

## Multi skilled 491

### Chapter 491: Lu Zhiheng Snatching the Partner Zi Yi Wanted to Work With

Zi Yi's tone of voice revealed slight traces of regret. "It's honestly such a pity that I won't be able to have a good chat with Mr. Colin."

Since the other party did not cherish this opportunity, he could only regret his decision in the future.

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In fact, Mr. Colin had admired Zi Yi very much and he really did want to continue the conversation they had yet to finish yesterday.

However, the one who asked him for a meeting was Lu Jiancheng and it could be said that he represented the capital to have a discussion with him. If he could cooperate with someone with such an influential background, his company would also be able to overcome numerous limitations.

After he hung up the call, he made eye contact with Lu Jiancheng's wise gaze and said, "What the Lu Group offered is very enticing, but... the new material my company is currently working on is in the research and development stage, we are not yet ready to find a partner."

How could the Lu Group's father and son not know he was merely being diplomatic? From how he had not gone out to answer the call, it proved that he was already moved by what they had to offer.

Despite Lu Jiancheng's status used to back up their offer, Mr. Colin did not immediately agree to it. Instead, he lifted the cup and took a sip.

Lu Zhiheng revealed a smile. "Mr. Colin should have heard that the Lu Group has been developing our aerospace technology in recent years. What we lack aren't technicians but time... The reason we are looking for Mr. Colin for cooperation is for both of us to win... No matter how large-scale Mr. Colin's company is, I believe there's not much of a market in your country?"

Colin was a little displeased with Lu Zhiheng's tone of voice, but he did not voice it out.

Lu Zhiheng had a confident expression. "As long as Mr. Colin cooperates with the Lu Group, I can guarantee that your company will be able to open in the capital's market with the best treatment in the next two years."

"Is that true?" Mr. Colin was finally tempted. He looked towards Lu Jiancheng for confirmation.

Compared to Lu Zhiheng's exaggerated speeches, what he wanted more was to obtain Lu Jiancheng's guarantee.

Lu Jiancheng nodded his head and said, "What Zhiheng said is right."

Colin smiled. He then raised his hand and motioned for the translator the Lu father and son brought along. "Tell them that we can find a suitable time to have a formal discussion."

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Zi Yi did not head to school in the morning and as soon as she arrived on campus in the afternoon, she was called over by Nangong Yu, who had known of her whereabouts through the school forum.

Nangong Yu passed her a box. "This is a souvenir given by the organizer to the student volunteers yesterday. You left early yesterday so I brought yours back."

The souvenir was a clasp made from the logo of the Global Economic Forum. It was very detailed and suitable to be hung on the backpack which Zi Yi usually carried. After she took the souvenir from Nangong Yu, she immediately hung it on her bag.

When Nangong Yu saw how she hung the souvenir on her backpack, he could not help but smile. "Others would usually take it home and treasure it and yet, Junior Zi, you have hung it on your bag."

Zi Yi asked, "I can't do that?"

"You can."

"Then what's the problem?"

As soon as she finished what she had to say she left, but Nangong Yu called out to her. "Junior Zi, please wait."

Zi Yi turned around and looked at him.

Nangong Yu said, "The Student Union will be preparing the program for the New Year's Eve gala. You should also think of a program and participate."

Zi Yi thought about it for a moment. She will be leaving the capital with Lu Jingye in a few days' time. If she were to agree to perform for one of the programs, she would have an excuse to let the robot disguised as her be able to leave early.

She nodded her head and said, "Sure, but I won't announce what I'll be performing for the time being. I will also be going back home early every day for rehearsal. All of you aren't to ask, I won't say anything even if you do ask."

Nangong Yu smiled and said, "At the very least, you still have to tell me what you intend to perform?"

"I will tell you ten days before the gala."

Nangong Yu did not insist on asking her. He nodded his head and asked, "Junior Zi, are you intending to compete with me for the position of Student Union President?"

Nangong Yu felt that he was the first person ever in history to ask someone to compete with him for the position.

"I'm not free for the time being."

Zi Yi left after she said that.

However, Nangong Yu did not know whether to laugh or cry due to her response.

Zi Yi made her way to the Archaeology Department.

She did not expect to be seen by a professor as soon as she made her way in.

The professor called for Zi Yi. "Student Zi, come over for a moment."

Zi Yi made her way over and asked, "Professor Tang, why did you call for me?"

Professor Tang did not expect Zi Yi to be able to identify him. His smile was much more amicable as he said, "I saw that you seem to have time on your hands these days. Come over and organize some information for me."

"What information?"

"Information on the Western Zhou Dynasty."

The two of them headed somewhere as they chatted.

Professor Tang told her about the cultural development in the Western Zhou Dynasty.

Zi Yi listened to him seriously and she would occasionally discuss a few topics with him.

"That era was the heyday of bronze wares and the items we've managed to unearth at present can be divided into three different categories. Ritual musical instruments, weapons, and miscellaneous utensils. These are all available in the exhibition hall within M.Uni."

Zi Yi asked with great interest, "I heard that the tripod cauldrons produced during that era were also well made."

"That's right. The tripod cauldrons were mainly used for rituals during that era and they are all large in size."

Zi Yi had read up about the story of tripod cauldrons in ancient Earth literature books and she had wondered if it was true or not. "I've read before in a book and it mentioned that besides rituals, the tripod cauldrons were also used for refinement. In addition, many of them were used to refine the blood and bones of humans. Professor Tang, is that real?"

Professor Tang nodded his head. "Yes. Therefore, even grave robbers would not dare to take out these cauldrons from tombs even if they manage to find one."

"Why's that so?"

"Even though we have to believe in science, within these cauldrons were things filled with witchcraft and the killing aura that remains is very strong. If taken out, it would harm others and themselves."

In fact, Zi Yi knew what was going on. It was not exactly due to killing aura, but these tripod cauldrons had formed a type of element that could not be detected in this world. After this element comes into contact with the human body, there would be some chemical reaction, resulting in a change of one's magnetic field. As a result, there came about the saying of harming others and themselves.

"Professor Tang, would we have the chance to visit and go down the tombs?"

Zi Yi was very interested in this aspect. She had always wanted to see what an ancient tomb on Earth looked like.

“Yes, you will.”

After she obtained a positive answer, Zi Yi was relieved. “Professor Tang, when will you be going down to the tomb? Please take me with you.”

Professor Tang smiled and shook his head. “Going down a tomb isn’t fun at all. Ancient tombs are either in desolate mountains or in harsh environments. How can a girl like yourself stand such rough living conditions?”

“I can do it.” Zi Yi guaranteed. “My adaptive abilities are very strong.”

In reality, Professor Tang did not believe that she was able to adapt to that kind of environment, However, at the sight of how active she was, he did not dampen her enthusiasm and said, “Alright then, I’ll call you along to join me when there is a suitable tomb.”

“Thank you, Professor Tang.”

Zi Yi tagged along with Professor Tang and organized the materials for two hours before she left. By the time she returned to class, Li Xia was surprised to see her. “Zi Yi, I thought that you would not be coming to the Archaeology Department building today.”

Zi Yi was attending lessons all around the campus and even though they were in the same class, Li Xia did not know her whereabouts.

Zi Yi took the books which Li Xia helped her keep and said, “Thank you.”

Li Xia smiled in response. “Zi Yi, a female student came looking for you in the morning.”

She even whispered in her ear. “It’s that younger sister of yours.”

It was no longer a secret that Zi Xuan was Zi Yi’s younger sister and everyone knew that they did not have a harmonious relationship.

Zi Yi did not bother about Zi Xuan’s news these days and so, she asked, “Did she say why she was looking for me?”

#### **Chapter 492: We Aren’t Born From the Same Mother so How Could We Possibly Be Alike**

“She didn’t say, but she seems to be rather anxious.” Li Xia hesitated for a moment and suddenly asked, “Zi Yi, why aren’t you and your younger sister alike at all?”

Instead of answering, Zi Yi asked, “We aren’t born from the same mother, so how could we possibly be alike?”

“I don’t mean that. Even though your appearance doesn’t resemble each other either, what I meant was both your personalities and also...” Speaking of this, Li Xia paused for a moment to think before she continued speaking, “Also the aura that you two give off.”

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at her. She did not wish to continue the topic of Zi Xuan and so, she said, “We have different upbringings and so, naturally we appear different.”

Zi Xuan had always wanted to win against her and coupled with how Li Peirong also wished for her daughter to succeed, she had forced Zi Xuan into becoming a robot who only knew how to study.

On this point alone, even if the original owner was ignorant and bad at studying, she would only befriend people from the high society within S City. Coupled with the fact that she liked buying luxury goods, her taste was definitely much better than Zi Xuan's.

After Zi Yi said that, she took out her phone and asked the robot who was disguised as her,

[Are there any movements on Li Peirong's side?]

Soon, the robot replied to her message, [Nothing at the moment.]

Zi Yi was a little surprised.

Based on Li Peirong's personality, she would definitely have wanted to take care of her as soon as possible.

She then asked again, [What is Li Peirong doing?]

[Li Peirong has been participating in several dinner parties organized by the high society ladies circle.]

Zi Yi: [What is she planning to do?]

[The other party told her to unite a group of rich ladies to cause trouble at the Song Jewelry and ruin the brand's reputation.]

At the sight of this message, a sharp glint flashed past her eyes.

She sent the information over to Lu Jingye.

Soon, he replied to her message.

[Got it, I will make arrangements.]

Her lessons in the afternoon ended very soon.

Just as Zi Yi arrived at the parking lot, she saw a silhouette hanging around the area.

The person in question was Zi Xuan.

It gets dark early during the winter and Zi Xuan was wearing a white cotton-padded jacket with her hair let down behind her back. Coupled with the gloomy temperament she was radiating, she looked like a female ghost.

As soon as Zi Yi walked over, she looked at her warily.

Zi Yi gave her a cold look and directly headed for the driver's seat.

"Zi Yi."

When Zi Yi placed her hand on the door handle, Zi Xuan finally spoke up. Her voice contained traces of anxiousness. "I want to talk to you."

Zi Yi looked at Zi Xuan whose hands were nervously fiddling around with the hem of her clothes and obviously appeared to be nervous. She lightly chuckled.

It just so happened that she had spare time today. She originally planned to ignore this pair of mother and daughter. But since they even dared to have designs on the Song Jewelry, then she shall take care of them in passing.

Zi Xuan heard Zi Yi's chuckle and her heart trembled for no reason. She dared not make eye contact with her and quickly said, "Dad has gotten a lawyer to notarize that he will be giving me all his assets. If you want half of it, follow me to sign some documents."

Zi Xuan's train of thought was like this: *"Since Zi Yi liked to spend so much, she would definitely agree to follow me if I use that excuse."*

Zi Yi looked at Zi Xuan. She was a little surprised that she did not follow Li Peirong's arrangements and was directly trying to bring her back.

Zi Yi suddenly asked, "Where's your mother?"

Zi Xuan did not manage to react at the very first instance and looked back at her with her mouth wide open.

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes and revealed a dangerous glint. "Zi Xuan, do you think I'm stupid or something? Since the will has already been notarized, and father has yet to pass away? Isn't he the only one that has the right to make amendments?"

In order to make Zi Yi believe her, Zi Xuan tried her best to calm down her heart rate. She said with a taut expression, "Who says so, when dad had the will notarized, I had asked the lawyer and he said that I also had that right."

Zi Yi stared into Zi Xuan's eyes. When Zi Xuan was about to show cracks, Zi Yi curved her lips into a smile and said, "Alright then. Anyways, I've been eyeing a few racing cars these days but I don't have the money to buy them."

She motioned for her after she said that. "Get in."

Zi Xuan looked at Zi Yi's racing car and remained rooted to the same spot.

After Zi Yi got in her car, she said, "Since you dare not ride in my car, then I'll wait for you beneath your apartment. If you don't arrive in half an hour, I'll be leaving."

As soon as she said that, she stepped on the gas pedal and her car immediately drove out.

Zi Yi parked her car outside the neighborhood of Zi Xuan's apartment. She did not walk in through the main entrance either and instead, she went to a remote area and got Shadow to send her inside.

She then used Zi Xuan's number to send Li Peirong a message. "Mom, I've already tricked her. I got her to head straight to my apartment."

Li Peirong was currently attending a dinner banquet and she was frightened when she received the message.

“This child, didn’t I say to take care of that little b\*tch outside?” She quickly gave Zi Xuan a call, but was unable to get through.

How could Li Peirong still have the mood to stay? She went to chat with the organizer of the party and immediately left in a hurry.

In order to make Zi Yi disappear from in front of her for good, Zi Xuan had also given it her all. She had even ridden the small electric scooter from school back home.

When Zi Yi saw Zi Xuan parking the small electric scooter and using her sleeve to wipe the sweat that trickled down from her forehead, she laughed.

Zi Xuan was a person that appeared to be a nerd. However, when she was jealous of someone, she could be crazier than anyone else.

Zi Yi walked over to Zi Xuan.

When Zi Xuan saw her, she headed inside the apartment building.

Zi Xuan stayed on the eighth floor and the two of them rode on the elevator.

The residential area was a high-end residential area and every floor had two households. On the eighth floor there was an apartment which was clearly still empty, as there was still protective film on the door.

Zi Yi stood beside the door and she saw Zi Xuan’s hand trembling from excitement as she opened the door to her apartment.

Zi Xuan opened the door and switched on the lights.

What was revealed to Zi Yi was the entryway and to the left was a shelf, and on the right side was a shoe cabinet.

Zi Yi’s gaze landed on the shelf. There were several bottles and jars used to decorate the shelf and all of them looked delicate and beautiful. However, when the light illuminated these objects, it inexplicably gave off a chilly feeling.

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes at that.

Walking through the entryway and arriving in the living room, the interior decor was luxuriously decorated in an extremely girly style. There was also a jar placed on the coffee table in front of the sofa.

There were no flower arrangements inside the jar. Instead, it had been covered with a special, thick cover.

When they arrived in the middle of the living room, Zi Xuan stopped and said to her, “Wait here for a moment. “I’ll go grab the documents.”

She headed towards one of the rooms afterwards.

Zi Yi directly went to the floor-to-ceiling window near the sofa and softly said to Shadow, “Inspect this house.”

Shadow soon finished the check.

“There are dangerous objects detected inside. Master, please be careful.”

“Hmph!” Zi Yi turned to look at the jar placed on the coffee table. Those on the shelf and this jar have all been changed.

She then walked towards the door where Zi Xuan had entered and there were sounds of slight movements from behind.

Soon, Zi Xuan took out a document and opened the door.

When she saw Zi Yi standing by the door, she had a fright and subconsciously raised her voice as she asked, “Who told you to stand here?”

Zi Yi glanced at her with her cold gaze. She did not say anything but turned around and walked towards the sofa.

Zi Xuan hastily followed behind her. She placed the document along with a pen on the coffee table. “There are a few areas which require your signature. You can take a look at it first. If there’s no problem, you can go ahead and sign it.”

Zi Yi took the document and read through it.

When Zi Yi’s attention was on the document, Zi Xuan quickly opened the lid to the jar.

### **Chapter 493: Zi Xuan, You Can’t Hold it in Any Longer?**

Zi Yi waited for Zi Xuan to sit down before she put the document out of her sight.

Zi Xuan stared at her and hastily asked, “Are you done reading? Sign it when you’re done.”

Zi Yi put the document on the coffee table and said, “What’s the hurry?”

“You-”

Zi Xuan could not continue the act anymore and took the document away as she tore it in half. With a cold voice, she said, “Since you’re not intending to sign it, then don’t.”

Zi Yi leaned against the sofa with a soft smile on her lips. “Zi Xuan, you can’t hold it in any longer?”

“Hmph! Why should I pretend? I hate you. I have hated you ever since I was younger!”

Zi Xuan’s expression became gloomy. “If not for you, I wouldn’t have been forced to study every single day. Other than having a powerful grandfather, how else can you possibly compare to me? Your studies are inferior, your capabilities are lacking too. Most importantly, Mom and Dad don’t like you.”

She suddenly revealed a proud smile having said that.

Zi Yi looked at Zi Xuan who was still unwilling to accept the facts even now. All of a sudden, she suggested. “You had better visit the Third Hospital.”

The Capital’s Third Hospital specializes in treating mental illnesses.



“You’re saying I’m sick!?” Zi Xuan stood up agitatedly and acted as if she was about to pounce on Zi Yi.

Zi Yi remained calm and seated.

With one seated and one standing, the aura Zi Yi radiated became very strong. It was to the extent that Zi Xuan who was standing felt that she was in a lower position compared to Zi Yi.

She felt extremely pissed off, but at the thought that Zi Yi was about to disappear from the face of the Earth soon, indescribable happiness surged forth from her heart.

Zi Yi noticed the change in Zi Xuan’s expression and the smile on her lips deepened. “Zi Xuan, even if you don’t sleep every night, you are unable to catch up to me in my studies. Also.. other than studies... you are ever lacking compared to me in other aspects. Say, why can’t you just see the facts?”

“Nonsense!” I’m clearly more outstanding than you in everything!” Zi Xuan shouted at her in a fluster, as she did not want to admit that fact at all.

“Pft!”

Zi Yi laughed and stood up as she headed towards the floor-to-ceiling window.

Zi Xuan subconsciously followed along.

Outside the window was a balcony with a width of two meters. It was not completely sealed off and there was even a carved railing.

When Zi Yi walked to the balcony and looked down, she just so happened to see Li Peirong alighting from the car and running towards the building at fast speeds.

She asked Zi Xuan, who was standing at the balcony door and staring at her, “Say, if a human were to fall down from here, would their appearance be disfigured to the extent they cannot be recognized?”

Zi Xuan stared at her and softly muttered, “I don’t know if they will be disfigured. I only know that you will soon disappear from the face of the Earth.”

“Is that so?”

A cruel and resolute expression could be seen on Zi Xuan’s face at that moment. She had also laughed. Her laughter gave off a carefree feeling. “I think you’re not aware of what’s placed in that jar on the coffee table? There’s a parasite contained within that can cause a human to melt into a puddle of blood in half an hour. You’re already poisoned by the parasite. Ha, you can just wait for yourself to disappear from this world!”

“Parasite? Witchcraft?” Zi Yi looked at Zi Yi’s eyes and used her mental energy. “Who gave you the poisonous parasite?”

Zi Xuan’s eyes became dazed. “A masked man. He said that as long as I opened the jar, the parasite would automatically come to you and enter your body. It will only take half an hour before you will turn into a pool of blood.”

Zi Xuan clearly did not know who the other party was. As soon as she heard that it could make Zi Yi disappear, she accepted it.

“Ha! Zi Xuan, you’re really despicable.”

Zi Yi heard the sounds of the door opening and turned her head around to see.

When the door was opened, Li Peirong strode in.

Zi Yi was taller than Zi Xuan and Zi Yi was standing sideways while Zi Xuan stood at the edge of the railing. From Li Peirong’s perspective, it was Zi Yi who wanted to do something to Zi Xuan.

Li Peirong’s heart tightened and she exploded. “Little b\*tch, I dare you to hurt my Xuanxuan!”

She quickly dashed over after that.

Zi Yi looked at her bloodshot eyes and Li Peirong who was prepared to kill her. She evaded her push by dodging.

Li Peirong was determined to push Zi Yi down and she dashed over at a fast speed. She did not expect Zi Yi to dodge at the very last moment and she did not have the time to stop herself. In the end, she hit Zi Xuan with great force.

Zi Xuan was standing at the edge of the railing right now and the railing was rather loose. With Li Peirong’s push, she and the railing fell down directly.

“AH, XUANXUAN!”

BAM!

Zi Yi looked at Li Peirong who had collapsed on the ground from despair and was grieving. With an expression of indifference, she headed for the door.

When she left, she told Shadow. “Put back the original jar, and then remove the evidence that I was here.”

Shadow put the jar that it had changed beforehand back to its original position.

Zi Yi walked out of the apartment and entered the lift.

When the doors were closed, Li Peirong’s heart-wrenching cries sounded. “My Xuanxuan...”

Zi Yi took out her phone and quickly called the police. She told them the bottles inside the apartment had poisonous parasites.

By the time she walked out of the apartment building, there was already a crowd of people.

Everyone was looking at the disfigured Zi Xuan along with Li Peirong who was crying her heart out upstairs. There were many people who took out their phones and called the police.

Zi Yi left the neighborhood during the commotion.

Soon, the police had arrived.

When they entered Zi Xuan’s apartment, they were fully armed and even put on gas masks.

The first thing they did after entering was to collect all the bottles and jars before arresting Li Peirong and taking away Zi Xuan's corpse.

Li Peirong had gone crazy.

This incident was soon spread around. Not long after Zi Yi reached home, she heard Lu Jingye making a call. "Send her to Qian Shan Mental Hospital."

Qian Shan Mental Hospital was a place where it only received patients with severe mental illness. Once she went in there, if nothing unexpected happened, she could only leave her fate up to the heavens.

After Lu Jingye hung up the call, he directly hugged Zi Yi into his embrace and said in a stern voice, "In the future, if you want to clean up anyone, you're not to take action personally."

At the thought that there were poisonous parasites in Zi Xuan's apartment, Lu Jingye felt terrified.

He had heard of such parasites before in the past. They were terrifying and overbearing.

Zi Yi leaned her cheeks against Lu Jingye's shoulders and replied with an 'ok'.

She then asked, "Say, who do you think is the culprit who found those who dabbled with witchcraft to deal with me?"

"No matter who they are, I will find a way to identify them." Lu Jingye planned to send his men to the southern region to invite someone to protect Zi Yi.

Zi Yi was even more interested in witchcraft after hearing that.

Lu Jingye seemed to have guessed her thoughts and his grip on her waist had tightened.

"Don't think of this matter anymore."

Zi Yi looked up at Lu Jingye who became serious. Her eyes slightly narrowed and soon, she put her hands around his neck and gave him a kiss.

When their two lips were touching, she softly whispered, "If you kiss me a few more times, I shall not think of it anymore."

The next second, her lips were sealed.

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The news of Li Peirong pushing her daughter off the balcony and that she had gone crazy had soon spread around.

The next day, in the morning. There were police officers who contacted Zi Yi and took her statement.

"Miss Zi, are you aware of the incident with your stepmother and your younger sister?"

"I know," Zi Yi replied. "Zi Xuan looked for me yesterday and said that she will be giving me half of the assets my Father is giving her.. She asked me to follow her to sign the papers."

**Chapter 494: My Son Has the Ability To Be High Profile, Why Should He Keep a Low Profile**

The police officers who came looking for Zi Yi were a male and a female.

They had also done a thorough investigation last night.

Zi Yi had indeed met with Zi Xuan at the School of Literature's parking lot. After that, she drove off first.

In addition, there was also a torn document in Zi Xuan's house.

At the thought that there were poisonous parasites in Zi Xuan's house, both of them made eye contact and felt sympathy for Zi Yi.

The female police officer asked, "Student Zi, how is the relationship between you and your younger sister?"

Instead of answering, Zi Yi asked, "You should have already investigated the relationship between us, right?"

The female police officer nodded.

Zi Yi continued to say, "Our relationship isn't exactly the best, it could be said that we have an estranged relationship. Even in school, I had not taken the initiative to look for her even once. I've chosen to ignore her from the very beginning. Therefore, if you have anything to ask, don't ask me. I don't know anything about her."

That was the truth and the two police officers also knew it.

After they finished their routine collection of statements, the female police officer said, "Your stepmother's mental health is extremely bad right now and she no longer has the ability to take care of your younger sister's funeral. We have already contacted your father, but you might need to deal with her funeral preparations in the following days."

"Ok." Zi Yi did not reject her. "I will contact the crematorium to cremate her first."

The two police officers breathed a sigh of relief and left after saying a few more words.

After they left, Zi Yi casually stared into space as she thought of how to deal with Zi Xu when he returned.

Zi Xu was used to being a snob and now that he had lost Zi Xuan, he would definitely come looking for her.

"If you don't wish for Zi Xu to return, I can make it so that he never returns to the country."

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at Lu Jingye who was walking down the stairs. She thought for a moment and said, "It doesn't matter if he returns or not. I can easily take care of someone like him."

It was just that she had yet to make up her mind on which method to use.

"There's no need to worry. The Dou Family will definitely step forward to help on this matter."

Lu Jingye's guess was right. After Zi Yi finished her breakfast, she received Dou Jingning's phone call.

Dou Jingning said, "Yiyi, you can rest assured and attend school. We will help you deal with this matter and there's no need to worry about what will happen when Zi Xu returns. You are already an adult and you have the right to make your own decisions."

Zi Yi's lips curved up. "Eldest Uncle, I understand."

After hanging up the phone, Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye stroked her head and said, "There are many people keeping an eye on you. If you were to attend school, there would definitely be many who would try kidnapping using morals."

Zi Yi thought for a while. "Then I'll go request a leave of absence from school. We'll head over to the secret base in advance."

"Okay."

Not long after Zi Yi left for school, Lu Jingye received Mrs. Lu's phone call.

She had gotten to know about the incident of Li Peirong and Zi Xuan early in the morning and she was also worried that Zi Xu might come looking for Zi Yi when he returned.

Lu Jingye said, "Mother, don't you worry. I will make arrangements."

Even though this incident was an accident, he had also made some preparations beforehand. Therefore, Lu Jingye was not worried at all.

How could Mrs. Lu not worry? "I'm just afraid that other families would come looking for Zi Xu and make use of his name as Zi Yi's father to harm Little Zi, then deal with you."

Lu Jingye replied, "Mother, the Dou Family will also step forward for this matter. If Zi Xuan really plans to harm Zi Yi when the time comes, I will make him regret his actions."

Lu Jingye's voice contained traces of ruthlessness when he said that.

Mrs. Lu was confident of her son's capabilities. Since he had said that, she relaxed ever so slightly.

She then shifted the conversation to another topic. "Your grandfather made the housekeeper call us and asked for your Father to make his way over to the main residence immediately. Did something happen last night?"

Lu Jingye told her about what had happened last night.

Mrs. Lu coldly snorted after hearing what he said. "This type of person deserves to have his hand crippled. Since he doesn't treat you as family, why should we treat them as one?"

When Mrs. Lu said that, Lu Jianlin seemed to have overheard her.

Lu Jianlin said in a serious tone, "No matter what, we are all a family. We can resolve everything in private and it will only make father angrier if we bring it up to the surface."

Mrs. Lu replied to him, "Hmph! He's angry? I'm still angry! Both my sons are your Lu Family's tools and when he's there, he doesn't deserve to possess his own feelings, is that right?"

Lu Jianlin said, "Lingluo, you're too rash."

Mrs. Lu angrily responded, "I'm not like you, who can remain calm no matter what type of situation you're in! Lu Jianlin, let me tell you, for yesterday's incident, be it my eldest son or my youngest son, none of them are in the wrong. You have to fight back for them today!"

Lu Jingye heard his mother who was about to unilaterally cause a fight and called out to her in order to stop the situation from intensifying.

Only then did Mrs. Lu let off Lu Jianlin.

In fact, what she was the most concerned about was the meeting with the Dou Family. "Now that something like this has happened, then can the meeting on Saturday with the Dou Family still proceed?"

Lu Jingye thought for a moment and said, "Mother, I'm afraid we can only delay this meeting."

Mrs. Lu was extremely disappointed. "If not for the fact that I don't wish for Little Zi to suffer grievance, I wish that I could make the both of you get your marriage certificate done immediately."

Lu Jingye's expression slightly twitched, but he did not say anything.

After Mrs. Lu finished what she had to say, Lu Jianlin took over the phone.

He gave Lu Jingye a warning. "There are many people keeping an eye on you recently. You had better keep a low profile."

Before Lu Jingye had the chance to reply, Mrs. Lu had expressed her dissatisfaction. "My son has the ability to be high profile, why should he keep a low profile?"

Lu Jianlin's voice contained traces of helplessness. "Lingluo don't be impulsive."

He then continued talking to Lu Jingye. "The Qin Family is holding a dinner banquet the day after tomorrow, but your mom and I aren't invited. You should know what's going on... They are thinking of dealing with you and they will be coming in from all different directions. I will make some preparations on my end, you should also stay vigilant."

Lu Jingye responded with an 'ok' and said, "Yiyi and I will be heading to the secret base in advance."

Lu Jianlin was silent for a moment before he said, "Alright. I will give Yunxiao a mission today and you won't have to disguise as him any more... When you're treating your brother, give us a call."

When Lu Jianlin said the last sentence, his tone of voice was clearly heavy. He was not confident as to whether Zi Yi could really cure Lu Yunxiao.

Lu Jingye did not try to forcefully persuade him either. There had never been a case of recovering from brain death in this world. It would do as long as he alone believed that Zi Yi had that capability

After Lu Jingye hung up the call, his phone started ringing immediately after.

It was an international long-distance call. After he answered the call, the other party's sincere voice sounded. "Lu, I am inviting you over to our J Company with utmost sincerity. You can quote the salary and benefits you want."

Lu Jingye would receive several of these calls every day. Some people wanted to take advantage of his downfall to suppress him and naturally, there would be people willing to spend a huge sum of money to hire him. After all, he was a legend in the business world.

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As soon as Zi Yi's car arrived at M.Uni, she saw numerous reporters waiting there.

When the reporters spotted her car, they swarmed over like bees to a honey pot. Zi Yi stepped on the gas pedal and directly drove into the school. When the reporters wanted to follow her inside, they had been stopped by the security guards.

Dou Xiaoyong called her over the moment she arrived inside the campus.

Dou Xiaoyong said, "Your Third Uncle is in-charge of your younger sister's cremation.. You don't have to worry about it... Also, call Little Lu over tonight to have dinner with us."

### **Chapter 495: How Rich Is Zi Yi?**

Zi Yi knew that the Dou Family members were worried about Zi Xu and would certainly want to say something to her and Ah Jing. She nodded and said, "Alright."

After she came out of Dou Xiaoyong's office, there were many people on campus discussing Zi Xuan's incident.

At the same time, her name was also mentioned.

"Zi Xuan is Zi Yi's younger sister. Say, now that Zi Xuan passed away, will Zi Yi be sad?"

"I guess so? After all, they're biological sisters."

"Eh~ Zi Yi has come to school. Shouldn't she be dealing with her sister's funeral matters?"

"Could it be that she isn't feeling sad at all?"

"Zi Yi is too cold hearted!"

More and more people started discussing Zi Yi, but in less than half an hour's time, the news of Zi Yi taking a leave of absence spread around.

She had not requested a week of leave but instead her request was for half a month. The voices of discussion had disappeared without a trace.

There were many people paying attention to Zi Yi's family matters. There were also many who felt that Lu Jingye was the one who told Lu Yunxiao to get involved.

"Only Lu Yunxiao has the capability to do this and go unnoticed."

However, no one could find evidence on that.

In a famous theatrical garden in the capital the Dongfang and Qin Family's Head just so happen to encounter each other, and they asked for a room to sit down and chat.

The Dongfang Family's Head asked, "What is your opinion on the Zi Family's incident?"

The Qin Family's Head took a sip of tea before he said, "Everyone thinks that Lu Jingye got Lu Yunxiao to get involved."

"Isn't that the case?" The Dongfang Family's Head was under the same assumption.

"I beg to differ." The Qin Family's Head looked at the stage and a few seconds later, he said, "Don't forget. That woman has superb skills in making robots. Even the nation's Technology Research Institute had invited her over to help."

The Dongfang Family's Head was stunned. "You mean that woman used robots to deal with her stepmother and sister?"

"That's right. The quality of that apartment's railing could not possibly be so bad. It must have been tampered with beforehand.

"Then... what about the poisonous parasite found in that apartment?"

"I am also rather confused about this. I've thought of using that woman Li Peirong in the past, but I discovered that she had been made use of by another group of people." The Qin Family's Head looked at the Dongfang Family's Head and thought that it was the Dongfang Family behind it.

The Dongfang Family's Head furrowed his brow and said, "It's not the Dongfang Family behind this."

The Qin Family's Head was a little surprised and he continued to speak. "No matter who the master mind is, Lu Jingye must be eliminated. If he were to gain power once again, he would definitely deal with our company. We have to think of a way to make Lu Yunxiao leave the capital. It would be best if he heads abroad."

The Dongfang Family's Head nodded his head. "That's right. The most troublesome person right now is Lu Yunxiao. As long as he leaves, we can think of a way to lure Lu Jingye and Zi Yi to S City. It would be easier to take care of them there."

"Yes, that's the plan I had too. As to what should be done next, we can collaborate with the He Family and Ouyang Family tonight to think of the appropriate measures."

It just so happened that these two families had suffered great losses during the economic war Lu Jingye had initiated back then. Therefore, they were itching to deal with Lu Jingye.

The Qin Family's Head said, "To deal with Lu Jingye, I feel that it would be best to deal with people around Zi Yi... It just so happens that Zi Xu will be returning from abroad these days and I've also sent my men to do a thorough investigation on him. As long as sufficient benefits are given, it would be easy to make use of him."

The Dongfang Family's Head nodded. "Okay, I'll send someone to S City to talk to him when the time comes."

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Zi Yi left the school after she got her leave of absence approved.



When her car drove out, she also received numerous messages offering their condolences to her.

She took a glance at those messages and it seemed like a joke to her.

Zi Xuan was merely a stranger in her opinion. Moreover, it was a stranger that wanted her death due to jealousy. What was there for her to feel sad about?

She merely took a glance at those messages and forgot about them.

As soon as her car drove out of M.Uni, she received Dou Xiangling's phone call.

Dou Xiangling asked her over the phone, "Yiyi, where are you right now?"

Zi Yi told her about her whereabouts. "I just left the school grounds."

Dou Xiangling then said, "Then come over to the XX road near the center of the city. I am looking for a venue to open my art gallery and you can come to help me look for one too."

"Sure."

Zi Yi arrived at the location Dou Xiangling mentioned after half an hour.

Dou Xiangling was currently standing outside the entrance of a shop and she went over and greeted her when she saw Zi Yi's arrival.

"Yiyi."

Zi Yi alighted from the car and checked the surroundings.

This place was a street away from the main city and art galleries were basically found all around here. This street can be considered to be an art street.

Dou Xiangling did not mention looking for a place first. Instead, she brought up Li Peirong's incident.

"Yiyi, were there many people discussing this incident when you arrived in school today?"

"Yes."

Dou Xiangling was a little angry. "I knew it! When I arrived at school in the morning, I heard someone saying that you met with Zi Xuan yesterday. There were also numerous reporters outside of the school grounds today and I believe these people are trying to dig up some information from you."

Zi Yi replied with a calm expression, "I think they are thinking of digging out information that Zi Xuan's death is related to me."

"Ha! What does Zi Xuan's death have to do with you? Instead, I heard that she kept poisonous parasites in her apartment and a transfer of assets documents. Dou Yunhaoi has told me about it. That contract had no legal effect at all and Zi Xuan was the one who randomly drafted it. When she came looking for you yesterday, was it to cheat you into heading to her apartment to sign that contract?"

"Yes."

"I knew it. She's too vicious."

Dou Xiangling said to Zi Yi. "Yiyi, don't you worry. Your cousins Yunhao and Yurui will follow up on this matter. If someone were to make a fuss about you by using this, she will take care of it."

Not only was Dou Yunhao a reputable lawyer, but Dou Yurui was also a forensic doctor. In order to prevent someone from using Zi Xuan's death to harm Zi Yi, they had directly taken over the follow-up of Zi Xuan's death.

A surge of warm current flowed into her heart and Zi Yi revealed a smile as she nodded. "Ok."

Only then did Dou Xiangling bring her to check out the location she had chosen.

The place she chose was not considered very large. It appeared to be around three or four hundred square meters.

Zi Yi took a glance and suggested. "You can choose a bigger space."

Dou Xiangling smiled and said, "The rent here is too expensive and I can't afford a larger space."

Ever since the Dou Family members started working, they would not ask for money from the family. All their wealth was earned using their hard work. Dou Xiangling would often tour around the world to find inspiration for painting and the money she had saved up was not much.

Without a second thought, Zi Yi said, "You don't have money, but I do."

Dou Xiangling was about to reject her, but before she could say anything, Zi Yi spoke up.

"My bar is earning at least 500 thousand dollars every day and money isn't a problem at all."

Dou Xiangling widened her mouth slightly, looking as if she was extremely shocked.

She only managed to recover her senses after a few seconds. "Yiyi, is your bar really that profitable?"

Zi Yi revealed a smirk and said, "Of course, look at the type of bar it is. Those who can enter are all rich individuals and they don't care about that little sum of money."

Zi Yi continued to say, "My racing club has yet to officially start its operations. But once it does, it will not earn less than the bar."

In actual fact, Zi Yi felt that earning money through these two businesses was very slow, which was why she had not paid much attention to them.

#### **Chapter 496: Overboard**

However, Dou Xiangling was so shocked that her eyes were wide open. All of a sudden, she felt that her cousin was a shining golden doll.

Zi Yi looked at Dou Xiangling and said, "Do you want to choose another bigger place?"

Dou Xiangling nodded her head. "Yes."

Zi Yi then said, "I'll write both our names on the business license."

All of a sudden, Dou Xiangling laughed and said, "As one of the gallery owners, you should also contribute a few paintings then."

Zi Yi: "...I miscalculated."

"Hahaha..."

"What has gotten the ladies to laugh so heartily?"

The sounds of the door opening caused both of them to look over at the same time. They saw Zhang Hanyu and a middle-aged man wearing a suit walking in from outside.

Zi Yi was a little surprised.

Dou Xiangling said to her, "This is a place Teacher Zhang helped me find."

The man who entered with Zhang Hanyu was the landlord.

His surname was Chang and he appeared to be a nice person.

After Zhang Hanyu came in, he asked, "Xiangling, what do you think of the place?"

The landlord said, "If Miss Dou likes it, we can negotiate on the rent. I am fond of artists like you very much and I feel that renting this place to you as an art gallery makes the place more elegant."

Dou Xiangling felt a little embarrassed when facing the enthusiastic landlord

Zi Yi glanced at Dou Xiangling and straightforwardly said, "My cousin and I have discussed and we both felt that this place is a little small. We plan to rent a bigger one."

The landlord's smile stiffened and he subconsciously looked at Zhang Hanyu.

Zhang Hanyu smiled and said to the landlord, "The art gallery is operated by these two ladies and since they said so, they mean what they said. Mr. Chang, I wonder if you have other larger places for rent? Or perhaps you could help introduce us to another place."

The landlord hesitated for a moment and said, "There's a place, but it's a little expensive. It's on the east side of this street."

"How big is the place?" It didn't matter to Zi Yi whether the place was expensive or not.

"It's around seven hundred square meters."

Zi Yi looked at Dou Xiangling.

Dou Xiangling asked, "How much is the yearly rental?"

The landlord hesitated for a moment before he said, "That place belongs to my younger cousin and I'm not sure how much it would cost."

It was hard for their thoughts not to wander with how the landlord was acting.

Zhang Hanyu said, "Mr. Chang, it's not appropriate for you to act like this. The rental prices around this street should be around the same and you just have to tell us the usual prices for a seven hundred square meter place."

"This..." The landlord was still hesitating. In the end, he only said, "My cousin doesn't expect to earn money from the rent, so the rent is more expensive than other places."

"Bring us over to take a look."

The moment Zi Yi spoke, Zhang Hanyu and Mr. Chang looked at her with slight surprise.

Dou Xiangling did not say anything. At the thought of the income Zi Yi earned from her bar and racing club, she also felt that a few hundred grand a year was not considered a lot.

Dou Xiangling nodded her head in agreement. "We'll have to trouble Mr. Chang to call your cousin and tell him that we wish to take a look at the place."

Mr. Chang was surprised for a moment. At the thought that both of them seemed to be rich, he immediately gave his cousin a call.

When the four of them made their way over, a man who had a slight resemblance with Mr. Chang was already waiting for them there.

The younger Mr. Chang saw the five walking over and subconsciously stretched out his hand towards Zhang Hanyu. "Hello, I believe it's you and your group who wants to look at the house?"

Zhang Hanyu quickly waved his hand and pointed at Dou Xiangling and Zi Yi. "It's these two ladies who want to check out the place."

Zhang Hanyu introduced the two of them to him.

The younger Mr. Chang was not embarrassed by the small hiccup either. He then turned to Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling. His sharp gaze sized them up and he laughed while revealing a gesture for them to enter. "Ladies, please."

As soon as they entered the property, they saw several areas which were divided by walls, but the space of this place was indeed large enough.

When the two of them were checking out the place, the younger Mr. Chang said, "If you're interested in renting, the walls here can all be knocked down."

The two of them looked around the place and Zi Yi asked Dou Xiangling, "What do you think?"

Dou Xiangling nodded her head, and was clearly satisfied with the place.

Zi Yi asked, "How much are you selling the place for?"

"You should have also heard from my cousin that the rent of this place is higher than other places. If you are not willing... erm... Miss Zi, what did you say earlier?"

"Are you selling this place of yours? How much are you selling it for?"

"This..." He checked out Zi Yi from head to toe and a sharp glint flickered in his eyes. He then revealed a smile and shook his head. "I don't intend to sell this place."

Dou Xiangling was also surprised by Zi Yi's words. After she recovered her senses, she called out. "Yiyi, what are you doing?"

Zi Yi turned around and looked at her, hinting at her to remain calm.

Zi Yi said to the younger Mr. Chang, "We are only buying it, and we won't be renting. If you are willing to sell, you can offer a price. Forget it if you are unwilling."

The younger Mr. Chang looked at Zi Yi for a few seconds before he said a figure, "Five billion."

Zhang Hanyu could not take it anymore. "Mr. Chang, this is overboard. How could there be such an expensive shop?"

"Therefore I'm advising the two ladies to rent."

Dou Xiangling was worried that Zi Yi might really buy it and hastily asked, "Then how much is the yearly rent?"

"Ten million."

"The rent Mr. Chang is asking for is too high. I've inquired about the shops around this area and it costs around 60 thousand annually for a place of the same size. It's only seven million for a year's worth of rent. Yet, your rental is three million more in comparison."

"The location of my place is good. Moreover, I've also said that you can rent it if you like. Forget it if you don't want to."

Zhang Hanyu looked at Dou Xiangling and Zi Yi and gave them a hint with his gaze. "Why don't we check out other places?"

Dou Xiangling felt a little regret. She liked the place, but this person is asking for such a high rent from the start and he would definitely find an excuse to raise the prices in the future. After receiving Zhang Hanyu's hint, she said to Zi Yi, "Yiyi, let's go elsewhere."

Zi Yi glanced at the younger Mr. Chang who had a look as if it didn't matter to him and nodded her head. The three of them took their leave.

They had checked out two other locations, but none of them were as good as the initial place.

Zi Yi looked at Dou Xiangling and said, "Cousin, if you really like that place, the money doesn't matter."

"No way. The rent there is higher by three million and it's not worth it at all."

To Dou Xiangling, she would rather donate the additional three million.

The three of them took a rest and sat down at a table with an umbrella that blocked the sun. Zhang Hanyu then said to them, "You can rest here first, I'll go over there to buy some drinks. Xiangling, Little Yi, what would you like to drink?"

Dou Xiangling said, "Let's go and buy the drinks together."

She was not used to troubling others and she always felt that she was troubling Mr. Zhang, which made her feel somewhat bad.

“No need, I’m here today to run errands. You two can sit down. I’ll go and get two cups of hot milk tea.”

He strode towards the milk tea shop after that.

Zi Yi tugged at Dou Xiangling and said, “Cousin, let’s sit down here and wait for Teacher Zhang.”

#### **Chapter 497: There’s Someone Who Managed to Fool My Robots?**

After sitting down, Zi Yi asked Dou Xiangling, “Cousin, do you like Teacher Zhang?”

Dou Xiangling revealed a bitter smile and lowered her eyes. “I don’t have that type of feeling towards him.”

Sometimes, Dou Xiangling felt that she was scum. She did not like the other party, but was unable to reject him and could only leave the relationship between the both of them hanging just like that.

Zi Yi looked at her expression and grabbed her hand. Just as she was about to speak, she suddenly felt a dangerous aura approaching at fast speeds.

Shadow’s voice sounded in her ear. “Master, please take care. There’s a bullet incoming.”

Zi Yi pulled Dou Xiangling’s hand and dodged while she took out a circular ball and threw it out.

At the same time, Zhang Hanyu shouted in shock, “Xiangling, Little Zi, quick, dodge!”

The people around them also fell into panic.

The circular ball transformed into a shield and blocked one of the bullets. However, there were several people wearing casual clothes rushing over in their direction with weapons in their hands.

Zi Yi grabbed Dou Xiangling’s hand and quickly threw out a few more circular balls.

The scene became even more uncontrollable. Pedestrians started screaming and scurrying around, and very soon, they pushed Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling apart.

Zi Yi loudly called out, “Shadow, protect my cousin.”

When Shadow appeared beside Dou Xiangling, a man holding onto a knife rushed towards Dou Xiangling, aiming to cut her right hand.

“Xiangling, be careful.”

Zhang Hanyu pulled Dou Xiangling’s wrist and their bodies switched around. That knife ended up stabbing Zhang Hanyu’s waist and blood poured out.

Dou Xiangling got a fright. “Teacher Zhang, are you alright?”

Just then, Shadow made his way over and directly knocked the perpetrator unconscious.

Dou Xiangling said to Shadow anxiously, “Shadow, quick, help Teacher Zhang. He’s bleeding a lot.”

Shadow had medicine for emergency usage and it fed Zhang Hanyu a pill.

Following that, Shadow moved the two of them elsewhere.

Zi Yi looked at the dozens of people surrounding her and she revealed a chilly smile. "You dare to attack me in such an open space? Aren't you afraid that your master would get unlucky? Or could it be that your master thinks that he can cover the world with his hand?"

After Zi Yi said that, she took out a few silver needles and pinched them between her hands, with the intention to give them a good acupuncture treatment.

The group of attackers did not think of Zi Yi as a threat and directly attacked her.

Yet another group of trained men wearing casual clothes dashed over. After the man leading the group arrived, he lifted Zi Yi by her waist and kicked the man in front of him.

"Ow--"

BAM!

The man spat out a mouthful of blood before he crashed onto the ground and lost consciousness.

His men had quickly dealt with the other side.

Soon, the first group was beaten up to the extent that they had no way to retaliate.

During that moment, the guards arrived late.

Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye whose expression looked ugly. She then asked, "Who is behind this?"

Before Lu Jingye had the chance to speak, the leader of the guards strode over in their direction.

"Third Young Master Lu, Miss Zi, are you two alright?"

Lu Jingye's voice was extremely chilly. "This area isn't far from the guard post. Why didn't you arrive here at the very first instance."

"This..." The leader of the guard trembled under the chilly aura Lu Jingye radiated. He tried his best to resist the urge to wipe his sweat and said, "It just so happened that some incidents happened in several directions. All my men were dispatched."

Evidently, someone had deliberately lured them away.

Zi Yi looked towards Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye tightly pursed his lips and his eyes revealed a sharp glint.

The leader of the guard had cold sweat trickling down his back.

Just then, Lu Jingye spoke up. "I will personally investigate who is behind this."

The leader of the guard opened his mouth and hastily said, "I have to bring these people back to take statements."

"I will send them to your place tomorrow."

*“But...” Can you guarantee that these people will live to see another day?* The leader of the guard did not speak his thoughts out loud.

Even though he very much wanted to say it, he did not dare to offend the person in front of him. However, he did not dare to skip the procedures required of him either, and so he said, “Third Young Master Lu, if you really want to bring these people away, then I’d like to trouble you to give my higher-ups a call. I am unable to make the decision.”

Lu Jingye nodded his head, took out his phone, and dialed a string of numbers. After the call got connected, he said, “There’s a group of international fugitives attacking passers-by on XX road. I have to bring them away.”

After Lu Jingye got an answer from the other side, he looked at the leader of the guard who was looking back at him with an expression of disbelief. “It’s done.”

He only managed to recover his senses after his phone rang.

He quickly answered the call and the higher-ups informed him not to obstruct the Third Young Master Lu.

The leader of the guard opened his mouth and very much wanted to say that these people did not look like international fugitives in the slightest. However, as he was subjected to Lu Jingye’s chilly gaze, he could only swallow the words he wanted to say.

Lu Jingye ordered his men he had brought along. “Bring them away.”

Zi Yi had taken out two circular balls and thrown them into the air when Lu Jingye came.

The shield formed by the two circular balls covered hundreds of meters of the vicinity and caused everyone’s phone to be in the state of a black screen due to a virus infection.

When Lu Jingye made the call, only then did she remove the phone virus from their phones.

After Lu Jingye finished conversing over the phone, she told him about this in a soft voice.

Lu Jingye nodded his head and swept his gaze across those pedestrians who were hiding under the table as he said in a solemn voice, “No one is to spread out the incident that happened here.”

Those who were around here were all ordinary people who were shopping around the vicinity and how could they have encountered such a situation before in their lives? Moreover, after those people who wanted to film a scene saw that their phones were unresponsive, they immediately assumed that Lu Jingye was from the special forces. Out of awe, they dared not spread the news of this incident.

Lu Jingye and Zi Yi soon left with a group of people.

The men Lu Jingye brought along had captured the assailants and left stealthily, while Zi Yi and Lu Jingye went looking for Dou Xiangling and Zhang Hanyu.

They had a quick conversation as they walked.

Zi Yi asked, “Do you know who sent these people?”



“Rick got the embassy of Country D involved.”

“Rick? How did he manage to get in touch with Country D’s embassy?” Zi Yi furrowed her brows.

Lu Jingye said, “Someone helped Rick leave the country and he went to the Golden Triangle.”

Zi Yi’s frown tightened. “I didn’t receive the slightest information on that.”

She quickly took out her phone and contacted the robot she had sent to follow Rick.

The robot reported. “The target is in the suburbs and is closely being monitored by us.”

Zi Yi was surprised at the information she obtained. “To think that someone is capable of deceiving my robots.”

Due to the limitations of materials, there were many functions she had yet to install in her robot. However, it wasn’t a problem to monitor a person.

Lu Jingye made a guess. “Someone should have used a special method to secretly move him out of the country.”

Zi Yi thought for a moment and softly muttered, “It seems like I will have to develop a robot that tracks individuals through their DNA. In that case, even if they are turned into ashes, my robot would be able to detect them.”

Speaking of this, Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye and furrowed her brows. “Say, could it be possible that the people who took Rick away are the same group who knows that Yunxiao is brain dead?”

Lu Jingye nodded his head. “They are definitely related to Yunxiao’s injuries. We can only know who they are after Yunxiao regains consciousness.”

They are hidden in the dark and no one knows how or who injured Lu Jingye.. As a result, it was difficult for them to find the culprit.

#### **Chapter 498: I Will Make Them Pay the Price**

The topic of their discussion returned back to Rick.

“Hmph! Does he think I can’t do anything to him if he sneaks away? I’ll let my robots continue tracking him down first before sending Little Loli over.

Little Loli has a scent detection device installed and even if he were to escape to the ends of the Earth, she would be able to locate him. However... should we clean up those from Country D’s embassy?”

“I will make them pay the price.”

Since those people had found gangsters to attack them, he could also find men to launch a sneak attack. It just so happens that the killers he hired earlier had arrived in the capital these days.

The two of them soon came to where Dou Xiangling and Zhang Hanyu were.

Dou Xiangling was standing next to the car while Zhang Hanyu sat inside.

As soon as Dou Xiangling saw Zi Yi making her way over, she went up and said with a worried expression, "Yiyi, are you alright?"

She then looked at Lu Jingye and she was frightened by his chilly gaze.

"This is... the Third Young Master Lu?"

Zi Yi replied on his behalf, "Yes."

"How's Teacher Zhang?"

"Shadow gave him basic emergency treatment. I'll send him to the hospital shortly."

Zi Yi noticed that Dou Xiangling's expression was different compared to before when she said that. She subconsciously looked at Zhang Hanyu who had his eyes closed as he leaned against the chair. "Send Teacher Zhang to the hospital first."

The news of a brawl happening on XX road was only spread out after Zi Yi and her group left. Soon, a large group of reporters made their way over.

However, by the time they arrived, the place had returned to its original appearance.

Zhang Hanyu's injuries were not considered too severe. After they sent him to the First Hospital, the doctors directly sent him to the emergency treatment room out of consideration for Zi Yi.

There were family members of other patients on that floor.

However, Lu Jingye and a few bodyguards had surrounded them and the members of the public dared not stare in their direction.

Zi Yi and the doctor conversed for a while.

After she finished conversing with the doctor, Zi Yi turned around and looked at Dou Xiangling who had a complicated expression. "Cousin, there's no need to worry. Teacher Zhang's injuries aren't severe and his operation will end very soon."

Dou Xiangling looked at Zi Yi and opened her mouth with the intention to say something. However, she did not know what to say and could only nod her head.

Just then, Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling's phone rang at the same time.

The call was from the Dou Family.

Zi Yi's call was from Dou Jingning and he asked about the current situation over the phone. Zi Yi simply told him, "Eldest Uncle, it's hard to explain the situation over the phone."

Dou Jingning guessed that there must be outsiders around her and so, he said, "Come home early later on."

Zi Yi responded with an 'ok'. After hanging up the phone, she looked towards Dou Xiangling who was currently on the phone with the Third Madam.

Dou Xiangling continuously assured her that she was fine and in the end, she mentioned Zhang Hanyu's name.

The Third Madam seemed to have said something to her and Dou Xiangling responded with an 'ok' before she hung up the phone.

Dou Xiangling put away her phone and looked up, only to make eye contact with Zi Yi. She then said with a complicated expression on her face, "My Mother told me to bring him home after Teacher Zhang's injuries recover, so that they can thank him personally."

Zi Yi opened her mouth but ended up not saying anything and nodded her head instead.

Just then, Lu Jingye who just ended his call came over and said to Zi Yi, "I have something on and I'll be leaving first."

Zi Yi hastily said, "I'll send you off."

Lu Jingye nodded his head.

They did not take the elevator but instead, walked down the stairs.

When they entered the stairwell, Zi Yi threw out two circular balls, one upstairs and one downstairs. "My Eldest Uncle is asking us to head over early. Teacher Zhang's operation will most likely take an hour or more. After his operation ends, we'll head over to my grandfather's place."

"Okay."

"What are you going to do now?"

"I have to settle some stuff."

"Okay... We'll meet in the neighborhood near my grandfather's place then."

"Okay."

Zi Yi sent Lu Jingye downstairs and took the lift up again.

She came to Dou Xiangling's side and sat on the chair next to hers. She originally planned to wait for Zhang Hanyu to come out together with Dou Xiangling.

However, the news of her arrival in the hospital soon spread around. Not long after she had sat down, Deputy Pang came looking for her. "Little Zi, why didn't you inform us of your arrival? Let's go, come to my office to have a seat."

Everyone looked at the both of them with an intrigued gaze.

Zi Yi promised that she would occasionally drop by, but she did not expect her schedule to be so full. Since Deputy Pang had come looking for her, obviously she would not reject him. She then looked at Dou Xiangling and said, "Cousin, when Teacher Zhang comes out from the operation room, give me a call."

Dou Xiangling nodded in response.

Zi Yi left with Deputy Pang.

When they entered the lift, Deputy Pang was grumbling. "Your words don't hold any credibility at all. Didn't you say that you would come over to the First Hospital's medical apparatus room to play whenever you were available? It has been a few months since you said that."

Zi Yi responded without feeling the slightest guilt. "I said that I would only come over when I have time, but I have been really very busy these past few months."

One would know of Zi Yi's affairs as long as they paid the slightest attention to it. Deputy Pang laughed and said, "Alright then. I shall not blame you any further."

They chatted while they walked. However, Zi Yi did not expect that there was already a large group of people waiting inside when she reached Deputy Pang's office.

Deputy Pang was unhappy. "Why are all of you at my office? Get out, go go go..."

One of the senior doctors replied without the slightest trace of politeness, "We're here to look for Little Zi, not you."

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Zhang Hanyu's operation lasted for over two hours and Dou Xiangling called Zi Yi afterwards.

Zi Yi knew that someone must have done something in the process, to have prolonged the operation time.

She looked at the group of doctors and said, "I have to go."

"Why are you leaving so early? Little Zi, you have yet to check out the medical apparatus. We have just imported a few new medical apparatuses."

"I'll come over when I have time in the future."

The others also tried to ask her to stay, but she ended up repeating her words. "I'll come over when I have time in the future."

Zi Yi directly made her way to the inpatient area.

Zhang Hanyu was already in the ward by the time she arrived. Evidently, Dou Xiangling had gone downstairs to purchase some toiletries and while she was tidying the place, she asked what else he needed.

Zhang Hanyu looked at her with a pair of gentle and smiling eyes as he asked, "Has anyone said that you will definitely be a good wife and mother in the future?"

Dou Xiangling's face flushed red in response.

Zhang Hanyu fell into a daze at her reaction.

Just then, Dou Xiangling saw Zi Yi and called out to her, "Yiyi."

Zi Yi walked in and checked Zhang Hanyu's medical record and the fluid that was infused into him through the needle. "Teacher Zhang can be discharged from the hospital after receiving an infusion for a week."

Zhang Hanyu put his hands behind his head and said, "I wish that I can leave right away. It's too boring to stay here in the hospital."

Dou Xiangling felt guilty. He had been hospitalized due to her the previous time and she did not visit often, as she had to make preparations for the start of the semester. This time around, she would have to visit often no matter what and so, she said, "I'll come to accompany you during the day."

"You have lessons, there's no need for the trouble." Zhang Hanyu did not agree to it. "I'm only staying here for a few days. It would be fine for you to visit when there are no lessons."

Zi Yi looked at the interaction between the two of them and all of a sudden, she sensed that the atmosphere between them seemed to have changed.

A strange feeling swelled up in her heart.

#### **Chapter 499: Cousin, I'm Pretty Sure You Have Different Feelings for Teacher Zhang Right Now**

Zi Yi had investigated Zhang Hanyu before. There was no problem with his family background, other than the fact that he had toured around the world to get inspirations for his painting a few years back, similar to her cousin. Everything else about him was normal.

Zi Yi asked, "Cousin, are we leaving soon?"

Dou Xiangling thought for a moment and planned to wait for Zhang Hanyu to finish his meal before she left.

Zhang Hanyu seemed to have guessed her thoughts and took the initiative to say, "Xiangling, if you and Little Zi have something on, you can leave first. I'm a man and there's not much of a need for you to accompany me. Moreover, there are nurses here and I can call for them if I need anything... just that it's a pity that you didn't manage to find a suitable place..."

Dou Xiangling pursed her lips and said, "It's nothing to feel bad for. We can continue searching for a suitable place in the future."

"Alright. Then you two can make a move first. If you are planning to visit tomorrow, please help me grab a few things."

After he said the items he needed, he handed the key over to her.

Dou Xiangling's heartbeat unconsciously sped up as she looked at the key he passed to her.

She quickly lowered her eyes and took the keys. Following that, she left the ward together with Zi Yi.

After they came out of the ward, Zi Yi took a few glances in Dou Xiangling's direction.

Dou Xiangling felt embarrassed by her stares and laughed as she scolded. "Why are you looking at me with that kind of expression?"

Zi Yi gave her a smirk and put her hands around her arm. "Cousin, I'm pretty sure you have different feelings for Teacher Zhang right now."

Dou Xiangling pursed her lips and smiled without saying anything else.

When they arrived at the neighbourhood near the Dou Family's residence, Lu Jingye had already been waiting there for some time.

Zi Yi honked at him and motioned for him to tag along.

Thus, two cars entered the residential area one after another and arrived outside of the Dou Family's courtyard.

When they heard the sounds of the cars driving in, a few of them went out to welcome them.

As soon as the ladies saw Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling, they immediately had them surrounded.

"Yiyi, Xiangling, are you two alright?"

"How could you have met those types of people in that place?"

"Could it have been premeditated? If that's the case, won't it be dangerous when Yiyi goes out in the future?"

"Why don't we look for a bodyguard company and hire bodyguards for Yiyi?"

The group of ladies surrounded the two young women and asked all sorts of questions out of concern. Dou Jingning and Dou Jingtong who walked out had headed over to Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye politely called out to them. "Professor Ning, Teacher."

The two of them sized him up.

Dou Jingning asked, "Little Lu, how are your injuries?"

"I've already fully recovered."

The Dou Family have been paying constant attention to the rumours during this period of time. They knew that Lu Jingye purposely remained at home to recuperate and so, they were at ease.

Just then, the ladies finally let Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling off the hook and all of them made their way over.

Lu Jingye had also greeted them.

The First Madam smiled and said, "Everyone, don't stand here. Let's go in and have a chat."

Thus, the group had all headed to the living room.

Upon arriving, the First Madam got Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling to visit their Grandfather first.

The moment Zi Yi left, the rest started to interrogate Lu Jingye.

By the time Dou Xiangling and Zi Yi arrived at Elder Dou's room, they discovered that he was not lying on the bed. Instead, he was seated on his reclining chair and reading a book, while wearing his reading glasses.

Traces of time had left a deep mark on Elder Dou's appearance. However, the scholarly spirit he radiated was even stronger and those who saw him could not help but feel admiration for him.

"Grandpa."

"Grandfather."

Elder Dou looked up from his book and smiled as he pointed at the stools next to him.

"Yiyi, Xiangling, come over and take a seat."

The two of them each lifted a stool and went over to sit next to him.

Elder Dou was the first to ask about their wellbeing. "Yiyi, how's the progress with your homework these days?"

"Grandfather, I've already completed my self-revision for all Year 1 modules."

Elder Dou revealed a smile on his face after hearing what Zi Yi said. "Good, good."

He suddenly thought of something else and asked, "Have you gotten a response for the thesis paper you mailed out some time back?"

Zi Yi shook her head.

Elder Dou thought for a moment and said, "Looking at how long has passed, you should be receiving a response within these few days. When the time comes, I'll get your Uncles to help you go over it."

"Alright."

After Elder Dou finished asking Zi Yi, he looked at Dou Xiangling and asked, "Xiangling, how's the progress with your art gallery?"

"I'm currently looking for a place." Dou Xiangling smiled and said, "Grandpa, don't you worry. I wish to check out a few more places. Having an art gallery is a long-term thing and I can't possibly randomly decide on one."

"That's true. After you've chosen a place, get the rest to head over and check the place out. Don't struggle by yourself and try to figure things out."

"Yes, Grandpa." Speaking of this, Dou Xiangling smiled and looked at Zi Yi. "Grandpa, Yiyi, and I intend to open the art gallery together. Her painting skills are better than mine and with her as one of the bosses, I'll be able to have a reason to persuade her to paint a few more paintings."

"You're so mean!"

"Hahaha..."

Elder Dou was amused by the two of them.

The three of them continued chatting about the art gallery for a while more. Elder Dou had given them a lot of valuable advice.

After they moved on from that topic, Elder Dou's expression suddenly became serious.

"Yiyi, what's the matter with that stepmother and younger sister of yours?"

Zi Yi looked at Elder Dou's expression and thought for a moment. She then told him about the situation back then. She even told him about how she got Shadow to loosen the railing.

After she finished what she had to say, she thought that Elder Dou would educate her.

However, he merely furrowed his brows and said, "Good and evil will eventually be rewarded. Her jealousy had harmed her and what you had done wasn't in the wrong."

Zi Yi's eyes curved into crescent moons.

The three of them chatted for a while more before someone came in and called out to them. "Father, I brought Little Lu here."

The three of them looked toward Lu Jingye who radiated a noble, gentle and elegant aura as he stood next to Dou Jingning.

"Hello, Elder Dou."

"Come in and take a seat."

The two of them walked in. Lu Jingye went to the side and grabbed two chairs.

Elder Dou sized up Lu Jingye and his mood was a little complicated.

He was rather satisfied with Lu Jingye's character, but he was not happy with the trouble and ill intentions directed to him due to his identity.

However, he did not say anything straight out. Instead, he asked, "Little Lu, what are your plans for the future?"

"I plan to develop my mother's Jewelry company and if Yiyi plans to open any company in the future, I will assist her."

His words caused Elder Dou and the others to look at Zi Yi.

Zi Yi said, "I am rather interested in aerospace technology. I plan to open a company related to that sector."

The three of them: "..."

Was this child starting to fool around again?

However, at the thought of what Lu Jingye said earlier, they felt that it wasn't a problem either. As long as someone was willing to spoil her, and let her fool around, they did not have much of an opinion.



Lu Jingye knew that Elder Dou was worried about him and so, he said, "I have a group of private bodyguards under my command. I will be responsible for Yiyi's safety. As to those who have ill intentions against me, all of them cannot compare to me in terms of business..."

Lu Jingye mentioned quite a bit on his future plans and every single plan had fully convinced them. In particular, when he had talked about his future with Zi Yi.

"I will give Yiyi a grand wedding and I won't let her suffer even the slightest injustice."

"What if Patriarch Lu insists on opposing your relationship?"

"I've already left the Lu Family and as for my marriage, I only need the approval of my parents."

### **Chapter 500: My Father Was Such a Snob, Why Did You Agree to My Mother Marrying Him at That Time?**

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Elder Dou was clearly satisfied with Lu Jingye's answer. He nodded his head and continued to ask, "The both of you are staying together right now, and it's not good for Zi Yi's reputation. Have you ever thought of how to deal with it?"

The meaning behind Elder Dou's words was very obvious.

Either they were to live separately or they had to get married.

Lu Jingye looked at Zi Yi.

Zi Yi pulled Elder Dou's hand and said, "Grandfather, Ah Jing and I are going to get married. I was the one who made him stay at my place."

Elder Dou looked at her and raised his hand to pat her head.

Zi Yi giggled and said, "To be honest, my idea is that Ah Jing and I will get our marriage certificate first. After a period of time when we select a date, we can hold the wedding."

"Little Lu still has plenty of troubles left unresolved. If you were to get married to him, those troubles will naturally fall on you too."

"Even if I don't get married to him, those troubles have also come looking for me," Zi Yi said, "I'm not afraid of trouble. What's more, Ah Jing is also capable of protecting me well."

She looked at Lu Jingye and winked at him naughtily.

Lu Jingye felt his heart warming up and he assured Elder Dou. "No matter what type of circumstances, I will protect Yiyi even at the cost of my life."

"Who dares to take your life!" Zi Yi was unhappy with that. "With me around, I'd like to see them try!"

The originally serious atmosphere was suddenly interrupted due to Zi Yi's words.

Just then, the sound of footsteps could be heard from the door.

Following that, they saw Dou Zhiyuan walking in from outside.

“Father, I’m back.”

Dou Zhiyuan greeted Elder Dou and looked towards Zi Yi and Lu Jingye.

“Third Uncle.”

“Professor Yuan.”

Dou Zhiyuan nodded in their direction and said, “Zi Xuan’s corpse has been cremated. The ashes are currently in a funeral home.”

Elder Dou asked, “When is Zi Xu returning to the capital?”

Lu Jingye responded. “The day after tomorrow.”

He had a firm grasp of Zi Xu’s movements.

Elder Dou said, “In that case, have someone send the urn to S City tomorrow.”

He did not wish to meet that man again.

Zi Yi thought for a moment and said, “I’ll bring the urn back to S City tomorrow. I’ll also be staying there for some time.”

How could Elder Dou possibly let her stay together with Zi Xu? The child had finally figured things out and started to study. What if Zi Xu were to play the family card and infuse bad thoughts in her mind again?

Elder Dou thought for a moment and asked Dou Jingning and Dou Zhiyuan, “Among the four of you brothers, who has the most spare time on their hands recently?”

Dou Jingning and Dou Zhiyuan knew of their Father’s train of thoughts.

Dou Jingning said, “I’ll head over to S City with Zi Yi.”

Zi Yi looked at Dou Jingning and had the intention to reject his offer. However, Lu Jingye took the initiative and said, “I am in agreement with this arrangement. With Professor Ning there, at least Zi Yi’s Father would restrain himself slightly.”

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked in his direction.

Lu Jingye gave her a look.

Zi Yi thought for a moment and said, “Grandfather, Eldest Uncle, Third Uncle, I’ve got a question I’ve always been wanting to ask.”

“What’s the question?”

“Go ahead and ask.”

“My father is such a snob, why did you agree for him to marry my mother back then?”

Her words caused traces of regret to flash past their faces.

In the end, Dou Jingning sighed. Under the curious gazes of the youngsters before him, he mumbled, "Back then, Zi Xu was also considered a reputable person in M.Uni. He was very smart and not only did he achieve good academic grades, he had also participated in many different activities. Other than this, he had also started earning money with his own hard work while studying."

As a campus beau who had possessed a high IQ and EQ, it was not difficult for him to coax a girl into falling hard for him.

At that time, he had only revealed great ambition in academics and always strived to be first in everything. Teachers also liked students who studied well and were motivated.

Therefore, the Dou Family members were considered satisfied with his performance back then.

"Most importantly, Zi Xu treated Yuanyuan really well at that time. It was to the extent we could not find any reason to oppose them from dating each other. However, how could we have imagined that he was so shrewd? Yuanyuan married him as soon as she graduated and Zi Xu had just started his own company at that time. Due to Yuanyuan's sake, we had introduced plenty of businesses to him.

In less than two years, his business grew bigger, but he started to get restless. He constantly did underhanded things and even used the Dou Family's name to get businesses. For the sake of Yuanyuan, we merely warned him verbally.

However, he began to get opportunistic and the company finally got into trouble.

It just so happened that Yuanyuan had given birth to you during that period and her health had declined."

Some women's bodies were just like that. They would usually appear to be fine, but once they had a baby, it would be equivalent to taking away half of their vitality.

Dou Yuanyuan's condition was like this and her health continued to deteriorate. Moreover, something big happened to Zi Xu's company and he did not wish to sit behind bars nor did he wish for the company he started from scratch to go bankrupt. In the end, he got Dou Yuanyuan to come looking for the Dou Family.

When the Dou Family knew of what had happened, they were enraged.

However, Dou Yuanyuan carried the child in her arms and knelt down to ask for their help. Therefore, no matter how angry they were, they could only help to resolve the problem.

"We originally thought that after that incident, Zi Xu would learn from his lesson. He did indeed remain quiet for several months. What made us unable to accept it was that Yuanyuan did not manage to hang on and passed away when you were half a year old."

Speaking of this, Dou Jingning suddenly covered his face.

Dou Yuanyuan was their only sister and they had been cherishing her carefully but in the end, her life had ended due to a man. Who could possibly accept this?

Moreover, when Zi Yi was two years old, Zi Xu brought back Li Peirong and her child that was already one year old.

At that time, the Dou Family members were so angry that they wished that they could give him a beating. They also had thoughts of bringing Zi Yi back to the Dou Family, so they could raise her themselves.

In order to prevent them from bringing Zi Yi away, he knelt before Elder Dou and made various confessions of regret and guarantee.

In addition, Zi Yi was very young then. After Dou Yuanyuan left, Zi Xu and Li Peirong were the ones taking care of her. As a result, Zi Yi was rather attached to them and in the end, Elder Dou could not bear to separate them.

However, never could they have imagined that due to that decision of theirs, it caused Zi Xu to bring up Zi Yi wrongly and even grasp the weakness of the Dou Family.

By the time the Dou Family realized it, it was already too late.

They had also forcefully brought Zi Yi back and educated her for half a year. However, Zi Yi was rather disobedient and Zi Xu would often secretly keep in touch with her father and stepmother.

In the end, he even got Zi Yi to steal her grandfather's seal. The truth would eventually come to light sooner or later and ultimately, something happened once again.

After Dou Jingning finished the story, Dou Xiangling's face turned red from anger.

Zi Yi remained silent for some time and commented. "Zi Yi was really an idiot in the past."

The Dou Family members looked at her with a surprised gaze.

Only Lu Jingye said, "It's fine as long as you are smart now."

Zi Yi slightly raised her chin and revealed a proud expression. "Naturally."

The atmosphere suddenly loosened up due to her arrogant and yet adorable expression.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stayed at the Dou Family's place until 11 p.m before they left.

On the same day, the Qin Family had held a dinner banquet.

During the banquet, a few family heads had gathered at the Qin Family Head's study room.

They had a secret discussion for nearly three hours.

As to what they had discussed, only they themselves knew of it.

Early the next morning, Zi Yi, Lu Jingye, and Dou Jingning met and brought along Zi Xuan's urn to S City.

Along the way, when Zi Yi and Lu Jingye entered the rest area, they got the robot Zi Yi had prepared to disguise as the both of them to continue tagging along with Dou Jingning to S City, while they secretly headed to the secret base.