

Madam's 1971

Chapter 1971 - 1971 Something Happened, Everyone in the Research Institute Knows

Qiao Nian did not waste any time. She walked straight to Xu Yi and asked him, "Did something happen today?"

Xu Yi was speechless.

She didn't hide it. "People stared at me as soon as I arrived at the research institute. They started chatting about something right after.

"Xu Yi, what happened?" Qiao Nian's eyes were dark and bright, without any timidity.

Xu Yi's tense heart finally relaxed. His tense back relaxed as he looked at her. He looked into the girl's eyes and said concisely, "I only found out this morning. Ji Ziyin from Team 1 and the few people in charge of the research institute reported you. They said that the 'super algorithm' we displayed in the group assessment is plagiarism of a certain scientific big boss. This matter has spread widely in the research institute, and almost everyone knows about it now. The research institute hasn't come to a conclusion yet, but the current situation is very disadvantageous to you..."

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Ji Ziyin had the Ji family behind her.

Qiao Nian was just an outsider. She couldn't even be considered a person from the Independent Continent. How could she fight her?

Xu Yi clenched his fists.

If this had happened half a month ago, he might not have taken it to heart. The First Research Institute was like that. magic

It protected its inner circle and was xenophobic.

Members with backgrounds like Ji Ziyin could do whatever they wanted in the research institute. People without backgrounds like him and Shen Qingfeng could only be ostracized and suppressed.

This was the norm in the First Research Institute.

Qiao Nian wasn't even from the Independent Continent. It didn't matter if she was bullied.

He was not surprised at all.

However, after more than half a month of interaction, Xu Yi had long included Qiao Nian in his circle.

Therefore, when he came to the research institute this morning and heard the people around him gossip about Ji Ziyin reporting Qiao Nian for plagiarism, unknown anger rose in his heart. He had been suppressing his anger all morning.

Xu Yi let out a shaky breath and looked at the girl in front of him with a complicated gaze. He raised his hand and then lowered it halfway. He was uneasy and did not know how to comfort her. "Qiao Nian, don't... don't think too much. Things might not be as bad as we think."

"Yes."

Xue Zhu joined him at some point. She suppressed the anger between her eyebrows and said, "Anyway, we're in the same group. I'll always support you! We stayed up late to do experiments to achieve those results. What right do they have to say that we plagiarized?"

"Qiao Nian, I've found all the tapes of our experiments. If the research institute wants to investigate, I'll hand these tapes to them," Shen Qingfeng said as he pointed at a pile of tapes on the table.

Qiao Nian had never taken Ji Ziyin seriously.

People had been looking at her all morning.

She thought that something big had happened.

In the end, it was only Ji Ziyin reporting her.

After hearing what Xu Yi said, her eyes were filled with indifference. It was obvious that she did not take Ji Ziyin's sudden attack to heart.

It was not until Xu Yi, Xue Zhu, and Shen Qingfeng stood up and surrounded her, choosing to advance and retreat with her that she was a little touched.

After figuring out what was going on, she put her hands in her pockets and stood casually. The corners of her lips curled up into a surly smile, and her eyes were wild.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Her tone was filled with certainty.

Chapter 1972 - 1972 Sister Nian: Looks Like They Don't Understand Human Language

Xu Yi and the others felt that she was too optimistic.

Especially Xu Yi. Looking at her confidence and frivolity, it was as if he could see himself when he had just entered the research institute and was in high spirits, wanting to do something big.

"Qiao Nian, you..." He cursed his lips as he stared at the girl. He was about to ask if she had a way to resolve this matter when a sudden knock on the door interrupted him.

Everyone looked at the door.

Zhou Zhou was standing outside the small laboratory in a red dress. Her beautiful face was tense and her expression was not good.

The corners of Zhou Zhou's eyes tightened when they looked at her, and her temples twitched violently. She said, "S... Qiao Nian, come out for a while."

Zhou Zhou was in charge of Laboratory 3.

Qiao Nian's classification was assigned to Laboratory 3. If anything, Qiao Nian was under Zhou Zhou's control.

The appearance of the person in charge meant that... this matter had blown up!

Xue Zhu and Shen Qingfeng's expressions changed.

Xu Yi's expression changed slightly.

The three of them looked at the girl in unison, their eyes filled with undisguised worry.

"Qiao Nian..." Xue Zhu gritted her teeth. "I'll go with you!"

Shen Qingfeng also wanted to bring the tapes. "I'm the team leader. I should go with you."

Xu Yi did not speak, but his actions showed his attitude. He was walking in front of Qiao Nian.

Zhou Zhou watched as they all united.

Her tense nerves relaxed a little at this moment. She looked at them and did not know whether to laugh or cry. "Why are you going? She has to go alone."

“Team Leader Zhou...” Xue Zhu and the others were still worried.

Qiao Nian interrupted them with a calm expression. “Stay behind. I’ll go alone.” magic

“But...” Xue Zhu was worried and wanted to follow her.

If Sun was stepped on in her territory, how could she survive in the group in the future?

Zhou Zhou was very angry. However, upon seeing Xue Zhu and the others like this, her anger subsided a little and she became more determined.

She said to them, “Wait here for the news.”

Xue Zhu still wanted to say something, but Xu Yi grabbed her shoulder. It was unknown what he said to the two of them, but they reluctantly stopped insisting on going.

Zhou Zhou brought Qiao Nian to the office.

She didn’t say much along the way and simply asked about it. “Sun, you know what happened right? You were reported.”

“I know.” Qiao Nian put her hands in her pockets. Her attitude was sloppy, as if she was not the least bit afraid.

Zhou Zhou was convinced. She glanced at her from the corner of his eye and reminded her, “Ji Ziyin has a powerful background. She has evidence this time, so it’s not good for me to protect you. When you get there, no matter what they ask you, just say that you don’t know.”

Plagiarism and coincidence were two different things.

She couldn’t protect Qiao Nian openly, but she wouldn’t leave her alone.

The girl did not say anything, but her eyes were filled with mockery and coldness. She was not targeting Zhou Zhou but the Ji family that kept revealing their ugliness in front of her.

She had told the Ji family to stay away from her and not appear in front of her again.

... It seemed like those people did not understand human language!

Chapter 1973 - 1973 Qiao Nian, How Did You Discover the Super Algorithm?

In the huge office of the research institute, several important people in charge were present.

The Ji family's appearance this time was not small, either.

Other than Ji Ziyin herself, a few other people from the Ji family also came.

He Lin was present.

In addition, the hall master of the Ji family's Punishment Hall, Ji Hongyuan, who was known as the family's 'stabilizing pillar', was actually present. magic

Ji Xiao could only be considered a junior on such an occasion.

Ji Hongyuan sat on the chair. He could only stand at the side and was not even qualified to sit.

The people from the research institute made tea for each of them.

Ji Hongyuan sat there slowly drinking tea. Occasionally, he would chat with Ji Ziyin.

Ji Ziyin had always wanted to curry favor with him, so her attitude was careful and flattering.

Basically, she would answer whatever Ji Hongyuan asked her and act extremely obediently.

It was impossible to tell that the eldest daughter of the Ji family was so impressive outside.

Other than occasionally saying a few words to her, Ji Hongyuan mainly spoke to the heads of the laboratories.

Not many people came this time.

The person in charge of the Level 8 laboratory was not there.

The most important person in the research institute was not present, either.

However, the people in charge of the Level 1 to Level 7 laboratories were there.

Gu Hengbo was among them.

He was wearing a navy blue woolen sweater today. His hair was combed neatly, and he had a square face. He did not look easy to approach.

He chatted more with Ji Hongyuan.

The two of them seemed to be old acquaintances.

"Is that newcomer not here yet?" Gu Hengbo suddenly asked as he put down his thermos and raised his eyelids.

The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory said, "Zhou Zhou went to look for her. She should be back soon, right?"

Zhou Zhou entered with Qiao Nian as soon as the person finished speaking.

Ji Hongyuan's aura changed when he saw the girl. He ignored Ji Ziyin and focused his turbid tiger eyes on her.

He Lin also focused on her.

Qiao Nian walked in without looking at them.

Ji Hongyuan's expression changed slightly. He frowned, almost angered by the girl's lazy attitude.

He Lin reacted quickly. He filled his cup with water before handing it to him. "Sixth Elder, have some tea."

Ji Hongyuan slowly calmed down. His expression was cold and solemn as he picked up his teacup and drank tea without saying a word.

"Qiao Nian, how did you get the 'super algorithm' you made in the group examination? Did you think of it yourself, or did you see something similar before?" Gu Hengbo was the first to attack. He did not beat around the bush and asked seriously.

It was more like an interrogation than a question. His tone was firm as if he wanted an explanation.

Zhou Zhou pulled a long face.

All eyes were on the girl alone. Everyone was waiting for her answer.

The girl was not wearing a cap today, so they could see the outstanding appearance of this new recruit more clearly.

Such a face did not look like someone who would do research in peace.

No wonder such a thing happened.

“I thought of it myself.”

Her voice was clear and unruly.

“You thought of it yourself?” Gu Hengbo asked casually again. “You don’t have to be in a hurry to answer. Take more time.”

Qiao Nian did not appreciate his kindness. She looked at him casually and folded her hands, then said, “There’s no need. I thought of that algorithm myself and experimented to verify it.”

Gu Hengbo was so angry that he laughed as if he could not be bothered to argue with a newcomer like her. He nodded and turned to Ji Ziyin, who was beside him. “You tell me.”

Chapter 1974 - 1974 The Ji Family Interfered, I Want to Talk to Her Alone

Ji Ziyin stepped forward and smiled at Qiao Nian. “After I saw your group’s ‘super algorithm’ during the group assessment, I vaguely remembered seeing it somewhere. Later on, I went online to search and happened to find a similar post. I asked that person, and that person told me that ‘he’ didn’t entrust this algorithm to anyone else.”

As she spoke slowly, she stared at the girl’s reaction, wanting to catch some clues from her face.

However, Qiao Nian was extremely cold the entire time, as if she had ignored her words.

After she finished speaking, she smiled ambiguously and asked, “Are you sure ‘he’ told you personally?”

Ji Ziyin frowned and was about to speak when Ji Hongyuan suddenly placed the cup on the table and said politely to the few laboratory heads, “I’m sorry, can I talk to her alone?” magic

He was referring to Qiao Nian.

Everyone was shocked by his actions.

No one understood why Ji Hongyuan suddenly wanted to talk to an unrelated person alone.

Even Zhou Zhou was stunned. She turned to look at Qiao Nian.

However, Qiao Nian did not say anything to her this time. She only pursed her lips tightly, her eyes cold and impatient.

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Given Ji Hongyuan's seniority and his status as a member of the Ji family, the heads of the laboratories still had to give him some face.

After he spoke, everyone filed out and gave him space to talk to Qiao Nian alone.

Ji Ziyin was the last. Before she left, she even sized up the girl's face with her sharp eyes. No one knew what she was thinking before she left.

When everyone had left.

Ji Hongyuan slowly said, "Do you know how serious the First Research Institute's treatment of plagiarism is? You'll be chased out."

"Oh." The girl was nonchalant as if she didn't care. She leaned back in her seat, her hands still in her pockets.

Ji Hongyuan was so angry that his blood almost surged again. Fortunately, he held it in and stared at the girl with snake-like eyes. He did not waste his breath on her and explained the purpose of his visit concisely.

“I can make Ji Ziyin stop here and let it go. But the prerequisite is that you return to the Ji family!

“If you’re still unwilling to return, I might as well tell you my stance,” he said unhurriedly. “My stance is very clear. If you’re unwilling to return, I don’t mind destroying your talent and dreams.

“The Ji family can tolerate the direct descendants wandering outside, but they can’t allow others to use them!”

Especially Qiao Nian’s talent in black gunpowder.

He would never allow such a genius to be used by others!

Since they couldn’t have it, they might as well destroy it.

This was the Ji family’s principle!

Qiao Nian had already guessed what he wanted to say to her when he said he wanted to talk to her alone. However, she was successfully provoked this time.

She looked at Ji Hongyuan and asked calmly, “So you treated my mother like this back then?”

Ji Hongyuan’s expression suddenly changed. He suddenly looked at her as if he was looking at a ferocious beast. “Where... where did you hear about your mother?”

He thought of something and the warmth in his eyes dissipated. “So you insisted on entering the First Research Institute to investigate your mother?”

Chapter 1975 - 1975 Negotiation Failure, Ji Ziyin Shows Evidence

Ji Hongyuan spoke suspiciously, but his expression did not seem to be one of suspicion. Instead, it was firm, as if he had seen through everything.

Qiao Nian entered the First Research Institute because of Ji Qing!

No... She came to the Independent Continent to investigate Ji Qing's death!

Ji Hongyuan completely understood that the girl in front of him might really not return to the Ji family when he realized this.

Qiao Nian did not answer him. Or rather, she had no intention of answering him at all. She walked straight out and casually said, "I'll call them back in."

Ji Hongyuan looked at her back. His mind and heart were in a mess. He did not stop her and only warned her one last time.

"Qiao Nian, this is your only chance. It's not too late for you to turn back now. You won't have another chance when they come back in!"

"I never look back!"

Then, the girl opened the door without looking back and said to the people outside, "Come in. We're done talking."

Several pairs of eyes turned to look at her.

He Lin especially paid attention to Qiao Nian's reaction.

His heart sank as he realized that the negotiations might have collapsed.

He followed everyone in with heavy footsteps.

As expected, as soon as he entered, she saw Ji Hongyuan sitting there with a livid expression. He closed his eyes before opening them again. His face was cold as he said in an old voice, "Everyone, it's not convenient for an outsider like me to participate in the matters of your research institute. Just follow the rules of the research institute."

Ever since Ji Ziyin went out, her heart had been in her throat, and she felt inexplicably uneasy.

But now her heart quickly relaxed and her expression softened.

She looked at the girl elegantly with her almond-shaped eyes and stopped beating around the bush. She immediately walked forward and said to everyone, "I have evidence to prove what I said just now!"

She walked up to the person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory and asked politely, "May I borrow the computer?"

The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory was stunned for a moment before he immediately reacted and stepped aside. "Sure, sure."

Ji Ziyin took out a USB drive and walked to the computer. She pulled out a chair and sat down before inserting the USB drive with ease.

She approached the girl while no one was paying attention and whispered in a voice only the two of them could hear, "Sun, did you really use someone else's work?"

Qiao Nian looked up lazily and said concisely, "No." magic

"Then..." Zhou Zhou could not figure out the situation for a moment.

“Alright.” Ji Ziyin had already finished searching the documents on the USB drive. She looked up at everyone in the room and said, “I saw a post on this forum. It’s exactly the same as the ‘super algorithm’ proposed by Team 10.

“Team 10’s Xu Yi said on the day of the assessment that this algorithm was suggested by Qiao Nian. That’s why I was extremely surprised when I saw this post.”

“What post?”

Since she had already said so, the others quickly stepped forward to see it.

The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory was stunned. “The forum you’re talking about is the WLA Forum?”

Ji Ziyin smiled and did not deny it. “Exactly. The post was released four years ago. Everyone can see if that post is similar to the ‘super algorithm’ proposed by Team 10.”

Chapter 1976 - 1976 Sister Nian: Are You Sure He Said It to You Personally?

Ji Ziyin gave way. She smiled and acted magnanimously. “I’m not framing a good person.”

“Let me see.” The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory leaned over and clicked on the post.

The others also looked at the evidence.

The post was indeed posted four years ago. The person who posted it was a mysterious person named ‘X’.

The content of the post was indeed very similar to the experiment results displayed by Qiao Nian’s team in the group assessment!

Everyone’s expressions became serious.

Plagiarism was not a small matter.

The First Research Institute had always been very strict about this.

Once the mistake was confirmed, the person would definitely be expelled.

Other than Zhou Zhou, the person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory admired Qiao Nian's talent the most. He looked at the girl regretfully. He wanted to say something but hesitated. "Qiao Nian, do you want to take a look for yourself?"

Zhou Zhou turned around and glanced at the girl. She frowned and walked over. "Wait, let me take a look."

She walked over and read the post from beginning to end. She was speechless!

This...

This could no longer be explained as a coincidence.

Gu Hengbo looked at Qiao Nian with a cold and solemn expression and asked, "Aren't you going to explain yourself?"

Everyone's gaze landed on the girl standing in the middle, including Ji Hongyuan and He Lin!

Ji Hongyuan only hesitated for a short moment. He seemed to have thought of something and his eyes flickered. He sat there calmly, unwilling to help.

He Lin kept looking at him, feeling anxious.

If Ji Hongyuan did not stand up to defend the girl, he would not dare to take matters into his own hands!

"If you don't explain, it means you've tacitly admitted it.

Gu Hengbo's attitude was businesslike. He did not say much, but every word was strict. He did not give Qiao Nian a way out at all.

"If you have no objections, let's go through the procedures!" Gu Hengbo said and prepared to leave.

At this moment.

The person who had been listening to them casually suddenly asked Ji Ziyin, "You said that you looked for the person who posted this thread. What did he reply to you?"

Ji Ziyin did not expect Qiao Nian to still want to deny it.

She frowned and said righteously, "I looked for 'him'. 'He' said that he has never commissioned a third party to publish it."

This meant that the person who posted the thread had personally hammered Qiao Nian for plagiarism!

"Tsk." The girl chuckled and thought of something. She nodded. "Are you sure that's what 'he' said to you?"

A little impatient, Ji Ziyin asked, "Qiao Nian, what do you mean? If you have something to say, just say it. There's no need to beat around the bush!"

"Alright."

Qiao Nian nodded and could not be bothered to waste her breath on her. She took out her phone, found the message that had not been deleted, and threw it on the table.

“Take a look for yourself.”

She had been ‘captured’, but her attitude was still so arrogant and domineering. It was really beyond everyone’s expectations!

Not to mention Ji Ziyin, no one else could figure out what she was up to.

Ji Ziyin suppressed her discomfort and picked up the cell phone on the table. Her expression changed when she looked down.

“What does it say?” Gu Hengbo looked surprised when he saw her reaction and asked her in a low voice. magic

Ji Ziyin looked at him and opened her mouth, but no sound came out of her throat. Her mind was in a mess.

Chapter 1977 - 1977 Sister Nian Reveals Her Identity and Slaps Ji Ziyin

Seeing that she did not answer, Gu Hengbo took the cell phone from her.

“Let me see.”

After reading the message, he suddenly looked at the unruly girl. He was stunned for a moment.

This...

All of them had such big reactions.

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The others were also curious and took the phone to take a look. magic

Silence.

Only Zhou Zhou heaved a sigh of relief. She was almost frightened to death. She had almost believed that Sun had plagiarized someone else's work.

Qiao Nian's phone was passed to everyone in the office. Ji Hongyuan and He Lin also looked at it. Finally, it was Ji Xiao...

Ji Xiao's face turned green after reading it.

The message on Qiao Nian's phone was a chat history between her and the WLA forum. The person from the WLA forum was asking her about a post.

Qiao Nian's answer was: [There's no plagiarism]!

It was signed X.

Her words were completely different from Ji Ziyin's!

Ji Ziyin had just said in front of everyone that the person involved had personally told her that he had not entrusted a third party to publish it.

However, the person involved did not seem to have said that.

This was a slap in the face.

Everyone turned to look at Ji Ziyin. The gaze of the person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory instantly became dark.

Qiao Nian walked over slowly and asked, "Can I borrow your computer?"

The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory stepped aside and said, "Use it. Use it for anything you want."

Zhou Zhou was also beaming with joy. She raised her eyebrows and said, "Of course, you can use it. Everyone can use it. There's no reason why you can't use it when it's your turn."

"Team Leader Gu, don't you think so?" she asked pointedly.

Qiao Nian was now connected to her Level 3 laboratory.

Gu Hengbo and Ji Ziyin did not want her to have an easy time and did not give her face. Now that Zhou Zhou had returned it, it was only natural.

No one would think that she had gone overboard.

Gu Hengbo's face heated up. His face was tense as he said expressionlessly, "I didn't say that she couldn't use the computer."

Zhou Zhou blinked and said elegantly, "Ah, I'm just asking. What if you're unwilling?"

Gu Hengbo's expression was extremely ugly.

Zhou Zhou did not give him a chance and immediately changed the topic with a smile. "I was just joking. I didn't say that Team Leader Gu was so stingy and only allowed your student to use the computer."

She wanted the word "computer" very badly.

It didn't seem like she was talking about the computer at all. She was clearly implying something else!

Gu Hengbo's face was ashen as he gritted his teeth. "I didn't think that way!"

As the two of them argued, Qiao Nian had already walked to the computer.

She did not sit down and only stood there. She used the mouse to cross out the webpage that Ji Ziyin had retrieved previously and entered a new website.

Under everyone's gaze, the girl skillfully entered the account password and hit the Enter key.

The next second, a personal profile appeared.

They saw the account name—X!

Ji Ziyin's expression suddenly changed.

Qiao Nian ignored her and continued to operate the mouse to cancel the hidden information on her account. The hidden nickname on her personal account was exposed to everyone.

The hidden person behind X was actually QN.

QN.

Qiao Nian.

The truth was right in front of them. There was no need to explain too much.

This account explained everything!

Everything about the accusation about Team 10's assessment results being plagiarism and how the person who posted personally said that no third party had authorized it to be published...

...was all nonsense!

Chapter 1978 - 1978 Sister Nian Slapped Her Face, Where's the Chat Record?

"A few years ago, I registered an account on the WLA forum and stopped logging in after using it for a while. I didn't expect that one day, the content of the post I published before would become plagiarism."

Qiao Nian casually registered an account on the WLA forum a few years ago. Unexpectedly, her words were like cold water rolling into hot oil, causing a ripple on the ground.

WLA Forum.

It was known as the World Scientist Forum.

Less than 100 people had an account on this forum. 51 of them won the Nobel Prize, six won the Wolf Prize, six won the Rusk Prize, four won the Turing Award, two won the Macarthur Genius Award, and one won the Fields Award...

Gu Hengbo registered an account on the WLA forum after he entered the First Research Institute and became the person in charge of the Level 5 laboratory.

Ji Ziyin was not qualified to have a WLA account at all.

Usually, if she wanted to use it to search for information, she would borrow Gu Hengbo's account.

However, Qiao Nian had an account on the WLA forum four years ago.

This kind of shock definitely could not be described in a single sentence.

The girl's black hair fell over her brow bone to hide the coldness in her eyes. With her hands in her pockets, she turned to look at the stunned Ji Ziyin and said in a low voice, "Miss Ji, I just want to ask you. I didn't say those words myself. Where did you hear them from?"

Ji Ziyin's expression suddenly changed, and she opened her mouth to speak.

"You said I told you myself that third-party publishing would be tantamount to suspected plagiarism. Since 'I' told you personally, you should have a chat history.

"So many higher-ups are here today, including your elders. Why don't you show everyone your chat records?"

Qiao Nian spoke as if she was just saying it casually. Her clear eyes looked at her without blinking.

Her face was calm and composed!

At a glance, everyone could tell that she was certain that Ji Ziyin could not take out the so-called 'chat records'.

Ji Ziyin's expression changed again. In the face of absolute evidence, she was not a fool to bite the bullet and continue lying.

The more she said, the more mistakes she would make.

If she insisted, she would only embarrass herself even more!

Gu Hengbo reacted quickly and realized that the dust had settled. He was slightly embarrassed, but he composed himself and immediately said, "This is a misunderstanding."

He wanted to speak up for Ji Ziyin, but Zhou Zhou immediately chimed in, “Yes, it’s a misunderstanding. But before the misunderstanding was resolved, didn’t Team Leader Gu shout that he wanted to expel her?”

Gu Hengbo did not expect her to not give him face and mock him again. magic

He felt a little embarrassed and his face was ashen.

“Alright, everyone. It’s good that the misunderstanding has been resolved.” The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory also tried to smooth things over, trying to resolve the tense atmosphere in the office.

Ji Hongyuan did not say a word when Gu Hengbo said that he wanted to expel Qiao Nian. However, he hesitated for a moment and slowly said now, “Since it’s a misunderstanding, let’s make things clear and forget about this matter. I think it’s about time. I won’t disturb you anymore.”

He got up to leave.

He Lin secretly observed before following him in silence.

The two of them were about to walk out of the office when Qiao Nian suddenly laughed.

“Heh.”

Chapter 1979 - 1979 So, You’re Not Going to Give Me an Explanation?

With a mocking smile, she broke the beautiful dream of everyone in the office who was about to successfully brush this matter aside.

Her voice was three parts mocking and one part cold. Her bottomless eyes stared at everyone in the office one by one.

“So, you’re not going to give me an explanation?”

This sentence successfully silenced everyone.

Even Zhou Zhou did not expect Qiao Nian to be so stubborn!

She silently walked to the girl's side. Her attitude was obvious—she chose to stand on Qiao Nian's side!

Too embarrassed to leave, Ji Hongyuan turned around and looked at the girl with an extremely complicated gaze. "What explanation do you want?"

His old face had lost its support because of the passage of time, and its edges seemed to protrude. His aura was very strong.

Ordinary people were already afraid of Ji Hongyuan. How could they raise conditions? magic

However, Qiao Nian acted as if nothing had happened. Instead, her eyes met his. "She spread rumors and slandered me for no reason, and she doesn't have to apologize?"

Ji Ziyin's heart instantly tightened. Reacting quickly, she walked up to the girl and lowered her head to apologize. "Qiao Nian, I'm sorry. I didn't figure it out properly and caused trouble for you. I'll definitely figure things out next time."

Her apology was no different from not apologizing.

It was light.

It had no weight at all.

Ji Hongyuan was very satisfied. He was satisfied that Ji Ziyin reacted quickly and knew what to do to resolve the matter successfully.

He looked at Qiao Nian again with a straight face. His expression was calm as he said, "Are you satisfied now?"

He thought that Qiao Nian would be satisfied!

After all, Ji Ziyin had already lowered her head and apologized.

A smart person knew when to stop. Moreover, Gu Hengbo was also involved in this matter. Even if Qiao Nian did not give the Ji family face, she should give the First Research Institute face.

Who knew...

The girl only walked back and picked up her phone. Then, she turned back under everyone's gaze, not giving Ji Hongyuan any face. "You mean her apology? I'm not satisfied."

The veins on Ji Hongyuan's neck bulged. It was obvious that he was a little angry that she had rebutted him time and time again.

Was she really going against her family?!

Ji Ziyin was now the best in the Ji family's new generation in the research institute. Her future was limitless.

The Ji family had spent a lot of effort nurturing her.

Even if Ji Ziyin was not a direct descendant, Ji Hongyuan would still choose to protect her for the sake of the family's interests.

"Qiao Nian, I advise you to think more about everything. Don't just try to be stubborn."

These words were a reminder and a threat.

However, Qiao Nian would tolerate anything but threats.

Anyone who knew her personality knew that Qiao Nian was the kind of person who would listen to coaxing but not coercion. Ji Hongyuan's threat was undoubtedly adding fuel to the fire.

As expected.

The girl's lips curled up casually. The expression on her exquisite face was surly and ostentatious as she suggested bluntly, "I want her to apologize to me and my team members publicly."

Ji Ziyin's expression changed slightly as she quietly clenched her fists.

With her status, apologizing in private was one thing, but apologizing publicly was slapping her in the face.

The Ji family's status did not allow her to lower her head publicly!

However, Ji Ziyin was very smart. It was one thing for her to be unwilling, but she did not stand up for herself. Instead, she looked at Ji Hongyuan in difficulty.

She made the right bet.

Chapter 1980 - 1980 Sister Nian: I Want Ji Ziyin to Apologize Publicly

For the sake of the family's reputation, Ji Hongyuan acted as she had thought. He pondered for a moment and then said, "Ji Ziyin can't apologize to you publicly. You can make another request, but not this one."

Qiao Nian nodded and did not bargain with him. She picked up her phone and said, "Alright, if she doesn't apologize, I'll write about this matter on the WLA forum."

Everyone's expression changed.

The WLA forum was where all the big bosses in the world gathered. If Qiao Nian's matter was exposed on the WLA forum, not only would the Ji family lose face, but the First Research Institute would also lose face!

"Qiao Nian, are you threatening me?" Ji Hongyuan panted heavily as he glared at the girl. His chest heaved up and down, clearly angered by her.

How dare she openly fall out with the Ji family!

However, the girl did not think much of it. She looked at him calmly and did not give in at all. "Which rule states that only you can threaten others and no one can threaten you?"

This question made Ji Hongyuan lose face again, and he could not answer for a long time.

Not wanting to waste her breath on them, Qiao Nian picked up her things and looked back at them with a faint smile. Then, she retracted her gaze and stuffed her hands into her pockets again, looking sloppy.

"I'll give you half a day to consider. If Ji Ziyin doesn't publicly apologize to my team members in half a day, I'll blow things up."

Ji Hongyuan looked at her in shock. His fingers were trembling because he was too agitated.

It could be seen how much Qiao Nian had forced him into a corner.

This was the first time He Lin had seen Ji Hongyuan so angry. His heart tightened as he looked at the unruly girl. He opened his mouth, but he did not dare to call her Young Miss in public.

No one knew that Qiao Nian was a direct descendant of the Ji family who had wandered outside. They thought that she just was a bumpkin from Country Z.

If he exposed Qiao Nian's identity at this time, their current situation would only become even more awkward.

While He Lin was hesitating, the girl had already walked to the door. Pausing there, she said, "Remember, stay away from me next time."

Qiao Nian didn't say who she was talking to, but Ji Ziyin had a strong premonition that the girl was talking to her.

At that moment, intense shame and anger surged in her chest. However, in the blink of an eye, Qiao Nian had already walked out of the office.

She watched as the other party left, but there was nothing she could do!

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In a small laboratory. magic

Shen Qingfeng, Xue Zhu, and Xu Yi waited anxiously for the results.

Xu Yi was fine.

He had always been calm.

Shen Qingfeng and Xue Zhu were more anxious. The two of them kept looking at the door. They did not look too good and were clearly very worried about Qiao Nian.

Xue Zhu was silent for a long time. Suddenly, she waved her hand and paced back and forth in the small laboratory. She looked up at the two of them, frowned, and suddenly asked, "Do you think Leader Zhou, the person in charge of the Level 3 laboratory, will really stand on Qiao Nian's side?"

Shen Qingfeng and Xu Yi looked at her at the same time.

Xue Zhu bit her lip, clearly worried. "She said that she would protect Qiao Nian, but I'm always worried that... she'll change her mind in the end."

Shen Qingfeng was anxious, but he still comforted her. "No, Leader Zhou has already said that she will stand on our side. She will definitely protect Qiao Nian."

"Xue Zhu, don't think too much." Then, he asked Xu Yi for help, "Xu Yi, what do you think?"