

Madam's 2311

Chapter 2311 Feng Yu Actually Came Up With This Question

A cold sneer flashed across Ji Lingfeng's face when she mentioned Ji Ziyin's research results. Then, he calmly brushed her off. "Let's first see the results."

Old Madam Xie could not afford to offend Ji Lingfeng. Awkward, she looked at the 20 laboratories again.

Many people came to participate in the selection today.

All of them were elites.

Cao Yanhua also met the requirements of the selection and was also one of the 20 people.

His laboratory, Laboratory 10, was close to Qiao Nian's.

They drew lots together. Coincidentally, Qiao Nian drew the number 9 and he the number 10.

These numbers were all right.

They happened to be in the middle.

Generally speaking, even if he could not see the person in the laboratory beside him, he would prefer not to be flanked by competitors.

Ji Ziyin's luck was off the charts.

She drew the number 1.

To ensure fairness, Feng Yu personally handed the experiment topic to everyone.

Number 1 was the first to get the experiment questions, and they got two to three minutes more time to solve the questions than the others. Although two to three minutes did not seem like much, sometimes they might be the key to victory!

Hence, when Ji Ziyin got the number 1, many people looked at her enviously.

Cao Yanhua felt that it was all right.

He drew a lot and only spoke to Qiao Nian.

He cheered her on and went to his laboratory to prepare according to the rules.

He knew that he might not be able to become Feng Yu's successor, but when he encountered an opportunity, Cao Yanhua still wanted to try his best and not leave any regrets for himself.

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It was time to start the selection.

Feng Yu distributed a paper with the selection questions and a box to Laboratory 1.

Ji Ziyin was the first to receive the paper. She held her breath and took the paper from Feng Yu. She said generously, "Thank you, Dean."

Feng Yu ignored her and went to Laboratory 2.

Ji Ziyin bit her lip. Although she felt that it was a little embarrassing for Feng Yu to not give her face in public, she thought about it again. For the sake of fairness, Feng Yu could not speak to anyone.

With her face saved, she felt much better.

She couldn't wait to start the experiment. Lowering her head and reading the contents of the paper and what was inside the box, her expression was visibly shocked and flustered.

"What did it say? What's the situation?" Ji Hongyuan was also present. He was with Gu Hengbo.

He saw Ji Ziyin's panicked reaction and his face darkened. He had an ominous feeling.

"The person he likes is also here. Elder Feng won't come up with too difficult a question, right?"

Gu Hengbo narrowed his eyes and his face darkened as he waited anxiously for Ji Ziyin to take out the box's contents.

Soon, Ji Ziyin took out the thing inside. It was a fist-sized, pitch-black ball-shaped thing.

It was not obvious what exactly it was.

Gu Hengbo's expression changed drastically as he cried out, "It's actually this question!"

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In Laboratory 9.

Feng Yu handed the box and the paper to the girl. The girl took them politely and looked down at the box.

Lifting it, she knew exactly what to do.

Chapter 2312 Feng Yu's Question This Time Was Unexpected

Qiao Nian smiled and looked at the old man, who was wearing a protective suit but could not hide his sly old fox nature. She said lightly, "If I can't solve this question... won't this selection be screwed?"

It looked like there were only him and Qiao Nian here, but Feng Yu knew that dozens of pairs of eyes were paying attention to them outside. He could not speak to Qiao Nian. Otherwise, someone would spread rumors that he was biased towards her and they would be suspected of cheating.

He only gave the girl a look that said, "I believe you." He did not stay in the laboratory for long. He turned around and left to go to the next laboratory.

Qiao Nian's attention returned to the box, and she also took out a black circular object similar to Ji Ziyin's.

She looked at the object for a while, then smiled and began to work with it.

On the side of the experiment table was the note that Feng Yu had given her. The note was crumpled into a uniform-sized ball of paper. Every time Feng Yu went to a laboratory, he would pull a ball of paper out of a cylinder that could only fit one of his hands to ensure that he could not cheat.

Therefore, the contents of the note were the same.

Before Qiao Nian started, she looked at the line of calligraphy written by Feng Yu on the note—[Nuclear Decomposition].

She pulled down the headgear of the protective suit to cover her dark but refined eyes, then lowered her head and took out a decomposition dish from a row of experimental utensils.

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By now, almost everyone had received the note and box distributed by Feng Yu.

Cao Yanhua's reaction was the same as Ji Ziyin's as he finished reading the note and saw the contents of the box. He was also stunned and could not recover for some time.

However, Cao Yanhua had learned from Shi Fu. Like him, he did not value fame and fortune too much. He valued scientific research more.

His participation in this selection was just an opportunity for him. Therefore, he quickly adjusted his mentality and calmly began the experiment.

Of the 20 people, only a few were moving.

After most people received the note and box, they stood still in a daze, not knowing where to start.

Ji Ziyin and Cao Yanhua were forced to make a move, but they were actually not confident.

Among the 20 laboratories, only the girl from Laboratory 9 moved smoothly. She seemed to be confident and knew what to do.

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"Master Wang, what are they holding?" Mo Dong asked curiously.

Ye Wangchuan sat up straight, and surprise flashed across his face.

He slowly said, "Nuclear cores. The First Research Institute is in weapons research. I just didn't expect Elder Feng to come up with such a tricky question." His calm expression did not show that he was worried about Qiao Nian. It seemed that she would definitely be able to solve it.

The First Research Institute had a prominent status in the independent continent because this group of people were all big shots of hidden weapons. For example, the now-sick Xie Tingyun was once a top weapon expert and one of the members of the Level 8 laboratory of the First Research Institute.

However, in the past 20 years, the First Research Institute rarely studied such a dangerous weapon. It was even rare to see such raw materials.

Feng Yu's choice of topic was even more difficult than the raw materials he gave Qiao Nian and the others—Nuclear Decomposition.

Generally, they would only create and study nuclear cores. Very few people would study and break down nuclear cores, doing things in the opposite direction. This was even more difficult than creating nuclear cores!

The moment Feng Yu made a move, he came up with a question that was basically impossible to solve.

Qin Si and Mo Dong did not understand. They only roughly understood that the question Feng Yu came up with was very difficult to solve and that Qiao Nian might not be able to complete it.

Their eyes darkened as they looked in the direction of Laboratory 9.

Chapter 2313 They Underestimated Feng Yu

Qiao Nian was the only one among the 20 who looked 'normal'.

But she looked too normal!

As a result, she looked out of place among the 'abnormal' group.

Qin Si looked at her for a long time but could not figure it out. He asked, "Is Sister Qiao capable of doing it or not? She's so calm. She doesn't seem to have encountered a difficult problem."

"I also think that Miss Qiao seems confident." Mo Dong pressed his eyebrows, looking even more anxious than Ye Wangchuan. "But didn't Master Wang say that Dean Feng's question is very tricky?"

"God knows."

Qin Si shrugged like a hooligan with an expression that said, "I don't understand."

Gu San, on the other hand, kept staring at the laboratory in front of him. His gaze rested on the person in Laboratory 1.

Ji Ziyin looked rather disheveled at this moment.

One of the petri dishes in front of her blew up. The laboratory table was in a mess, with flying glass shards everywhere.

Ji Ziyin probably did not expect herself to fail so badly.

She was dazed. She raised her hands helplessly, and a thin layer of sweat formed on her forehead.

Everyone was visibly nervous and flustered.

Gu San happened to see this scene and immediately bent down. He whispered to the man sitting on the chair, "Master Wang, look at Ji Ziyin."

It was rare for Ye Wangchuan to look away from Qiao Nian. He took the time to take a look at the situation in Laboratory 1.

"Ji Ziyin's condition doesn't look good." Gu San lowered his voice and scratched his head, then said in an indescribable tone, "Ji Ziyin even talked nonsense with her teacher in the parking lot and said that she wanted to teach Miss Qiao a lesson. I think she's not very capable."

Ye Wangchuan did not seem surprised that Ji Ziyin would be in such a sorry state. His slender fingers tapped lightly on the table, and there was no change in his handsome face. His thin lips curled up slightly as he said, "They underestimated Feng Yu."

What did that mean?

Gu San did not understand.

Ye Wangchuan had no intention of explaining to him. He only raised his chin slightly and said, "Wait for the results."

Gu San respectfully straightened his back and stopped speaking to him. He nervously waited for the final results.

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Outsiders like Qin Si and Gu San could tell that Ji Ziyin's situation was not good. The veterans of the independent continent could naturally tell that she was about to lose.

"Why is Ji Ziyin not moving?"

"She can't do it, can she?"

"This month, she produced three SCI-level research results in a row. I thought she was determined to win, but I didn't expect her to pull up so quickly. This... is too dramatic!"

At first, Ji Hongyuan still had fantasies. Seeing that Ji Ziyin had already failed once, it seemed like her chances were slim.

His old face flushed red with anger. He was angry from embarrassment. "What kind of question did your dean come up with?! How can Ji Ziyin have no countermeasures?"

"Nuclear decomposition," Gu Hengbo said with a low voice.

Ji Hongyuan frowned. "Nuclear decomposition?"

Gu Hengbo looked at him expressionlessly and grabbed the thermos flask. He said in a flat tone, "20 years ago, a person studied this project and had some success."

"Who?" Ji Hongyuan sat up straight.

Gu Hengbo concisely said, "Ji Qing."

Ji Hongyuan was stunned at first, then he almost stood up.

Chapter 2314 Ji Ziyin Is Going to Fall This Time

Fortunately, he controlled his emotions in time. Then, he impatiently said, "Ji Qing produced results in this aspect, so Ji Ziyin shouldn't be unable to solve this question..."

At this point, Gu Hengbo could not be bothered to beat around the bush with him.

He looked up at Laboratory 1 and saw Ji Ziyin drenched in a cold sweat. He pursed his lips and solemnly said, "Ji Qing's notebook didn't record this experiment."

"Feng Yu knows the contents of Ji Qing's notebook very well. He knows that there's no such content in the notebook, that's why he came up with this question today!"

Gu Hengbo sighed and shook his head. He said in a low voice, "I just didn't expect him to really come up with this question. He's risking everything and using the First Research Institute to bet that Qiao Nian can solve it!"

As for Ji Ziyin, Feng Yu had probably never taken her 'capabilities' seriously.

Since Feng Yu dared to play such a big game, he was certain that Ji Ziyin did not have much capability besides using the contents in Ji Qing's notebook.

He was gambling with the First Research Institute!

Betting on Qiao Nian.

He was betting that Qiao Nian would be able to complete this experiment!

He had underestimated Feng Yu.

Ji Hongyuan's gaze darkened, and his gaze was ruthless. "You're saying that Feng Yu already knew that Ji Ziyin had Ji Qing's notebook?"

Gu Hengbo turned to look at him in surprise. "Ji Ziyin didn't tell you? Feng Yu warned her when she came to the First Research Institute to sign up a few days ago. If not for Qiao Nian, whom Feng Yu thought highly of, asking for him to let her sign up, Feng Yu might not have let her participate in today's selection."

"She didn't tell me." Ji Hongyuan's expression was cold and gloomy. "She only told me that Martin suspected her. I thought that Feng Yu only knew about some experiments of Ji Qing's experiments in the early years, so he told Martin. I didn't know that Feng Yu warned about it..."

Gu Hengbo did not reply.

Ji Hongyuan's lips trembled in anger. He did not expect Ji Ziyin to hide such an important matter from him.

He returned his gaze to the laboratory.

Ji Ziyin had already adjusted her mood and started the second round of experiments.

However, anyone could tell that her heart was in a mess.

Her first experiment was already very tough, and the second time was even more chaotic.

Even those who did not understand could tell that she was doing it randomly. She just wanted her hands to be busy.

Ji Hongyuan's cold gaze gradually shifted to Laboratory 9. His gaze froze, and his eyes were filled with hatred.

However, that did not last long.

Soon, Ji Hongyuan realized that he was being targeted. Someone in the direction of Bright Gate seemed to have noticed his cold gaze on Qiao Nian.

A gaze locked onto him like a hunter in the night!

Ji Hongyuan knew who that person was. He could only escape like a rat and did not dare to expose his thoughts.

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Old Madam Xie's smile faded slightly. She put down the teacup and adjusted her high-grade silk scarf, then whispered to the person beside her, "Master Ji, what's wrong with Ji Ziyin? Could it be that she can't solve Feng Yu's question?"

Ji Lingfeng sat up straight with a solemn expression from the moment Feng Yu announced the topic of the heir selection.

He acted as if he did not hear Old Madam Xie. He did not look at her, let alone pay attention to her.

Chapter 2315 Feng Yu Deliberately Set This Question

Old Madam Xie had been slapped repeatedly today and her expression was not good.

But this was the First Research Institute, Feng Yu's territory.

Even though she was so angry that she wanted to leave, she did not dare to offend anyone here. She could only suppress the anger seething in her heart. Each of her sons-in-law was more disrespectful to her than the previous.

At the same time.

On another quiet viewing platform on the second floor stood a middle-aged man in his forties.

The middle-aged man had a typical Nordic appearance. He had thick eyebrows, big eyes, deep facial features, and a sharp contour that gave people a natural sense of leadership.

He watched the progress below. He turned his head to Feng Yu, who had not appeared outside since the topic was issued. "I didn't expect you to come up with this question. You should know that this question is taboo. I'll be in a difficult position if those people ask."

Feng Yu knew that the people he was talking about were those from the reclusive family.

He smiled and shrugged like a scoundrel. "Just tell them that I had a stroke and insisted on coming up with this question. There's no deeper meaning."

Martin and the family he belonged to were only an existence that served the reclusive family. Of course, it was not a master-servant relationship. To the reclusive family, Martin and his family were more like an existence that connected them to the outside world.

Moreover, the reclusive family was not a faction. They were more like an interest group that gathered many factions to form an indestructible force.

Such a force also needed a hub for contact.

Therefore, the role of Martin and his family was very important. Even the leader of the hidden family had to give Martin some face.

Martin looked at him deeply and saw that Feng Yu was unmoved.

He was the first to look away and reveal a helpless expression. "You know that it's not that I'm unwilling to help you. We've been good friends for many years. Since you've asked, I'll definitely help you. It's just that this question is very important. Once the person you value solves this question, those people will definitely notice her! Even if I speak up for her, those people will find someone to keep an eye on her and monitor her closely! They might only stop monitoring her when they're sure that your heir doesn't intend to study this field in depth. Do you want to see this?"

He thought that Feng Yu would hesitate.

Unexpectedly, he was extremely calm. He only tilted his head and looked at him with his old eyes that had long been trained to be shrewd. "She will have to face them sooner or later. It's just a matter of time. Since she has to experience it anyway, why don't I protect her while I'm still alive!"

Martin frowned, not understanding why he said that.

He had checked Qiao Nian's resume. As an ordinary person, her resume was indeed very outstanding. She was a talent.

However, such a person was not enough to attract the attention of the reclusive family.

One had to know that the reclusive family did not care about just anyone.

This girl was just a genius.

There were many geniuses in this world. In less than 10 years, new geniuses would appear in the world to replace the previous geniuses. Geniuses existed for more than a hundred years in the eyes of reclusive families and factions that had existed for more than a thousand years. They were like a vast galaxy that was endless and would not be given a second look.

Feng Yu made it seem like the reclusive family would definitely pay attention to Qiao Nian!

Chapter 2316 Ji Ziyin Lost

"Is there... anything special about her?" Martin could not help but ask curiously.

Feng Yu retracted his gaze. Then, he looked at Martin and slowly said, "She's Ji Qing's daughter."

Martin instantly revealed a stunned expression. It could be seen how shocking Feng Yu's short sentence was!

"The Ji family never mentioned this..." Martin blurted out.

Feng Yu nodded, not surprised. "He probably doesn't want those people to notice Qiao Nian. It's just that I'm different from him. There's no point in hiding. I want to take a gamble!"

Martin's expression was one of disbelief, but he was smart enough not to ask Feng Yu what he wanted to do. After all, that was a reclusive family that had not fallen for a hundred years.

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There was no more doubt about the winner of the selection.

Ji Ziyin's second experiment failed.

Her back and forehead were already covered in a cold sweat.

Not caring about her disheveled appearance, she looked at the time and tidied up the utensils on the experiment table, as if she wanted to try again.

Her mind raced as she tried her best to recall the contents of Ji Qing's notebook, trying to remember something useful.

However, no matter how Ji Ziyin thought about it, Ji Qing's notebook did not seem to have any such content. She did not even mention it.

Ji Ziyin's hands began to tremble.

She almost lost her grip on the test tube. The sweat on her forehead gathered into a stream and suddenly trailed down.

Now what?

She could not lose.

Martin was here, too.

She had to show off to the reclusive family. Otherwise, how could she curry favor with them and trample Feng Yu, Qiao Nian, and the others under her feet...

The more Ji Ziyin thought about it, the more nervous she became, and her hands trembled even more.

Her heart beat so fast that it was about to rush out of her throat.

She wanted to scream, but she could not do that. She forced herself to calm down, but she could not even complete the simple act of placing the test tube on the rack.

Her hands were shaking too much.

She was trembling too much.

She could not continue.

Just as Ji Ziyin anxiously forced herself to start the third experiment, a voice came from the small loudspeaker in every laboratory.

"Someone completed it."

Ji Ziyin's hand trembled, and the test tube slipped from her hand and fell to the ground, shattering into pieces.

Glass shards flew everywhere. A shard accidentally scratched the back of her hand, and blood immediately welled on her fair skin.

Ji Ziyin felt a sharp pain on the back of her hand before she could take a look.

Then, she heard Shi Fu's voice on the loudspeaker.

"The person who completed it is in Laboratory 9, Qiao Nian."

Ji Ziyin's ears buzzed, and her mind instantly went blank. She completely forgot about her injured hand as she became dazed.

It was as if her bold words to Gu Hengbo in the parking lot three hours ago were just a dream and a complete joke!

She said that this time, she wanted everyone to see who was the true genius of the independent continent. She wanted to crush Qiao Nian in public and tear apart the true face of the so-called Newcomer King of the First Research Institute.

In the end, she was the one who was crushed and her dignity was torn apart!

Ji Ziyin's shoulders trembled uncontrollably. She could not accept this outcome.

Her dream was once again shattered when it was about to come true!

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In the next few days, Qiao Nian's name was the focus of the independent continent's attention.

Everyone once again focused on this bumpkin that they had thought had never been to the independent continent.

Chapter 2317 Miss Qiao, The Ji Family Has Sent You an Invitation

Feng Yu's heir had been decided.

The future successor of the First Research Institute had been decided.

There was no longer any suspense.

In the Bright Gate villa.

Gu San rushed in with a stack of invitations. Before he could sit down and take a sip of water, he said to the girl playing games on the sofa, "Miss Qiao, the Chamber of Commerce Alliance, Hacker Alliance, and Arbitration Alliance have all sent you invitations. Are we going?"

Qiao Nian controlled her avatar to instantly kill an opponent and replied without looking up, "No."

"Oh." As expected, Gu San threw most of the invitations into the wastepaper basket as he looked at them one by one.

Reading quickly, he soon flipped to the last invitation.

The weight of the gilded invitation was different from the others. It was textured, and a tassel pendant hung on the edge of the invitation.

Extremely noble.

"Whose family is this?" Gu San muttered curiously as he opened the invitation.

He only took a glance and his expression changed quickly, and then he immediately looked in the girl's direction.

Qiao Nian was tired from sitting in one position and nestled on the sofa. Her lowered eyes did not reveal her feelings. Anyway, from Gu San's point of view, she looked quite relaxed and comfortable. She seemed to be in a good mood.

Gu San hesitantly approached her with the invitation. He said, "Miss Qiao, it's an invitation from the Ji family."

"From who?" Qin Si pulled Qiao Nian to play with him. He had been leaning against the sofa and working hard.

He suddenly raised his head upon mention of the Ji family. The shooter he was playing with had already been KO-ed.

Not angry, Qin Si put down his cell phone and frowned seriously, then said to Qiao Nian, "Why did the Ji family send you an invitation? It must be a treacherous plot."

He had died so quickly as an ADC. Fortunately, Qiao Nian was not angry. Her hands did not stop moving.

The assassin moved smoothly.

Kill.

Second combo.

Three consecutive victories.

The PentaKill was peerless!

Qin Si only heard the sound effects ringing non-stop. The girl finished harvesting, casually turned on the voice speaker, and said to Zhang Yang and the others, "Done. You guys push the tower. I'm going down."

Zhang Yang was definitely at Lan Pavilion with Tang Ning and the others.

Qin Si could hear the noisy background noise in their private room. They were all acquaintances and were saying things like "Amazing."

Qiao Nian only turned on the voice chat and spoke to the team members before going offline.

She exited the game and threw her cell phone on the sofa. Then, she took the invitation from Gu San and flipped it open.

On it was Ji Lingfeng's handwriting.

The content was very simple. He wanted to treat her to a meal, probably to hold a celebration party for her.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes and slowly finished reading it. Then, she crumpled the invitation expressionlessly and aimed at the trash can in the distance. She leaned back slightly and threw out a ball of paper, hitting it.

The girl was surly and arrogant. "Not going."

Gu San nodded upon seeing that she did not hesitate to throw the invitation card sent by the Ji family into the trash can and then immediately said, "I understand. If the Ji family asks again, I will reject them directly."

"Mm," Qiao Nian replied casually, obviously not taking it to heart.

Ji Qing's death was more or less related to the Ji family.

She had long decided not to acknowledge them.

Therefore, there was no need for the Ji family to think that there was a need to repair their relationship with her.

Because even if they wanted to repair their relationship, she had no intention of doing so.

It could only be said that there was no need!

Chapter 2318 Old Master Ye and Ye Lan Know That Sister Nian Is in the Independent Continent

"Sister Qiao, why don't we be more tactful? The other party is the Ji family of the independent continent, after all. If you anger them too much, what if..." Qin Si racked his brains, wanting to say something.

That was Ji Lingfeng!

Just listening to Mo Dong and the others tell him about them made his hair stand on end.

But Sister Qiao did not give Emperor Ji any face.

Suddenly, Ye Wangchuan came out of the study holding his phone. He looked like he had just finished answering a call.

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and tilted her head to look at him.

"Are you done?"

"Mm."

Ye Wangchuan walked towards her and rubbed his eyebrows to hide the redness in his eyes. He walked to the girl's side and said, "My grandfather and aunt are coming. The plane will arrive in the afternoon. I have to pick them up later. Do you have any plans for tonight? If not, the Old Master wants to eat with you."

Elder Ye and Auntie Ye were coming?

Qiao Nian was stunned for a moment. She supported her chin with her hand and looked up at him for a long time before saying, "How did they know that I was in the independent continent?"

Everyone in Beijing thought that she was in Rao City.

Logically speaking, no one should know that she had come to the independent continent.

Ye Wangchuan paused and looked at her deeply. Then, he looked at Gu San and Qin Si, who were also dumbfounded. He gently asked, "Didn't you give Chen Chen a birthday gift a week ago? Qin Si forgot to change the address. The Old Master found that the sender's address was in the independent continent. He sent someone to investigate and found that you weren't in Rao City."

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Her mistake.

She had overestimated Qin Si's intelligence.

Ye Wangchuan was in a good mood when he saw Qiao Nian's rare speechless expression. He sat beside her, causing the sofa to slightly collapse. He then poured water into Qiao Nian's mug and handed it to her.

He waited for the girl to take it, then unhurriedly said, "Don't think too much. They're here to deal with the robbery of the Ye family's goods last time, not to arrest you."

Qiao Nian held the mug for half a second before reacting. "That's not right. Why am I being arrested? Shouldn't they be arresting you?"

Her surname was not Ye.

If anyone were to be arrested, it should be Jiang Zongjin or Old Master Jiang.

Ye Wangchuan smiled and leaned back. He placed his hand on the sofa behind her and said with a lazy and noble aura, "It's all the same."

How was it the same?

"We're all family." The man's voice was husky. It was simply a crime.

Qin Si wanted to cough to show his presence.

However, he had just made a mistake and did not dare to say anything.

He could only treat himself as a 'dead' dog.

Damn single dog!

Gu San was also used to it. In any case, it had not been a day or two since Master Wang became a human. He was already used to it.

Only Qiao Nian pursed her lips and did not say anything, tacitly acknowledging Elder Ye and Ye Lan's identities.

"Old Master was very worried about you when he found out that you were in the independent continent. He called and asked me about you. I told him."

The call just now was from Old Master Ye, but to say that he "asked" about them was an understatement.

Old Master Ye was roaring at him.

In the end, he told Ye Wangchuan that he and Ye Lan were on a plane to the independent continent. They would arrive in a few hours.

He did not inform him before coming to the independent continent. It could be seen how angry the Old Master was this time.

Chapter 2319 Elder Ye Wants to Pave the Way for Sister Nian to Enter the First Research Institute

However, Ye Maoshan was not angry that Qiao Nian and the others lied to him.

Instead, he was worried.

He was worried that Qiao Nian would suffer in the independent continent.

He did not mention how anxious Old Master Ye and Ye Lan were or how straightforward they were in arranging matters in Beijing and rushing to the independent continent.

However, Qiao Nian had already guessed something.

She asked after a moment of silence, "What time will Elder Ye and Auntie Ye arrive?"

Ye Wangchuan told her the time.

Qiao Nian stood up and walked upstairs. "I'll pick them up with you."

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At the same time.

On the Ye family's private plane.

Old Master Ye was sitting upright and flipping through the information on the Ye family's power in the independent continent over the years.

Ye Lan brought him a cup of tea and gently placed it on his table. Seeing that Old Master Ye did not even look up, she could not help but worry. "Dad, you have to rest. You haven't closed your eyes for more than 10 hours since you boarded the plane. It won't be too late to look at this information when we get there."

Old Master Ye flipped the page and took a deep breath before sitting up straight. He looked at her and said, "The forces in the independent continent are complicated. I'm worried about Nian Nian. The Ye family's foundation is in Beijing, not in the independent continent. I'm afraid I can't protect her."

Ye Lan remained silent.

After a while, she rubbed her forehead and said with a headache, "I don't know why Nian Nian went to the independent continent. Wangchuan won't tell us the truth."

Old Master Ye did not know much, but he knew Ji Qing.

Ji Qing was once from the First Research Institute.

Old Master Ye opened his mouth and his expression darkened when he mentioned the First Research Institute. "She should want to enter the First Research Institute."

"The Ye family's power is not in the independent continent, and the First Research Institute is a place where the three big families of the independent continent have to give face. I've heard of the research institute's selection system. If she wants to enter the First Research Institute, I have to think of another way."

Ye Lan nodded, noticing that the atmosphere was a little solemn.

Wanting to break the solemn atmosphere, she smiled and said, "We'll talk about the future later. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it. I also know a few forces in the independent continent. If it really doesn't work out, I'll ask them if they have a way to let Nian Nian enter the First Research Institute. By the way, Dad, did Wangchuan reply to you? Does Nian Nian have time to eat with us tonight?"

At the mention of Qiao Nian, Old Master Ye could not be stern anymore.

His wrinkled face visibly relaxed and revealed a warm expression. His voice became gentle. "We can meet another day if she's busy. We also have to reorganize our power in the independent continent. There's no hurry."

"Mm." Ye Lan turned her head and said to the Old Master, "Don't spout nonsense when you see Nian Nian. If she doesn't want to say why she went to the independent continent, don't insist on asking. Young people have their own things to do. We can help as much as we can. Nian Nian has always been so sensible that it makes my heart ache. Since she did this, she must have her own reasons."

"Do I need you to teach me what to do?" Old Master Ye glared at her unhappily and snorted. "I was just about to tell you not to ask."

Ye Lan wanted to laugh upon seeing how protective he was. The corners of her lips indeed curled up as she smiled. "I won't ask random questions."

Old Master Ye was unhappy. He looked at her again, thought for a moment, and said solemnly, "I remember that Ye Keji knows someone from the First Research Institute."

Chapter 2320 The First Research Institute Belongs to Sister Nian!

"You mean Liao Quan?" Ye Lan immediately thought of a person's name.

The Ye family's power was mainly in Beijing. They could only be considered a drop in the ocean in the independent continent. The number of people they could come into contact with at the top of the independent continent was relatively limited.

For example, the people from the First Research Institute were considered important interpersonal relationships, so Ye Lan had an impression of them.

After Old Master Ye mentioned it, she thought of the person Ye Keji knew.

Old Master Ye nodded and instructed, "Contact him and ask him if he can think of a way for Nian Nian to enter the First Research Institute."

"Okay." Ye Lan had always been straightforward and immediately went to make the call.

Ten minutes later.

After making the call, she walked over to Old Master Ye and said, "Ye Keji said that it's not that easy to enter the First Research Institute. The Ye family might not be able to slot anyone in."

Old Master Ye had long thought of this, but the Ye family was not a family without a foundation. He pondered for a moment and said, "Tell him to think of a way for Nian Nian at all costs."

"Mm."

Ye Lan nodded. She had no objections.

She went to contact Ye Keji again.

Old Master Ye picked up his cell phone and typed a message for Qiao Nian. [Nian Nian, do you want to enter the First Research Institute?]

He deleted the message after a moment. He planned to tell Qiao Nian when he arrived at the independent continent and asked Ye Keji to find some connections to settle this matter.

Otherwise, Qiao Nian would be disappointed if he really could not do it.

Old Master Ye slowly put down his cell phone and started flipping through the map of the Ye family's power distribution in the independent continent again.

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In First Research Institute.

Liao Quan received a call from Ye Keji. He thought he was hallucinating when he heard the name of the person his friend asked him to help enter the research institute.

"You said that person's name is... Qiao Nian?"

What a coincidence. Could it be that they had the same name?

But if it was the same person...

Qiao Nian had just defeated Cao Yanhua, Ji Ziyin, and the others a few days ago and become Feng Yu's legitimate successor and the future dean of the First Research Institute.

Why would she use her connections to ask him for a spot in the First Research Institute?

Liao Quan was confused but could not ask the other party. He could only say, "The First Research Institute is all about a strict selection system. I'm just an ordinary member. I don't have the right to decide who can enter the research institute. What's more, the quota for this year has been reached long ago. If the person you're talking about really wants to enter the First Research Institute, he can try to register next year. I can't help with anything else."

Ye Keji thanked him.

Liao Quan hung up, still in a daze. On the one hand, he felt that it was impossible to meet someone with the same name from Beijing. On the other hand, he felt that the other possibility was even more ridiculous and illogical.

As he walked out, he prepared to return to the laboratory.

Ji Ziyin called.

Liao Quan saw the notification on his cell phone. He did not pick it up immediately. Instead, he hesitated for a moment.

Previously, he had tried his best to curry favor with Ji Ziyin because of the Ji family's power.

Now, Ji Ziyin had lost her position as the successor of the research institute and was even chased out.

She no longer had any meaning to him.

Liao Quan was a pragmatic person.

He did not want to busy himself for nothing, so he simply waited for his phone to stop ringing before letting out a shaky breath. Then, he silently turned off his cell phone and entered the laboratory without looking back.