allow that?!"

She could receive this reward for doing nothing. Moreover, the price of these two tickets was really not cheap.

Ren Qian smiled.

"Isn't your birthday coming soon? Just treat it as a birthday present."

He said it casually.

However, the money for these tickets was not a small amount for a freshman.

According to Ren Qian, he had earned a little money during the holidays. So, besides preparing for the exam, was the other reason he had been so busy lately due to the part-time job?

He Xiaochen remembered how she had still been sulking about this and had deliberately not answered his calls. She was now having mixed feelings.

She pursed her lips.

“... It’s too expensive.”

“Don’t you like Lin Fengmian?” Ren Qian raised his eyebrows.

What he implied was that it was fine as long as she liked it.

He looked at his phone again.

“I’ll find time to cash the tickets for you tomorrow?”

He Xiaochen was still unwilling. “I’ll transfer the money to you.”

Ren Qian stared at her for a while before he smiled and said, “Actually, these two tickets should be considered as an apology.”

“Huh?”

He Xiaochen was confused by his words.

“What?”

Why was Ren Qian suddenly apologizing to her?

Ren Qian smiled and lowered his voice a little.

“It’s to compensate for the time I didn’t spend with you previously.”

He Xiaochen’s eyes widened slightly before she understood what he meant.

Due to them having spent less time with each other lately, he was trying to make amends for it.

However, it was also because he had taken a part-time job to save enough money to help her buy the tickets...

He Xiaochen finally figured out what had happened during this period of time. She was shocked and for a moment, she did not know how to react. Her face was red as she stared blankly at Ren Qian.

Ren Qian put away his phone and admired her expression for a while. There was a faint smile on his face before he slowly said, “Big Boss, with you looking at me like that, I would almost think that you had taken a fancy to me.”

He Xiaochen’s ears were red. Her mouth, which would normally be bursting with combat power, was unable to utter a single word at this moment.

Ren Qian felt much better after having teased her for a while.

He stood up.

“I’ll take my leave first then—”

“Wait!”

He Xiaochen suddenly reached out to grab his wrist.

Ren Qian paused and turned around. His gaze fell on the hand that was holding his wrist tightly.

He Xiaochen immediately came back to her senses and immediately let go of his hand as if she had been electrocuted.

She tilted her head slightly. Her face was still red, but her expression was serious.

“I’ll give you the money.

She paused for a moment before emphasizing, “For both tickets.”

Ren Qian was at a loss whether to laugh or cry at her actions. He tilted his head slightly.

“Boss, it’s only two tickets. Don’t tell me that you won’t even let me give you two tickets?”

He Xiaochen looked back at him stubbornly.

The two of them stared at each other for a moment before Ren Qian’s eyes dimmed slightly.

Did they have to be so... calculative with each other?

He had a good-tempered personality and was always seen with a smile on his face. It was especially with He Xiaochen that he rarely showed even a hint of unhappiness.

He Xiaochen vaguely sensed that he was unhappy, and her heart panicked.

"I... I..."

She stammered, but she did not know how to explain.

Seeing that Ren Qian was really going to leave, she said anxiously, "Well, let me see those two tickets again."

Ren Qian did not understand, but he still retrieved the ticket page again and handed it to He Xiaochen.

He Xiaochen pointed at the screen.

"This, No. 18, in the second row of Zone A. I'm buying it for you."

Ren Qian did not react for a moment.

He bent down slightly and leaned closer. "What?"

He Xiaochen did not dare to look up at him. Her fair-skinned fingers pointed at the screen.

"This is the ticket for this seat that I'm buying for you."

She tried her best to make her voice sound calm. Her fingers moved slightly to the side and she forced herself to be calm.

"The seat next to it, No. 17, is for me."

After saying that, the surroundings quieted down again.

Ren Qian maintained his posture. He was not next to her, but he was very close.

He Xiaochen could even feel the heat emanating from his body and his breath.

She held her breath, but her heart was beating very fast.

It seemed that after a long time, she heard a laugh coming from above her head.

“Oh, I still don’t know. When did I become your little star-chasing partner?”

His voice was so close that He Xiaochen felt as if her ears had gone numb.

On the inside, she was screaming frantically, “What else could I do? I already tried my best to grab the tickets! After buying the tickets, she had been prepared to hand them over magnanimously and said, “Follow your sister!”

Who would have known that she would end up only being able to buy a ticket for Zone B and another right at the top?!

She had originally planned to look for Ah Li to think of a way to solve the situation, but before she could take action, she had been intercepted!

Thinking of this, He Xiaochen’s confidence suddenly picked up again.

She nodded her head heavily and regained her confidence. She looked up at Ren Qian and said very seriously, “I chase after stars, and you chase after me. Wouldn’t that make you someone who chases after stars too?”

This was probably what it meant, through the twisting of words and reasoning.

Ren Qian looked at her as if he was considering the correctness of her words.

He Xiaochen continued.

“Look, if A is parallel to B, and B is parallel to C, then—”

“Then A is also parallel to C.”

Ren Qian finished the rest of her sentence and looked at her with great interest.

“Boss, what era is it now? Are you still using middle school math to chase after people?”

He Xiaochen instantly became annoyed. Almost slamming her hands on the table, she stood up.

“Who’s chasing after you?!”

Her voice was so clear and loud that it instantly attracted the attention of many people around her.

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Ren Qian pointed at the screen of his phone with an innocent expression.

“Then, why are you buying two concert tickets with consecutive numbers and even giving me one?”

Everyone, “Ooh...”

They had not realized how capable this girl was!

A group of boys looked at Ren Qian enviously. "What a dog... There's a girl chasing after him."

A group of girls gave He Xiaochen a thumbs up. "Isn't that the handsome guy from the Mathematics Department? Sister, you can do it! Just do it!"

Shen Li rested her chin on one hand and looked at He Xiaochen sympathetically.

He Xiaochen, "..."

No, how could this be?

She just... just...

Ren Qian seemed to be particularly magnanimous, as he looked at her gently.

"Even though you bought me a ticket in Zone B—"

"The one at the top of the mountain is yours!"

He Xiaochen refuted with all her might!

How could she possibly go to the top of the mountain?

"I have to be closer to my brother!"

Ren Qian replied with an "Oh" and pondered for a moment.

"Alright, the top of the mountain it is then."

He Xiaochen snorted.

“You have to recognize your status, little brother!”

Ren Qian looked down at his phone again.

“Well, it’s pretty clear. 17 is right next to 18, isn’t it?”

He Xiaochen, “...”

“Sister?”

A short-haired girl who was sitting at a nearby dining table had watched the whole scene and finally could not hold herself back anymore.

She put her palms together and whispered to He Xiaochen.

“Sister, since you have couples seats now, could you let me have the two tickets that you have from Zone B and the mountaintop? Please, show some love to those of us who are single... Please, please, please!”

Chapter 786: My Taste

He Xiaochen felt that she would not be able to clear her name even if she jumped into the Yellow River.

“The seats are just next to each other, not seats for a couple!”

The short-haired girl gave her a look that seemed to say, “I understand, I understand.”

“Yes, yes, yes. Those are not seats for a couple. They’re just seats for a couple that happens to be next to each other!”

He Xiaochen, “...”

Shen Li felt that there was no way to clean up this situation, so she might as well just leave it and watch from the side.

Although the two of them had been evenly matched in high school, it seemed that it would be quite difficult for He Xiaochen to beat Ren Qian in certain aspects.

Some girls nearby also noticed the situation.

“What? Tickets for my brother’s concert! ?”

“Sister, please let me have them! I can increase the price!”

“I don’t have any high hopes for Zone B, so even the one at the top of the mountain is fine!”

The tickets were extremely hard to get. So, the moment they heard that He Xiaochen had extra tickets, many girls immediately looked over at her.

The competition was fierce, and the short-haired girl instantly became nervous.

He Xiaochen sighed.

“I’m sorry. It’s first come, first served. Since she asked for it first, I’ll give it to her.”

As she spoke, she said to the short-haired girl, “Let’s add each other on WeChat. I’ll transfer the tickets to you tomorrow.”

The short-haired girl was delighted.

“Thank you, Sister!”

Although the others were disappointed, they had no choice but to secretly envy her again.

The short-haired girl added He Xiaochen on WeChat and poked her with her elbow. Then, she lowered her voice.

“Sister, not to mention, this boyfriend of yours... that you want to pursue... Just to woo you, he actually got tickets to Zone A. That’s really awesome!”

As she said this, her face was filled with envy.

“How many guys would be willing to do this? Would they help the girl that they like chase celebrities, and even help her to buy tickets to her idol’s concert?”

Feeling a little shaken by these words, He Xiaochen quietly looked at Ren Qian. In the end, she just happened to see two girls sidle up to Ren Qian’s side and say mysteriously, “Oh great sir, could we ask you to help us grab tickets in the future? The price is negotiable!”

Ren Qian pointed at He Xiaochen as he declined with a smile.

“I’m sorry, I’m only willing to buy them for her.”

He Xiaochen’s face turned hot again.

The two girls looked regretful, as they were left with no choice but to give up and turn around to leave.

Ren Qian turned around and saw He Xiaochen staring at him with a subtle look in her eyes.

He was stunned. "What's wrong?"

He Xiaochen shook her head heavily.

"Nothing, I just feel that I've been hollowed out..."

She had just calculated and realized that the money she earned from her part-time work would still not be enough to cover the two tickets.

Her living expenses instantly became tight.

Ren Qian paused for a moment and seemed to laugh.

"Do I still have this ability?"

He Xiaochen, "!!!"

What nonsense was he spouting again? She clearly had not meant it that way!

After Ren Qian was done admiring her changing expression, he raised his chin.

"Just remember the ticket price. If you can't give me the money yet, you can pay me back slowly."

He Xiaochen was momentarily stunned before she reacted.

"So, you're agreeing to it?"

When she had insisted on giving him the money earlier, Ren Qian had not seemed to be very happy. Therefore, she was still a little nervous and worried that he would not accept it.

“Okay.”

Looking very relaxed, Ren Qian gave her a very gentle smile.

“I have to give you a chance to pursue me, right?”

He Xiaochen, “...”

She just knew that nothing good would come out of his mouth!

What she really wanted to do was to forcefully throw the money at him, but unfortunately, she was really short of money, so she could only swallow her anger as she answered fiercely, “Who’s the one who wants to pursue you?!”

Ren Qian nodded.

“I heard you. But if you really want to emphasize it, that’s fine too.”

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He Xiaochen, “...”

Shen Li covered her eyes. She could not bear to watch them anymore.

It was a one-sided crush. That was what she was talking about.

He Xiaochen had huffed and puffed for a long time, yet in the end, she had accepted the tickets that the other party had fought so hard for.

She whispered, "Then... Then I'll return the money to you next month."

By that time, she would have received more of her pay, so it would be more or less the same.

Ren Qian thought for a moment before replying.

"Next month might be a little late."

"Huh?"

He Xiaochen had obviously not expected Ren Qian to be so blunt after settling this matter.

She scratched her head and thought about it carefully, before coming to the conclusion that it was not really unusual for him to say this.

Everyone was still a student. Ren Qian's financial situation was probably quite tight since he had spent so much money all at once.

She probed, "Then... When do you think would be the right time? I can't pay you all of it back now. How about in installments? I can pay you some back first--"

"Let's do it today."

Ren Qian interrupted her and looked into her eyes. Then, he said very sincerely, "I don't have the money to eat. You can pay me back by buying me dinner tonight."

He Xiaochen, "..."

In her heart, Shen Li silently applauded Ren Qian.

As for He Xiaochen?

It was hopeless.

Really, they were not on the same level at all.

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When lunch was over, He Xiaochen felt as if she had been beaten badly. She went back to class in a daze.

After she had gone back, she could not help but send a message to Shen Li lamenting how wronged she had been.

[Ah Li! I always feel like I'm losing out!]

Shen Li was in the middle of writing a thesis in the laboratory. When she saw this message, she subconsciously looked at the time.

Yes.

It had been an hour since she had finished her lunch. It was only now that she had finally realized this.

She picked up her phone.

[Isn't the price of the tickets based on the original price?]

It was not just Ren Qian's two tickets. The tickets that He Xiaochen had transferred to the short-haired girl had also been sold off at the original price.

So even though it had been a little tumultuous, there had actually been no monetary loss.

He Xiaochen stared at these words and fell into deep thought.

That seemed to be the case.

Then what was it that was wrong?

A big question mark appeared in He Xiaochen's heart.

It was not until the evening class had ended that she walked out of the classroom with her bag on her back. When she saw Ren Qian waiting in the corridor, this question mark started to waver.

A few girls who were passing by winked at her.

"Xiaochen, are you guys together?"

Ren Qian had come to look for her before, but he had not been so brazen about it.

Now that he was standing there, it was obvious.

He Xiaochen wanted to refute, "No, we—"

By then, Ren Qian had already walked over and pulled her backpack down. Holding it in his hand, he very naturally and smoothly said,

“I want to eat sweet and sour fish today.”

He Xiaochen, “???”

Although she had promised to pay back the money by buying him this meal, what was with his tone?

Was she supposed to follow along with whatever you want to eat?!

She endured it.

“I want bridge rice noodles! Extra spicy and with extra sesame!”

Ren Qian pointed at his throat.

“I stayed up late, so my tonsils are inflamed.”

He Xiaochen instantly lowered her head.

Oh, had he stayed up late, just to grab those tickets?

“... Alright.”

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In the evening, Shen Li came out of the laboratory and saw that Lu Huaiyu was already waiting downstairs.

She quickened her pace and walked over. Lu Huaiyu seemed to sense her presence and looked over.

Her phone rang. Shen Li lowered her head and found that it was a message from He Xiaochen.

It was a picture of a dinner meal.

Those two had obviously gone out to eat. The dishes that they had ordered were laid out on the table, the sweet and sour fish in the middle being particularly eye-catching.

The camera also partially showed the hand of a boy sitting across the table. It seemed that he was picking out the fish bones.

There were two more words.

“Ah Li! I know where I lost! I made too big a concession in the food!”

“When you and Second Brother eat together, he definitely follows your taste, right?”

Lu Huaiyu happened to walk to her side and saw this message when he looked down.

He raised his eyebrows slightly, took her phone away and began to type.

“Second Brother?”

Shen Li was stunned for a moment, but Lu Huaiyu quickly finished typing.

She then took a look.

[No, Ah Li follows my taste.]

He Xiaochen quickly realized that this reply had come from Lu Huaiyu and was shocked. For a moment, she did not know what to reply.

Then, she received another message.

[Whatever she eats when she's with me, that's my taste.]

Chapter 787: She Was Afraid

He Xiaochen silently put down her phone.

Ren Qian, who was sitting across from her, looked up at her.

"What's wrong?"

He Xiaochen waved her hand.

"Nothing. It's just that I suddenly feel a little full."

D*mn it, he had not even given her time to prepare herself, yet he had already started showing her so much affection!

Who could withstand this?

"Really?"

Ren Qian did not seem to believe her words and casually handed her a small porcelain bowl.

He Xiaochen lowered her head to take a look. Inside was the fish meat that Ren Qian had already picked out the bones from.

She was momentarily stunned. Then, she coughed lightly, and very reservedly said, "This is so embarrassing..."

Ren Qian raised his chin.

"Try it. I came here once with my classmates, and everyone said that the taste was good."

He Xiaochen said, "Oh?"

She was instantly energized. She no longer bothered about whether she was behaving in a reserved manner or not. She used her chopsticks to pick up a piece and put it into her mouth.

Three seconds later.

He Xiaochen held out the small porcelain bowl.

"I'd like seconds please!"

Ren Qian smiled and looked at her. "Didn't you say that you felt full just now?"

He Xiaochen did not bother refuting this remark. The sweet and sour taste was very appetizing, so she quickly began to taste all the dishes on the table.

She had never been to this restaurant before, but she had not expected the taste to be so good!

"This is so delicious!

"This is also so delicious!

"Ah! Can I order another portion of this?"

Ren Qian helped her pick out the fish bones as he nodded.

“Sure.”

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After sending the two messages, Lu Huaiyu returned the phone to Shen Li.

Seeing that He Xiaochen had not replied any further, Shen Li made a rough guess as to her reaction and could not help but laugh.

Lu Huaiyu gently pinched her face.

“Are you hungry? Shall we go to eat?”

Shen Li held his hand.

“Okay.”

This time, the two of them went to a restaurant that had just opened. It was only one street away from Xijing University.

It was a very popular establishment because it had been very stylishly decorated and the food tasted good.

Other than the prices being a little expensive, there was nothing wrong with it.

Since it was nearby, the two of them walked over together.

By the time they arrived at the restaurant, it was already half-past six. The sky had gone dark, and the street lamps on both sides of the road were bright. People were coming and going, so the area was quite lively.

The two entered the restaurant. Because they had already made a reservation before coming, the waiter immediately led them to a small private room inside.

Shen Li took the menu and ordered a few things, before handing it to Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, what else would you like to add?”

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the back of the chair and said with a lazy smile, “I like everything that Ah Li ordered. Let’s just start with these first.”

He was still teasing her about what had just happened...

As if he had seen through Shen Li’s thoughts, Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“Well, that doesn’t seem to be very accurate. To be more precise, everything that Ah Li ordered is what I like.”

This was also the truth.

Shen Li picked up the teacup. The dark green tea was still slightly hot, with white steam rising from it.

As she took a sip of the tea, her eyes curved slightly.

“Second Brother, we’ve been together for eight months.”

After such a long time, it would be strange if she still did not know what he liked to eat.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her and suddenly thought of something, so he did not answer immediately.

It was true that she was very clear about his tastes.

It had not started when they had first gotten together. In fact, it had been... earlier.

When they had first had dinner together, she had seemed to know exactly what he liked and disliked.

Even though he had never mentioned it.

At first, he had dismissed it as just a mere coincidence, but when he thought about it later, he felt... It had been quite subtle.

It had all been very small details, so when it happened, it would not attract anyone's attention.

"Ah Li."

Lu Huaiyu looked up, his gaze fell on her face, and the corners of his lips curled into a smile.

"I've never asked. When did you start to have feelings for me?"

Shen Li was still holding the cup.

The white mist wafted in front of her, covering her eyes and brows, making it hard to see clearly.

The private room fell into silence.

Shen Li blinked slightly.

“Why did Second Brother suddenly ask this question?”

Lu Huaiyu lazily leaned back against the back of the chair, as he maintained his usual casual tone of voice.

“It’s because this matter suddenly came to my mind.”

As he spoke, his eyes and eyebrows seemed to be tinged with a hint of a smile as he said in a low voice, “Didn’t you say yourself that you’ve liked me for a long time?”

So, how long had it been?

Shen Li met his eyes with a calm expression, but her fingers subconsciously tightened and her heart started to beat faster.

He had never asked this question in detail before, so she had never said anything.

But now that he had asked, there was no reason for her not to answer.

Yes.

She had liked him for a long time.

But... how was she going to answer this question?

For some unknown reason, Shen Li felt the space around her tense up.

After a moment, she slowly put down the teacup and said, “Probably...”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her with a smile and prompted her with an extremely soft “hmm”, indicating for her to continue.

Shen Li’s throat tightened.

“... Probably...”

Before she could finish her sentence, the overhead lights suddenly went out, and the entire room instantly fell into darkness!

Shen Li’s vision went dark as nothing could be seen.

Her heart instantly felt as if it had been tightly gripped by an invisible hand.

Lu Huaiyu’s brows furrowed slightly.

“Has the power gone out?”

No sooner had the words left his mouth, he had heard a commotion outside.

There was the sound of footsteps and the voice of someone talking, saying that the power was out.

Lu Huaiyu said, “I’ll go outside and take a look.”

As he spoke, he got up and prepared to walk out.

In the darkness, he heard Shen Li’s voice.

“Lu Huaiyu.”

He paused.

This was because Shen Li's voice sounded different from usual.

It sounded especially tense and urgent.

Lu Huaiyu could already see the outline of the scene in the room.

He walked around the table and came to Shen Li's side.

"Ah Li."

He pulled her with one hand and took his phone out with the other.

In the next moment, he held her hand.

Her hand was exceptionally cold, but her palm was clammy. In fact, it was actually full of sweat.

For some reason, Lu Huaiyu suddenly remembered the night he had brought her back to Yunding Fenghua for the first time. The power had gone out, and she had gone up to the second floor. In the dark, she had grabbed his hand and asked if she could sleep in the same room as him.

Lu Huaiyu held her hand tightly and turned on the flashlight on his phone at the same time.

The light tore through the darkness and was almost blinding.

However, Lu Huaiyu could clearly see the appearance of the little girl in front of him.

There was no expression on her face, but her lips were pale. Her eyes had glazed over and looked very intense.

“Lu Huaiyu.”

She looked over and called out again.

Lu Huaiyu instantly felt as if his heart had been stabbed by something.

She was afraid.

Chapter 788: What Would Ah Li Do Without Me

Ning Li held his hand tightly. The warmth from his palm gradually dispelled the coldness of her hand.

The cool scent of cedar pervaded the air as the dim space was suddenly torn apart by the light.

“Ah Li?”

Lu Huaiyu called out to her. His eyes looking intensely into hers, as if there were surging waves within its depths.

Shen Li suddenly came back to her senses. Her eyes focused, and the moment she met his gaze, the tight, almost suffocating pressure finally retreated bit by bit.

Lu Huaiyu bent his head a little closer and looked her in the eyes. His deep voice became more and more gentle.

“My dear girl, what’s wrong?”

Shen Li looked at him steadily, her peach blossom eyes misty.

Lu Huaiyu put down his phone, raised his arms to envelope her into his embrace, and kissed the space between her eyebrows again. His lips were slightly cool but soft, with the power to her heart.

Shen Li finally seemed to have come back to her senses again.

The very next moment, her hand clutched the shirt over his chest and raised her head to kiss his lips.

This was an urgent kiss.

She nibbled on his lips and explored his mouth, as if she wanted to be sure of something.

He paused for a moment before tightening his grip around her slender waist and kissed her back.

It was noisy outside, but it was very quiet in here. Only the sound of their kissing and breathing was slightly out of place, making the air in the space seem to become thicker.

Shen Li wrapped her arms around Lu Huaiyu's neck and kissed him even more deeply. The emotions that were surging in her heart gradually calmed down.

In her previous life, she had spent a long time in the sanatorium.

The pungent smell of disinfectant, the white walls and sheets that made people panic, the ear-piercing screams, the cold needles, the needles that pierced her skin, and the excessive tranquilizers that had been injected into her body...

For a very long time, it had become her nightmare.

She kept waking up. Whether it was day or night, it did not make a difference because she had always been surrounded by those people.

She had been cut off from all contact with the outside world.

Day after day, it had been the same torture.

She had not wanted to close her eyes. She had not wanted to fall into a deep sleep. However, because of the drugs she had been given, she had spent most of the day in a drowsy state.

While in this drowsy state, closing her eyes was a nightmare. However, opening them to reality was more painful than a nightmare.

It became so much so that in the end, she often could not tell if she was asleep or awake.

Of course, she had not stayed in the ward every day.

Every once in a while, they would lock her up in a completely dark, confined space.

She had been able to breathe and eat, but for a long time, there had only been darkness in front of her.

There was no light, nor was there any response.

Her body had quickly weakened, and her spirit had been on the verge of collapsing.

Ye Ci had been very interested in this. It had been like an experiment to her as she waited for Shen Li to completely lose her mind.

However, to her disappointment, Shen Li had actually managed to survive the ordeal.

She had teetered on the brink of a complete breakdown, but she had gritted her teeth, again and again, to pull her sanity back.

In the end, Ye Ci had seemed to feel that this game was no longer fun. Thus, she eventually lost interest and stopped caring about it.

However, how could it not have had any effect on her at all?

After all, the pain and torture had all been real.

Shen Li hugged Lu Huaiyu tightly as she leaned into his arms and kissed him for a long time.

In her heart, she kept telling herself– It's over, it's all over.

Look, wasn't he right here?

He was right here.

After a while, when she began to feel like she almost could not breathe, she finally stepped back slightly.

By the light of the flashlight, she could only vaguely see his current appearance.

His eyes were very intense, with unconcealed love.

"Ah Li."

He touched her cheek. His voice was gentle, yet he spoke as if she seemed to be suppressing something,

"Are you afraid of the dark?"

It was obviously not an ordinary fear of the dark.

Earlier, he had clearly felt her trembling slightly as he held her in his arms.

Shen Li paused for a moment and nodded lightly.

“I...”

She pursed her lips and rested her forehead against the nape of his neck.

“Sometimes, when it’s especially dark, I find it a little uncomfortable.”

Lu Huaiyu held her even tighter, and his brows furrowed very quickly.

Having a fear of the dark was nothing unusual. However, judging by her condition, it was clear...

In what way was it merely “a little uncomfortable”?

He patted her gently and coaxed her in a soft voice.

“Ah Li, don’t be afraid. I’m here with you.”

Shen Li nodded.

Snap.

With a slight sound, the lights in the room lit up again and the bright light filled the entire space.

It was a little blinding, so Shen Li subconsciously turned her head and closed her eyes as she leaned into his embrace.

Lu Huaiyu kissed the corners of her eyes.

Fortunately, she quickly adapted to the light and opened her eyes again to look at him.

Their eyes met.

Lu Huaiyu sized her up.

Probably because of their recent kiss, her cheeks were flushed red, and her plump lips were moist, stained with a touch of red.

He gently touched the corners of her moist, reddened eyes and suddenly chuckled.

“Ah Li, what would you do without me?”

Shen Li looked into his eyes and leaned over to kiss his chin.

Just then, there was a knock on the door. It was the owner of the restaurant who had come over to apologize.

Lu Huaiyu lowered his head and asked her, “Shall we change to another restaurant?”

Shen Li shook her head.

“There’s no need.”

However, Lu Huaiyu continued to insist, “Let’s change to another restaurant.”

Shen Li took his hand.

“Second Brother, it’s really alright. The power was only out for a while. Hasn’t it been restored now?”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her for a while, before the corners of his lips curved into a faint smile.

“But it still made Ah Li feel uncomfortable, didn’t it?”

Since she had clearly felt uncomfortable earlier, she could not pretend that nothing had happened.

Even if she could let it go, he could not.

Thinking of the young girl’s pale lips and bewildered eyes, something seemed to be surging in his heart, almost breaking his rationality.

As he spoke, he stood up.

Knowing that she could not argue with him, Shen Li did not bother to argue anymore and stood up with him.

Lu Huaiyu began to lead her out. As soon as he opened the door, he saw the owner of the restaurant still standing outside.

He looked apologetic.

“I truly apologize to the both of you! Just now—”

Lu Huaiyu obviously did not have the patience to listen to his explanation and merely looked at him indifferently.

The owner instantly felt a strong pressure on his shoulders. As he met Lu Huaiyu's emotionless gaze, he suddenly felt a chill in his heart. He could not state the rest of his explanation.

Shen Li hooked her arm with his.

The cold aura around Lu Huaiyu then withdrew slightly and he left with Shen Li.

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The two of them walked to another street.

The cool night breeze blew and scattered everything.

Shen Li let out a gentle breath.

After this incident, the conversation about how long she liked him had naturally been suspended.

Shen Li pointed to a shop next to her.

"Second Brother, shall we eat this?"

Lu Huaiyu looked at her.

He had read up on all the information about her, and they had been together for a long time. Other than the time when the power had gone out at Yunding Fenghua, she had never shown any signs of this.

If it had not been for the sudden situation today, he would not have known about this.

He did not know how much the little girl had suffered.

Thinking of this, he kissed her hand and his voice was gentle as he spoke.

“Okay.”

Chapter 789: Sister Is Here

Saturday.

Shen Li spent the whole day at 601 conducting experiments while writing her thesis.

Yan Qiu was not around. Fu Niannian was staring at an instrument recording data, while Tang Yi sat in his seat as he looked at his computer.

Without any indication of what he was looking at, he suddenly pumped his fist in the air.

“Yes!”

Shen Li and Fu Niannian looked over at him at the same time.

Fu Niannian said earnestly, “Junior Brother, if you have an illness, you should seek medical treatment immediately.”

Tang Yi was completely unbothered about his statement. He was so excited that tears had welled up in his eyes.

“My thesis has passed! I’ve passed... Ahhhhhh!”

The other two instantly understood why he was so happy.

Shen Li smiled and said, “Congratulations, Senior Brother.”

She was all too aware of how much hair Tang Yi had lost due to this thesis recently.

Tang Yi proudly declared, "Junior Sister! Whatever you want to eat tonight, just feel free to ask! Just go ahead and say what it is!"

The weight in his heart had finally lifted. In addition to that, Shen Li had given him a lot of advice previously, so he definitely had to treat her to this meal!

Shen Li coughed lightly.

"Senior Brother, I'm afraid that tonight is not very convenient. I'm going to watch Mian's concert."

"Huh? Oh right! Today is March 1st!"

Tang Yi slapped his forehead.

Although he was not a fan of celebrities, his cousins were all fans of Lin Fengmian, and they would tell him all about it from time to time.

In addition, there was also Shen Li at the laboratory. Since she was pretty much considered as Lin Fengmian's sister, whom he could not be more close to, it would be hard for him not to remember this day.

Fu Niannian looked at his phone.

"Hey, Junior Sister, it's already past five. Aren't you leaving yet?"

Shen Li said, "The concert will officially start at eight o'clock at night. There's no rush."

She planned to go over after dinner.

Fu Niannian choked for a moment and said faintly, "... You should take a look on Weibo."

Shen Li took her phone.

She had not looked at Weibo the entire day. When she clicked on it, she saw that Lin Fengmian's name was already trending.

Lin Fengmian's first concert

Lin Fengmian at the Capital Sports Center

#Sister fans queue #

The first two terms were listed as the first and fourth on the top searches respectively, while the third term was listed as the sixth.

With Lin Fengmian's popularity, the first two trending searches were normal, but this last one...

Shen Li clicked on it.

The first trending Weibo post on the square had been posted by a gossip marketing account half an hour ago.

[Entertainment little fish: There are still a few hours before Lin Fengmian's concert officially begins, yet there is already a long queue outside the Capital Sports Center! The quality of the sister fans is just too good! Look at this scene, it's really more than I expected! [surprise][surprise][cow][beer] !!!]

It was followed by a nine-square grid.

Outside the Capital Sports Center, a crowd of people was moving around, and blue flags were fluttering in the wind.

Countless fans had lined up in S-shaped lines that almost occupied the entire square outside the center and stretched out to a great distance that was so far that the end could not be seen.

They were wearing clothes and hats with Lin Fengmian's cartoon image, and they were holding support sticks, banners, and so on.

From afar, they looked like a blue ocean. Lin Fengmian's support color was sea blue.

The Capital Sports Center could accommodate 80,000 spectators, and the tickets to Lin Fengmian's concert had sold out in a second. One could imagine just how many people would be coming today.

Although four entrances were opened at the same time, there were still an incredible number of people waiting in line.

However, this was not the most important thing. The most important thing was that although there so were many people waiting, everyone behaved in an orderly manner.

The expressions on the fans' faces were filled with anticipation and excitement. Even though this was only a photo, it was not difficult to feel the enthusiasm that almost consumed the people.

Everyone chatted to each other as they patiently lined up at the front. The atmosphere was warm and cheerful.

Under this Weibo post, the people who occupied the top few of the hot comments were actually passersby.

[So many people. jpg!!!]

[F*ck, is this the top stream? Won't the concert be too noisy?]

[Look at them! There are so many people, but it's not chaotic at all. Everyone is lining up properly! As for me, whenever I go to the cafeteria for lunch, people always cut in front of me while I'm lining up!]

[I'm not a fan of Lin Fengmian, but the fans are very orderly.]

After a few messages, someone below asked a question.

[Strange, this popular Weibo post is such a good promotional opportunity. Why haven't Lin Fengmian's fans commented on it?]

There were quite a lot of replies to this post.

[Hahahahahahahahaha... Everyone is waiting for the concert to start. Where would they have the time to check on Weibo? Hahahaha!]

[Those who didn't manage to get tickets can only look on enviously at home.] [spread your hands. JPG] Also, to the commenter above, please keep your laughter down. It's too harsh for my eyes to see.]

[The commenter above is so sour. Hahahahahahahahaha. I'm feeling very sour too. Ahhhh...]

[Naive, you're so naive. So what if you don't have the tickets? Just go and hang out outside the venue to listen to the concert! It's my brother's first concert. It's not a loss even if I can even just feel the atmosphere!]

[What the person above said makes sense. I'll go after I finish this egg pancake!]

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Shen Li logged out of Weibo. Meeting Fu Niannian and Tang Yi's gazes, she said seriously, "... I'll go after I finish my meal."

She really could not handle this situation.

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After Shen Li finished her dinner, she saw that it was already seven o'clock and went to knock on Shen Zhijin's office door.

"Dad, we can set off now."

A moment later, the door was opened and Shen Zhijin walked out.

Yan Qiu and the others in the laboratory were stunned.

"Teacher... Teacher Shen, are you accompanying Junior Sister to watch the concert?"

Shen Zhijin nodded slightly and patted Shen Li's head.

"Let's go."

Shen Li waved goodbye to the three of them.

"Goodbye, Senior Brothers."

After saying that, under the stunned gazes of the other three, she left together with Shen Zhijin.

It was about a 20-minute drive from Xijing University to the Capital Sports Center.

Shen Zhijin drove while Shen Li sat in the passenger seat.

She took a lollipop out of the glove compartment of the passenger seat.

Lu Huaiyu was going as well, but because it was a long roundabout route, Shen Li had not asked him to pick her up. Instead, they agreed to meet at the first entrance of the sports center.

It was not actually too late to leave at seven, but the traffic was quite heavy, so the delay was longer.

When they arrived at the place, they got out of the car and headed towards the first entrance. There was not much time left.

Fortunately, most of the audience had already entered the venue so they did not need to line up.

Shen Li noticed a familiar tall and noble figure at the entrance.

Lu Huaiyu also spotted them at the same time and greeted them with a smile.

“Teacher Shen, Ah Li.”

As he spoke, he took Shen Li’s backpack in his hands and tested its weight, as if it was quite heavy.

Almost at the same time, a young man who had been waiting in the same area quickly walked over. It was Lin Fengmian’s assistant.

“Miss Shen.”

He had already received the news that these people were coming today, but seeing them in person now, still made him feel a little nervous.

All of them were... important people!

“Miss Shen, Mr. Shen, Mr. Lu, please come inside—”

He bent down slightly and led the way.

After a long and tortuous journey, they finally arrived at the inner arena.

The first thing Shen Li looked at was the stage.

It was already dark, and the huge sports center was bustling with activity. At a glance, she could see how full the place was.

Just as Shen Li was about to walk forward, a surprised voice suddenly came from the stands next to her.

“Sister! It’s sister! Sister is here! Ahhhh!”

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Shen Li’s footsteps paused because of this sound, and she subconsciously turned her head to look.

The lighting in the venue was relatively dim, but because the stand was very close, Shen Li could clearly see a round-faced girl looking at her with excitement.

Noticing that Shen Li was looking back at her, the girl instantly became even more excited. She grabbed the arm of the girl next to her and shook it wildly.

“Sister is so beautiful! Ahhhhh!”

Shen Li, “...”

Perhaps it was because the girl's shout was so forceful, but the people around them all looked over as well. Several pairs of eyes fell on Shen Li's face.

There was a short silence.

"Ahhhhh! Sister!"

"Sister, you're too beautiful in person. I'm gone! Ahhhhh!"

"Big Sister, please look at me!"

A scream quickly spread. Before Shen Li could react, the noise had already spread.

The audience in the distance heard the noise and looked over curiously.

"What's wrong? Who's here? Who's here?"

"I'm Kang Kang! Give me Kang Kang!"

"They said that big sister is here! Over there! It's the one at the entrance!"

To Lin Fengmian's fans, the term "Sister" only referred to one person— Shen Li.

She held an extraordinary position in the hearts of all his major fans.

Therefore, at this time, at Lin Fengmian's concert, all his fans were all very excited to see her.

Shen Li had not expected that her arrival would cause such a big reaction from them. By the time she had reacted, the news that “Sister is here to see her brother at the concert” had completely spread.

Many people had even stood up to look over at her.

Shen Li could clearly feel countless burning gazes on her.

The assistant who was leading the way clearly had not expected this to happen either so he was suddenly a little nervous.

“Miss She —”

Shen Li shook her head, indicating that there was nothing wrong.

“The concert is about to begin. Let’s take our seats first.”

The assistant let out a sigh of relief and continued to lead them to Zone A.

The Capital Sports Center was an oval-shaped open-air arena. The stage was set to the east, and there was an extended stage in front of it.

Behind the stage was a huge screen which at the moment was showing the audience section.

Shen Li and the others were seated in the first row of Zone A, which was the best position.

To get there from the entrance, they had to pass through more than half of the stadium.

By now, the circular stands were already full of people, and so was the stadium.

Countless fans were sitting neatly, waiting in anticipation and excitement for the concert to begin.

Due to Shen Li's arrival, a wave of screams and cheers had quickly been set off in the stadium.

The people in the stands were looking over, and the people in the stadium also turned their heads.

"Where is sister?!"

"Ah! She just passed me!"

"Of course, Sister would come to my brother's first concert! I'm so touched!"

"... I just want to say that the real person is much better looking than in photos?!"

"Wait, am I the only one who is curious about who the two people next to Sister are? They're also very good-looking, right!"

"I see them! I see them! I saw a young handsome man walking with Sister, and it looked like he was carrying her bag! There was also an extremely handsome uncle next to her! He seems to have a close relationship with Sister! My god, these three people are so good-looking!"

"Is that Little Brother's Sister's boyfriend? But who is that handsome uncle? Why do I feel that he looks a little familiar?"

Lu Huaiyu and Shen Zhijin, who were walking with Shen Li to their seats, also received a lot of attention.

Of course, to Shen Li, these two were the most familiar to her. It was obvious to anyone who saw that they had a deep relationship with her from the way they could stand by her side and watch the concert with her!

Before Shen Li and her two companions came to their seats, the commotion in the venue did not subside and all kinds of discussions about them continued.

“Ah Li!”

Just as Shen Li was about to sit down, she heard a familiar voice.

She turned her head and saw that He Xiaochen was happily waving at her from the second row of seats, just a few seats away.

He Xiaochen was not surprised to see Lu Huaiyu, but she was shocked to see Shen Zhijin.

“Second Brother!”

She waved at Lu Huaiyu, restraining herself slightly in front of the handsome man. However, when she faced Shen Zhijin, she restrained herself even further and even subconsciously straightened her posture.

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“Teacher Shen!”

Shen Li could not help but laugh.

Forget about Lu Huaiyu. After all, He Xiaochen had seen him many times before, so she could be considered as being familiar with him.

However, Shen Zhijin really did not seem like someone who would appear here. It was no wonder that He Xiaochen had such a huge reaction.

Both parties greeted each other.

He Xiaochen was holding a banner and one support staff in her hands.

[Little Brother, fly with confidence. Your fans will follow you!]

Shen Li's gaze lingered on the person next to He Xiaochen for a moment, and she raised her eyebrows slightly.

Naturally, the person sitting to the left of He Xiaochen was Ren Qian, whom she had "invited" to watch the concert with her.

At the moment, he was holding a square light sign in his hands that had a border of colorful lights. The words that were surrounded by those lights were extremely bright.

[Brother! I can!]

There was a flashing red heart next to it that looked like a real beating heart.

Shen Li, "..."

It went without saying whose style this was...

In addition, Ren Qian also had a headband on his head that had a red one-way arrow pointing at He Xiaochen.

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He Xiaochen also had one on her head. It was also an arrow of the same color, but it was pointing at her.

Together, it seemed to say...

'Look at her.'

'Look at me!'

Shen Li hesitated for a moment, but she still pointed at him.

"Xiaochen, are you sure you don't want to exchange your reinforcements?"

"Ah?"

He Xiaochen was stunned for a moment. She looked at her "eternal follower" message before looking at Ren Qian's sign that said, "I can."

"But he chose that one himself!"

When she came, out of respect, she had even specially asked Ren Qian for his opinion!

Shen Li was a little surprised and looked at Ren Qian again.

He Xiaochen felt a little regretful.

"Actually, I also think that the one he has is better... I really can!"

Ren Qian smiled and said gently, "No, you're not."

He Xiaochen, "..."

Suddenly, there was a burst of cheers and agitation from the crowd.

Shen Li sensed something and turned around to see her face on the big screen.

At the same time, she saw Lu Huaiyu's hand come into the frame.

He was holding onto her slender wrist with his slender fingers and distinctive knuckles.

On the big screen, this looked especially beautiful.

He chuckled and said, "Why don't you sit down?"

This was not heard by anyone else, but the image of her wrist being held by him was magnified countless times and clearly displayed on the big screen.

The already lively venue became even more noisy.

"D*mn! Someone is holding Sister's hand... Ahhhhhh~ It's a man's hand! That's a man's hand! Am I seeing things?!"

"It's brother-in-law, right? It must be brother-in-law!"