

## **Madam's 2281**

Chapter 2281 Indeed, He's Unscientific

Qiao Nian was still looking down at the news when someone suddenly sat down beside her.

The light mint perfume on the man's body wafted over her nose. Qiao Nian's thoughts were instantly interrupted, and she subconsciously looked at him.

Sure enough, Ye Wangchuan had arrived at some point. He was even holding disposable slippers for her, and he placed them at her feet.

Then, straightening and seeing that she was playing with her cell phone, he looked her in the eyes and asked, "What happened?"

Qiao Nian suspected that he had seen her message. However, Ye Wangchuan's back was facing the cell phone, so it was impossible for him to see the content.

Therefore, he could guess what was going on just by her expression.

Qiao Nian's heart skipped a beat. For the first time, she realized that he seemed to know her better than she thought.

This was simply unscientific.

"Huh?" The girl was staring at him without saying anything. Ye Wangchuan's voice was low and charming, and he seemed a little puzzled. magic

Taking another deep look at him and then looking away, Qiao Nian placed her hand between her eyebrows and leaned back, then put her cell phone away, and said, "It's fine. Zhou Zhou sent me a message. I don't know what she meant because she didn't finish explaining. I'll ask her when we get there."

Ye Wangchuan looked at her deeply. "Is it related to the First Research Institute?"

Qiao Nian changed into her slippers and relaxed. Her sitting posture was even more unrestrained, and her eyelashes were slightly lowered. She did not deny it. "Yes. But she didn't say anything else."

Ye Wangchuan roughly guessed what she was thinking. He lazily opened a box of milk and handed it to her, then said elegantly, "Drink some milk before sleeping."

Qiao Nian looked at it for a moment before slowly reaching for it. "You didn't ask why I didn't call her back."

Ye Wangchuan's good-looking eyebrows raised a little. Seeming to find it funny, he pursed his thin red lips slightly and said with a smile, "The plane will take more than 10 hours to reach the independent continent. Even if you call her now, and something has happened, it can only be resolved when you arrive."

The girl inserted a straw into the carton and looked at him. "And then?"

This was the first time Ye Wangchuan had seen her like this. Her clear eyes were filled with gentleness, and her voice was low and slow. "Dean Feng will call you if the matter is really urgent. Since Dean Feng didn't tell you, it means that it's not very urgent."

Qiao Nian instantly lowered her head to hide her emotions.

Sure enough, it didn't make sense.

Her behavior was completely seen through by him.

Her reaction piqued Ye Wangchuan's interest. He curled his lips and asked, "Goddess Qiao, did I guess correctly?"

Qiao Nian's earlobes were a little red. Without a word, she handed the milk back to him and pulled up her hoodie to cover her exquisite face. Then, she put on the blindfold and pretended to be dead. "I'm going to sleep."

Ye Wangchuan couldn't help but chuckle.

He thoughtfully placed the milk back in its original place and got someone to bring a small blanket for the girl. Only then did he turn on the laptop and start working.

As it was the Ye family's private plane, there was a signal, and it was not bad.

It wasn't until the plane entered the domain of the independent continent that the signal was blocked. After flying for about two hours, the plane landed on the tarmac of the independent continent's airport.

#### Chapter 2282 Arriving at the Independent Continent

At first, Qiao Nian took the opportunity to rest to avoid a certain someone's question. Ye Wangchuan was sitting beside her, so she could only sleep soundly.

She woke up in the second half of the flight, and Qin Si ran over asking to play a new game with her. Qiao Nian had nothing to do and played a few rounds with him.

However, Qiao Nian lost interest when she figured out the rules of the game.

Coincidentally, the plane arrived at this point.

A domineering jeep stopped outside the moment they got off the plane, and then Mo Dong came out.

"Miss Qiao, get in the car."

Mo Dong ignored the dignified man and walked straight to the girl, opening the door respectfully.

Seeing his actions and looking at Master Wang's raised eyebrows, Gu San quickly rushed over and opened the door on the other side, saying, "Master Wang, get in."

Ye Wangchuan looked at him with a faint smile and then entered the car.

He had no intention of bickering with Mo Dong. He just felt that the people around him were switching sides faster than the other.

Back then, Mo Dong had strongly rejected Qiao Nian. He would pick on her no matter what Qiao Nian did.

But now...

Ye Wangchuan looked at the burly man with his thin lips curled up. He was not in a bad mood.

It took about 40 minutes to get from the airport to Ye Wangchuan's four-story villa.

Since she had time, Qiao Nian turned on her phone.

Zhou Zhou did not send another message.

Nie Mi and Jiang Zongjin asked if she had arrived.

Qiao Nian replied to them one by one.

Then, she saw Jiang Li's message.

[Nian Nian, have you arrived?]

[I'm sorry.]

Qiao Nian paused. She knew what he meant.

Jiang Li was apologizing for the trouble Jiang Xianrou caused this time.

Qiao Nian's gaze went to her right hand. After a month of recuperation, her right hand had fully recovered. However, her shoulder injury was more serious. It still hurt occasionally. However, it would recover as long as she recuperated for a while.

Old Master Jiang also returned to the sanatorium.

Jiang Zongjin temporarily moved to the sanatorium to accompany him. The Old Master looked much more energetic the last time she saw him. At least, he was not as depressed as when he had just been discharged.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes at Jiang Li's WeChat message before typing a reply.

[QN: Let bygones be bygones. Don't take it to heart. It's not your fault.]

She saw that Jiang Li kept typing, but ten minutes later, he still did not send it.

Qiao Nian put her phone away.

At this moment, someone's cell phone rang.

Ye Wangchuan looked at his cell phone. The corners of his mouth curled up, and his eyes darkened. He looked at the girl and said in a low voice, "Jiang Li sent me a message thanking you."

Qiao Nian nodded and opened the window to let the wind in. With narrowed eyes, she said in a light tone, "This has nothing to do with him."

"Yes," Ye Wangchuan replied. magic

Qiao Nian propped her chin on her elbow and closed her eyes to enjoy the refreshing breeze. After a while, she sent Feng Yu a message telling him that she was back.

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At the First Research Institute.

Feng Yu had just brewed a pot of tea and poured himself a cup. Before he could savor it, Shi Fu rushed in.

"You're here?"

Feng Yu waved at him with a smile. "You came at the right time. Come quickly. I just made a pot of Longjing tea. Try it. This is this year's new leaves."

Chapter 2283 Ji Ziyin Has Been in the Limelight for the Past Month

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Shi Fu came in with a straight face, still carrying the cold air from outside. He looked especially serious. "I'm not drinking it."

Feng Yu looked up at him and noticed that his expression was not right. He put down the teapot and asked him, "What's wrong? Why do you look so pale?"

Shi Fu handed him the tablet and said with a straight face, "Take a look."

Suspicious, Feng Yu lowered his head to take a look. The more he looked at it, the uglier his expression became. When he finished reading it, his expression was worse than Shi Fu's and he almost threw the tablet to the ground.

Fortunately, his years of upbringing did not fail him. He only returned the tablet and punched the table, causing the tea to splash. "They're too much! I've already warned Ji Ziyin in private. It seems like she didn't take it to heart at all. Could it be that she thinks I don't have evidence!"

Shi Fu sat down on a chair. He was not so angry anymore upon seeing how angry the other man was. He held his forehead and sighed. "What evidence do you have? They only dare to be so unscrupulous because they're certain that you don't have evidence."

Feng Yu's anger intensified. His chest heaved up and down, making him look extremely angry.

Shi Fu hesitated. "We both know that those people have already cleaned up the file on that person and there are no records of her in the research institute. Now that Ji Ziyin is holding her notebook and using it to show off, no one can prove that she stole it. If you warn her and she doesn't listen to you, it can be seen that she knows that you can't produce evidence..."

Feng Yu slammed his fist on the table angrily, with his chest heaving up and down as he breathed heavily. "She's too bold!"

Shi Fu's hand was scalded by the spilled tea, but he did not say anything. He took out a tissue paper and wiped his hands, then crumpled the tissue into a ball and threw it away. Looking at Feng Yu, he said in a low voice, "Their goal is definitely not as simple as Ji Ziyin showing off. They're probably targeting you and Mr. Martin."

Feng Yu was not a fool. Even if Shi Fu did not mention this, he knew Ji Ziyin's motive.

In the month that Qiao Nian was not around, Ji Ziyin rose strongly and announced several major results in the semiconductor field.

Now, she was in the limelight in the independent continent.

Feng Yu did not take her seriously at first, thinking that the Ji family had thought of a way to salvage Ji Ziyin's reputation. Unexpectedly, Shi Fu showed him the detailed document of Ji Ziyin's published results, and he finally realized what Ji Ziyin had obtained.

Ji Qing's notebook!

During this period of time, Ji Ziyin relied on the contents of Ji Qing's notebook to make a name for herself in the independent continent.

Her reputation as the Ji family's genius once again resounded.

In fact, because Qiao Nian disappeared for a month, everyone began to gradually forget the Newcomer King who broke the research institute's records.

Instead, they all paid attention to Ji Ziyin.

Moreover, Ji Ziyin had been expelled from the research institute.

However, Feng Yu did not make it public because of Ji Lingfeng.

As a result, some families and individuals who did not know the reason behind it privately mocked the First Research Institute for being blind to expel a genius like Ji Ziyin who only appeared once in a hundred years, suffering a huge loss.

Feng Yu knew all of this.

However, Ji Ziyin pretended to be silly and refused to admit it. Now, he really could not produce any evidence.

Chapter 2284 Her Ambition Does Not Stop There

"Of course, she's after Martin."

Feng Yu's face was as dark as the bottom of a pot as he paced around the office. Stopping in front of Shi Fu, he said in a low voice, "I think her ambition does not stop there. Not only does she want to contact Martin, but she also wants to contact the reclusive family behind him."

Shi Fu did not understand the inside story of the Ji family.

Feng Yu continued, "According to my understanding, ever since the incident two months ago, the Ji family has clearly given up on Ji Ziyin. It's probably because of this that she wants to find a stronger backer."

"But how did she learn about the reclusive family and Martin?" Shi Fu asked.

This was a secret of the independent continent. Only a small number of people knew about the absolute forces hidden in the independent continent.

Feng Yu did not need to think too much to guess. "Gu Hengbo."

Shi Fu frowned and revealed an expression of disgust. "Him?"

Feng Yu did not respond. He also felt extremely disgusted by Gu Hengbo's actions.

Seeing that he was silent, Shi Fu suddenly remembered and asked him, "When will Qiao Nian be back? Have you told her about this?"

Shi Fu already knew Qiao Nian's background. He had heard a little from Nan Tianyi, so he was very concerned about Qiao Nian.

Feng Yu shook his head. He pondered for a moment before saying, "I didn't tell her yet. She's coming back today. Let's wait for her to rest first."

Shi Fu had no objections.

Feng Yu thought of something and looked at him with a smile. "I plan to hold a welcoming banquet for her tonight. How about it? Are you free? Do you want to come?"

Shi Fu had never liked to participate in these private gatherings. However, this time, he only thought for a moment before agreeing readily. "What time? I'll go early."

Feng Yu then said, "I haven't asked her yet. I'll confirm it and tell you later."

Shi Fu nodded and got up to return to the laboratory.

Feng Yu watched him leave. His gaze then landed on the tablet he had thrown aside.

Sighing, he picked up his cell phone to make a call.

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Qiao Nian went to her room to unpack the moment she entered the villa.

After she emptied her backpack, only two changes of clothes, a laptop, and some gadgets could be seen.

Qiao Nian placed the clothes on the bedside table, then took the notebook to the desk and put it down. As for the small things, she threw them all into the drawer.

Feng Yu called at this moment.

Qiao Nian looked at the caller ID and then picked up the call.

"Hello?" magic

Feng Yu told her about the welcoming banquet tonight.

Qiao Nian frowned and looked at the laptop. She was thinking of rejecting him and turning it on, but she changed her mind. "Where?"

Feng Yu reported the location.

Qiao Nian looked at the time and agreed.

She hung up and leaned against the desk. Her legs, wrapped in jeans, were well-proportioned and straight, very eye-catching.

Lowering her head and clicking on the WeChat app, she found Zhou Zhou's message.

Qiao Nian stared at it for a while before putting her phone back into her pocket. Then, she grabbed her baseball cap and went downstairs.

In the living room downstairs.

Gu San and Qin Si were also tidying up their things.

Qin Si had always been petty and lazy. Throwing his baggage into his room and ignoring it, he then collapsed on the sofa like an old man. Seeing the girl come down, he immediately stood up and greeted her. "Sister Qiao, are you done?"

Chapter 2285 Master Wang Dotes On His Wife!

Qiao Nian put on her baseball cap as she walked downstairs.

Gu San was carrying a suitcase when he saw her. "Miss Qiao, are you done packing?"

"No."

Qiao Nian responded and casually pushed down the brim of her cap. She walked over and picked up a bottle of water, then leaned against the sofa and asked, "Do you want to eat dinner together tonight?"

"With whom?" Stunned for a moment, Qin Si then got up and asked excitedly, "Sister Qiao, is it your friend?"

Qiao Nian nodded, then thought for a moment before explaining, "You should know, it's an elder."

"Who is it?" Qin Si said casually. His dazed mind paused, and he subconsciously felt that he still did not know better.

After all, he had already seen Qiao Nian's "friends".

Each of them was more awesome than the other. magic

As an elder, he was probably someone with a heaven-defying status for a 'friend'.

Before he could say anything, the girl said in a calm tone, "Yes, Feng Yu, from the First Research Institute."

Qin Si's mouth fell open as he looked at the girl with a complicated expression. His jaw was about to drop.

Of course, he knew that Feng Yu was from the First Research Institute!

Everyone in the independent continent knew the dean of the First Research Institute.

Sister Qiao was going to have dinner with Feng Yu tonight?

Qiao Nian recalled what Feng Yu told her on the phone and added casually, "Other than him, a few more people might be coming. They're all from the research institute. The person in charge of the Level 8 laboratory, Shi Fu, will also be there. Are you coming?"

Qin Si did not even want to ask her who else was coming. He replied quickly, "Yes!"

He got up from the sofa and said to the girl, "What time do we leave? I'll go back to my room to change clothes."

Qiao Nian took out her phone and looked down. "Six o'clock."

Qin Si nodded as he looked at the time. "There's still time. I'll go change. Sister Qiao, wait for me."

"Mm." Qiao Nian boldly sat down on the sofa. Then, she took out her cell phone and played with it, as if to say, "Go ahead."

Qin Si hurriedly returned to his room to wash his face and change his clothes.

Ye Wangchuan happened to come downstairs at this moment. It seemed he had just taken a shower and changed into a fresh set of clothes. He looked handsome.

He immediately went to the kitchen.

He walked to the water dispenser and filled a glass with warm water. Then, he returned and waited for the girl to finish playing a game.

Ye Wangchuan handed the glass of water and the medicine. "You haven't taken your medicine today. Here, the water is ready for you. Take your medicine."

Qiao Nian looked at the white pills and glass of water and her eyebrows twitched. She reluctantly took them. "I think I've already recovered. There's no need to take it anymore."

"That won't do." Ye Wangchuan was especially domineering right now. He looked like he wanted to watch her take it. "You can stop taking the medicine when the doctor says you've completely recovered. Otherwise, you have to take the medicine obediently."

Qiao Nian looked at the pills and frowned. She was unhappy. "I'm also a doctor!"

"You can't treat yourself." Ye Wangchuan handed her the cup of water and said in a low and mellow voice, "Try the water temperature."

The cup was stuffed into her hand. She raised her head helplessly and swallowed the medicine in one gulp. Then, she took a sip of water to moisten her throat.

Seeing that she had obediently taken the medicine, Ye Wangchuan conjured an orange candy out of nowhere, peeled off the wrapper, and stuffed it into her mouth. His eyes were deep and gentle. "It's sweet."

Chapter 2286 Just an Ordinary Reception Banquet

Qiao Nian did not understand why he had this orange-flavored candy on him, but it tasted good.

Her frustration was diluted by the sweet taste in her mouth. She looked at Ye Wangchuan and lazily asked, "Shall we have dinner together tonight?"

Ye Wangchuan put the cup down and turned to ask her, "With whom?"

Qiao Nian told him what she had just told Qin Si. "Feng Yu, and also my teacher and a few people from the research institute."

Ye Wangchuan paused for a moment when he heard that Shi Fu was also going. He was a little helpless.

Qiao Nian noticed his momentary pause and thought that he was not free. "Forget it if you don't have time. I'll go with Qin Si."

Ye Wangchuan had already adjusted his mentality. Hearing this, with his white shirt and casual pants outlining his slender legs, he looked down at her and said lazily, "No, I'm fine. I'll go with you."

Qiao Nian glanced at him suspiciously and picked up her cell phone again. In the end, she just nodded.

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At Lan Pavilion, the private room Feng Yu booked.

6:00 PM.

Qiao Nian and the others arrived at Lan Pavilion on time. The waiter quickly led them to the private room.

Feng Yu and Shi Fu had already arrived.

In addition, Cao Yanhua, Shen Qingfeng, and the others were also there. Shi Fu must have brought them with him.

Each one of them was more excited than the other upon seeing Qiao Nian. Xue Zhu was a woman, so she was more direct. She ignored Ye Wangchuan, who was beside Qiao Nian, and greeted the girl directly, "Qiao Nian, sit here."

She enthusiastically invited the girl to sit beside her. magic

Qiao Nian said to the person beside her, "I'll sit over there."

Ye Wangchuan raised his eyebrows and looked at Xue Zhu's face. Elegant and noble, he nodded and said, "I'll sit with Elder Feng."

Shi Fu was sitting on Feng Yu's right. He walked over and pulled open the empty seat on Feng Yu's left to sit down. Feng Yu happened to block Shi Fu's angry gaze.

He was calm and composed.

Qin Si also saw Shi Fu staring at Ye Wangchuan the moment they entered. It seemed like the two of them knew each other.

"Ahem! I'll sit here." He coughed and touched the bridge of his nose. He could only sit opposite Shi Fu and look at his dark face.

Gu San chose the last empty seat.

The waiter quickly served the dishes.

Feng Yu ordered a lot of dishes, and it did not take long for the table to be filled.

Xue Zhu was a talkative person. She asked Qiao Nian where she had been for the past month and told her about some interesting things that happened in the research institute recently.

She was just like a chatterbox.

Shen Qingfeng was more tactful. He thought of Feng Yu and Shi Fu and would find a topic to bring up the two elders from time to time.

Xu Yi had his head lowered to eat the entire time. If not for his outstanding appearance and cold and eye-catching temperament, he probably would not have any presence at the table.

At first, Qiao Nian thought that Feng Yu had called her out to talk about something. She did not expect it to be a simple welcome banquet.

After three rounds of drinking, the air conditioner was not working as hard, and the air was not circulating much. It was a little hot.

Xue Zhu even shared some gossip about the research institute.

Qiao Nian took her cell phone and stood up. "I'm going to the washroom."

"Ah? Mm." Xue Zhu immediately asked her, "Do you want me to go with you?"

Qiao Nian was sitting right in front of the air conditioner and her head hurt from the wind. Her temples were throbbing. She pulled out her chair and said, "No need. I'll be back soon."

Ye Wangchuan was talking to Feng Yu when he saw the girl walk out of the private room with her cell phone.

Guessing that Qiao Nian was going to the washroom, he retracted his gaze and continued to chat with Feng Yu.

Chapter 2287 After Not Seeing You for a Month, You Forget How You Cried Last Time

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At the washroom.

Qiao Nian turned on the tap and let the cold water wash over her palm, alleviating the heat of the air conditioner and making her feel a little better.

She was about to turn off the tap and turn back when unexpectedly, someone came out of a box, saw her, and made a sound in surprise. "Qiao Nian?"

This voice was very familiar.

Qiao Nian looked up and saw the person standing behind her through the mirror.

It had been a month since they last met, and Ji Ziyin was clearly doing well. Her luxurious clothes were especially eye-catching, and her complexion was even better. Her face was rosy and full, and her eyes were filled with energy.

"It's really you?"

Ji Ziyin was much more confident than before as she carried her handbag towards the sink and turned on the tap to rinse her hands. Then, she turned off the tap and looked up with a smile. "Long time no see. How have you been?" magic

Qiao Nian turned off the tap and took out a tissue to wipe her hands. Then, she turned to look at her impatiently. "Do you have amnesia?"

Ji Ziyin was slightly stunned, and her smile gradually disappeared.

She did not respond. At least, she knew that Qiao Nian's next sentence was definitely not a good one. She didn't like being hit for no reason.

"I'm just greeting you. After all, we've known each other for so long. Even if we're not friends, we're not strangers. It's not too much to greet someone I know, right?"

"It's not too much." Qiao Nian chuckled and glanced at her perversely. "I'm just wondering if your memory only lasts seven seconds.

"...You forgot how you cried just a month ago!"

Ji Ziyin suddenly recalled the embarrassment and humiliation she suffered on the day she was chased out of the research institute, and her expression instantly froze. However, she was more composed now. Instead of being led by the nose, she smiled and said ambiguously, "Qiao Nian, I heard that you went back to Beijing. How was it? Did you have a good time there?"

The girl threw the paper towel into the wastepaper basket and then looked at her deeply.

Ji Ziyin instinctively took two steps back and then realized she had lost in terms of aura. Her eyes darkened.

"Ji Ziyin, I thought you learned your lesson after suffering a few times, but it looks like you still haven't learned your lesson." Qiao Nian said casually, "I've warned you many times to stay away from me! If you don't understand, I don't mind teaching you again."

Ji Ziyin's expression changed drastically.

Qiao Nian did not care. She stuffed her hands into her pockets and said, "I'll give you a day to wipe your butt clean. If I find out that you're looking for trouble with me again, I'll get someone to send you back to the Ji family. I'll do it."

Under the girl's strong pressure, Ji Ziyin felt as if she was being strangled and she could not make a sound. She looked terrible.

Qiao Nian only warned. She didn't even ask why she was also at Lan Pavilion. Then, she turned around and left.

Ji Ziyin watched the girl leave. After a long time, finally being able to move again, she flipped over the hand sanitizer on the sink in exasperation, her chest rising and falling violently.

After a few minutes, after barely calming down, she took out a lipstick from her bag and touched up her makeup. Then, she took a deep breath and returned to her private room.

Today was an important opportunity. Gu Hengbo was going to introduce her to Mr. Martin. She would not bicker with Qiao Nian!

Qiao Nian and Feng Yu would not be worth mentioning when she hooked up with Martin and the reclusive family behind him!

Chapter 2288 Sister Nian Knows About Ji Ziyin

Dinner ended at 8:30 PM.

Shi Fu had always followed a regular schedule, so he went back with Cao Yanhua.

Xue Zhu was sent back by Shen Qingfeng.

Xu Yi did not let anyone send him back, saying he could go back by himself. Thus, he took a taxi.

In the blink of an eye, only Qiao Nian and a few others were left.

Feng Yu stood at the entrance side by side with the girl, whispering, "Who did you meet tonight? You went out halfway and only returned after about 10 minutes. Did you meet someone familiar?"

Qiao Nian was still wearing a baseball cap, but it was not black. She was also wearing a white sweater, making her look especially casual.

She did not expect Feng Yu to notice that. She did not hide it from him and said indifferently, "I met Ji Ziyin."

"Her?!"

Feng Yu's reaction was a little big. Taking a deep breath and calming down, he frowned and said, "She didn't say anything to you, right?"

Taking note of his reaction, Qiao Nian only said, "She didn't say anything. She only greeted me and asked if I had returned to Beijing."

Feng Yu heaved a sigh of relief. "That's good."

Qiao Nian's suspicion deepened. She simply asked him, "Zhou Zhou sent me a message previously saying that something happened at the research institute. So, this 'something' is related to Ji Ziyin?"

She had just returned to the independent continent and had yet to unpack, let alone understand what had happened recently...

The waters in the independent continent had always been deep. If anything really happened, there would be no ripples on the surface. Only those in the know knew.

Of course, she could also investigate.

However, it was a waste of time and energy.

Therefore, Qiao Nian decided to ask Feng Yu directly.

Feng Yu did not intend to say anything at first. He avoided her gaze, but Qiao Nian was unmoved. She was clearly not someone he could keep in the dark.

He sighed deeply before telling Qiao Nian about Ji Ziyin's limelight in the independent continent during this period of time.

In the end, he said angrily, "The Ji family originally planned to give up on her and nurture newbies. Now that they have started to change sides internally, many people have placed their bets on supporting her in inheriting the family in the future. In addition, the people from the Chamber of Commerce Alliance have also begun to interact with Ji Ziyin frequently, as if they want to bury the hatchet... Ji Ziyin has made a beautiful comeback!"

However, Feng Yu knew very well what Ji Ziyin relied on to make a comeback!

Ji Ziyin was not relying on herself at all!

Instead, she was relying on Ji Qing's notebook that she got from somewhere!

She used the notebook to create momentum for herself, making the outside world think that it was all her ability. She even wanted to use this opportunity to cling to the reclusive family...

Feng Yu did not tell the girl that Ji Ziyin had taken Ji Qing's notebook for now. Frowning, he said, "This matter is very important. I'll think of a way to resolve it. Don't worry too much."

"Mm." Qiao Nian agreed quickly.

Feng Yu knew that she was not really listening upon seeing that she did not take it to heart. magic

Ye Wangchuan happened to bring the car at this moment.

He shut his mouth and stopped talking about Ji Ziyin as he watched the girl get into the car and leave.

Chapter 2289 There's No Need to Wait. Mr. Martin Is Not Coming

Feng Yu watched the car leave his sight before putting away his smile. Taking a deep breath, he then took out his cell phone from his coat with a serious expression, found a contact number, and called.

"Beep..."

The phone rang several times before someone picked up. "Hello?"

Feng Yu adjusted his mood before asking gently, "Hello, I'm Feng Yu from the First Research Institute. Is Mr. Martin free today?"

"Ah, Dean Feng, hello." The person who answered the call was Martin's personal assistant. He had met Feng Yu a few times and the two of them could be considered to know each other.

He did not make Feng Yu wait for long. After checking, he replied, "I'm sorry, Dean Feng. Sir has an appointment today."

Feng Yu's heart sank. However, he maintained his composure and asked, "Is it convenient for me to ask where Mr. Martin went?"

This question was actually a little rude.

However, with Feng Yu's status, the assistant did not think too much about it. "Sir was originally going to the Mountain Sea Pavilion to attend the appointment tonight, but an important guest asked him out at the last minute, and Sir rejected the invitation of the Mountain Sea Pavilion. As for where he is now, I'm not too sure." magic

Feng Yu had been keeping an eye on Ji Ziyin and Gu Hengbo for the past few days. This afternoon, he received a report from his spies that they were both in the Mountain Sea Pavilion. At that time, he had a bad guess...

In the end, Martin did not go to the Mountain Sea Pavilion?

Feng Yu was slightly distracted.

So, where did he go?

And who was the important guest?

Feng Yu's mind was filled with questions.

Since he did not speak for a long time, the assistant said politely, "Dean Feng, why are you looking for Sir? Do you need me to call Sir and tell him that you're looking for him?"

Feng Yu pulled himself out of his confusion and smiled. "No, I'm fine. I just thought that since Mr. Martin is in the independent continent, I wanted to ask him out to chat."

"Ah, I see."

Feng Yu said, "It's fine if he's busy. I'll call him another day."

The assistant did not ask further. He only said politely, "Alright. Dean Feng, is there anything else?"

"That's all. You can hang up."

Feng Yu waited for the other end to hang up before walking to the door of the Mountain Sea Pavilion and calling Shi Fu to tell him that Ji Ziyin had not met Martin today.

After finishing the call, he thought about it and sent a message to his subordinates asking them to investigate.

Martin had always been a man of his word and rarely stood people up.

Gu Hengbo must have made an appointment with him and brought Ji Ziyin to the Mountain Sea Pavilion, but Martin stood him up.

Feng Yu also wanted to know who the 'important guest' Martin's personal assistant talked about was.

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Mountain Sea Pavilion, in the 'Mountain' private room.

Ji Ziyin was still anxiously waiting for Martin to arrive.

Halfway through, someone called Gu Hengbo.

The call lasted a full five minutes.

Only then did he return.

Ji Ziyin looked at the time and then looked up at him. She asked respectfully, "Teacher, did Mr. Martin get held up by something? Why isn't he here yet?"

She had waited for almost two hours. It was a little long. No wonder she was getting impatient.

Gu Hengbo had also been a little impatient. At this moment, his expression did not look good. He walked over and pulled out a chair before saying, "...We don't have to wait anymore. He's not coming."

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"What?!"

In her shock, Ji Ziyin subconsciously got up, causing her chair to collapse backward and making an ear-piercing sound.

Gu Hengbo was really not in the mood to talk to her.

Ji Ziyin barely controlled her expression. She wanted to smile, but it was so difficult. After a long time, the corners of her mouth twitched and she asked, "Teacher, didn't we make an appointment with Mr. Martin? W-Why didn't he come? He at least has to give us a reason, right? Didn't Mr. Martin say why he didn't come?"

Gu Hengbo poured himself a glass of water and drank it all in one go, finally extinguishing the hot ball of anger and unwillingness in his stomach.

When he heard Ji Ziyin's anxious question, it was as if he had heard something funny. The corners of his mouth curled up into a disdainful and self-deprecating arc. "What do you think the reclusive family represents? I've told you before that they are stronger than you think. If they don't come, so be it. Do they have to explain it to you? If there's an explanation, it's that we're not qualified in their eyes. Do you want to hear this explanation?"

"At the end of the day, if the person who asked him out today was the dean, he might not have broken his promise. He broke his promise because we don't have enough weight."

Gu Hengbo took a deep breath. He was still considered calm. He knew the difference between him and Feng Yu. Thus, he faced the missed appointment calmly. "You don't have to think too much. Although Mr. Martin didn't come this time, he said he would make time to meet you. Let's just wait for him to call us!"

"I understand, Teacher."

Ji Ziyin's hands were intertwined tightly, and her expression was very uncomfortable.

Previously, she was full of confidence that as long as she saw Mr. Martin, she would be able to grab this opportunity and leave the First Research Institute and Qiao Nian behind!

But now, it was as if she had been hit in the head. Reality hit her until she saw stars, and she could not come back to her senses for now. magic

"Teacher." Fortunately, Ji Ziyin had experienced great ups and downs recently and quickly calmed down. After recovering slightly, she asked Gu Hengbo gently, "Do you know why Mr. Martin didn't come? Did he tell you the exact reason?"

Gu Hengbo frowned. He had thought that Ji Ziyin had not understood what he had just said.

He looked at the beautiful woman and saw that her eyes were clear, and she did not look confused. He pondered for a moment before slowly saying, "This... Mr. Martin did not elaborate. He only said that an important guest suddenly asked to meet him. The other party is leaving again soon, so he can only go to him first and find time to eat with us another day."

In fact, Martin did not even explain why he had broken his promise. He could have told Gu Hengbo this purely out of aristocratic courtesy.

Gu Hengbo knew very well that he was just an ant in the other party's eyes. Thus, he did not push his luck and insisted on an explanation.

Ji Ziyin lowered her thick eyelashes as if she were deep in thought.

She had a vague idea.

However, as soon as this thought appeared, she directly rejected it.

...It should not be possible.

Qiao Nian was also having dinner at the Mountain Sea Pavilion tonight. They even met in the washroom. If Qiao Nian wanted to see Martin, she could not possibly let him wait for her to finish eating before meeting him.

With this thought in mind, Ji Ziyin's almond-shaped eyes flickered as she exhaled and calmed down a little.

She could accept anything now, as long as it was not Qiao Nian!