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Chapter 341: The Top Scorer of the Independent Enrollment Exam and the Top Scorer of the College Entrance Examination Opposing Each Other

Zi Yi originally planned to report to the Archaeology Department. However, when she walked into the auditorium, she had been called by a Director who had been waiting for her in advance.

"Little Zi, come with me."

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling looked at each other and Dou Xiangling said, "Go ahead, I'll head over to the School of Fine Arts."

Thus, Zi Yi followed the Director.

While they walked, the Director said, "Student Zi, your speech is placed fifth, and before you are all the Directors who will be giving their speeches. After they're done, you'll go up. Have you prepared your speech draft?

Zi Yi responded with a yes. In actual fact, she did not even have a speech draft prepared.

However, she still asked, "I thought previously it was planned that the person who would be giving the speech first would be the top scorer for the entrance examination?"

The Director smiled and answered, "We had a meeting about this and felt that it's better for you to have your speech first. Moreover, isn't it the same in who goes first and who goes later?"

What the Director did not say was, Zi Yi had a beautiful appearance and was also smart. The school planned to focus their attention on her and so, what they wanted to do was to make her famous in one shot.

Zi Yi followed the Director to the podium below, where many of the other school leaders were seated. When everyone looked at Zi Yi, all of them had smiles on their faces.

After Zi Yi greeted them one by one, she sat down on a seat reserved for her.

Yang Wenhao who was sitting beside her, while holding onto his speech draft felt uncomfortable deep down when he saw Zi Yi sitting next to a Director. They were both freshmen who were about to make their speech later on stage, but why was their treatment so different?

He then deliberately asked his school's Director, "Director Wang, who is she?"

"She's Student Zi Yi, the top scorer of the independent enrollment examination." Director Wang looked towards her and sighed. "She's really amazing. Ever since the founding of the university, she is the only one who has scored full marks in the independent enrollment exams."

Yang Wenhao felt even more uncomfortable deep down, but he did not reveal it. As the top scorer of the national college entrance examination, Yang Wenhao felt that he was not any worse than Zi Yi. Due to his competitive nature, he decided to give a good speech later on to leave a deep impression on the various leaders.

At 9:30 a.m, the opening ceremony officially kicked off.

The directors first went up to give a speech.

After a few directors finished their speeches, the host stepped up on stage and said, "Next will be our freshmen representatives giving a speech. Student Zi Yi, the top scorer of M.Uni's independent enrollment examination, please take the stage."

The moment the host mentioned her name, quite a huge commotion happened inside the auditorium.

"To think the first one who is going on the stage is her. I thought it would be the top scorer of the college entrance examination."

"Isn't this unfair? Clearly, there were only a few people who took the independent enrollment examination, so why would it be her who goes on the stage first?"

"The independent enrollment examination isn't as hard as the college entrance examination. On what basis is she the one who makes the speech first?"

"Could it be that it's just because she has a pretty face?"

In the midst of the commotion, Zi Yi walked up onto the stage.

When she stood in the middle behind the podium, the commotion abruptly stopped.

Zi Yi wore a simple short-sleeved mint green sweater and ankle length pants, while half of her long hair was tied up into a bun.

Her young and beautiful appearance had basically dazzled everyone's eyes.

Zi Yi started her speech.

She did not have a drafted speech in her hand, nor did she follow the usual pattern of giving all sorts of thanks and making vows.

Yang Wenhao who was standing below was even more irritated.

"This trying to gain notoriety by making shocking statements? How could she make such a speech!"

Director Wang who was standing beside him heard what he said. "I think that Student Zi's speech is pretty good?"

Yang Wenhao could no longer maintain his expression when he heard what Director Wang said and his expression sank.

He looked at his well-prepared speech draft and clenched his fists, which had nearly crumpled it.

He was not only the one who felt unhappy deep down. Zi Xuan, who was seated among the students, also felt extremely terrible.

She could feel that her head was buzzing.

"How is that possible! How could she be the top scorer of the independent enrollment examination? She's clearly an idiot who only knows how to eat, play and fool around. She is incapable of doing anything!"

Zi Xuan felt that she was dreaming. Clearly that Zi Yi had always embarrassed her and after every exam, other people would point fingers and say: "Look, they're clearly sisters, and she is on the ranking board whereas Zi Yi is an idiot who's at the bottom of the rankings as usual."

Due to this, she always wished that they were not blood-related as she could not accept such embarrassment.

However, today and right now, the person she had always been embarrassed of, had become the student representative.

Something must have gone wrong!

While Zi Xuan could not accept that the person standing on the stage was Zi Yi, Hua Xiaoli walked over from another class and tried to act cute to the male student seated beside Zi Xuan. "Student, can you change places with me? I want to sit with my friend."

In fact, that male student did not wish to stand up and move about at this moment. However, the female student who tried to act cute made him have goosebumps all over and he could not take it. Therefore, he ended up standing up and walking away.

Hua Xiaoli felt proud of herself and felt that she was very attractive. She indulged herself for a moment, before she sat down and looked at Zi Xuan, who appeared to have been defeated. She gave her a push and asked, "Zi Xuan, now that you've seen Zi Yi, do you finally believe it's her?"

Zi Xuan lowered her face and did not answer her.

Hua Xiaoli controlled her lips from curling up and said, "I know it's hard to accept this fact. I felt the same way when I saw her that day. Say, when she was studying in high school, she skipped classes nearly every day and messed around with other people. She would always be at the bottom of the ranking, so how did she suddenly become the top scorer? Not to mention, she even became the student representative.

I think Yang Wenhao must be feeling extremely unhappy right now. He was clearly the top scorer of the college entrance examination and yet, he was not the first student representative to speak on stage.

You're her younger sister and you should understand her the best. Say, how did she suddenly become so smart?"

Upon hearing what Hua Xiaoli said, Zi Xuan suddenly looked towards her and said firmly, "It's impossible that she suddenly became so smart!"

Hua Xiaoli hastily nodded in agreement. "Yes, that's what I thought too. Didn't Auntie say she had become the woman of an underworld boss in the capital? Perhaps the triad boss has such capabilities to get her in. Since he can get her in, isn't it easy to make her give a speech on stage?"

When she heard what Hua Xiaoli said, Zi Xuan was inexplicably annoyed. "It's impossible."

Hua Xiaoli laughed in her heart and said, "Then do you think she's someone who can get in with her abilities?"

Zi Xuan furrowed her brows. "That's impossible too."

Hua Xiaoli looked at Zi Xuan and asked, "Then how do you think she managed to get in?"

Zi Xuan opened her mouth and just as she was about to speak, Zi Yi who was on the stage suddenly said, "I know there are many people seated down below who are unresigned that I can stand here. There are also many who doubt my results. In that case, I'll give you an opportunity. Those who are unresigned can come and compete with me."

When she mentioned that, she even added, "Regardless of what major it is also fine... This is the end of my speech."

She turned around and headed down the stage.

However, her words were like a bomb that detonated in the auditorium.

"Isn't she too arrogant!?"

"As someone from the Math Major, if I ask to compete with her, does she even have the relevant knowledge?"

"As someone from the Physics Major, would she dare to take up my challenge?"

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Chapter 342: Zi Xuan, Don't Think of Yourself as Someone Important."

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Zi Yi's speech had directly incurred the competitiveness of the majority of the students present.

She just happened to brush past Yang Wenhao when she walked down the podium.

Yang Wenhao stopped by her side and sneered. "I'd advise you to not be so arrogant. Otherwise, when you get slapped across the face with the results, no one would sympathize with you."

Zi Yi tilted her head and glanced at him. Her lips curled up and she said, "If you can't stand me, you can come and ask to challenge me."

Having said that, she walked back to her seat.

She had angered Yang Wenhao to the extent that he wished he could ask to compete with her right away.

Following that, the spectators all noticed that when the second freshman was giving his speech, he was extremely impassioned. That expression of his was as if he could flip the whole auditorium upside down.

Director Huang who was sitting beside Zi Yi asked, "Little Zi, did you provoke Student Yang Wenhao earlier?"

Zi Yi replied with a calm expression, "I wasn't the one who provoked him. He was the one who provoked himself."

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Director Huang was first stunned for a moment before he chuckled.

After he had his laugh, he did not forget to say, "However, you're really confident to have said that. If someone were to look for you to ask for an exchange of pointers, please let me know."

Another Director, seated beside Director Huang said, "Director Huang, don't tell me you are thinking of watching a good show?"

"Haha..." Director Huang said, "Director Liu, don't you know of something called 'not exposing despite realizing the truth?"

"I'm from the School of Science and Technology so how would I possibly know the proverbs or idioms of your School of Language." Director Liu made a serious statement. However, the tune of his following sentence had changed. "Student Zi, if someone were to ask to exchange pointers with you, especially if it's from the School of Information Technology, do let me know too."

Zi Yi and Director Huang: "..."

As soon as the opening ceremony ended, Zi Yi was stopped by Yang Wenhao at the entrance of the auditorium.

"Student Zi, I want to exchange pointers with you right now. Please agree to it."

In such a short time frame, the two of them had been surrounded by at least three layers of the crowd.

Other than to watch a show, some of the spectators were even there to jeer at her.

"We can testify that Student Zi has said this before."

"That's right since she dared to say that out loud in public, she should be prepared for other people looking for her to exchange pointers."

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Hua Xiaoli who was standing outside the crowd gloated at Zi Yi's plight and said to Zi Xuan, who had a darkened expression, "Hmph! Since someone is looking to seek death by themselves, no one can stop them."

She then turned to Zi Xuan and said, "Zi Xuan, you don't even need to test her yourself right now. Since the top scorer of the college entrance examination has sent her a challenge, we can just wait for her to get slapped in public."

Zi Xuan tightened her fists and her expressions darkened even further.

She was thinking deep down: "What if Zi Yi loses? At that time, everyone would know that I am Zi Yi's younger sister. Zi Yi would not be the only one getting fingers pointed at her, I would also get implicated!"

The more she thought, the more uncomfortable she felt.

Before Zi Yi managed to answer, a loud voice could be heard. "She doesn't agree!"

Zi Xuan's voice was extremely loud and she immediately attracted everyone's attention.

The crowd subconsciously got out of the way and made a path for her.

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes and looked at Zi Xuan who was staring at her with a fiery gaze and she clicked her tongue unhappily.

Yang Wenhao was also unhappy. He looked at Zi Yi and asked, "You're going against your words?"

The crowd had also started to comment.

"So it turns out that Student Zi is a coward. She dared to say such obnoxious words before everyone, but right now, she doesn't dare to accept Student Yang's challenge."

Zi Yi's gaze shifted away from Zi Xuan and asked with an indifferent expression, "Have I ever said that what she says can represent me?"

Everyone was speechless.

Zi Yi sneered. "Why are you so speechless right now?"

Having said that, she looked towards Yang Wenhao. "What do you want to compete in?"

Yang Wenhao's fists tightened even more and he said, "We'll do the X test paper. Whoever can finish it first wins."

Zi Yi looked towards Yang Wenhao and was particularly surprised. "Just this?"

Everyone present. "..."

Why is Zi Yi's tone of voice so irritating?

Zi Yi did not bother to look at their expressions and raised a suggestion. "It's too boring to do the X test paper. Why don't we attempt M.Uni's question bank? It contains all the difficult questions around the world over the span of ten years. Each of us shall attempt 50 questions, and whoever finishes first shall win."

Everyone at present: "...?!"

"Zi Yi, are you crazy!?"

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Zi Xuan walked over in large strides and said in a fluster, "Zi Yi, have you gone crazy from wanting to get famous?"

Zi Yi coldly glanced at her. "I think you wish to become more famous instead."

"You-"

"Student Yang and I are here discussing the preparations to compete with each other. Why do you keep coming here? Is it to find your reason of existence?"

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"Aren't you just worried that I'll embarrass you if I lose? Zi Xuan, don't think of yourself as someone important."

Zi Xuan's face turned so red that she could not utter a single word.

Zi Yi looked towards Yang Wenhao and said, "So are we competing?"

Yang Wenhao nodded. "Yes, why wouldn't I compete?"

Isn't it just the M.Uni's question bank?

It was not as if he had never attempted those before.

The news of Zi Yi and Yang Wenhao exchanging pointers had spread around very soon.

The majority of the students who had originally left had made their way back to M.Uni.

In the end, it had even alarmed a large group of higher-ups of M.Uni.

Director Huang looked at Yang Wenhao who stood there with a proud expression and he nodded deep down. However, he still asked him out of good intentions, "Student Yang, do you truly intend to exchange pointers with Zi Yi?"

Yang Wenhao studied Mathematics and he belonged to the School of Science and Technology.

Director Chang of the School of Science and Technology was also present.

He was unhappy to hear what Director Huang said, "Director Huang, Student Yang is no worse compared to Zi Yi, so why can't he exchange pointers with her?"

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Director Huang looked at the unhappy Director Chang and said something that made him feel like vomiting blood. "I didn't mean it that way. What I meant to say is, Since Student Yang had asked to exchange pointers with Zi Yi, why don't we do it this way? We'll get Student Yang to do a math paper."

Director Chang glanced at him. "Director Huang, you sure are arrogant..." And asking for a beating. [1. Director Chang did not say the 'asking for a beating' out loud, as he merely thought it deep down.]

Director Huang smiled modestly. "Oh, I'm definitely not trying to be arrogant. The students in our School of Languages like to be modest. Director Chang, I'm sure you know of this too."

Everyone present was thinking deep down: "The hell with being modest!"

Zi Yi had something to do in the afternoon and when she saw that the situation did not seem to be ending soon, she interrupted. "Aren't we going to exchange pointers? We'll do it right now. I'll leave right away after we're done."

Yang Wenhao said, "Okay."

Since the two people involved had said so, Director Huang and Director Chang stopped bickering.

Director Huang said, "The exchange of pointers should be done formally."

Director Chang answered, "Then we'll head to the library located in our School of Science and Technology. We'll simply bring out two papers for them to do."

Director Huang glanced at the 'no manners' Director Chang, then at Zi Yi.

Zi Yi said, "It's fine with me."

Everyone tagged along to the library located in the School of Science and Technology.

When everyone made their way over, the freshmen who had already learned to log in to the school forum had scrambled to upload this incident online. Some of them had even broadcasted it live.

When the large group of people arrived at the library, the seniors who were waiting to watch a show had already surrounded the inside and outside the library.

Zi Xuan who tagged along was angry and anxious at the same time. In particular, Hua Xiaoli kept continuously gloating right beside her.. "We'll have a good show to see now."

Chapter 343: Zi Yi, You Must Have Cheated!

There were too many onlookers and Director Chang had simply called for the school security guard to maintain order.

"Everyone is to stay outside and no one is allowed in!"

There was a large display screen outside the library which was used to broadcast competitions live. It just so happens that it could be used to broadcast the exchange of pointers between Zi Yi and Yang Wenhao.

As they watched the two of them taking a seat behind the computer, the onlookers outside were in constant discussion.

The freshmen students were guessing who would win.

"Is there still a need to guess? Yang Wenhao originally enrolled in the Mathematics Major and is also the top scorer of the college entrance examination. If he doesn't win, do you think Zi Yi could win?"

"Why not? Zi Yi was capable enough to be the top scorer of the independent entrance examination and I doubt her abilities are lacking either. It's still unknown who would win in the end."

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The senior students standing at the back merely stood there with the mindset of coming here to watch a pretty girl and a good show at the same time.

"Wow, such a beautiful female student. It'll be great if I can make her my girlfriend."

"As expected of freshmen. Such a low level competition can make them so excited. I honestly wish to tell them that these kinds of competitions are simply insignificant compared to national level and even international competitions.

"Oh well, they are young. It's just like a group of children playing against each other and we can just spectate from the sides."

"This group of junior sisters and junior brothers can only maintain their naiveness during the first half of their freshmen year."

Other than some seniors who came here to just join in on the fun, Yu Meng, the Head of Culture and Sports Department of the Student Union, crossed her arms and stood there as he asked Chu Xuan, "Did Zi Yi agree to participate in tonight's event?"

Chu Xuan's voice revealed slight distress. "She rejected the offer."

Yu Meng tilted his head and looked in his direction as he said in surprise, "There's actually someone you are unable to persuade? Could it be that your charms are lacking in front of Zi Yi?"

Chu Xuan raised his hands and shrugged. "You're right."

"Pft!" Yu Meng rudely teased him. "I think it's because she's too beautiful and you had forgotten what to say instead! As long as you tell her of the benefits of participating in the event, I don't believe she would not be moved."

"I said it."

"What did you say?"

"That she would be able to earn credits from participating in the event."

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Yu Meng suddenly stopped talking.

Chu Xuan's lips curled up as he said, "Say, a junior sister who can remain unmoved even with the bait of credits. How could I possibly persuade her?"

Yu Meng lowered his eyes and thought for a moment. A while later, he said, "It seems like I have to personally take on this task."

"What are you planning to do?"

"Don't interfere. In any case, I will make her agree to it," Yu Meng confidently said and looked towards the large display screen.

However, his eyes widened in surprise at what he saw.

Just then, the onlookers were also greatly surprised.

"Wtf! The speed at which Zi Yi completes the questions. Isn't it too fast?!"

"She's not only fast. Take a look at the several teachers who are continuously nodding while they stand behind her. What does that mean?"

"It means that all her answers are correct!"

After Zi Yi finished the last question, she tilted her head and just so happened to see Yang Wenhao who was halfway done with his paper. She then announced, "I'm done."

Yang Wenhao was originally confident as he solved the various questions quickly. When he heard what she said, his hands slipped and he turned around in disbelief to look in the direction of Zi Yi. In the end, he shifted his gaze towards Director Chang who had somehow gone to stand behind Zi Yi.

Director Chang had no choice but to nod. "Student Zi only used 10 minutes to complete the paper. Moreover, all her answers are correct."

Yang Wenhao's expression instantly changed and he felt as if the skies were falling.

His hand gripping onto the mouse had trembled. In the end, he dropped the mouse and suddenly stood up from his chair.

Everyone was staring at him.

Director Chang called out to him in concern. "Student Yang, are you feeling alright?"

"I'm fine." Yang Wenhao walked to Zi Yi and looked at her screen with clenched fists, without even blinking his eyes.

Zi Yi stood up and walked to one side before she said, "You lost."

Yang Wenhao suddenly turned his head and took a look at her and his fists clenched so tightly that his veins were bulging out. His eyes were bloodshot as if he was about to start a fight. However, his shoulders slumped a few seconds later.

"I lost."

Having said that, he turned around to leave. After taking a few steps, he turned around and looked at Zi Yi. "I will find you again to exchange pointers next semester."

He left after he said his piece.

Everyone turned silent.

At that moment, they did not know how they should describe the feeling they felt deep down.

A while later, Director Huang revealed a smug smile and said in an irritating manner, "Director Chang, thanks for letting me win."

Director Chang's expression twisted for a second. He suddenly seemed to have thought of something and his eyes flickered with a glint as he directly said to Zi Yi. "Student Zi, aren't you going to take up a Physics Major too? Why don't you enroll in the Mathematics Major too?

"Hey hey hey... Director Chang, you can't do this!"

"What can't I do?" The choice lies with Student Zi and I'm just asking for her opinion.

When she saw that they were about to start another fight, Zi Yi spoke up. "You two can continue to chat. I'll take my leave first."

"Hey, Student Zi, you haven't answered my suggestion?" Director Chang asked loudly.

While she walked, she said, "I will think about it."

Following that, she headed towards the entrance of the library.

As she walked out of the library, what welcomed her were numerous gazes staring right at her.

Zi Yi continued to walk forward with a cold expression.

Everyone subconsciously made way for her.

When she was about to come out from the crowd, a sharp voice sounded. "Zi Yi, you must have cheated!"

Everyone's gaze turned to the source of the voice.

Zi Yi stopped walking and looked towards Zi Xuan and Hua Xiaoli standing beside her.

Just then, Director Huang and Director Chang came out from the library.

They saw that the atmosphere seemed problematic and hastily headed to where Zi Yi stood.

"Little Zi, what happened?"

Zi Yi pointed at Hua Xiaoli. "She said I cheated."

Hua Xiaoli's complexion turned white at the sight of the two directors.

She was just about to explain herself, when Zi Xuan ran away in a dash.

Director Huang recalled Hua Xiaoli and his expression instantly turned stern. "It seems like the verbal warning you received when you slandered Student Zi is insufficient."

"I– I..." Hua Xiaoli felt her brain buzzing and she subconsciously took a step back.

Director Cheng had also heard of this person before and furrowed his brows. "These types of students who slander at will should be given a heavier punishment before they learn their lesson. Otherwise, they would learn the bad habit of slandering their classmates. If she were to graduate in the future, people would think that the quality of M.Uni's students is merely so-so."

"That's right." Director Huang took out his phone and made a call.

How could Hua Xiaoli have expected such a severe consequence? She simply started to cry out loud all of a sudden.

Zi Yi coldly glanced at Hua Xiaoli, talked with the two Directors, and left shortly after.

After Zi Xuan ran out, she had never stopped running since then.

Her mind was in a mess, and she felt that the whole world was in a mess.

The person who she always looked down on had suddenly become so powerful one day. She was so powerful that she could not even compare to her. This made her unable to accept it.

Just then, the phone in her pocket rang.

Zi Xuan stopped running and took out her phone as she panted. When she saw the caller ID, she swiped to answer the call and immediately started to cry out loud.

Li Peirong, who was originally happily preparing to fetch her back to S City, felt heartbroken when she heard her cries. "Xuanxuan, what's wrong? Don't scare your mother. Did you get bullied?"

Zi Xuan did not speak and only cried with all her might.

Chapter 344: You're Only a Freshman and Why Are You Acting so Arrogantly?"

Li Peirong gasped for breath out of anxiousness as she constantly urged the driver to drive faster. Moreover, she said in an angry tone, "Xuanxuan, don't be afraid. I will be arriving at your school soon. If someone dares to bully you, I will get revenge for you!"

When Li Peirong managed to fetch Zi Xuan, she was unwilling to reveal the slightest bit of information regardless of how Li Peirong asked her.

After they returned to the apartment, Zi Xuan directly headed to the study room. Li Peirong had also tagged along, but Zi Xuan pushed her outside and said hysterically, "I want to study. I'm not going anywhere on New Year's Eve. I want to stay at home and study."

Li Peirong knew that her daughter must have suffered some sort of grievance and she was infuriated. She then thought of Hua Xiaoli and hastily gave her a call.

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After Zi Yi walked out from the crowd, her phone suddenly rang and someone called out to her from behind.

Zi Yi turned to look behind, only to see Chu Xuan and a girl she was unfamiliar with. She pursed her lips and took out her phone.

The phone call was from Dou Xiangling.

Zi Yi glanced at the two of them making their way over and answered the call.

Yu Xuan who wanted to speak could only wait for her to finish the call.

Dou Xiangling had something to do and left halfway through the entrance ceremony. The moment she got hold of the fact that someone went to cause trouble for Zi Yi, she immediately gave her a call.

Zi Yi told her. "Cousin, don't worry about me. I've already settled the problem. They're only one or two insignificant buffoons."

When Dou Xiangling saw the recording uploaded over the school's forum, she did not think of it as such. "Yiyi, I feel that your younger sister will definitely inform your stepmother about this."

Speaking of this, Dou Xiangling seemed to have hesitated for a moment before she continued to say, "Yiyi, I feel that your stepmother isn't a kind person. You have to be careful of her."

To be honest, Zi Yi did not pay any attention to Li Peirong. But since Dou Xiangling had even specially come to warn her of it, she decided to pay some attention to Li Peirong. "Alright, I will be careful. You should go and do your thing."

They will be heading abroad tomorrow and Dou Xiangling was indeed really busy. After they finished the conversation, they ended the phone call.

Zi Yi put away her phone and looked towards Chu Xuan and Yu Xuan. With a cold expression, she said, "I've said that I won't be participating in any programs."

Yu Xuan revealed her straight front teeth and said with a sincere tone, "Junior Zi, we know that it's too much to suddenly request for you to participate, but the mysterious guest we invited is suddenly unable to come today. Thus, we wish that you can help to save the day. At that time, you'll only have to display some of your skills."

Zi Yi coldly looked at Yu Xuan.

Yu Xuan felt slightly unhappy deep down. In fact, she did not strongly wish for Zi Yi to participate in tonight's event. If it were not for Chu Xuan insisting on it and even promising her benefits, she would not lower herself to grovel before a freshman.

After all, this was M.Uni and the event would be broadcasted live through the education channel.

Zi Yi's appearance was indeed eye-catching, and she had even taken first place in the independent enrollment exam. However, compared to her, everyone would only know of the top scorer of the college entrance examination.

Not to mention, she had gone out her way to persuade her but Zi Yi did not even bother to give her any face.

Yu Xuan controlled her expression and said, "I heard that Junior Zi's painting skills are superb. Why don't you complete a piece of painting as part of the program?"

"You heard?" Zi Yi looked towards Chu Xuan and narrowed her eyes.

Chu Xuan said with a slight smile, "I just happen to be acquainted with Elder Gu. He was the one who told me this."

Elder Gu was one of the members of the Painting and Calligraphy Association.

Having said that, he also told Yu Xuan, "Junior Zi is not only skilled in painting, she is also a member of the Painting and Calligraphy Association."

Yu Xuan looked at Zi Yi in surprise. "Is that true?"

Zi Yi tightened her lips and did not answer her question.

Yu Xuan's opinion of her suddenly changed. "Since that's the case, we can reveal Junior Zi's identity as a member of the Painting and Calligraphy Association. The effects would definitely be better."

Zi Yi looked at Yu Xuan who was talking to herself. The corner of her lips curled up and she repeated what she had said earlier. "I will not participate."

"Why?" the both of them asked at the same time.

"Because I don't like the feeling of being forced to do something by others."

Having said that, she walked past them and continued to head forward.

The moment she left, Yu Xuan's expression darkened.

She said angrily, "If you don't want to participate, then don't. You're only a freshman, so why are you acting so arrogantly?"

Chu Xuan looked towards Yu Xuan and shook his head.

Yu Xuan was displeased with his actions. "What's with that expression of yours?"

Chu Xuan looked at Zi Yi's departing back and said in a casual tone, "Could it be that I didn't tell you about this? Other than being a member of the Painting and Calligraphy Association, she is also the granddaughter of Dean Dou."

"What?!"

After Yu Xuan learned of this news, she was first surprised before she felt joy.

If I were to get along well with Zi Yi, perhaps I may be able to stay in M.Uni when the time comes.

At the thought of this, her attitude changed and she guaranteed him. "Rest assured, I will definitely find a way to let her agree to participate in tonight's event."

Having said that, she chased in the direction where Zi Yi left.

Chu Xuan looked at her back view and reminded her, "Junior Zi might have headed to the School of Mechanical Engineering Building!"

"Got it."

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Zi Yi did head over there, but Yu Xuan was doomed not to be able to locate her.

As soon as she arrived at the building, she encountered several familiar faces who were heading out from the building.

"Junior, you're finally here. Let's go! Come over and take a look at the robots we have recently designed."

Zi Yi headed into the building together with them and asked on the way, "Is Professor Dou there too?"

"He's there. He was the one who got us to fetch you."

Zi Yi nodded and followed them inside.

The few of them headed to one of the production rooms and opened the door. Immediately, Zi Yi saw a robot about the height of an adult.

Dou Xiaoyong was currently standing before the robot as he keyed in some codes.

Zi Yi made her way over and looked at the robot in front of her. She did not speak up immediately.

Dou Xiaoyong glanced at her and continued to type his codes.

It was only a while later did Dou Xiaoyong finish typing.

One of the guys standing behind Zi Yi said, "Junior, this is the robot we've spent around a month or so to create. Isn't it cool?"

Zi Yi nodded. "It's cool."

The group of students chuckled.

Dou Xiaoyong said grumpily, "You still have the cheek to brag in front of Little Zi? Could it be that you've forgotten about the difficulties you encountered during the process of creating this robot?"

The several male students continued to chuckle.

Dou Xiaoyong looked towards Zi Yi and said to her, "Little Zi, this robot is specially ordered by a company. Its main function is for patrolling. Come and take a look at it."

Zi Yi nodded and opened the control panel to take a look.

A while later, she said, "If this is for a normal company, this robot is considered good."

The smile on the male student's face had turned brighter.

Dou Xiaoyong had also said with a smile, "Since Little Zi said that it's okay, then it can be considered that you've passed!"

"Yes!" A few of them did a winning pose.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiaoyong headed in a direction.

Dou Xiaoyong asked her about her experience at the military training.

Zi Yi said, "It was pretty okay."

Several male students came over and asked, "Junior Zi, we heard that a few days after you arrived at the camp, you were transferred to the military dog's training camp. Is that true?"

"Yeah, it is true."

Chapter 345: Mrs. Lu Delivering Food to Zi Yi

The several male students smiled as if they understood.

"Based on Junior Zi's appearance, you must have attracted all the attention of the male students during the training. As such, the instructors were unable to stand it and had to transfer you away."

"That's right, if I were to be training together with Junior Zi, I would also be unable to help myself from looking in her direction."

They joked around for a while before Professor Dou talked about serious matters with Zi Yi.

"For tonight's event, our School and the School of Computer Science will be responsible for some of the technology-related matters. If you're free, you can come and join me."

Students were not only the ones who would be involved in such a large event. The various directors or professors would also join in when needed.

This time around, Professor Dou and another professor from the School of Computer Science would be the technical consultants and they would be sitting in the control room to ensure things run smoothly.

Dou Xiaoyong said to Zi Yi, "There will be many elites in the society, who have graduated from M.Uni, joining the event tonight. Celebrities and journalists are also invited. Our Mechanical Department has also brought out a batch of high-end robots to maintain safety this time. We have to make sure that no accidents happen to these robots."

In fact, the Mechanical Department bringing out the robots was a way to promote themselves and they could not afford for any accidents to happen.

This was also the reason why Dou Xiaoyong had called Zi Yi over.

Of course, Zi Yi would not reject his request.

The few of them continued to hang around in the room and Dou Xiaoyong led the several Ph.D. students to continue assembling the robots. Zi Yi then took out her phone to check the situation with her bar and club. Only then did she discover that there were many people who had designs on those two places in the span of the one month that she was away. However, all of them had been resolved by her Uncles and Lu Jingye.

One of the male students went to pack food for lunch and brought it back to the room.

After finishing their lunches, they continued with the work in the afternoon.

The group of students continued until 4 p.m, before they finally walked out of the Science and Technology building.

As there was an event tonight, there were not many people who were in the building at this time.

The Ph.D. students bid farewell to Professor Dou and Zi Yi. "Professor Dou, Junior Zi, we'll be heading back to our dormitories to freshen up first and then we will meet you at the auditorium."

Zi Yi and Professor Dou headed towards the car together.

Dou Xiaoyong said, "Let's go and grab some food first and then we can head over there in advance afterwards."

Just as they headed to the car, Dou Xiaoyong's phone suddenly rang. His expression instantly turned serious after he answered the call.

The other party seemed to have said something and he only responded with one sentence. "Alright, I'll be right there."

He hung up the call after that and said to her, "Little Zi, something happened in our research room and I have to make a trip there at once. You'll help me stay guard in the control room when the time comes."

He then passed his work pass to her. "I'll try to rush over as soon as possible. If anything were to happen in the middle, you can just resolve it directly."

Zi Yi knew that her Uncle also worked in the National Research Center and thus, she did not pry further and simply took his work pass as she nodded. "Second Uncle, you can rest assured that I will watch the place."

Dou Xiaoyong nodded and directly drove away.

Just as Zi Yi was about to head to the nearest canteen to get some food, her phone suddenly rang.

She took her phone out and took a glance. She was slightly surprised, but the corner of her lips could not help but curl up.

The caller was Mrs. Lu.

Mrs. Lu told her over the phone that she would be coming over to spectate the evening event. Moreover, she had arrived at the school entrance.

Mrs. Lu asked her over the phone, "Little Zi, where are you right now? Auntie shall come over and look for you right now."

Zi Yi told her about her whereabouts. "I'm outside the Science and Technology Building of the School of Mechanical Engineering. I'm about to head to the canteen for dinner."

Mrs. Lu smiled and said, "Then wait for me right there. I've brought you dinner, so don't head to the canteen."

Zi Yi responded with an ok and they hung up the call.

She did not continue to walk around and simply waited outside the building.

Around 20 minutes or so later, she saw a low-profile car driving over.

The car parked in front of Zi Yi and the door opened. Mrs. Lu, who was dressed in a casual outfit, had alighted from the car.

Zi Yi sweetly called out. "Auntie Lu."

Mrs. Lu was full of smiles at the sight of Zi Yi.

The driver alighted from the car at the same time and brought over the packed food.

Mrs. Lu said, "Little Zi, there doesn't seem to be anyone around in the vicinity. Why don't we find somewhere nearby and have dinner? After that, we'll walk towards the auditorium."

"Alright."

Zi Yi took the lunchbox from the driver and led Mrs. Lu towards one side.

There was a forest right beside the Science and Technology Building and there were also seats available there.

They sat down on a bench and Mrs. Lu looked at Zi Yi for quite some time, before she raised her hand and caressed her head. While feeling a slight heartache, she said, "You've lost weight."

Zi Yi's eyes smiled into crescent moons and she said, "I haven't lost weight."

She then showed her arm to Mrs. Lu. "I have been training military dogs at the base every day. Auntie Lu, take a look. Even my arms have developed muscles."

Mrs. Lu pinched her arm while smiling. "That's good. You're good-looking and you need to be stronger so that you won't get bullied by others."

In fact, Mrs. Lu had been worried that Zi Yi would get bullied in school. As a mother, no matter how smart or capable their child was, they would still be worried deep down.

"Auntie Lu, there's no need to worry. No one can bully me."

Having said that, she placed the food in between them. There were two bowls of rice prepared and clearly, Mrs. Lu had yet to eat. Zi Yi then passed her one of the bowls of rice and they started to eat together.

While eating, Mrs. Lu told Zi Yi the reason why she had come.

"Jingye made a trip back home in the morning and he told me that there's an evening event in M.Uni today. I was thinking that since I had nothing to do, I might as well come and look for you."

She then picked up a piece of meat for Zi Yi. "Little Zi, eat more. Jingye said that you'll be heading abroad to participate in a competition tomorrow. The food abroad definitely does not taste as good as home cooked food. Don't become thinner when you're there."

Zi Yi munched on the food in her mouth and after she heard what Mrs. Lu said, she said while smiling, "Auntie, I'll be back in a few days time. How could I possibly get slimmer in such a short period of time? Moreover, I'm not picky with food and I'm easy to feed."

Mrs. Lu was amused by her words and grabbed another dish for her.

Zi Yi hastily said, "Auntie Lu, you should eat too."

"Alright."

After dinner, the driver came over and took the boxes away, while they walked in the direction of the auditorium.

Along the way, Zi Yi told Mrs. Lu some of the fun things she had done in the military camp.

When Zi Yi mentioned how Feihu brought over a cauliflower snake to scare her, Mrs. Lu simply laughed to the extent that she could not close her mouth.

"As expected of military dogs. Each and every one of them are jokesters."

"That's right when I kicked the snake back to Feihu's head, he had even revealed a stupefied expression."

"Hahahaha..."

Zi Yi also mentioned some of the situations where she had fought with them by using her wits, amusing Mrs. Lu.

After they walked for a while, the number of people around them started to increase.

When everyone saw Zi Yi, all of them could not help but sneak a peek at her.

Some of them noticed Mrs. Lu walking beside Zi Yi and had even whispered, "Who's that? Could it be Zi Yi's elder sister?"

"She's also very pretty, just like a noble lady."

Mrs. Lu was delighted by their words.

Chapter 346: Since She Likes to Pretend, Let Her Pretend

Zi Yi thought of how she had called her Sister Song in the past and could not help herself as she called out. "Sister Song."

Mrs. Lu teasingly scolded. "You're a bad child. If Lu Jingye knew that you had called me Sister Song again, he would get angry with me."

She herself knew her son the best. That child was as rigid and old-fashioned as his father in matters like these. Just based on how Zi Yi had called her Sister Song, he had been very adamant in not allowing her to do so. Thinking of Lu Jingye's expression at that time, Mrs. Lu could not help but laugh out loud.

Zi Yi held Mrs. Lu's hand and said mischievously, "Anyways, he doesn't know. When we walk side by side, everyone would think that you're my sister. See, no one said anything when I called you that way."

"Hahaha." Mrs. Lu was extremely happy deep down, but she was still slightly unsatisfied. "Actually, I prefer you calling me something else rather than Sister Song."

"What do you want me to call you?" Zi Yi blinked that pair of curious eyes of hers.

Mrs. Lu whispered in her ears, "Mother of course."

Zi Yi immediately revealed a huge smile and whispered back in Mrs. Lu's ears, "I'll call you that after I marry Jingye soon."

Mrs. Lu was overjoyed and said with an expectant expression, "Okay!"

She had acknowledged Zi Yi as her eldest daughter-in-law and she could not wait for her son to immediately take her in as his wife.

She had already planned to go back and discuss with Lu Jianlian about when their wedding should be held.

After they continued to walk for some time, suddenly two different tones of voices sounded behind them.

"Junior Zi, I've finally found you."

"Yiyi, so you're really here?"

Zi Yi furrowed her brows when she heard the second voice. She did not expect Li Peirong to find her.

Mrs. Lu noticed that Zi Yi's expression was somewhat cold and so, she asked, "Little Zi, who're the people calling out to you?"

Zi Yi told her about it. "My stepmother and someone from the Student Union."

The moment she heard that it was Zi Yi's stepmother, Mrs. Lu had also furrowed her brow.

She knew all about the matters in Zi Yi's family. She had seen plenty of people like Li Peirong in the rich and powerful families. At the thought of how a good child was nearly ruined by Li Peirong, Mrs. Lu disliked her immediately.

Li Peirong and Yu Xuan walked over from two different directions.

Yu Xuan looked at Mrs.Lu standing beside Zi Yi, then at Li Peirong. She felt that she had come at a bad time, but the event would be starting in two hours and she was somewhat in a hurry.

"Zi..."

"Yiyi, mom has finally found you."

Li Peirong would always act like a loving mother in front of outsiders and no one would find any mistakes in her behavior. At that moment, even if she wished that she could tear Zi Yi into pieces, she would still reveal an expression of a mother being overjoyed at the sight of their child.

Yu Xuan was interrupted by Li Peirong, but she did not get angry. Instead, she was slightly overjoyed.

She spoke to Li Peirong in a polite manner. "Auntie, are you Student Zi's mother?"

Li Peirong nodded and said, "Yes, I am."

Yu Xuan was unaware that Li Peirong was Zi Yi's stepmother. She wanted to behave well in front of Li Peirong as she felt that it was much easier than coaxing Zi Yi.

"Auntie, you're so lucky to have such a capable daughter. Junior Zi is not only..."

The moment Yu Xuan switched to chatterbox mode, she could not wait to boast about every single thing about Zi Yi from head to toe. Even Zi Yi's recent achievements in the school had been mentioned by her in a more exaggerated tone of voice.

Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu stood there without speaking. They admired Li Peirong's forbearance. Even though her heart must be twisting in anger, she still pretended to be proud of her daughter.

Mrs. Lu could not hold herself back anymore. The corner of her lips curled up and she leaned towards Zi Yi's ears as she said, "Little Zi, this stepmother of yours seems like she's about to explode."

Zi Yi had also revealed a smile and whispered back in her ears, "Since she likes to pretend, let her pretend."

In fact, Li Peirong could not continue holding back any longer. When she saw Zi Yi speaking intimately with the noble-looking woman next to her, she was constantly guessing Mrs. Lu's identity, while thinking of how she could reveal Zi Yi's dark past.

Just then, Yu Xuan asked, "Junior Zi is so capable. She must have been like this since childhood?"

When Li Peirong heard her, she revealed an appropriate slightly stunned look, before acting as if she wanted to hide her stunned expression. In the end, she laughed and said, "In my heart, Yiyi is the best."

Yu Xuan found her reaction weird and was about to ask further.

Just then, Mrs. Lu suddenly spoke up. "It's been hard on Sister Li. As Little Zi's stepmother, you had let her roam free since a young age and provided the best for her. When she didn't wish to study, you allowed her to do so. Even if she was playing outside and the teacher came to look for her, you went to the teacher to intercede. Instead, you were very strict with your own daughter. Little Zi is fortunate to have a stepmother like you."

Yu Xuan looked towards Zi Yi.

She noticed that there was not the slightest hint of joy when she faced Li Peirong. Instead, she was alienated from her. Yu Xuan seemed to have thought of something and the way she looked at Li Peirong became strange.

Li Peirong did not expect that the woman beside Zi Yi would skillfully point out her thoughts over the years. After a moment of panic, she revealed an expression that seemed to say: "It's hard to be a stepmother. I didn't have a choice. Yiyi was still young back then and she was unwilling to accept me. I can't possibly discipline her strictly and make her hate me."

She then looked towards Zi Yi and said in a sad tone, "Yiyi, I know that you are angry with your father, but how could you not even come home? Do you know how worried I was about you these days?"

Mrs. Lu furrowed her brow at her words.

Zi Yi knows how well Li Peirong was capable of pretending. She raised her hand and patted Mrs. Lu's hand. She then looked towards her and said, "Mmh, thanks for specially finding some hooligans to educate me about how dangerous it is to run away from home. Fortunately, I have my grandfather's family. Otherwise, I would really have understood the dangers of society."

Li Peirong revealed an expression of disbelief. Her eyes turned red from being wronged. "Yiyi, what are you saying? Why would I get hooligans to educate you? There must be some misunderstanding between us. You..."

Zi Yi looked at her and said in a serious manner, "I still have the recording of your phone call with them. Could it be that you want me to play it out for everyone to hear?"

Li Peirong's expression finally changed. It took her a great deal of effort to resist the impulse to slap Zi Yi. She wiped the tears in her eyes and said, "Yiyi, what have I done wrong? Why do you insist on saying that? How could I possibly have done that? Everyone in the S City knows that..."

"If you plan to refute, it seems like I can only take out the recording."

Zi Yi was about to take out her phone as she said that.

At that time, there was a huge crowd around them who were waiting to watch a show. All of them had already imagined all sorts of drama between a stepdaughter and a stepmother having grudges towards each other.

Li Peirong knew that Zi Yi had changed recently and she feared that she would suffer if she continued this. She then wiped her tears and said, "If you don't want to see me, I won't appear before you in the

future. But I still wish that you can take good care of yourself in the future and reconcile with your father."

Chapter 347: Twisted From Anger

Hearing this, Mrs. Lu deliberately interrupted her with words of consolation. "Sister Li, Little Zi merely did not wish to marry someone she didn't love and came to her grandfather's family for refuge. What are you worried for?

Little Zi's grandfather's family is a scholarly family. At that time, your husband prevented Little Zi from taking the college entrance examination, which was why Little Zi's grandfather had arranged the independent enrollment examinations for her. The reason why she was playful in the past is that she wished to receive her father's care and concern. She's so smart and if she doesn't display rebellious behavior, how would her father pay her any attention?"

Li Peirong found herself unable to find a good reason to refute her. She was itching with hatred deep down and decided to leave immediately. After she returned, she would try to find a way and expose everything Zi Yi had done in the past. However, on the surface, she revealed a guilty expression and said, "Zi Yi has not been in contact with us for quite some time and I was also unable to find her. Thus, I was worried. Since you're fine, I'm relieved."

Having said that, she added, "Your father is coming over to pick up your sister tonight. What would you like to eat? I'll go back to cook for you at once and wait for you?"

Zi Yi looked at her with her chilly gaze.

Li Peirong seemed to be afraid of her rejection and immediately turned to leave.

Looking at her departing back view, the people around them started to discuss the situation.

Mrs. Lu swept her gaze across the spectators around them and her eyes unconsciously contained a sharp glint.

Everyone was unexpectedly stunned by her expression and subconsciously dispersed. But the problem between Zi Yi and her stepmother had instantly spread out in all sorts of different versions.

Mrs. Li looked at Yu Xuan standing beside them and patted Zi Yi's shoulders. "Little Zi, you can participate in the competition with peace of mind. Auntie will not let anyone bully you."

Yu Xuan, who had been standing by their side, looked at Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu. She had more or less guessed some things and she knew that Zi Yi definitely did not wish to bring up her stepmother at this very moment. Therefore she said, "Zi Yi, do you want to reconsider what we had suggested in the morning? Performing in such a large-scale event is a good opportunity for us students. It would also be easier for you to enter the Student Union in the future."

Zi Yi looked at Yu Xuan.

Yu Xuan smiled at her. "Besides, if you can enter the Student Union, it'll be convenient to do things too. If you're capable enough, you can even take the position of the head of a department. M.Uni's Student Union has a lot of privileges."

Zi Yi asked, "What privileges?"

"Student Union members have the priority for exchanges between international universities. As you know, each university has its own reputed major and research inventions. I heard that you are fond of robots. D Country's D University's robots are world-famous and there is an exchange between our schools annually. The Student Union members have the priority."

Zi Yi did not immediately agree to it.

On the other hand, Mrs. Li felt that it was a pretty good opportunity and said, "Little Zi, I feel that joining the Student Union is not a bad choice. You can become the President of the Student Union."

"Pft- cough cough..."

Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu looked towards Yu Xuan simultaneously.

Yu Xuan thought: "It's easier said than done! To think that she's thinking of aiming for the position of the Student Union's President?" She tried her best to suppress the impulse of refuting what Mrs. Lu said earlier and explained to them.

"The President of the Student Union will be elected once a year, but that position is not only chosen based on the student's votes. It is also dependent on all the Directors of various schools within M.Uni. In the end, the candidate still has to be reviewed by the Education Bureau and it's not something that one can become if they wished for it.

The conditions to become the President of the Student Union are also very strict. They must win international rewards, have outstanding achievements and outstanding leadership skills."

Having said that, Yu Xuan subconsciously sized up Zi Yi and revealed a particularly fake smile. "It's actually good that Junior Zi has such a goal."

However, in her heart, she sneered: "Our President is an all-rounder and if you wish to compete with him for that position, it's simply a pipe dream."

Zi Yi glanced at Yu Xuan's expression and said, "I can join the event tonight, but I have a condition."

Zi Yi told her about the conditions before she left with Mrs. Lu.

Yu Xuan looked at Zi Yi's departing back view with slight surprise. She only then took out her phone a few seconds later to make a call. "She agreed to it, but she brought up two conditions. I feel that what she brought up is pretty good... Yeah, I will immediately get someone to prepare."

After Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu walked away, Mrs. Lu said to her, "Everyone in the Student Union is smart, but if you have the capabilities, it'll be good for you if you can gather them all under you."

Zi Yi nodded in response.

Mrs. Lu added, "That stepmother of yours is not an easy person. If you don't have the time to deal with her, I can help you."

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at her.

Mrs. Lu still had a gentle appearance at the moment, but there was an additional trace of chilliness in her eyes.

Mrs. Lu was worried that Zi Yi would be frightened by her present appearance and had hastily restrained herself. "Your time should be used to do meaningful things, and not for dealing with these types of nasty things and people."

Zi Yi felt a warm current in her heart and she took Mrs. Lu's hands. She then leaned her head on her shoulders and said coquettishly, "Auntie Lu, you're so nice to me. Even I wish to marry Ah Jing as soon as possible now."

Mrs. Lu liked Zi Yi's personality where she would openly admit what she wanted. When she heard what Zi Yi said, she smiled and said, "Alright. When I go back, I'll discuss your wedding date with Uncle Lu. At that time, we'll directly head to your grandfather's house to propose your marriage."

The moment she heard Mrs. Lu mention her grandfather, Zi Yi stood upright.

"What's wrong?" Mrs. Lu knew about the tense relationship between Zi Yi and the Dou Family. "Don't worry, you're doing well right now. The Dou Family people will definitely like you."

Zi Yi nodded in response.

The two of them made their way to the control room in the second auditorium.

On the other side, after Li Peirong left the university, she contacted the bodyguard who was sent to the capital to look for Zi Yi.

It was only after she asked, did she find out that they had never found her at all.

Li Peirong was furious. "How the hell are you guys doing your work? It's been so long and you can't even locate a single person? Could it be that you're unaware that she's in M.Uni?"

The bodyguard was clearly surprised. "How is it possible that Miss Zi is in M.Uni?"

Li Peirong had ordered the bodyguards to investigate the underworld in the capital as she believed that Zi Yi had become the woman of a triad boss. However, now that she heard from others that Zi Yi had always been in M.Uni, she would obviously be in disbelief.

Li Peirong also knew that the direction in which she pointed the bodyguard was incorrect. "Go and find some people for me."

Speaking up to here, she suddenly stopped talking.

Since Zi Yi knew about how she had commissioned people to take care of her in the past, perhaps she was really a triad boss' woman. However, she merely concealed it well on the surface. If she were to find hooligans to take care of her again, wouldn't it be giving that little bitch a weakness of hers?

Thinking of this, she changed her mind. "You just have to head to M.Uni and keep her under your watch for the time being."

She disconnected the call and was about to head towards the apartment.

However, just as she was about to head into the apartment, a voice called for her from behind. "Mrs. Zi, please wait."

Li Peirong subconsciously stopped and turned to take a look. She saw a bodyguard and immediately increased her vigilance.

The bodyguard came to her and passed her a business card. "Mrs. Zi, I am the Dongfang Family's bodyguard. This is my boss' business card and he told me to pass it to you. If you wish to make your stepdaughter be obedient, you can directly look for him."

Chapter 348: See How Pretty Your Wife is When She's in Her Work Mode

When Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu arrived at the control room, Professor Qin from the Computer Science Department was already there.

Other than Professor Qin, there was someone else inside the control room.

That person should be a senior student. He was wearing royal blue casual wear and he had long, slender legs. His appearance was rather handsome and especially those eyes of his that curved up; they made him seem like he was constantly smiling. At the same time, he gave off a hint of wisdom and from a single glance, he seemed to be someone that was skilled.

The senior student and Professor Qin were in a conversation. When they heard footsteps, they turned around to take a look.

The moment Professor Qin saw Zi Yi, he smiled and said, "Student Zi, you've come just in time. I was just talking to Nangong Yu about you."

He then shifted his gaze to Mrs. Lu and was somewhat surprised. "This lady seems a little familiar?"

Mrs. Lu introduced herself in a natural manner. "I am Little Zi's elder, my surname is Song." She then added, "I heard that there's an event tonight in M.Uni so I tagged along with Little Zi. Would I be disturbing you?"

"Don't worry, you're not disturbing us."

Professor Qin pointed at the chair on the side and said, "Ms. Song, please take a seat. I think you might not have an admission ticket, I'll get someone to deliver one shortly."

"That's very kind of you, thank you." Mrs. Lu walked over and sat down, she refrained from disturbing them.

Only then did Professor Qin introduce the student beside him to Zi Yi. "I doubt Student Zi knows Student Nangong Yu. He's the President of the Student Union."

Nangong Yu smiled and said, "Hello, Junior Zi."

Zi Yi nodded and responded, "Hello."

After they exchanged greetings, Nangong Yu said, "The Computer Science Department and Mechanical Engineering Department are responsible for all of the projection and safety control for tonight's event. The Student Union will be responsible for otherf things."

Speaking up to here, he pointed at the monitor before Professor Qin and informed them of the specific arrangements for tonight's event.

Mrs. Lu sat there awhile and listened to their conversation for a while, before she suddenly thought of something and took out a phone to send a message.

[Send someone to follow Li Peirong. If she does anything, immediately inform me.]

After sending the message, Mrs. Lu thought of her son who was still working hard at home. She then turned on her camera and captured Zi Yi's serious expression and sent it over.

She also added a sentence together with the message.

[Son, see how pretty your wife is when she's in her work mode.]

After she finished typing that sentence, she then looked up at Nangong Yu standing beside Zi Yi and continued to type. [You need to have a sense of urgency. There are too many young and handsome men in M.Uni.]

She sent the message to Lu Jingye after she finished typing.

He should be quite busy on his end and he did not immediately reply to her message.

Mrs. Lu did not mind and kept her phone to continue looking at Zi Yi who was in a discussion with the other two. The more she looked at her, the more she found her pleasing to the eye.

After they finished their discussion, Nangong Yu suddenly asked Zi Yi, "I heard that Junior Zi will be performing for one of the programs tonight?"

Zi Yi nodded her head and said, "Yes."

"Then I'll look forward to seeing Junior Zi's wonderful performance."

Zi Yi was not modest in the slightest as she said, "Okay."

Professor Qin could not help but smile. "Student Zi seems to be confident in all aspects. But I'm really curious about what you will be performing?"

"Professor Qin will know when the time comes."

"So it's also a confidential performance huh."

"Yes."

"Hahaha... then I can only wait and see!"

Just then, Zi Yi's phone rang.

The call was from a few Ph.D. students. They would be assisting Zi Yi tonight and earlier on, they had gone to change their clothes and have dinner, so they only arrived now.

Zi Yi planned to check the robots together with them and she notified Professor Qin and Nangong Yu.

Mrs. Lu was about to stand up and Zi Yi told her. "Auntie Song, you can stay here. We will be walking about and you'll find it tiring."

In reality, Mrs. Lu was not afraid of being tired. But at the thought that perhaps Zi Yi might be distracted if she followed her around, she sat down again. "Alright then."

Professor Qin was also heading out to do one last check and so, he said, "If Ms. Song is bored, you can watch some movies or play some songs."

He then pointed at one of the computers. "You can use this computer."

"Okay, thank you."

Only then did the three of them leave.

After they left the control room, Professor Qin headed to the front counter while Zi Yi headed outside.

Nangong Yu followed her and while they walked, he casually asked, "I heard that Junior Zi had applied for several majors in one go?"

Zi Yi replied to him with a small affirmative and did not say anything else.

Nangong Yu lightly chuckled. "It seems like Junior Zi does not like to talk much with strangers?"

Zi Yi glanced at him and did not answer his question.

Nangong Yu was unoffended by her attitude and continued to speak. "For someone as special as Junior Zi, I doubt there's anyone in the Student Union who doesn't know you. Your abilities are very admirable."

Zi Yi looked towards him again and finally opened her mouth. "For you to be capable of taking the seat of the President of the Student Union, your abilities aren't lacking either."

Nangong Yu was slightly stunned. He would often receive praise from people, but when he suddenly received praise from the 'rumored' Junior, he suddenly felt a strange feeling deep down.

It was just like an adult being praised by a child.

When they were about to reach the side exit, Nangong Yu stopped. He was heading in another direction and so, he said, "Junior Zi, if you require any help, you can call me anytime."

Zi Yi nodded and said politely, "Thanks, but there's nothing I need your help with."

After she said her piece, she headed outside.

Nangong Yu stood on the spot and watched her departing back view and lowered his eyes. Just then footsteps could be heard from behind him.

"How's it? Junior Zi is pretty, right?"

Nangong Yu turned to look at Chu Xuan walking towards him and he smiled while nodding. "She's indeed a pretty Junior, but I feel that compared to her looks, her abilities should be pretty good too."

"Of course, she's not only a member of the Painting and Calligraphy Association, but she would also often follow Professor Dou Xiaoyong into the Science and Technology Building. Although she's his niece, do you think he's someone that would bring a useless person inside?"

Nangong Yu squinted his eyes and sized up Chu Xuan before he asked, "You seem to pay special attention to this Junior Zi?"

Chu Xuan revealed a calm expression. "I'm preparing to chase her, so of course I need to know my target well."

Nangong Yu looked at his expression for several seconds before he said, "She should have a boyfriend."

"So what if she has a boyfriend? It's a fair game."

Nangong Yu nodded his head and did not say anything else as he headed somewhere else.

Chu Xuan followed him and said in a seemingly unintentional manner, "When Yu Xuan went to talk to her about participating in tonight's event, she mentioned to her the benefits of being a member of the Student Union. You wanna guess what she said?"

Nangong Yu also answered in a casual tone, "Could it be that she wishes to be the President of the Student Union?"

"That's right." Chu Xuan smiled and said, "That's exactly what she said."

He then stared at Nangong Yu's expression.

Nangong Yu nodded. "It's good that Junior Zi has such aspirations. If she has the ability, I'm willing to give up the position."

Chu Xuan joked. "For reals? Then you better not make things difficult for her when the time comes. Otherwise, I will stand on her side."

Nangong Yu merely used his eyes that seemed to be smiling and looked at him, but did not say anything else.

Chapter 349: Zi Yi and the Campus Belle

After Zi Yi went out to meet with the Ph.D. students, they went to check up on all the robots, before they delivered them to one of the entrances.

Other than the invited guests, all the students who were allowed inside today had to snatch tickets online in advance. Only then were they allowed to tap into the auditorium with their campus card.

Even though it was still early right now, a large group of students had already gathered outside.

Basically, these students did not manage to get the tickets and were unwilling to give up. Moreover, there were celebrities who they liked coming tonight, which resulted in them coming early to wait.

When Zi Yi and the group of Ph.D. students walked past, some of the students did not expect to see her here as they said, "Isn't that Zi Yi? Why is she hanging around with a group of seniors?"

"Wow" There are so many robots following behind them. It looks so cool."

"Those male students should be Ph.D. students from the Mechanical Engineering Department. Zi Yi is really amazing to be hanging out with them."

"I'm so jealous of her. Not only is she pretty, she also has so many handsome guys surrounding her."

"Zi Yi really has a pretty face and good figure. I feel that she's prettier than the campus belle, Murong You."

"How can that be? Zi Yi has a stunning appearance, but to put it bluntly, it's vulgar. She's not like Murong You who gives off a pure type of beauty."

"How is Zi Yi appearance's vulgar? If that appearance of hers is considered vulgar, then I think you girls might as well go for a full cosmetic surgery."

"What do you mean by that?"

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Listening to their comments, Liu Kai scoffed. "They're really a group of people who have nothing better to do. Who can possibly match the beauty of our junior sister? Moreover, not only is she pretty, her capabilities are several times better than that campus belle."

"That's right."

Zi Yi glanced over in that direction and it just so happen that she made eye contact with a female student who was wearing a white vintage flowy dress.

The female student had a standard oval-shaped face, fair skin, and a slim figure. Her long hair was gently tied with a pink ribbon, giving off a pure aura with every breath or smile she gave off.

"Junior Zi, she's that Murong You that they were discussing about earlier.

Zi Yi responded with an oh and looked away before she said to them, "Let's continue."

Following that, they headed towards the entrance.

Just then, Zhang Yuelan who was walking beside Murong You also pointed at Zi Yi and said, "Little You, she's that freshman who has been spreading like a wildfire recently."

Murong You lowered her eyes and said, "She's indeed pretty."

Zhang Yuelan thought about how all the boys were discussing Zi Yi in recent days and scoffed. "That' isn't called pretty alright, it's called vulgar. You're the pretty one."

Murong You glanced at Zhang Yuelan and did not say anything else. She carried her long skirt and headed towards the auditorium entrance.

Zhang Yuelan chased after her and asked, "Little You, everyone is saying that you will lose your position as the campus belle, aren't you angry?"

Murong You asked a question instead of replying, "Campus belle is only a title and everyone would always have differing opinions. Those that like me will always like me. Why should I be angry?"

Zhang Yuelan seemed to have thought of something and laughed. "You're right. Your popularity is so high and how could it possibly be surpassed by a freshman?"

She then changed the direction of the conversation. "Little You, you look so pretty tonight. Your performance tonight will definitely impress the crowd."

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After Zi Yi and the group of Ph.D. students had planned for all the robot positions, they were about to head somewhere else to do another round of checking. Just then, a student strode towards Zi Yi with drinks and desserts in hand. Under everyone's gaze, he passed it to her. "Student Zi, these are drinks and cakes that Department Head Chu Xuan had got me to buy for you. He said that you've worked hard."

His words had attracted a wave of teasing sounds

"To think Department Head Chu would buy food and drinks for Zi Yi. Moreover, he only got her a share. What does that mean?"

"What else could it possibly mean? A fair maiden whom a young man is wooing."

"How come I didn't think of buying these for her!"

"Just give up. Even if you bought it, she might not accept it. Department Head Chu and Zi Yi are the well-matched ones."

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Zi Yi tightened her lips and looked at what was passed to her. There was an indiscernible frown in between her brows.

She did not take the items and turned to leave. "Tell your Department Head that other than the food and drinks my boyfriend buys for me, I don't like the things that other people give me."

Everyone present: "..."

Wasn't she too direct!?

The male student who delivered the items on Department Head Chu's behalf was in an awkward situation.

In particular, Liu Kai clicked his tongue and said, "There's a ring on Junior Zi's hand and yet, Department Head Chu is still blatantly showing her good intentions. Does he intend to snatch someone's girlfriend?"

Having said that, he kindly suggested. "Go back and tell your Department Head that if he wishes to treat Junior Zi, he can buy one share for everyone present too. In that case, perhaps she might not refuse."

He then patted the male student's shoulders and left with Zi Yi.

The moment Zi Yi left, the other people present started to talk.

"Oh my, Zi Yi already has a boyfriend!"

"It seems like I have no chance."

"I am suddenly a fan of hers due to how direct she is! This is my first time seeing someone rejecting another so outrightly."

"What's the big deal? Isn't she just relying on her good looks to attract men? Perhaps Department Head Chu merely wanted to treat her to some food and drinks?"

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Zi Yi headed towards the side door after they finished checking the robots.

The few Ph.D. students could not help but gossip with Zi Yi about Chu Xuan.

"Other than the President of the Student Union, Nangong Yu, Department Head Chu Xua is the most popular among girls of M.Uni. Junior Zi, you have rejected him so rudely, aren't you afraid that you might get hated on by his fans?"

"Why should I be worried?"

Zi Yi said, "They can hate all they want. If they wish to fight against me, they aren't my opponent. If they wish to PK[1], all the more so they are unable to win against me."

Just as she said that, she headed towards the side door. The few Ph.D. students looked at each other and all of them had an expression as if they did not know whether to laugh or cry.

Liu Kai sighed and said, "Fortunately I had killed that germinating heart of mine in time. Otherwise, I would surely be sad to be rejected so mercilessly."

Zi Yi originally planned to head over to the control room to check up on Mrs. Lu. However, Professor Qin, who was standing in front of the stage, called out to her.

"Student Zi, come over for a moment."

Zi Yi then headed in his direction.

Mrs. Lu, who was feeling somewhat bored in the control room, just happened to walk out. She saw Zi Yi headed towards somewhere and she unconsciously revealed a slight smile.

When Zi Yi headed towards Professor Qin, it just so happened that two gossiping female students walked past Mrs. Lu from behind.

"Just moments ago, Department Head Chu got Yang Zi to buy drinks and desserts for Zi Yi. However, she rejected his goodwill in front of so many people without a care for his face."

"I think Zi Yi has a boyfriend, right? She's wearing a ring on her middle finger."

"I'm really curious what kind of guy is so capable that he could conquer her. Department Head Chu is such a nice guy."

"Obviously Student Zi's boyfriend is better, which was why she didn't accept other people's intentions."

The voice that suddenly interrupted them caused the two female students to be stunned. They turned around and saw a woman who radiated a noble aura and were both somewhat surprised.

[1] Player Kill. A term to fight to the death in gaming. It can also mean someone attacking you in a game maliciously.

Chapter 350: Mrs. Lu's Thoughts

Mrs. Lu revealed a gentle smile. "Only an outstanding guy is deserving of a girl as beautiful and capable as Student Zi."

The two female students looked at Mrs. Lu. They felt that there was another deeper meaning behind her words, but they could not find fault with it.

In the end, they headed backstage without responding.

Mrs. Lu looked away and shifted her gaze to Zi Yi who was standing on the stage.

Zi Yi walked to Professor Qin.

Professor Qin deliberately wanted to test if she was well-versed in IT and thus, he asked, "Little Zi, today's stage will be using a 4D panorama view, but there will be some delays during the scene transition. This will also cause some delays during the change in programs. What do you think should be done?"

The moment Zi Yi heard his question, she knew that Professor Qin had deliberately asked her that question.

These types of questions were entry-level and she could easily answer them, "The solution is very simple..."

After she gave the solution, Zi Yi continued to say, "Compared to these types of situations, Professor Qin should pay more attention to the fact as to whether hackers would infiltrate the system."

Professor Qin was surprised by what she brought up. "Why did Little Zi think of hackers infiltrating instead?"

"I've checked the situation of all the large-scale events of M.Uni every year since its founding and realized a pattern. Ever since M.Uni is selected as one of the top ten famous universities worldwide, many hackers attempt to hack into M.Uni every year.

Moreover, the time and place of each attack are different. The second half of the year has just begun and according to X's law, they should be attacking tonight's event.

Professor Qin subconsciously frowned.

The Logistics Department Head Wu Jiang found her suggestion to be baffling. "Student Zi, that's only a guess of yours. Hackers would indeed attack M.Uni every year, but their target is the important database servers of every school and how could they possibly attack the evening event?"

The Organization Department Head, Tang Zhiyuan felt that Zi Yi was creating a fuss out of nowhere. "That's right. It's not like hackers have nothing better to do. Why would they attack the event?"

Zi Yi looked at Professor Qin. She knew that they did not believe her and did not intend to argue her way through. She merely said, "This is only a guess of mine. You can choose not to believe in it."

In fact, Professor Qin agreed with Wu Jiang and Tang Zhiyuan's train of thought. However, since he is involved in the event tonight, he would not allow for the slightest mistake to happen. "It's good that Student Zi can think of this. I'll get the programmers to pay more attention."

Following that, he changed the topic of the conversation.

There was still another half an hour before the event. The entrance was opened and they started to allow the crowd to make their way inside.

Elites from all walks of life and invited individuals from the Education Bureau, along with some famous masters and reporters had arrived one after another.

As the President of the Student Union, Nangong Yu led a group of Department Heads who had nothing to do, and they were responsible for the reception.

The whole auditorium became noisy.

When everyone walked to the main entrance, they saw a group of robots who were responsible for verifying their identities. There were many who could not help but praise.

"As expected of M.Uni. To think that they brought out robots for verification of identities."

Just then, when someone was about to walk past the robot, it released a warning sound. Shortly after, the robot's voice sounded. "Dangerous item detected. Please take them out or else you will not be allowed entry."

The person held back was a male student. He had a stunned expression before he touched his pockets and took out a foldable fruit knife. All of a sudden, he felt like burying a hole to hide inside.

A few leaders of the Education Bureau who just happened to be led over there saw the situation and nodded in appreciation. "This is good. It ensures safety inside the auditorium."

Besides detecting dangerous items, the robot had many other functions. The several leaders simply stood there and spectated for some time. All of them spoke highly of the robot.

The reporters had even got the photographers to do plenty of close-ups of the robots, as they were ready to return and write a good report.

At 6:50 p.m, all the audience had entered the auditorium.

At that time, several programmers from the Computer Science Department and Mechanical Engineering Department were monitoring the situation in the control room.

Zi Yi sat on the side as she took out her phone to scroll.

Mrs. Lu did not leave and she sat right beside her.

After she scrolled for some time, Zi Yi looked up and said to Mrs. Lu, "Auntie, the event will be starting soon. Why don't you head in front to watch?"

"It's not too late for me to go out when it's almost your turn to perform," Mrs. Lu smiled and said, "The ticket Professor Qin got for me is just right at the second row near the backstage exit. No one would notice me if I head over in the middle."

Zi Yi nodded her head and looked at the large monitor opposite of them. "Then watch the live broadcast first."

"Ok."

Mrs. Lu looked away and slightly lowered her eyes. She thought about the news that the men she got to monitor Li Peirong had informed her of. She hesitated as to whether she should tell Zi Yi first or her son.

Thinking of this, Mrs. Lu glanced at Zi Yi who was scrolling on her phone, and finally decided to talk about this with her son first.

When Zi Yi saw Mrs. Lu standing up, she looked in her direction.

Mrs. Lu said, "I'll make a trip to the restroom."

Zi Yi nodded and Mrs. Lu headed out.

She went to a hidden corner and gave Lu Jingye a call.

Lu Jingye answered her call very quickly and Mrs. Lu informed him of what she had discovered. "The Dongfang Family surely has some ill intentions. That Li Peirong isn't a kind soul either. Jingye, I don't wish to upset Little Zi with these things. Why don't you resolve them directly?"

Lu Jingye replied, "Mother, don't worry. I will immediately get someone to take care of it at once."

Only then did Mrs. Lu end the phone call.

The various higher-ups of M.Uni took to the stage to give a speech at the very start. When the event officially started, Zi Yi could feel everyone's enthusiasm even though she was watching through the screen.

Tonight's evening event was a program compiled by students of M.Uni themselves. There was also a celebrity performance and every program was very interesting and engaging.

The spectators were all so engaged in the performance and they had even cheered during exciting segments.

Professor Qin nodded his head in satisfaction. "Not bad. As expected of M.Uni's students. Not only are they able to excel in academics, they are also talented in other aspects."

Speaking up to here, he turned to Zi Yi and asked, "Student Zi, when is your program?"

"Third from the last."

The moment Zi Yi said that, all of them turned to her.

Zi Yi felt their gazes and found it puzzling."What's wrong? Is there a problem?"

The first to express his anger was Liu Kai. "Junior Zi, who the hell arranged for your program? Why did they put you third from last?"

"What's wrong with that?"

"The audiences would more or less have spent all their energy and attention in the first few performances. Therefore, in the last few performances, the audiences would basically be tired and it's not advantageous to you at all."

Zi Yi thought for a moment and said affirmatively, "They won't. I will let them remember my performance."

Everyone remained silent as they felt that Zi Yi was too confident of herself.

However, Mrs. Lu smiled instead. "I also feel that Zi Yi's performance would be the most outstanding no matter the sequence."

Everyone continued to remain silent.

Just then, one of the programmers suddenly spoke. "Why do I feel that my computer just flashed?"

His words caused Professor Qin and several other programmers to look in his direction.

The next second, their screens went black.

Shortly after, the door was pushed open. "Professor Qin, it's bad. A terrifying scene is being projected."