Chapter 3231: Unsolvable

The programmer said, "I am sorry. After what happened today, I know now that I am not as good as I thought I was. There is always someone better than me. I finally witnessed the disparity between me and an actual skillful expert."

He went on, "I really can't solve it. Even if you deduct my salary and my bonus or even fire me, I will have no complaints. You can also ask someone else to give it a go and see if anyone else is able to solve this issue. I am unable to do it."

Hou Wu had no intention of firing the programmer.

After all, the programmer was not lying about his skills.

The hacker was just too powerful.

"Do you have anyone you can recommend?" Hou Wu asked.

He didn't know much about this industry.

"To be honest, no one in my industry that I know can solve this," the programmer said. "I am not making excuses for myself. I know everyone who works in big companies, even the IT managers. This is not a big industry. There are only a few famous ones, and we all know each other.

"But they are all on the same level as me. If I can't do it, I doubt that they will be able to. Of course, if you don't believe me, you can seek them out. I will give you a list. They are working for their own companies, but they should be fine with helping out and earning some extra cash."

Of course, whether or not that extra cash could be earned was a different story.

The computers could not be used.

And so, the programmer took up the pen and paper that he had not used for a long time.

He hadn't handwritten anything for a long time and felt uncomfortable writing.

He kept lifting his pen up and forgetting how to write certain words.

The programmer was very considerate. Not only had he written the names...

But he had also written the company name and company position after every name.

And he added the phone number at the end.

Hou Wu looked at the list and saw that they were all managers and were clearly very capable.

The one that the programmer had written first was currently working for a very famous high-tech company that was also well-known for their very rigorous recruiting process.

When Hou Wu saw the one ranked first, he knew that this was it.

All the names that the programmer had written worked in companies located in B City.

If they were outside the city, they would have to rush over here from far away and that would take a while, right?

Fortunately, B City was the capital city, and most of the talented individuals in the country gathered here.

And so, it was not difficult finding someone.

Hou Wu immediately contacted the first person on the list.

Hou Wu and the people in the office worked very well together.

He didn't even have to say anything.

His employees had already given the company a phone call. They didn't call the personal phone number that the programmer had given them.

They were able to figure out through the front desk that the person on the list was indeed the manager of the company's IT department. Then, they asked to be connected to the manager's extension.

They wanted to make sure that the programmer was not tricking them.

They wanted to make sure that the programmer was not simply writing a name and claiming that the person was the manager of this company's IT department.

When the call went through, the people at the office did not try contacting his personal phone.

They just talked to him through this telephone extension.

They explained their situation.

Then, they heard the person on the phone say, "Based on what I know, Yu Mingxin is already working for your office."

The person asked in surprise, "Brother Yu is famous in the industry, and he can't even solve it?"

When the office heard this, they immediately felt doomed.

If that's the case, then this person would probably have a hard time trying to fix this.

"Yeah. Brother Yu could not solve this. And so, he recommended a few people, and you were on the top of the list," an employee of the office said. "Therefore, I wonder if you could come help take a look at it. Of course, it will not be for free."

"I can come and take a look at it." The guy obviously wanted to show Yu Mingxin some respect. "To be honest, Brother Yu is already ranked highly in the industry. I am on par with him. If Brother Yu can't solve this when he was the one who wrote the software, then I am afraid..."

The person ended it with, "Anyway, don't get your hopes up."

"We know this, but there's really nothing we can do. If you and Brother Yu are unable to solve this, where can we find someone else who is better than you two? You two are already the top-ranked in your industry," the office employee said.

"No matter what, come check it out. Of course, regardless of the result, we will definitely give you the pay you deserve."

When the guy heard this, he didn't pretend to be courteous anymore. He just agreed, saying, "Sure."

The employee then asked, "Are you busy with work now? If possible, can you come over pronto?"

The employee smiled, embarrassed as he explained, "I am not trying to rush you. It's just that... we are in such a rush. There are so many important files on the computers."

The guy immediately understood as he thought about the kind of work they did.

He then said, "Sure. I will head over now. It is lunch break at the moment. It will probably take an hour."

"That's awesome." The office staff were so thankful.

The person that Yu Mingxin had recommended was named Wu Sheng.

Wu Sheng hung up the phone. When Wu Sheng thought about how even Yu Mingxin had been unable to solve this issue, he realized that it would be difficult for him to fix it as well.

If the situation was very difficult, there's no knowing as to how much time it would take.

And so, he asked for another two hours off.

He then left quickly.

The studio had yet to give up.

Yu Mingxin was still trying to break into the software that Wei Wucai had rewritten.

At this moment, Wu Sheng appeared at the door. "Hello, my name is Wu Sheng. You just called me and contacted me."

Hou Wu walked over hastily and said, "Hello, hello. Sorry for asking you to come over."

The two did not continue this courteous act.

Hou Wu hurriedly led Wu Sheng over.

"Brother Yu," Wu Sheng called out.

Yu Mingxin stood up and greeted Wu Sheng. "Come take a look at this. I can't solve it. We really encountered a very skilled expert."

Yu Mingxin then sat down in front of the computer on the side.

The group watched as the two worked together and started feeling hopeful.

Even if the skilled expert was very powerful, he was not here.

All that's left was the software. This was equivalent to leaving an empty box.

If the hacker was here and was competing with the two and the two lost, that would make sense.

However, all that's left was this software that no one was managing.

If the two were working together, would this still be unsolvable?

In the end, however, they really couldn't fix it.

Wu Sheng turned and stared at Yu Mingxin with a smile. "Brother Yu, you have now attained such a high level. I thought we were on par, but I now know that you are much more powerful than me.

"You started working here five years ago. You wrote this software five years ago, right?" Wu Sheng shook his head and sighed. "To be able to write a software like this, Brother Yu, you are..."

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Wu Sheng felt bad saying this in front of everyone at the office, but he wanted to make it known that this place was unworthy of Yu Mingxin's talent.

Wu Sheng said helplessly to Hou Wu, "I am sorry. This software is too difficult for me. This is beyond my skills and capabilities."

When Hou Wu heard this, he realized that even Wu Sheng was unable to solve this issue.

Yu Mingxin shook his head and smiled wryly. "You think too highly of me. I can't write software like this now, not to mention five years ago."

"What?" Wu Sheng was shocked. "Did this office perhaps specifically hire a skilled expert to write this software?"

Yu Mingxin explained, "No. I did write this software in the beginning, but it definitely did not look like this. The hacker from earlier attacked our network, took over our administrative rights, and kicked me out. I didn't expect the hacker to be able to modify my software within such a short time."

Yu Mingxin smiled bitterly and said, "Although I said modify, he honestly rewrote the entire thing. With the software I wrote as the foundation, he wrote more codes and expanded it. Then, he changed it to be more secure. In addition to this foundation, he added more bricks and a roof..."

Yu Mingxin felt like crying as he talked about this. He didn't want to talk about this anymore.

This was a huge blow to him.

He'd always thought that he was on a very high level.

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Even if he were to go to an international high-tech company and even if he didn't take the position of a manager or chief, he would at least be an ordinary programmer that was not of a lower level than the others.

Even if there was a disparity between him and those top-ranked programmers or even hackers whose names were placed in the top ranks of the world, he wouldn't be exactly defenseless if he were to encounter them.

However, he truly witnessed it today.

The difference was not just ordinarily big.

In addition, he didn't even know who the person was, where this God came from, and what level he was at.

He had no idea if this hacker had performed to the full extent of his abilities.

However, Yu Mingxin had a feeling that the hacker had managed this with skill and ease.

"Wu Sheng, you can't break in as well?" Yu Mingxin asked.

Wu Sheng shook his head and said, "No, I can't."

When Wu Sheng shook his head, he saw the paper at the side.

He took it up and looked at it. "This is..."

"This is the list that I made earlier of the people that I know who are skilled," Yu Mingxin said. "However, I only listed the people in B City. There are also many talented people in S City and Z Harbor. However, they are just a little far away. Even if they could help, they might not be able to make it here quickly.

"Even if they made it here quickly, they might not be able to solve the issue. And so, I didn't write their names. In addition, I have been out of this social circle for too long. By the way, do you know anyone who is suitable for this job? Such as the younger ones or some newbies with good technical skills?"

"Yes, yes, yes," Hou Wu said hastily. "It doesn't have to be someone in B City."

If even Wu Sheng, who was ranked first on the list, was unable to solve this, it would be pointless to seek out anyone else in B City.

"Will no one in the entire country be able to do it?" Hou Wu asked. "We have a lot of important information in these computers. We can't lose them. We need access to them at any time. In addition, the computers contained our work files, and there are tasks that are half-done and still need to be worked on."

Getting new computers would be much easier, but what about the files inside the computers?

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"This..." Wu Sheng thought about it and said, "Based on what I know, no one who is employed by a company in the country can break into this. Even with my level and Brother Yu's level, we can't break into the first line of defense."

Wu Sheng continued with a bitter smile, "There is a powerful individual in Z Harbor who has to stay there to protect against any attacks. However, he could remotely attack the network system and try to break in that way. However, considering his skills...

"He can probably only break through the first three barriers and will fail to continue after that. And so, I don't think you should take the time to seek him out. I am sure of this because I have competed with him before and we are good friends. Because I know he is better than me, I wanted to try and see how much better he is than me.

"We have each written a software and attacked each other. There were five barriers in his software, and I could only break through the first three. Meanwhile, he was able to break through all five barriers of my security system.

"But right now, with this software on your computers..." Wu Sheng lifted his palms. "I can't even break through the first barrier. Even if he came, you know what would happen."

"Does this mean that all these computers are now useless?" Hou Wu refused to believe it. "We have so many talented people in the country. Since the hacker that attacked us exists, there must be someone who is as powerful as him or even more powerful than him, right?"

"There is," Wu Sheng said.

Yu Mingxin recalled it as well and nodded along. "There are, but very few."

Hou Wu's eyes lit up immediately. "Where?"

"The Mount Lan Compound," Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin said at the same time.

They didn't even have to ask if Hou Wu knew about the Mount Lan Compound.

Who didn't know about the Mount Lan Compound?

Even if they had never been at its base or even looked down from the peak of the Mount Lan Compound, they knew about it.

There was no need for Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin to provide any further explanation as Hou Wu had a better understanding of this.

As long as one could pay the amount, one could hire someone from the Mount Lan Compound.

But this amount was not small at all.

It depended on whether Hou Wu was willing to pay.

Hou Wu pondered. They spent a lot of resources and effort to collect the information, files, pictures, and videos that were in the computers now.

In addition, they had already spent a lot of money.

Not to mention that there were a lot of incomplete tasks stored in the computers.

Their companies' financial information was stored in the computer as well.

It was too important.

They didn't know how much it would cost to hire someone from the Mount Lan Compound.

But Hou Wu thought about it. He gnashed his teeth and made a decision. No matter what, he would try asking first.

Hou Wu had his connections, which was why he was able to get the Mount Lan Compound's contact information.

He was able to find the price through a middleman.

The "Shadow" group of the Mount Lan Compound did work outside and were priced according to their ranking.

The cost to hire an ordinary teammate and the cost to hire an advance teammate were different. Wei Wucai, being one of the three team leaders, were priced at a different rate as well.

As for Fang Boran, the head of the intelligence service, no one knew how much it would cost to hire him.

Because Wei Wucai and the other two team leaders were able to solve whatever tasks were at hand, there was never a need for Fang Boran to do anything.

However, even Hou Wu had no idea how skilled the ordinary teammates of the Mount Lan Compound were.

He then described his situation.

Unexpectedly, the Mount Lan Compound knew about Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng.

Chapter 3233: Too Uncalm

The Mount Lan Compound even knew their level.

Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng listened from the side and were very curious.

"So... do they know where we are placed in the ranking?" Wu Sheng asked from the side.

Yu Mingxin's eyes lit up as well.

The two then stared at Hou Wu, looking very excited.

Hou Wu then asked what the two wanted to ask.

The team member of the Mount Lan Compound, who was in charge of contacting outsiders, chuckled and said, "We charge a fee for that as well. We collect the information and organize the ranking. This is a lot of work.

"However, because we may be working with you on other things, we can give you a discount on the information." The person on the line seemed to be doing some calculations before he said, "Ten thousand per person. This is the lowest price."

Hou Wu then told Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin about it.

Hou Wu definitely wouldn't be the one to pay this.

The member of the Mount Lan Compound seemed to have detected their hesitation and said, "All the IT technicians in the entire world are in this ranking. To be able to do this, it took us a lot of time, experience, people, and resources.

"After all, you should know how difficult it is to assess everyone and collect information on their past achievements and awards when there is such a huge range. If it were that easy, they could just make a ranking for themselves. Why would they need us?"

"What do you think?" Hou Wu asked Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin.

"Never mind," Yu Mingxin said.

Ten thousand was not a small amount to him.

Wu Sheng shook his head as well. "Let it go. I was just curious. It's fine if I don't know."

Hou Wu nodded. He then heard the person on the line said, "Based on what you said, I think I know the person's level. For someone at that level, you can only ask our team leader for help.

"Our team leader will pay you a visit to solve this for you. You won't have to pay a cent if it's not solved. We will determine the pricing based on the difficulty of the task."

"Can you give me an estimate so I can be mentally prepared?" Hou Wu asked.

What if it was too expensive?

The person then said, "If it's our team leader, there's a base price of five hundred thousand. This five hundred thousand is his appearance fee, and we charge you more on top of that depending on the difficulty of the task. You can think about it and see if you are willing to pay.

"We aren't sure of the exact price. What if the task is really difficult and solving it takes a long time? We can't set the price now just in case we undercharge you, right?

Hou Wu felt speechless.

He couldn't help but gasp.

He had blackmailed many celebrities and gotten a lot of money.

There were some that he didn't even need to contact.

Some celebrities would have already known that he had taken pictures and would take the initiative to contact him first to solve this.

Therefore, five hundred thousand was nothing to Hou Wu.

Still, it would hurt.

Most importantly, five hundred thousand was just the base price. He didn't even know how much more money it would cost if the issue was solved.

"This... What if the price ends up being sky-high?" Hou Wu asked.

"Heh! You can go ask around. Although the price at the Mount Lan Compound is high, we are trustworthy. If the Mount Lan Compound were to lie to their customers or ask for a sky-high price, who would hire us? The Mount Lan Compound runs a fair business. If you don't trust us, then seek out someone else."

"Wait!" Hou Wu asked, "Then... could the price be crazily high, such as a few dozen million?"

"No." The person on the phone laughed and said, "We won't ask a lot of money for a small issue like yours."

"If you can't fix it, then five hundred thousand—"

"We won't ask you to pay the five hundred thousand. Just consider this a free visit from our team leader," the person said.

The member of the Mount Lan Compound sounded very confident.

When Hou Wu heard this, he felt like if the Mount Lan Compound were to do this for him, this issue would pretty much be settled.

Hou Wu gnashed his teeth and said, "Sure!"

After all, he had so much information contained in these computers.

"However, you have to be quick. I am in a rush," Hou Wu said. "How soon can this be solved?"

He recalled Wu Sheng saying that this could be solved remotely. The member of the Mount Lan Compound would not need to specifically pay a visit.

The time spent on the road would be worrisome too.

"We will still send someone over to check it out so that we can communicate if any issues pop up," the person said. "Don't worry. We will be there in the afternoon."

A plane ride from T City to B City would take only one and a half hours. It was very fast.

"Of course, you will need to prepare the money. We want the payment right after the issue is solved today," the person said.

Hou Wu thought to himself about how the Mount Lan Compound was so worried about money when they themselves were extremely wealthy.

They reeked of obscene greed for money.

"Alright." Hou Wu nodded.

He hung up the call. Wu Sheng knew that the Mount Lan Compound would be sending someone over today.

Immediately, he didn't feel like going back to work.

He said to Hou Wu, "Erm... Can I also stay here and watch? I want to see how they solve the issue."

"Sure." Hou Wu agreed.

Wu Sheng then gave the company a call back, requesting to take the afternoon off.

Wei Wucai had sent a copy of the files he had gotten from Hou Wu to Yan Zhiqing and Fang Qiaohan, as well as to Mou Danqiong.

Mou Dangiong even rushed to the hotel from the office.

Therefore, at this moment, all four of them had a laptop in front of them.

"Don't stare at the laptop for too long. You rarely get the chance to rest," Wei Wucai said to Yan Zhiqing.

"I have been sleeping for so long. I am no longer tired." Yan Zhiqing rubbed her hands and stared at the laptop screen. "In addition, I am curious as to what is in these files."

She had no intention of using these to blackmail people, but she couldn't help being curious.

This would help her get to know the others in the industry and save herself from any lies.

Wei Wucai stared at her with a helpless expression and eventually stopped insisting.

Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong exchanged glances.

They did that because Wei Wucai looked at Yan Zhiqing with such a pampering and gentle expression.

It was as though Wei Wucai would agree and help her with whatever Yan Zhiqing wanted to do.

"Shall we start, then?" Mou Danqiong asked.

"Let's start." Wei Wucai nodded.

There were so many files transferred.

And so, the four divided up the work and each person checked a portion of the files.

And then, they would just talk about it.

Mou Dangiong had seen a lot more things, not to mention Wei Wucai.

And so, no matter what the two saw, they remained very calm with unchanging facial expressions.

In comparison, Yan Zhiqing and Fang Qiaohan behaved like they had never been out in public before. They were so not calm.

"Oh my god! I can't believe he's someone like that!" Yan Zhiqing said.

"Who? Who?" Fang Qiaohan took her laptop and rushed to Yan Zhiqing's side.

Chapter 3234: A Humanlike Software

"Oh my god!"

The two exclaimed in shock.

But Wei Wucai and Mou Dangiong were not curious at all.

They did not share the joy of gossiping with each other.

In Yan Zhiqing and Fang Qiaohan's opinion, they could only talk to each other.

And so, the two gathered together to read and share the gossip that they read.

"Wow! I thought they were a golden couple!" Fang Qiaohan gasped in shock.

"Oh my god!" Yan Zhiqing shouted in shock.

At this moment, Wei Wucai's phone started ringing.

He took up the phone and saw that it was Yuan Jiangyi.

"Xiao Cai!"

Wei Wucai picked up the call and heard Yuan Jiangyi's happy and excited voice.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

"I have to go on a business trip to B City, so I will come visit you!" Yuan Jiangyi said happily.

Hao Donghuai was beside him as well.

Hao Donghuai had nothing to do of late.

When he heard that Yuan Jiangyi was going on a business trip and visiting Wei Wucai on the way there, he immediately said he wanted to join.

While he was beside Yuan Jiangyi, he started shouting, "Xiao Cai, I will come visit you too!"

His voice was so loud that Wei Wucai had to move his phone a little farther away from his ear.

If it was this bad for Wei Wucai, it was worse for Yuan Jiangyi, who was right next to Hao Donghuai.

Yuan Jiangyi felt as though his ears had gone numb.

Not only were his ears hurting, but he could also hear ringing sounds.

Yuan Jiangyi hastily ran far away and shouted, "Xiao Cai! Xiao Cai, are you there?"

Wei Wucai rolled his eyes and said, "Keep your voice down."

"What?" Yuan Jiangyi's voice became even louder as he answered, "My ears hurt because Hao Zi was so loud. I can't hear now."

Wei Wucai was speechless.

"Then don't talk." Wei Wucai felt helpless.

"Alright, then. I am going with Hao Zi to see you in the afternoon," Yuan Jiangyi shouted.

His voice was so loud that even Yan Zhiqing could hear him clearly while being away from the phone.

"I got it." Wei Wucai didn't even ask Yuan Jiangyi about the assignment.

Being from the Mount Lan Compound, they understood each other very well.

They wouldn't tell each other what they were assigned to do.

Wei Wucai hung up the call. The four then continued checking the files.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai arrived at B City.

It took them only three hours total.

Hou Wuu didn't even expect them to get here so quickly.

When he saw that two people had come, he immediately wondered if this case was worth so much attention from the Mount Lan Compound.

If the two had come together, would he have to pay double the price?

Hou Wu immediately felt his liver aching.

He wondered if this task required more than one person to complete.

Thankfully, Hao Donghuai explained, "I am just here to visit a friend and came by with him. He is the one dealing with your matter. It's none of my business."

Hou Wu let out a sigh of relief.

Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng, who hadn't left, came over hastily.

As a top-notch hacker recognized internationally, Yuan Jiangyi would always use an alias whenever he worked on things. He had never shown his face before.

Therefore, Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng could not recognize him.

They only came to greet Yuan Jiangyi because they wanted to see how this issue would be solved.

"Sure. We can start now," Yuan Jiangyi said. "Let's solve this quickly and leave."

They still needed to visit Wei Wucai.

They hadn't seen him in a long time and missed him a lot.

Hou Wu felt speechless.

This person was in such a rush. Hopefully, his technical skills were as good as how he was behaving.

Whatever the case, Hou Wu hastily led Yuan Jiangyi to the computer.

Yuan Jiangyi immediately started using Yu Mingxin's computer.

Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng stood like guardians on the left and right side of Yuan Jiangyi.

Yuan Jiangyi didn't say anything and just continued typing on the keyboard.

In the beginning, he looked relaxed.

He was even tapping his foot in a frivolous manner.

However, Yuan Jiangyi soon made a confused "eh" sound.

When Hao Donghuai heard this, he immediately approached, pushing Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin away. "Why? Is it difficult?"

"It is a little difficult, but I can solve it," Yuan Jiangyi said.

Hou Wu, who was worried, felt at ease again.

He then heard Yuan Jiangyi say, "This technique seems familiar."

Hao Donghuai started scrutinizing it and said, "You are right. It does look very familiar. It also has this cunning and evil vibe."

Yuan Jiangyi placed his arm on the armrest and rubbed his chin as he said, "The code is written in such a cunning way."

"It's also very shameless." Hao Donghuai nodded.

Hearing this, the people around them didn't even know if they were making comments on the software or the person.

"The software is like the person!" Yuan Jiangyi sighed emotionally.

"Only that dude can do something like this," Hao Donghuai said.

The two seemed to be playing riddles with each other. They both knew who they were talking about, but neither said Wei Wucai's name.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai exchanged glances.

If it was Wei Wucai who had done this, should they still solve this issue for Hou Wu?

"How about... we give him a call and ask?" Hao Donghuai suggested.

"Alright. Let's ask," Yuan Jiangyi said.

Let's ask what happened and how Hou Wu had provoked Wei Wucai.

If Wei Wucai didn't want them to solve this issue, they would just leave and go have fun with him.

The two weren't loud at all, but they weren't exactly avoiding people.

If the two didn't want people to hear them, the others would really not have been able to hear a single thing.

Because the two weren't intentionally keeping their conversation a secret, Hou Wu and the others had heard them clearly.

Hou Wu thought it was weird.

Did the two perhaps know who had done this and were familiar with that person?

"You..." Hou Wu couldn't help but ask, "Do you know who did this?"

Unexpectedly, when Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai heard his question, they both stared at him immediately.

Hou Wu felt speechless.

What... what happened?

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were just curious as to how Hou Wu had provoked Wei Wucai.

To the extent that Wei Wucai personally did this to them.

It wasn't even a task assigned by the Mount Lan Compound.

The Mount Lan Compound had not gotten any assignment to hack Hou Wu's office.

This meant that Wei Wucai had personally made this decision.

It could be his personal affairs.

They knew that Wei Wucai owned a visual effects company.

Although Wei Wucai had one foot in the entertainment industry, he really did not do anything that had something to do with Hou Wu.

And so, Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai really wanted to know what Hou Wu did to provoke Wei Wucai.

How did Hou Wu even make Wei Wucai use such cunning tricks?

Unfortunately, even after they had stared at Hou Wu's face for a long time, they could not interpret anything.

Instead, their stares frightened Hou Wu.

"Let me go ask and verify," Yuan Jiangyi said.

He then went to give Wei Wucai a call.

When Wei Wucai got Yuan Jiangyi's call, he checked the time first.

At this moment, they had yet to finish reading all the files but would soon be done.

Wei Wucai picked up the phone and asked, "Are you done with work?"

"No," Yuan Jiangyi said. He cast a glance at Hou Wu before standing up to continue his phone call in the corner, refusing to let Hou Wu and the others listen to the conversation.

Chapter 3235: He Would Cry Tears of Blood

"Do you know where I am?" Yuan Jiangyi asked.

"..." The corner of Wei Wucai's eye twitched. "How should I know?"

"Have you heard of Hou Wu's office?" Yuan Jiangyi asked.

The moment Wei Wucai heard that, he understood.

"Oh? They've sought out the Mount Lan Compound?" Wei Wucai said with raised eyebrows.

Upon hearing that, Yan Zhiqing and the other two people shifted their attention over to him.

Once Yuan Jiangyi heard Wei Wucai's words, was there a question left that he didn't know about the incident?

He immediately said, "So it really was you that did it?"

"Mm-hm, it was me," Wei Wucai admitted without the slightest hesitation.

Yuan Jiangyi knew it; from the methods used, it was Wei Wucai's handiwork. It seemed like the actions of someone especially black-hearted.

However, Wei Wucai did not know about the parts Yuan Jiangyi had left unsaid, only thinking them.

Despite that, even just that one line that Yuan Jiangyi did say wasn't particularly pleasant to the ears.

"How did Hou Wu provoke you?" Yuan Jiangyi asked nosily.

At some point, unbeknownst to Yuan Jiangyi, Hao Donghuai had run over to his side and pressed an ear against his phone.

This disgusted Yuan Jiangyi greatly.

Who would willingly be pressed so close against a rough old man like Hao Donghuai?

After all, Hao Donghuai wasn't a soft and fragrant young lady.

Hao Donghuai was the size of a bear.

Yuan Jiangyi moved to the side to avoid him, but Hao Donghuai immediately pressed his ear back onto Yuan Jiangyi's phone.

Seeing that Yuan Jiangyi still intended to avoid him, Hao Donghuai immediately threatened, "I just want to hear what Xiao Cai is saying. If you keep avoiding me, I will just hug you."

Yuan Jiangyi almost vomited when he pictured that.

He silently pulled out a pair of wireless Bluetooth earphones from his pocket.

They were really small, the kind that wouldn't be easily noticed by others when they were worn.

He gave one of them to Hao Donghuai and said, "The two of us can wear one each to listen. Move a bit further away from me."

"Since you already had this thing, wouldn't the problem have been solved if you had just taken it out earlier?" Hao Donghuai took the earphone with disdain and stuffed it into his ear.

Did Yuan Jiangyi actually think Hao Donghuai wanted to stick so closely to him?

Yuan Jiangyi also placed the earphone into his ear and then connected the earphones to his phone.

As soon as he did so, they heard Wei Wucai say, "I'll tell you in detail when you come over."

"All right." Yuan Jiangyi nodded. "So should I crack it for them or not?"

"How much money are you asking them to pay?" Wei Wucai said.

"The issue is not too difficult. My call-out fee is 500,000... the add-on is 300,000. I'll ask him if he wants to make it 800,000 as it sounds auspicious," Yuan Jiangyi said.

"..." Wei Wucai said darkly, "You only want 800,000 to crack my software?"

Was his software worth that little?

Yuan Jiangyi rolled his eyes. "The software you designed isn't hard to crack. Aren't you just bullying them for having no standards?"

Fortunately, Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin did not get to hear these words.

Otherwise, wouldn't the two of them weep in the toilets?

After all, one of them was currently the manager of a famous science and technology company's IT department, and the other was his predecessor.

In the end, they were described as people with no standards.

"In my opinion, this was a last-minute thing you made in a short amount of time. A part of the code is very different from yours. It's clearly very rough and is probably the office's original code.

"You made changes in their base code. Because you didn't have much time, you just casually messed with it. It's actually not complicated. It only looks hard. All you did was add a couple of traps and a few turns. I just need to find those traps and solve them."

So, it wasn't that Wei Wucai didn't have a high level of ability.

It was just that he simply hadn't made the software seriously.

He couldn't be bothered wasting time and effort in writing a whole new software just for Hou Wu's office.

However, even though this was a totally simple little toy for Wei Wucai and Yuan Jiangyi, it was very challenging for ordinary programmers.

"It's not complicated. I'll crack it in just a few minutes. I don't think it'd be appropriate for me to ask for so much money." Yuan Jiangyi felt that he was a very honest person.

He made business transactions with integrity and did not cheat either the young or the old!

Fortunately, Hou Wu did not get to hear these words.

Otherwise, Hou Wu would have definitely spat out a mouthful of saliva at him.

If one were to go out and ask around for the market rate, they would know it wasn't that expensive, okay?

Hou Wu had been paying that expert programmer to oversee his office's network all this time, but it had only been 1,000,000 for the latter's annual salary.

Yuan Jiangyi would only be here for a short while, and he wanted to walk away with 800,000.

With 800,000, one could buy a Mercedes-Benz that didn't leak oil!

Wei Wucai rolled his eyes up towards the sky and said, "Why don't you just round it up and take 1,000,000?"

After all, didn't Hou Wu blackmail Yan Zhiqing for 1,000,000?

Wei Wucai would make Hou Wu lose 1,000,000 first before he even got his hands on Yan Zhiqing's 1,000,000.

This meant that Yan Zhiqing's 1,000,000 would actually be going to Yuan Jiangyi, but Wei Wucai didn't really mind.

It didn't matter who it went to as long as Hou Wu would be suffering a loss.

"Sure. A million it is." Who would be unwilling to earn more money?

Yuan Jiangyi nodded. In any case, Hou Wu definitely offended Wei Wucai, so he didn't mind asking for a bit more.

"This means you're letting me crack your software, then?" Yuan Jiangyi asked again.

"Just crack it. To begin with, I already intended for them to crack it. Otherwise, I wouldn't have changed the software to something so easy to crack," Wei Wucai said.

Who knew that that group of people would be so useless that they couldn't even crack such a simple program?

Right from the start, Wei Wucai had never expected that they would not be able to crack it.

After all, he was still waiting to see what their reactions would be after cracking the software and finding their computers had been completely wiped clean.

Since this was his aim, he could not make them a program they couldn't crack, right?

If Hou Wu were to find out about the thoughts in Wei Wucai's mind...

Such a program was considered simple...?

This was a program he'd have to spend 1,000,000 to crack!

Knowing Hou Wu was someone with whom Wei Wucai had beef with, Yuan Jiangyi was in no hurry at all to resolve his problem.

Currently, Yuan Jiangyi had an extremely crafty and fawning appearance.

He even started shaking his leg and then said to Wei Wucai a little puzzledly, "Is it because it's me specifically that came to crack it that you want me to earn more money? Would you not have let them crack it if it were someone else?"

Brothers!

What did it mean to be brothers?!

Their relationship couldn't be judged solely on the way Wei Wucai normally beat them up.

At the crucial moments, genuine brotherly feelings that ran deep was what operated.

Unexpectedly, before Yuan Jiangyi had finished soaking in these emotions...

He heard Wei Wucai say, "The main point is that I wanted to delete everything stored on their computers, not just every kind of file they had. I didn't want to leave them even a single program."

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

"But I can see that they're totally useless. Unexpectedly, they have no way of cracking the program I made without much effort. If you don't crack it for them, how will I see their pained expressions?" Wei Wucai said.

"After you crack it, remember to record their reactions for me to see. I really want to see what their reactions will be when they find that, after spending 1,000,000 and finally cracking the program, there is nothing on their computers and all that is left are empty shells."

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

Hao Donghuai felt speechless.

"Sure," Yuan Jiangyi replied. Then, before taking out the earpiece, he told Hao Donghuai directly, "Hao Zi, when I crack the program later, record a video of my dashing figure from the side."

Chapter 3236: If There's Anything You Want to Say, Calm Down Before Saying It

Wei Wucai was speechless.

Hao Donghuai felt speechless.

"While you're at it, record their reactions when they see the empty computers as well," Yuan Jiangyi finally added.

"Sure," Hao Donghuai said with a nod.

Wei Wucai was surprised that Yuan Jiangyi had made his request the secondary task, but he could not be bothered pointing it out.

"Alright, hurry up and crack the program. I'm going to hang up the call," Wei Wucai said.

After the call ended, Hao Donghuai complained to Yuan Jiangyi in a quiet voice, "It's as I expected. As I said, such a sinister thing had to have been done by Xiao Cai. No one's as awful as him."

Yuan Jiangyi expressed that he totally agreed.

After that, he returned with Hao Donghuai.

Hao Donghuai took out his phone and started recording a video.

As paparazzi, Hou Wu and the others were extremely sensitive toward anything with cameras.

Upon seeing Hao Donghuai take out his phone to record a video, their senses were immediately pricked, and they asked, "What are you taking with your phone?"

Hao Donghuai was unafraid of Hou Wu's questioning though. He replied with total calmness, "I'm recording the program cracking process, of course. We have to record it whenever we do an assignment.

"Furthermore, it's to avoid any misunderstandings from occurring. This will be an important piece of evidence in our possession. Of course, I'm not saying you'll renege on making payment. It's just in case any needless misunderstandings occur. We can avoid unnecessary trouble by recording the whole process from start to finish."

What Hao Donghuai said was reasonable and justified, so Hou Wu did not say anything more.

Of course, they wouldn't renege on making payment.

Who would dare do that to the Mount Lan Compound?

So they just watched Yuan Jiangyi input commands into a computer with an extremely fast typing speed.

Moreover, Yuan Jiangyi was unafraid of having Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin watch him from the side.

It's just that the two people couldn't pick up any of his methods even though they were watching him.

This was because Yuan Jiangyi's typing speed was almost inhumanly fast.

Dense strings of characters appeared on the computer screen like lines of ants.

Before the two people could even finish reading them...

Those lines of characters had already climbed up swiftly.

They disappeared in just a few seconds.

Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin stared at the screen until their eyes stung, but they still couldn't figure out anything.

They thought this had to be the difference between them and a programming expert.

Otherwise, why was it that Yuan Jiangyi could instantly crack the program they were unable to?

Yuan Jiangyi worked for just a while longer. Then, he leaned back and lifted his hands off the keyboard. "All done."

Just as he finished speaking...

The normal desktop screen indeed reappeared on the screens of the office's computers.

Everyone in the office, including Hou Wu, felt so moved that they wanted to burst into tears.

After a busy afternoon, the matter was finally resolved.

They could now work normally again.

Everyone almost cried tears of joy.

"Hang on, something's not right." Someone was looking at a computer screen.

The wallpaper on the desktop was the same as before, but that person kept feeling like there was just something different about it.

After staring at it for a long while, they finally realized what was different.

All of the softwares' icons had disappeared!

Hearing that person's words, everyone else went to look simultaneously.

Then they heard him say, "What happened to all the software icons on our desktops?"

Of course, Yuan Jiangyi knew where all the icons had gone.

They weren't just gone from the desktop; the softwares were completely gone from their computers!

Yuan Jiangyi played dumb and put on a puzzled expression. He stood up and said in bewilderment, "I don't know! I didn't do anything. I just cracked the program so that you can use the computers normally. I didn't touch a single thing that was in the computers."

Yuan Jiangyi even raised both hands up to the sides of his face, expressing that he was innocent.

"If you don't believe me, you can ask those two." Yuan Jiangyi pointed at Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin.

Hou Wu looked at Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin.

He saw the two men nod.

"Indeed, we saw all the commands he'd input earlier. Furthermore, it's impossible to delete all these things just like that. It's not possible to completely wipe out the computers in such a short amount of time," Yu Mingxin said.

"Moreover, he was just forcefully taking back the administrative rights. It's only possible to delete these things after regaining them, so there simply wouldn't have been enough time," Wu Sheng added.

"The only possibility is that it was the person who was attacking us. At that time, he had all of the administrative rights. Additionally, we had no way of taking back the administrative rights for that whole period of time."

"The materials. All our materials and files. Look, quickly. They're all gone!" Hou Wu yelled hastily as his expression turned sour.

"Hang on," Yuan Jiangyi said. "Regardless of what's happened to your files, that's your problem. You need to settle the bill first. I've cracked the program for you."

Hou Wu was currently extremely anxious, but he still did not dare to offend the Mount Lan Compound.

Furthermore, Hao Donghuai was currently filming this.

Hou Wu couldn't help but suspect that the two of them had long since known things would play out like this, so they started recording a video earlier.

Nevertheless, Hou Wu simply transferred the money to Yuan Jiangyi.

Just as he made the transfer, he heard Yu Mingxin say, "There's nothing. There's nothing at all in the computer. It's been completely wiped clean."

Hou Wu staggered and rushed over to that particular computer.

"Quick, everyone, look at your computer and see if this is also the case!" Hou Wu said.

There were different materials in everyone's computer.

Perhaps there was a computer that managed to get through the net.

One by one, everyone returned to their computer hurriedly and looked at it.

The result was that everyone shook their heads with a grave expression.

"There's nothing on mine either."

"There's nothing on my computer."

"There's nothing at all."

Hou Wu got so angry that his complexion became ashen.

"Should I be thankful that he at least left us with a Windows operating system? That he didn't let us return straight back to a Dos operating system?" Hou Wu said furiously.

Yuan Jiangyi thought, "That's because Wei Wucai wants to see your wonderful expressions."

Otherwise, he wouldn't have left them with even a Dos operating system. He would just have given their computers blue screens!

"Haha, we're done with our assignment here, so we'll be leaving now." Yuan Jiangyi waved his hand. "You don't need to see us off."

Going by those words, it seemed that he was feeling a lot better.

Earlier, Hou Wu had coughed up some blood in silence, but now, all of their files were gone.

He was currently feeling terribly bad. Who would be in the mood to send Yuan Jiangyi off?!

Hou Wu didn't even feel like giving the latter a reply.

It was only after Yuan Jiangyi had lifted his leg and was about to step outside that Hou Wu suddenly took action.

With a sudden large stride, he rushed over to Yuan Jiangyi's side and grabbed his arm.

"Wait, wait!" Hou called out urgently.

"What is it?" Yuan Jiangyi got a fright. "If there's anything you want to say, calm down before saying it. Let go first. What's a grown man like you hugging me for?"

Hou Wu felt speechless.

Who was hugging him?!

Hou Wu was just grabbing Yuan Jiangyi's arm!

The corner of Hou Wu's eye twitched as he released his grip. He said, "Don't go yet. Can you see if you can help us retrieve the files? I'll pay you whatever you want! Those materials are very important to us."

All the hard work they had put in for so many years had gone to waste.

They wouldn't be able to make up for the financial losses they suffered.

They had agreements with some celebrities for some of the information they had.

They had accepted money in exchange for not publishing the information.

However, they had still kept the materials anyway.

Chapter 3237: Of Course I Am On Top of Him

Who knows when they might have a use for the materials?

It took them days and months to accumulate all those materials.

All of the materials were their wealth.

They were worth more than tens of millions.

In fact, it would be an understatement to say that they were worth hundreds of millions.

If Yuan Jiangyi could really get all those materials back, Hou Wu would be willing to pay any amount of money.

No matter how expensive it was, the payment couldn't possibly be over a hundred million.

In addition, it took them so much effort and time to save up all those materials.

Those materials represented more than just wealth.

They represented their effort, blood, sweat, and tears.

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Thankfully, Wei Wucai did not know what Hou Wu thought about those materials.

If he did, Wei Wucai would have made Hou Wu, who had just swallowed his blood and tears, to cry and bleed again.

Yuan Jiangyi looked very innocent as he said, "But he deleted everything. I can't just make them appear out of thin air."

He smiled helplessly. "There is nothing in the computer. It is completely empty. How can I access them? I am not a God. I can't just make things out of nothing."

Hou Wu felt speechless.

"But... could they be in some hidden place in the computer?" Hou Wu was computer illiterate.

"No. The hacker wiped everything clean. How can I find it when there isn't even a missing piece?" Yuan Jiangyi said.

"How about... are you able to hack into his computer?" Hou Wu thought of another solution. "Since he can hack our computers, you should be able to break into the hacker's computer as well. You can find the files again after you break into the hacker's computer."

That would work out, wouldn't it?

Yuan Jiangyi rolled his eyes, not bothering to hide it at all. He then said to Hou Wu, "Let me explain it to you.

"Firstly, are you sure that your files are in his computer? It will take time to transfer files, and it's very troublesome too. He might have just deleted all the files in your computer and probably didn't bother to transfer all the files.

"But alright, let's just say that he did transfer your files to his computer. We'll have another issue. I don't know who he is and I cannot find his IP address. How am I going to hack his computer? Should I just blindly hack someone or rely on my imagination?"

Hou Wu, the computer illiterate, said with a frown, "He must have left some traces when he hacked our computer, right?"

"Hehe." Yuan Jiangyi chuckled and said, "Both of the programmers you hired were unable to crack the software he left behind. You had no choice but to ask me for help. You are aware that he is someone at a very high level. Do you think someone with such a high standard would leave any hints for you?

"In addition, hackers have fake IP addresses. They use multiple locations as their IP address. Even if we tried our best to search him up, we might only end up finding an IP address located in a remote area overseas, and that might not be his actual IP address.

"Furthermore, when I was trying to solve the issue, I did a thorough check and noticed that he did a very clean job. Before he exited the system, he wiped all traces of him clean. Thus, I can't find anything."

"However, you know who he is." Hou Wu reacted very quickly.

Yuan Jiangyi had made a phone call to verify it earlier.

"I do know, but I only know his code name. Did your colleague not explain to you how hackers do things?" Yuan Jiangyi said.

Hou Wu stopped talking.

Yu Mingxin did explain it to him.

"I called someone to verify if it was him and received confirmation," Yuan Jiangyi said. "However, I did not actually talk to that person. I don't know his name, age, where he is from, where he is currently located, and any other information about him."

Hou Wu narrowed his eyes as he asked, "I thought the Mount Lan Compound knew everything."

He had a feeling that Yuan Jiangyi knew who the person was and had even collaborated with that person.

Yuan Jiangyi sneered and said, "We could help investigate it for you. However, an investigation assignment is not priced cheaply. Are you sure you want to investigate?"

Hou Wu felt speechless.

If he couldn't get those materials back, he would most likely go bankrupt.

Where could he get the money for this investigation!

Even if he managed to find the hacker's identity, so what?

With the hacker's technical skills, revenge would only take minutes for him.

Yuan Jiangyi sneered and said, "Alright. Whatever happens now is the office's business. It is no longer our responsibility."

Yuan Jiangyi immediately left with Hao Donghuai, refusing to give Hou Wu any more chance of pestering him.

In the office, Hou Wu stared at the computers that had the same functions as bricks. He suddenly felt so sad and utterly dispirited.

The years of hard work!

All gone now!

Hou Wu could not even describe his feelings right now.

His mind went numb.

And so, he didn't see Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng chasing after Yuan Jiangyi.

Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng hastily called Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

"What else do you need?" Yuan Jiangyi stopped and turned to look at them.

"Erm... We just wanted to know..." Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng exchanged glances. Yu Mingxin then said, "Are you on a higher level or lower level than the person who hacked our computer today? How much better or inferior are you in comparison to the hacker today?"

When Yuan Jiangyi heard this, he felt delighted as he lifted his chin up and said without feeling any shame, "Of course I am on top of him."

He wanted to take advantage of Wei Wucai by just saying certain things.

Wei Wucai wasn't here anyway, so he could really say whatever he wanted.

And so, Yuan Jiangyi said shamelessly, "Didn't you see how quickly I cracked his software? It was not hard at all. The barriers that he created were like air to me. That means his level is much lower than mine."

However, this made a lot of sense to Yu Mingxin and Wu Sheng.

After all, Yuan Jiangyi did crack the hacker's codes within a short time without encountering any difficulties.

They hadn't been able to crack the codes at all. To them, that hacker was like a god.

But Yuan Jiangyi had cracked the software left by God within a short time. It was like entering into no man's land.

It was just as Yuan Jiangyi had said. Yuan Jiangyi was indeed much more skilled than the hacker.

Yuan Jiangyi was like Zeus!

Immediately, Wu Sheng and Yu Mingxin stared at Yuan Jiangyi like they were looking up at the most superior god.

Yuan Jiangyi laughed proudly and left energetically with Hao Donghuai.

As for Wei Wucai and the others, they had reviewed almost all the gossip that Hou Wu's office had collected.

There were some that they couldn't bother to review.

After reading so much gossip, they felt themselves dealing with sensory overload.

Yan Zhiqing experienced a reset of her worldview as she felt as though none in the entertainment industry were actually good.

But Yan Zhiqing knew this wasn't true. There were still good people in the industry.

So she shouldn't generalize.

But now, she really didn't dare to read any more.

She felt her eyes and brain hurting.

Chapter 3238: To Meet a Man with So Many Tricks and Schemes

Yan Zhiqing decided to rest for a few days to calm herself down before she continued reviewing.

Wei Wucai did this for a living and was used to collecting information for the Mount Lan Compound.

Therefore, he had even checked some of the materials twice.

He had copied all of the information and moved them into the Mount Lan Compound's network system.

Regardless of whether these materials could be used, it would be good to expand the intelligence network at the Mount Lan Compound.

Yan Zhiqing placed the computer at the side and leaned back on the couch. She then closed her eyes.

She wanted to rub her eyes, but Wei Wucai stopped her.

"Don't rub your eyes." Wei Wucai frowned and said, "Don't you have eye drops?"

She did have it, but she also felt too lazy to move.

Yan Zhiqing was just about to answer when Wei Wucai said, "That's why I said that it would be more convenient if you stayed in my room. I have everything you need there, and I can also take care of you. You can lie in bed and do nothing."

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Mou Danqiong was speechless.

Fang Qiaohan was speechless.

The two had a change in expression.

They didn't know if they were shocked by how Wei Wucai was still shamelessly trying to trick Yan Zhiqing into his room right now.

Or if they were shocked by what he said.

What did he mean when he said that Yan Zhiqing could lie on the bed and do nothing?

Why did that sound so wrong?

What did they... do on the bed?

Mou Danqiong secretly sent Fang Qiaohan a WeChat message. "Are they together? Is there anything you did not get the chance to tell me?"

Mou Danqiong knew that Yan Zhiqing had spent the night at Wei Wucai's room.

After all, her pictures had been taken and had been used as blackmailing material by Hou Wu's office.

Mou Dangiong had no idea what the two had done in the room.

Of course, she was old enough to guess what had happened.

However, Fang Qiaohan told her that Yan Zhiqing had a fever, which meant that the two couldn't have done anything.

Wei Wucai couldn't possibly do anything when Yan Zhiqing was still having a fever, right?

So, Mou Dangiong thought that the two might have just innocently slept a night together.

But now, listening to the way Wei Wucai had said things, Mou Danqiong no longer knew what had happened.

This was also because Mou Danqiong hadn't been on the set.

She didn't know Wei Wucai well.

But Fang Qiaohan had been with Yan Zhiqing. As someone who had personally witnessed the way Wei Wucai did things, Fang Qiaohan knew Wei Wucai well.

The corner of Fang Qiaohan's eyes twitched as she didn't know how to explain it.

Occasionally, she thought that Wei Wucai was very strange.

"Erm... Elder Sister Mou, you can think of this as him intentionally saying things to make people misunderstand his relationship with Zhiqing..." Fang Qiaohan thought about it and realized that she was not exactly accurate. "Actually, it's not exactly a misunderstanding. He just likes to take things a little bit quicker than it is supposed to go.

"For example, when the two aren't together, he would do things that would make people think that there was something going on between them. Once there is actually something going on between the two, people would think that they were already together long ago. He is just fooling others into thinking that their relationship is one step ahead of where it actually is."

Fang Qiaohan reflected on the past and thought that this explanation was more accurate.

As expected, Mou Dangiong understood.

The corner of her mouth twitched.

She silently mourned for Yan Zhiqing.

She felt sad for Yan Zhiqing meeting Wei Wucai, a man with so many tricks and schemes.

Even if there were ten Yan Zhiqings, they would be no match against Wei Wucai.

In Mou Danqiong's opinion, Yan Zhiqing should just obediently give in to Wei Wucai.

Why bother struggling when you have encountered such a cunning man?

Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong were whispering to each other.

Yan Zhiqing didn't know what the two were talking about. She couldn't hear them clearly.

She just knew that they were gossiping about her and Wei Wucai.

Yan Zhiqing started blushing a little.

Wei Wucai was different from Yan Zhiqing.

He had sharp ears.

He heard what Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong said very clearly.

However, he didn't care about Fang Qiaohan's comments at all

Why should he care about his reputation when it concerned things like courting his own wife!

Did having shame guarantee that he would get a wife?

If he cared, he would lose.

Yan Zhiqing thought about what Wei Wucai had said and responded with a stiff expression, "I have eye drops."

Normally, because she often had to film for a long time and needed to read her scripts, her eyes would often feel tired and sore.

Therefore, eye drops were necessary.

"I'm just too lazy to grab it," Yan Zhiqing said lazily.

"I know where it is." Before Wei Wucai said anything, Fang Qiaohan stood up.

With much familiarity, she opened the drawer and located Yan Zhiqing's eye drops. She then handed it over.

Yan Zhiqing raised her hand and was about to grab it when Wei Wucai took it away.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

Fang Qiaohan was speechless.

What's the matter?

Yan Zhiqing turned and looked at Wei Wucai with a puzzled expression.

She saw Wei Wucai wave at her while saying, "Come lie down. I will administer the drops for you."

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

What was he talking about in front of Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong!

Both of them were still here. How could she lie down and let him put in eye drops for her?

Of course, even if... even if Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong weren't here, she couldn't allow herself to do this.

"I will just do it myself." Yan Zhiqing held her palm out, hoping that Wei Wucai would place the eye drops in her hand.

At the same time, she shuddered as she glanced over at his legs.

She pictured herself lying on his leg and allowing him to administer her eye drops.

The picture of them together looked so intimate that Yan Zhiqing felt too embarrassed to even continue thinking about this.

Because her mind had wandered off, her eyes lost focus, and she had no idea where she was looking.

But at this moment, from Wei Wucai's point of view, Yan Zhiqing was looking at his thighs.

Maybe she was looking at his thighs or the area below his waist.

Wei Wucai couldn't help but blush. He wondered about what absurd thoughts Yan Zhiqing might be having!

However, because of this, he felt bad about making Yan Zhiqing lie on his thighs.

He hadn't thought this through, but he could not help but allow his mind to wander freely when he felt Yan Zhiqing staring.

The moment he started thinking about this, it became hard to keep calm.

If Yan Zhiqing actually leaned over and he couldn't help feeling aroused, that would be embarrassing.

Wei Wucai gave a dry cough and said, "Little girl, what nonsense are you thinking!"

He looked like he represented justice and behaved like he had not thought of any nonsense.

"Look up and I will administer the drop," Wei Wucai said.

Yan Zhiqing wanted to say that she could do a very good job by herself.

But Wei Wucai insisted.

There was nearly an awkward pause.

Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong were still there.

Yan Zhiqing felt embarrassed.

But obviously, Wei Wucai didn't feel any embarrassment.

Yan Zhiqing had no choice but to admit defeat.

She gave up and leaned back on the couch.

Wei Wucai then straightened his back and leaned forward.

Wei Wucai's face immediately appeared above Yan Zhiqing's face.

Chapter 3239: No One Peeked

While one was on top of the other, they stared at each other. Yan Zhiqing stopped breathing.

She couldn't help but hold her breath as she distinctly felt Wei Wucai breathing on her face.

Yan Zhiqing's face started burning up. She had no idea if this shyness was showing on her face.

She felt embarrassed to look Wei Wucai in the eye.

She couldn't help looking to the side.

Wei Wucai sighed secretly.

She was so well-behaved and was not moving at all.

If only Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong weren't here. Seeing her this way, he really wanted to kiss her.

At this moment, Yan Zhiqing looked very well-behaved and cute.

Wei Wucai couldn't help but actually sigh out loud.

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However, Yan Zhiqing was the only one who could hear this sigh.

Although Wei Wucai said nothing, Yan Zhiqing knew why he had sighed.

At this moment, her face was so red.

Immediately, she felt his fingers opening her eye, forcing her to look at his face.

With some force, Wei Wucai squeezed the eye drop three times.

The drops dripped into Yan Zhiqing's eye.

He waited a while to prevent the liquid from coming out of the eye. Eventually, her eye was completely lubricated.

He moved to the other eye and repeated the whole process.

He then let her go.

At this moment, Wei Wucai thought that Fang Qiaohan and Mou Dangiong were really a hindrance here.

Mou Danqiong watched as Wei Wucai sat down, ignoring the regret on his face and the obvious dislike he showed towards her and Fang Qiaohan.

She said to Wei Wucai, "Can you send me all the files?"

When Mou Danqiong saw that Wei Wucai had stopped looking at her like she was a stranger, she felt the corner of her mouth twitching. She wondered if she should thank Wei Wucai for still showing her some respect.

When Mou Danqiong saw him looking over, she explained, "There should be no negative news coverage on Zhiqing, but there are still people trying to slander her. Although Zhiqing is supported by the Yan Family, there are still some people who secretly slander her. Things like this happen often.

"If not, there wouldn't be so many netizens saying that Zhiqing achieved the success she has today by relying on the Yan Family, ignoring all the effort she had invested and all her skills.

"We can't deny that there are some people who really think this way. However, there are more and more people thinking this way, so there must be someone influencing such thoughts. Someone must secretly be stirring up shit.

"In addition, there are many people like Lu Xiuse who'd risk it all. There'll always be someone who hopes to rely on luck and will do things secretly. They think that even if they were to be suspected, there would be no evidence to prove anything.

"Therefore, I wanted to hold on to these materials. If someone dares to make Zhiqing's life difficult, I will just slam her dirt onto her face and see if she dares to do anything else."

Wei Wucai nodded. He had shown them everything anyway.

He then replied, "Sure."

Not long after he said this, Wei Wucai got another phone call from Yuan Jiangyi.

Wei Wucai guessed that they had completed the work for Hou Wu's office and had most likely arrived.

It was just as expected. When he picked up the phone, Yuan Jiangyi said, "Xiao Cai, we are at the hotel. We just booked our rooms and we will come see you after we put our luggage away. Which room are you in?"

Yuan Jiangyi had not asked Wei Wucai to share his location.

It was just too easy to find it.

They knew that Wei Wucai was doing visual effects editing work for Wu Mosen's production crew.

The location of Wu Mosen's film set was not a secret.

As for the hotel that Wei Wucai was staying in, this was not even something the Mount Lan Compound needed to investigate.

And so, they came over without asking Wei Wucai for his address.

"Wait a minute," Wei Wucai said. He turned and asked Yan Zhiqing, "Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai are here."

Last night, when he was taking care of Yan Zhiqing, he was asked to talk about his life at the Mount Lan Compound.

Although Yan Zhiqing had never seen Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai, she had heard about them from Wei Wucai many times.

Her feelings towards the two were quite strange.

She had never met them before, nor did she know them, but they were oddly familiar.

This must be... similar to meeting a virtual friend.

Based on what Wei Wucai had said, she knew that he had a very good relationship with both Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

She also knew that before Wei Wucai had become an actual member of the Mount Lan Compound, it was all thanks to Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi that he was able to push through the suffering.

The three had supported each other through hard times. They encouraged each other when one could not hold on anymore.

They encouraged each other and relied on each other.

Because they kept each other company, they weren't lonely and were able to grasp the strength to push through during every hardship.

In Yan Zhiqing's opinion, it was thanks to those two that Wei Wucai had not been lonely.

Thankfully, those two didn't care about how good Wei Wucai was at insulting people.

They didn't care about Wei Wucai's awkward temper.

Even if they fought, their relationship was not affected.

They continued supporting each other to this day.

Yan Zhiqing was very thankful for them.

Because of them, Wei Wucai was never lonely.

Wei Wucai had always been very strong, and he had always pushed through his hardships.

Even without them, Wei Wucai would have still pushed through.

But because they had been there, Wei Wucai's journey had been much easier and not as lonely.

Because of this, Yan Zhiqing was very thankful towards Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai. She wanted to get to know them.

While Yan Zhiqing was thinking about this, she suddenly froze.

Something didn't seem right.

She finally realized it. Why would she be thanking Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai?

Wei... Wei Wucai and she were not officially together.

Why was she linking herself with Wei Wucai like this?

Yan Zhiqing looked to the side.

Fortunately, she didn't say what she was thinking about.

If Wei Wucai found out, how could she continue looking him in the eye?

If he knew that she had already approved of him becoming her boyfriend...

He would be so proud.

Her rejection earlier would make her seem like a hypocrite!

Yan Zhiqing secretly glanced over at Wei Wucai.

Wei Wucai raised his brow. He had no idea what Yan Zhiqing was thinking.

But he noticed that she was secretly looking at him.

Wei Wucai thought to himself, he was right in front of her.

Why couldn't she just look at him?

She was looking at him secretly instead.

Wei Wucai, keeping in mind that Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan were still here, did not do anything that crossed the line.

And so, he whispered, "If you want to look at me, you can just look. Do you have to peek?"

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

No... no one peeked!

Yan Zhiqing refused to admit it!

"Hello!"

Yuan Jiangyi's loud voice sounded from Wei Wucai's phone.

Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing were stunned and both looked down at the phone on Wei Wucai's hand.

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They heard Yuan Jiangyi's thunderous voice coming through. "Xiao Cai, is there a girl beside you? Did you secretly find yourself a girlfriend while we're not around?"

This time, Hao Donghuai was not actually sharing a pair of wireless earphones with Yuan Jiangyi.

Thus, he could not hear the sounds from Wei Wucai's end.

Moreover, Wei Wucai had spoken very softly to Yan Zhiqing.

Yuan Jiangyi had just barely managed to hear Wei Wucai speak.

However, Hao Donghuai could hear Yuan Jiangyi speak.

He wasn't the only one who heard Yuan Jiangyi's thunderous voice though.

Everyone in the hotel lobby heard it.

Fortunately, Yuan Jiangyi didn't know that the person beside Wei Wucai was Yan Zhiqing, so he didn't yell out her name.

Otherwise, it would have been disastrous.

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When Hao Donghuai heard Yuan Jiangyi's words, he immediately yelled as well, "Xiao Cai, you've been out for only a short period of time, yet you've already found yourself a girlfriend? How inhumane! Didn't we promise to stay single together?"

Yuan Jiangyi followed up with another yell. "Did you forget that you were still talking to the two of us on the phone? You actually started whispering to your girl and forgot all about us!"

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

The voices of these two people were really loud.

Even Fang Qiaohan and Mou Danqiong heard them.

The two people looked at Yan Zhiqing with suggestive smiles.

Even if Yan Zhiqing had denied being in a relationship with Wei Wucai... this conversation made it seem like she was just too shy to admit it.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

Wei Wucai had a dark expression as he pressed the phone back to his ear. "Weren't the two of you still checking into the hotel?"

"Yeah." Yuan Jiangyi nodded. "Xiao Cai, you're finally paying attention to us!"

"..." The corner of Wei Wucai's mouth twitched. "So you're currently in the hotel lobby?"

"Yup." Yuan Jiangyi nodded.

Wei Wucai said past gnashing teeth, "Then why are you yelling with such loud voices? Are you afraid that the other people there won't know what you're saying?"

"Aiyo, we merely called out your nickname. We didn't call out Xiao Qingqing's name. No one will know," Yuan Jiangyi said.

So it turned out that he and Hao Donghuai had long known that the person beside Wei Wucai was Yan Zhiqing.

How could they not?

The two of them used the Internet too.

In the past, Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing had had a sex scandal online.

As Wei Wucai's close comrades, Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai undoubtedly understood him better than the netizens.

Wei Wucai was a guy who would speak bluntly to a woman regardless of how beautiful they were, and thus, he was once thought of as someone who would forever be alone.

According to the previously rumored sex scandal...

The first incident was when Wei Wucai went down with Yan Zhiqing to pick up a home delivery meal.

At the time, Yuan Jiangyi had even said this to Hao Donghuai:

Wei Wucai, with his horrible temper, had actually gone with a girl to pick up a meal?

He absolutely wasn't such a considerate person.

Wei Wucai definitely had ulterior motives towards the girl.

The second incident was when Wei Wucai emerged from Yan Zhiqing's room late at night.

With this, Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were completely certain.

Wei Wucai had intentions towards Yan Zhiqing.

Moreover, they were really major intentions!

Otherwise, why would he be emerging from a young lady's room late at night?

This was something Wei Wucai had never done before in his 30 years of life!

They couldn't hear Wei Wucai very clearly through the phone earlier, but it sounded like he was speaking to someone beside him.

That voice was very soft and gentle. He was seemingly afraid that he would frighten the person he was talking to.

This was the first time this had ever occurred in his 30 years of life.

They didn't even need to think about it; they knew who Wei Wucai was talking to.

It was impossible for it to be any other woman except for Yan Zhiqing.

Otherwise, if Wei Wucai had known how to treat ladies this gently and lovingly, would he have stayed single until now?

The girls that Wei Wucai's family had introduced to him in the past were all driven away by his poisonous mouth.

Who knows how many girls were stabbing a voodoo doll of him behind his back?

It had to be said that the fact that Wei Wucai had been able to be very healthy even until now was a scientific victory.

So, Yuan Jiangyi had never doubted it at all.

The person beside Wei Wucai right now was definitely Yan Zhiqing!

Yuan Jiangyi was very excited!

He would soon be able to see the girl Wei Wucai liked.

He really wanted to know what this girl, who was able to make an eternal bachelor fall for her like a blooming iron tree, was like.

Of course, he knew what Yan Zhiqing looked like.

What he was curious about were the hidden attributes of her personality!

When Wei Wucai heard Yuan Jiangyi refer to Yan Zhiqing in such a cutesy way,

"Xiao Qingqing," his expression immediately darkened.

He hadn't even called her in such a way yet!

"Who are you calling Xiao Qingqing?!" Wei Wucai said angrily.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

That wasn't referring to her, was it?

This name...

Please forgive her for being unable to accept it!

Yuan Jiangyi laughed and said, "Isn't it just a code name? Wouldn't it be bad if I were to call out her full name and let others hear it?"

Wei Wucai scoffed.

He wouldn't mind if others heard it.

In fact, the more people heard it, the better it would be.

"Go to my room," Wei Wucai said, then told Yuan Jiangyi his room number.

"Never mind that!" Yuan Jiangyi said immediately. "You and Xiao—"

Before Yuan Jiangyi could finish talking, he was cut off by the sound of Wei Wucai gritting his teeth. "Try calling her that once more if you dare."

"..." Yuan Jiangyi said hurriedly, "Okay, okay, okay, I won't call her that anymore."

He continued, "You're with Xiao Yan..."

Wei Wucai was speechless.

Yuan Jiangyi was truly impressive. Why was it that whatever form of address he used, it sounded wrong coming out of his mouth?

"Since the two of you are together, we'll just go find you. Then we can get to know each other," Yuan Jiangyi said.

He and Hao Donghuai were truly extremely curious about Yan Zhiqing.

Wei Wucai thought about it. Since they were going to have to meet sooner or later...

And Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai had already come over...

Moreover, considering their temperaments, they definitely wouldn't give up until they met Yan Zhiqing.

They might even seize the opportunity to seek out Yan Zhiqing when he wasn't paying attention.

In that case, it would be better if they met while he was present. That way, he would be a little more at ease...

Lest Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai fed drivel to Yan Zhiqing.

Consequently, Wei Wucai told Yuan Jiangyi, "Wait a moment."

Upon hearing that, Yuan Jiangyi said, "This time, don't forget that you're still on the line with us! You had me wait for a moment, but in the end, I just waited and waited while you chatted with your girl."

Wei Wucai was speechless.

This was what Yuan Jiangyi was like, yet he was worried about Wei Wucai being single?

From Wei Wucai's point of view, it would also be very difficult for Yuan Jiangyi to find a partner.

However, Wei Wucai did indeed remember this time. He didn't chat with Yan Zhiqing until he forgot about Yuan Jiangyi.

Wei Wucai told Yan Zhiqing, "Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai have come over. Is it okay if I have them come to your room?"

After all, this was a woman's room.

It wasn't a good idea for Yan Zhiqing to casually let two rough men she didn't know into her room.

However, Yan Zhiqing didn't think too much about it.

Her disposition was that of a carefree person. Sometimes, she was even like a man and did not bother about such trifles.

Thus, Yan Zhiqing didn't feel there was anything untoward about this.

Moreover, after hearing what Wei Wucai had said last night, she truly quite wanted to get to know Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.