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Chapter 581: Zi Yi Acting Spoiled

When Zi Yi got up from the bed and went down, Mrs. Lu was currently sitting on the sofa and making a phone call.

Clearly, she was calling Zi Yi's aunts.

"Alright, let's meet at the candy store later."

Mrs. Lu hung up the phone and turned to look at Zi Yi with a bright smile on her face.

"Mom, good morning."

"Good morning."

Mrs. Lu waved for her to come over and said, "Zi Yi, come over and have a seat."

Zi Yi walked over and sat beside her.

Mrs. Lu said, "Your Aunts and I have checked out several different types of candies and we will be headed to the shop to look at the final product. I'll bring some for you to try when I come back and we'll order more of the types that you like."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Okay!"

Just then, the housekeeper led the helpers in to serve breakfast. (Housekeeper Zhang had headed back to the other villa.)

Zi Yi thought about something and said to Mrs. Lu, "Dad will be coming home today. I wonder if Ah Jing can rush back tonight to have dinner with us."

Mrs. Lu felt happy deep down, but she put on a front and said, "When your Father returns today, let him stay alone at the Lu Family home. Who wants him to come over for dinner?"

Zi Yi secretly laughed.

Mrs. Lu felt ashamed.

She was actually showing her temper in front of her daughter-in-law and she wondered what the young woman would think of her.

Zi Yi thought that her behavior was normal and she even deliberately hugged her arm and nodded in agreement. "That's right. We'll let Dad stay at home alone to reflect on his actions. Otherwise, he won't know how he has made you angry."

Mrs. Lu looked at Zi Yi who was siding with her and she laughed out loud.

After they finished breakfast, Zi Yi took the stack of wedding invitations addressed to the leaders of her school and left.

On the other side, in the Southern Ocean.

Second Master Lu had finally finished taking care of things here and was prepared to return to the capital in the morning.

However, he did not expect that when he had his luggage packed and was about to leave, he received news of the pirates starting a fight. At the same time, a group of unscrupulous pirates had used the captured people as meat shields. The people on their side did not dare to be rash.

The moment Third Master Lu received the report, he had rushed over with his men.

In such a situation, Second Master Lu certainly was unable to leave.

He had to stay there and take care of things.

At noon, news that Third Master Lu's boat had been sunk was sent over.

The situation was out of control in an instant.

At the very first instance, when the news had reached the ears of those higher-ups in the capital, they had immediately responded.

At the same time, the news was also spread to Patriarch Lu.

When Patriarch Lu heard the news, his stern expression finally changed.

He revealed a murderous expression.

"Father, what should we do? If something really happened to Jianjun..."

"Shut up!"

Patriarch Lu was already vexed and he did not wish to listen to someone else saying unlucky things.

The Third Madam was even crying in front of him, which made him even more agitated.

"For the Lu Family people, if we were to perish while defending the country, it's considered an honour. What's there to cry about?"

Having said that, he suddenly stood up and motioned for the housekeeper. "Immediately get the car ready. I'll make a trip to the Marshal's."

After the housekeeper gave him a response, he turned around and trotted over to the driver to get him to drive the car to the entrance of the courtyard.

Patriarch Lu took large strides towards the door.

Not long after, Zi Yi also received Lu Jingye's phone call.

He had told her about the situation.

Zi Yi furrowed her brows after hearing the news. "If Dad is unable to return, Mom will definitely be disappointed."

What's more, the situation was rather serious. Third Master Lu's boat had been sunk and for sure, her Dad would not be able to leave.

At the thought of this, Zi Yi got angry.

"These people insist on making trouble near my wedding date. If I don't let them suffer, they will really think that we have no one to subdue them."

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"Yiyi, what are you planning to do? My Father and I will think of something here. Don't be rash."

Lu Jingye was worried that Zi Yi would act rashly.

Zi Yi assured him. "I won't be impulsive."

After hanging up the phone, she gave Leader Tang a call.

"I'll help you catch the pirates in exchange for my Dad coming home."

Leader Tang immediately had her come meet with him at the state office.

The two of them conversed for more than an hour in the office and when they came out, Leader Tang had an unconcealable excitement in his eyes.

"Little Zi, go back and pack your belongings. I will personally send you to the Southern Ocean."

Zi Yi nodded her head and set off after getting in the car.

The moment Zi Yi left, Leader Tang went to search for the Marshal.

The Marshal nodded his head after hearing from Leader Tang. "If this young lady is really that capable, she would be a talent that is hard to come by in our country. It would be good to nurture her well."

Leader Tang thought about it and informed the Marshall about Zi Yi and Lu Jingye's relationship.

After Marshal heard his explanation, he did not badmouth Patriarch Lu. He merely said, "If she can really bring them back from the Southern Ocean early, send a gift on my behalf during their wedding."

"I understand."

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By the time Zi Yi returned, Mrs. Lu had yet to come back.

The country's higher-ups had stopped the news from spreading and clearly, Mrs. Lu was still unaware of the situation. Zi Yi thought about it for a moment and called Mrs. Lu. She then spoke to her casually.

"Mom, I miss Ah Jing. I'll be going to visit him and we'll come back together with Dad."

Mrs. Lu did not expect to hear this from Zi Yi and she did not know whether to laugh or cry. "You child... Your Dad and Jingye will be coming back tonight. What are you going there for? The weather is chilly outside."

Zi Yi acted wilfully and said, "I just want to have fun. If we can't reach home in time today, don't miss us too much at home."

Mrs. Lu responded. "...You naughty child. Even if you really want to go there and play, you should wait for tomorrow. By the time you reach there, it will be dark."

"No~ Dad will already be back home if I go there tomorrow. Ah Jing and I will help you scold Dad. Let's see if he dares to upset you again in the future."

Mrs. Lu felt moved and did not know whether to laugh or cry.

It was the first time Zi Yi had acted so wilfully towards her. She did not get angry and instead, was rather happy.

She thought of Zi Yi as her own daughter, one who liked to have a small temper and then act spoiled.

"Alright then, I'll give Jianlin a call later and tell him not to rush home tonight and wait for you and Ah Jing to look for him."

Zi Yi sweetly responded. "Okay~"

Second Master Lu definitely did not have the time to answer his phone at this juncture and Zi Yi was not worried that she might get exposed.

After hanging up the phone, she gave Lu Jingye a call.

After he heard her decision, he was silent over the phone for some time before he said out of helplessness, "Naughty girl. Discuss such things with me in the future. Otherwise, I will get angry."

Zi Yi knew that he had said this on purpose and hastily promised him. "I will definitely inform you in advance."

Lu Jingye responded with a hum and said, "I'll wait for you at the Southern Ocean."

After hanging up the call, Zi Yi headed to her underground lab to pack a box full of items. She then brought along some of the invisible robots she had created before she left.

At the same time when Zi Yi left the capital, Zhang Ying, who was close with Dou Xiangling, received a parcel.

After she opened the parcel, she realized that inside was an envelope. On the envelope, the following words were written: To: Dou Xiangling.

"Eh? Why has Teacher Dou's parcel been sent to my place?"

Chapter 582: Quick, Shake the Bug Away

Even though Zhang Ying found it strange, she still sent the envelope to Dou Xiangling's office.

"Teacher Dou, someone sent you a letter through the post. My name was written on the outside of the parcel though... the person who sent it is very weird."

Dou Xiangling walked over and took the envelope and said, "Thank you."

She glanced at the words written on the envelope. It was a rather familiar handwriting.

Zhang Ying had also craned her neck to take a look. "Could it be that Teacher Zhang sent it to you? Why didn't he just send it directly to you instead?"

Having said that, she recalled that Teacher Zhang told her to inform Dou Xiangling of some things before he left. "Teacher Dou, Teacher Zhang told me to tell you to visit his apartment. Have you been there yet?"

Dou Xiangling did not have the slightest ounce of feelings for him anymore. Instead, she was still angry at how he had concealed his true colors.

She then said to Zhang Ying with a serious expression, "Teacher Zhang and I have broken up."

"Ah? Teacher Dou, did you really mean it?"

"Yes."

Zhang Ying was extremely surprised. After all, everyone had seen how nice Zhang Hanyu had been to Dou Xiangling. Moreover, she had also accepted his goodwill.

"Weren't you two hanging out pretty well? Why did you break up so suddenly?"

"Our personalities did not match, so we broke up."

Zhang Ying opened her mouth. She very much wanted to say that she did not see how their personalities did not match. However, only the parties involved knew their relationship best for such a matter and it was not her place to say anything. She ended up saying, "What a pity. Everyone was optimistic about the two of you."

"Is that so?" Dou Xiangling lowered her eyes and thought of how Zhang Hanyu was good at putting on a show. To think that he even had everyone else fooled.

At the thought of this, she then looked at the envelope in her hands and thought about what Zhang Hanyu could possibly have left to say.

Zhang Ying saw how Dou Xiangling stared at the envelope without the intention to open it and she advised her. "Teacher Dou, even though the both of you have broken up due to a mismatch in personalities, Teacher Zhang was really nice to you before. Why don't you open it to see what he has written? Perhaps you had somehow misunderstood him?"

When Zhang Hanyu was chasing Dou Xiangling in the past, he was very attentive. There were many times when he bought food for Dou Xiangling, and he would not forget to buy a serving for the female teachers close to Dou Xiangling too. Therefore, Zhang Ying would definitely hope that they had only broken up due to a misunderstanding and that it was not a real breakup.

Hearing what Zhang Ying said, Dou Xiangling thought about it and ended up opening the envelope.

When a small bug flew out, Dou Xiangling and Zhang Ying got a fright.

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The bug flew to the back of Dou Xiangling's hand.

Zhang Ying loudly said, "Teacher Dou, quick, shake the bug away!"

Dou Xiangling quickly shook her hand and when she saw that the bug disappeared, the both of them breathed a sigh of relief.

"Huh... why was there a bug in the envelope?"

Dou Xiangling had no clue either. However, the bug was already gone and she did not put the incident to heart. She opened the letter and started reading it.

Zhang Hanyu had written the following words on the paper: *Xiangling, I am truly in love with you. You must believe me.*

When Dou Xiangling saw the line of words that he had written, she directly folded up the letter and threw it in the trash can.

Zhang Ying saw Dou Xiangling's expressionless face and her mouth opened in surprise. In the end, she said, "Teacher Dou, I'll return to my office then."

She left after she said that.

However, she had more or less confirmed something. Teacher Dou and Teacher Zhang might have really broken up.

"Sigh... did you know? Teacher Dou and Teacher Zhang broke up. Teacher Zhang sent Teacher Dou a letter today, but it was sent to my place. I think that he knows Teacher Dou would not accept it for sure."

"Why did Teacher Dou and Teacher Zhang break up? Teacher Zhang had treated her so well in the past?"

"Teacher Dou said that their personalities did not match."

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The news of Dou Xiangling and Zhang Hanyu's break up spread around the school very soon.

When Ian came to consult Dou Xiangling about the renovation of the art gallery, he just so happened to hear someone talking about it.

He thought about it and instead of going to her office, he stood by the car and gave her a call.

Dou Xiangling came down very soon.

"Xiangling, are you okay?" Ian looked at her expression and asked with concern.

On the way down, Dou Xiangling had received several concerned greetings from a few teachers and she knew that Ian must have also heard something. She shook her head and said, "I'm fine."

She ought to be sad and heartbroken, but she did not feel anything.

Instead, her heart was calm.

Ian saw that she was really fine and opened the door for her and gestured for her to get in.

The two of them headed to a cafe outside the school grounds.

Ever since Ian learned of Zi Yi's design for the art gallery, he had been particularly enthusiastic. The two of them discussed the renovations for some time and soon, it was time for dinner.

Ian asked Dou Xiangling, "Xiangling, what would you like to eat? I'll send you back after dinner."

Dou Xiangling had seen Ian's drunk behavior twice and had already regarded him as a friend. She did not act reserved with him. After thinking about it, she said, "Why don't we have Western food? It's been a long time since I've had Western."

Ian asked, "Xiangling, do you like eating Western food?"

Dou Xiangling smiled and nodded. "Yes. It's the second-ranked cuisine that I like after Chinese food."

Ian had inexplicable feelings when he saw the smile on Dou Xiangling's face. "Xiangling, you have a beautiful smile."

Dou Xiangling felt somewhat embarrassed.

However, in the next second, her heart felt as if it was bitten by a worm. It hurt so much that she held her chest and broke out in a cold sweat.

"Ugh..."

"Xiangling, what's wrong?"

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On the other side.

Zi Yi tidied up her belongings and after she met with Leader Tang, they took the helicopter and directly headed to the Southern Ocean.

Zi Yi did not rest while she was riding on the helicopter. Instead, she started to quickly put the things she had brought along together.

Leader Tang saw her assemble the things and would often bring up a question from time to time.

Zi Yi did not conceal anything. While she was assembling, she had told him the purpose and the power of these things.

The more Leader Tang heard, the more shocked he was. In the end, he simply took out a notebook and recorded the key points she mentioned.

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Zi Yi left at around 3 p.m. When the helicopter arrived at the Southern Ocean, it was around 8 p.m. at night.

When she alighted from the helicopter, she was immediately met with Lu Jingye's stern expression.

Zi Yi smiled at him in a pleasing manner. "Ah Jing, I miss you."

Lu Jingye's anger disappeared immediately due to her soft voice. He raised his hand and caressed her head, before holding her hand and turning to Leader Tang.

Leader Tang intended to let the two spend some time alone together and so he asked, "Where's your father?"

"He's at the command center."

Leader Tang nodded his head and turned as he headed in the direction of the command center. After taking two steps, he stopped and turned back to speak to Lu Jingye. "The two of you should rest for two hours first."

Lu Jingye nodded his head. After Leader Tang left, Lu Jingye pulled along Zi Yi's luggage and held her hand as they walked towards a building.

Zi Yi asked, "How's Third Uncle?"

"He choked on some water but he only rested for two hours after he was rescued and has returned to the command center."

Third Master Lu was full of anger and ready to fight the pirates again.

Chapter 583: Don't Look At a Rare Talent of Our Country With Prejudice

After Lu Jingye brought Zi Yi to a room, he put down the luggage and got her to take a seat first. "I'll go and get something for us to eat."

Zi Yi nodded her head.

After Lu Jingye left the room, Zi Yi pressed her watch and a virtual screen appeared. She then quickly started doing something.

By the time Lu Jingye brought the food back to the room, Zi Yi was currently simulating the missile's range.

Lu Jingye put the food on the table and walked behind her back to take a look. He knew what she was doing after he saw her screen.

While she typed on the virtual keyboard, Zi Yi said, "I've discussed it with Leader Tang. We'll send a guided missile at the start. In a while, I'll modify the missile they have."

Lu Jingye did not respond.

Zi Yi then said, "I'll install a remote control system on the missile. I can just control it from here to submerge the pirate's ship."

“This place is far away from the other side of the strait. Are you able to control it from such a far distance? Also, the sea breeze during this season is stronger than usual, wouldn’t there be a huge deviation?”

Zi Yi turned around and smiled at him as she said with a confident expression, “These are just minor problems.”

Lu Jingye raised his hand to touch her head. He thought for a while and said, “I’ll accompany you out to sea.”

“Why?”

“If I go, then it means you will be able to conceal your abilities to some extent because they will think that the idea and technology are mine. It won’t do you any harm this way.”

Zi Yi thought about it and nodded her head. She then continued typing on the keyboard.

“Have your meal first,” Lu Jingye said, “Since Leader Tang gave you two hours to rest, it proves that they will not take any action during these next two hours.”

Zi Yi responded with a nod and pressed a few buttons. The virtual screen and keyboard disappeared. She then headed to the table together with Lu Jingye to sit down and eat.

Lu Jingye had only arrived a few hours earlier than Zi Yi and so he was still wearing the clothing that Zi Yi had prepared for him.

Zi Yi thought of something and said, “Ah Jing, I brought some thin clothes for you. If you are feeling too warm, you can change into them.”

The lowest temperature here was around seventeen to eighteen degrees Celsius and during the day, it goes as high as twenty plus degrees Celsius. It was a vast contrast compared to the capital that was snowing all over.

The clothes Lu Jingye brought with consisted of thick layers and a down jacket. Even if he wore one of the thermal underlayers, it would still be too warm.

After hearing what Zi Yi said, he went to change into another set of clothes before he came over to have dinner with her.

They were near the sea and the food served mainly consisted of seafood.

Zi Yi’s seafood allergy had been cured ages ago and so she ate rather happily.

“This type of fish is delicious.”

As long as Zi Yi said whatever dish was delicious, Lu Jingye’s chopsticks would not reach out for that particular dish. It was only after Zi Yi had finished her meal did he finish what was leftover from those dishes.

After they finished the meal, they headed for the control center.

Lu Jianlin’s and Lu Jianjun’s faces had different expressions when they saw Zi Yi.

Lu Jianlin had his usual stern expression and he said disapprovingly when he saw her, "This is a dangerous place. Why did you come here?"

He even gave Lu Jingye a glare.

Zi Yi hastily spoke on Lu Jingye's behalf. "Dad, I was the one who wanted to come. Ah Jing was out of town and he was unable to stop me."

She then looked at Lu Jianjun and merely gave him a nod.

Lu Jianjun was unable to comprehend why Leader Tang brought Zi Yi along. He felt that she was here to make trouble. Even though he had not had any contact with her before, since Patriarch Lu disliked her, it must be for a reason.

He revealed a dark expression and asked, "I heard from Leader Tang that you have a method to help us defeat the pirates. I'd like to know what are you even capable of?"

He then looked at Lu Jingye and questioned him sternly, "She's young and ignorant, but don't tell me you are still ignorant at your age?"

Zi Yi was unhappy and was about to rebuke him.

However, Lu Jingye pressed on her shoulders and at the same time, he said, "Yiyi was invited by Leader Tang. If Third Uncle has doubts about Yiyi's abilities, you can directly give feedback to Leader Tang."

"You-"

"Little Lu is right. I invited Little Zi."

Leader Tang's voice could be heard from the door.

He had also gone to have a meal and did not expect to hear this from Third Master Lu as soon as he returned. He faced him with a stern expression. "Comrade Lu Jianjun, no matter what kind of prejudice your Lu Family has against Little Zi, she is an important technician whom I have specially invited to help us. Please show her some respect."

Lu Jianjun widened his eyes in surprise.

"She's a technician? What can she do?"

"I can do what you can't, I can also do what you can."

As soon as Zi Yi said that, she walked over to the control station and pointed at the map under the watchful gaze of everyone. "Isn't it just to defeat the pirates and rescue the hostages they have captured? You people can't do it, but I can."

"How arrogant." Lu Jianjun had never seen someone so arrogant as her.

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at him while she asked calmly, "Do you want to make a bet?"

Second Master Lu furrowed his eyebrows. Even though he did not know what Zi Yi planned to do, but even he felt that she was too overconfident.

Just as he was about to speak, Lu Jingye called out to him. "Father."

Lu Jianlin's gaze shifted to where Lu Jingye directed him to look.

He noticed that Leader Tang was smiling!

He felt shocked. To think that Leader Tang would have such faith in Little Zi!

Just then, Leader Tang said with a smile, "Since Little Zi is so confident, Comrade Lu Jianjun, why don't you have a bet with her?"

Lu Jianjun furrowed his brow and said grumpily, "What could I compete with her on?"

"Let's compete to see who defeats the pirates and rescues the hostages first."

"You- ...fine!"

Lu Jianjun did not believe that as someone who had been in this line for decades, he would not be able to compete and win against an amateur.

Leader Tang looked at Lu Jianjun who looked down on Zi Yi and shook his head deep down. He then said to them, "After the previous two clashes with them, our men who are in their hands are definitely in an even more dangerous situation now. Therefore, we have to rescue them as soon as possible."

"I intend to lead a group of people and take action tonight," Lu Jianjun said first. "I was careless in the morning but I am well prepared now."

Leader Tang looked at Lu Jianjun and did not stop him. He turned to Zi Yi and asked, "Little Zi, when do you intend to set off?"

"Tonight."

Zi Yi turned to look at Lu Jingye after she answered.

Lu Jingye said, "I'll go with Yiyi."

Lu Jianlin looked at the two and his frown deepened. However, he did not stop them.

Since the decision was made, the three of them would definitely act right away.

Everyone headed to the harbor together.

The moment Lu Jianjun arrived at the harbor, he quickly gathered the men to make preparations.

Zi Yi said to Leader Tang, "I wish to look at the weapons you have prepared."

Leader Tang nodded his head and got Lu Jianlin to lead her there.

The three of them headed somewhere together.

Lu Jianjun who was gathering the men looked at the three of them for a moment and furrowed his brow. He thought for a moment and walked over to Leader Tang in large strides. "Leader Tang, do you really intend to let Jingye go out to sea with her?"

Leader Tang looked at Lu Jianjun's expression and nodded. "Yes. I believe in Little Zi's abilities."

Lu Jianjun's frown deepened.

Leader Tang patted him on the shoulder and said, "Age does not matter for a genius. Comrade Lu Jianjun, don't look at a rare talent of our country with a prejudiced gaze."

Traces of disbelief flashed past Lu Jianjun's eyes, but he did not say anything else and instead turned around and left.

Chapter 584: Zi Yi Negotiating Conditions

Lu Jianlin took Zi Yi and Lu Jingye to the weaponry vault on one of the large ships.

There were several kinds of weapons stored and all of which were the kind that had explosive firepower.

After Zi Yi came in, she did not even wait for Lu Jianlin to introduce the weapons and immediately called out. "Shadow II."

Shadow II appeared out of thin air.

"Master, what orders do you have?"

"Test the performance of all the weapons and evaluate the firepower."

"Scanning started..."

Testing in progress..."

Even though Lu Jianlin knew that Zi Yi was extremely talented in robotics, he was still surprised when he saw such an advanced robot.

"Where did Little Zi's robot come from?"

"She made them herself."

After Lu Jingye gave him an answer, Lu Jianlin furrowed his brow.

Sometime later, he said, "She's too high-profile."

Lu Jingye looked at the little girl who seemed to be radiating a halo and the corner of his lips curved up as he said confidently, "As long as she likes it, it doesn't matter how high-profile she is."

He would do everything he can to let her act as she pleased.

Lu Jianlin's frown tightened and he said sternly, "Don't you dare fool around."

Lu Jingye said, "I won't."

He had all sorts of methods to protect his wife, so why would he fool around?

Lu Jianlin looked at his eldest son who was supposedly mature and steady in his way of doing things. However, he had changed for the sake of a woman and he felt somewhat complicated emotions deep down.

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Even so, he did not continue to say anything else.

Shadow II only took ten minutes to finish scanning and testing all the weapons here.

Zi Yi looked at the statistics of the weapons and turned to Lu Jianlin. "Dad, I need the following tools..."

Lu Jianlin nodded his head and turned around as he headed off.

Lu Jingye walked to Zi Yi's side and asked, "Yiyi, can I help you with anything?"

Zi Yi thought about it and said, "I'll tell you later."

Lu Jianlin soon returned with the tools Zi Yi requested for.

Zi Yi opened the virtual screen and quickly swiped around. Sometime later, she said to Lu Jingye, "Ah Jing, I'll explain and you shall cooperate with Shadow II."

Lu Jingye had the option not to do it, but Zi Yi had the heart to make him learn more knowledge about future technology.

Lu Jingye rolled his sleeves up to his elbows and said, "Alright. "

Lu Jianlin who was standing by the side suddenly realized that he was supposed to be the strategist, but there was no room for him to step in when the two young people modified the weapons.

Many of the special terms Zi Yi mentioned were unheard of by him. There were many times when he felt that his eldest son had removed the wrong parts, but the very next second, he would sigh and think to himself, "*So that's the case.*"

When Leader Tang came in, he saw the two young people who were currently busy with the modification, and Lu Jianlin standing by the side who had complicated emotions.

Lu Jianlin had immediately noticed Leader Tang's arrival and his mood was even more complicated.

His daughter-in-law was so capable and could the higher-ups force her to do something she does not wish to?

Leader Tang walked over to his side and subconsciously lowered his voice. "How are the modifications progressing?"

"I don't know."

"...?"

Leader Tang was a little surprised. He shifted his gaze to the virtual screen in front of Zi Yi and sighed. "To think that Little Zi has such advanced equipment. Is she using 6G?"

Lu Jianlin inexplicably raised his guard. Sure enough, he was right when he said that it was not good for his daughter-in-law to be too high-profile.

Leader Tang seemed to have noticed Lu Jianlin's thoughts and said with a smile, "Comrade Lu Jianlin, there's no need to worry. If Little Zi does not wish to take out these technologies, we will not force her."

Lu Jianlin was not comforted by his words.

However, he still gave him a nod.

The two of them no longer had anything to talk about and they kept their eyes glued on Zi Yi and Lu Jingye modifying the weapons.

Around two hours later, Zi Yi turned off the virtual screen and said, "The modifications are complete."

Leader Tang nodded with a smile. "Since the modifications are done, when does Little Zi plan to set off?" Speaking of this, he added. "I'll also set off with you."

Lu Jianlin was surprised. "Comrade Tang, why are you going?"

He had a civilian post and what could he possibly do if he went together with them?

Leader Tang looked at Zi Yi. "I have faith in Little Zi's capabilities. Moreover... I wish to see how powerful the modified weapon is."

Lu Jianlin furrowed his brow and said, "They are going to confront pirates and they might not be able to accommodate Comrade Tang's request."

"I know, so I have already reported it to the higher-ups. Whatever happens during the trip will have nothing to do with them."

Lu Jianlin was suddenly speechless.

Leader Tang looked at Zi Yi.

She said, "We're setting off right now."

"Little Zi, you..." Lu Jianlin was a little worried, but in the end, he only said a single sentence solemnly, "Pay attention to safety."

Zi Yi nodded and said, "Dad, just wait to come home with us tomorrow morning."

Someone must be here to take charge and even if Lu Jianlin was worried, he could not do anything.

Lu Jianlin said to Leader Tang, "We can set off now."

Leader Tang nodded and said to them, "The commander of this ship is you, I'm just an accompanying member."

Clearly, he had just handed over the command rights.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye did not refuse.

Lu Jingye commanded the crew to set sail.

Zi Yi started to make special modifications to the ship.

Some robots appeared out of thin air and directly headed for the important areas of the ship.

As the night fell, the sky in the south was particularly beautiful. Stars populated the entire skies as if it were an enchanting ink painting that was charming and mysterious.

The robots were like superheroes that shuttled both inside and outside the ship.

Leader Tang was surprised to see Zi Yi taking out a few circular balls and he asked what their uses were.

“All of them possess defensive capabilities.”

After Zi Yi answered, Leader Tang was silent for a moment before he asked, “Can it defend against a missile attack?”

“Yes.”

Leader Tang was shocked and excited at the same time.

If the defense system Zi Yi had was really that powerful, and the entire maritime ships were to possess the technology, the Country’s Navy fleet would become unparalleled.

At the thought of this, Leader Tang continued asking a few questions.

Zi Yi did not conceal anything from him.

When the ship had sailed for around an hour or so, Zi Yi, Lu Jingye, and Leader Tang stood on the deck and looked at the starry skies where the sea met the sky.

Leader Tang suddenly asked Zi Yi, “Little Zi, you are very gifted in the aspect of weaponry, and if the country offers you to join the weapons R&D team, I wonder if you would be interested?”

Leader Tang’s question caused the atmosphere to become serious.

Lu Jingye looked at Leader Tang and his jaw gradually became taut. At the same time, he held Zi Yi’s hand and used his actions to tell him that he supported all her decisions.

Zi Yi looked at him before she turned to Leader Tang. Instead of answering, she asked, “What’s in it for me?”

Leader Tang did not expect this question from Zi Yi. He glanced at them holding hands and laughed. “Little Zi, what benefits do you want?”

Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye and said without the slightest hesitation, “The projects that the R&D center offers to other companies, Ah Jing will be given priority.”

Traces of surprise flashed past Leader Tang’s eyes.

Does this girl know who she was negotiating with?

Does she know what this condition represents?

Leader Tang’s expression instantly turned serious and the atmosphere became tense.

Chapter 585: You Are Blessed To Have Married a Wife That Thinks for Your Benefit In All Aspects.

Sometime later...

Leader Tang asked Zi Yi, "Little Zi, do you know what it means to take over the business the country outsources to other companies?"

Zi Yi tilted her head and said with an innocent expression, "Isn't it just about adding the label of the country's personnel to the businessman? Don't tell me Ah Jing can do anything he wants under the name of the country just because he takes over those businesses?"

"..."

Leader Tang realized that he was made speechless by a young lady.

Zi Yi continued to talk. "I was just asking you to consider handing over these two businesses to Ah Jing. Don't tell me that you won't do any evaluation of his abilities when you consider him? If he does not have the ability, we won't accept the business either."

Leader Tang was somehow stuck in a situation where he did not know whether to laugh or cry.

He looked at Lu Jingye and said, "You are blessed to have married a wife that thinks for your benefit in all aspects."

The corners of Lu Jingye's mouth curved up and as he looked at Zi Yi, who acted as if she was particularly harmless and innocent, the hand which he used to hold onto her hand tightened.

His wife worked so hard to attract business for him and he could not possibly disappoint her.

"It is as Yiyi says. If I do not have the ability to handle the business, I would not have accepted it in the first place."

Lu Jingye was a genius in the business world and that was widely known by everyone.

However, he had the Lu Family and the Lu Group as his powerful backing. With the financial resources and background, he could do anything he wished.

Without the Lu Family as his backing, was he still able to dominate the business industry?"

Leader Tang did not care much about that aspect.

What he was concerned about was that without a strong financial backing, did he still have the ability to take over those businesses?

However, Leader Tang thought of Song Jewelry, Zi Yi's bars, and her racing club. These three assets, when added up together, were something to be reckoned with.

He said, "I can give you the chance, but you have to come up with a plan and proof of your finances to convince us."

If they wanted to take over the businesses the country outsourced to other companies, as the other party they had to have the skills and financial resources.

Lu Jingye nodded his head. "Sure."

Thus, the matter was settled like that.

Leader Tang suddenly realized that he had been plotted against by these two young people.

The smile on his face disappeared and his expression instantly turned serious.

“We can slowly discuss this after we return. I wish to see how Little Zi defeats the pirates.”

Zi Yi nodded her head. “No problem.”

She pulled her hand out from Lu Jingye’s hand and quickly brought up the virtual screen.

She tapped on the screen and the numbers started changing in front of their eyes.

Soon, the numbers stopped changing and the entire satellite image of the South China Sea to Malacca was shown on the screen.

The virtual screen started accepting signals that were invisible to the eye.

Before Leader Tang had the chance to express his surprise, a radar-like image that extended across the entire sea area had surfaced on the screen.

After the light stopped flashing, a blue dot and several red dots appeared.

Zi Yi said, “The blue dot is Third Uncle’s position and the red dots are the positions of all the pirates.”

Leader Tang stared at the dots and expressed his surprise. “Little Zi, your virtual computer is able to scan and reveal all the pirate’s positions so accurately!”

No country has managed to achieve this type of technology yet.

What if the Country obtains this technology?

Moreover... why was she so knowledgeable about advanced technologies that did not exist in the world?

Who exactly is this young lady?

Lu Jingye tilted his head and glanced at Leader Tang.

The latter seem to have sensed his gaze and turned towards Lu Jingye. He suddenly laughed.

“I feel that the other two businesses can be put aside for discussion at a later time. How about we start talking about this technology of Zi Yi’s first when we return?”

Lu Jingye lowered his eyes and looked at Zi Yi who was currently operating the virtual screen.

He thought about it for a moment.

Since this was revealed, it would be better for them to clarify their future interests.

He did not answer and instead, he spoke as if nothing had happened. “We can discuss what Little Zi is capable of, but as for whoever wants to hurt her, even if the other side is a Country, I am able to bring her away somewhere where no one can find her.”

Leader Tang’s expression turned stern. “Little Lu, are you threatening me? Do you know the consequences of doing so?”

"It's not considered a threat..." Lu Jingye's gaze was on the sea view in front of him. He said with a calm expression, "Yiyi is just smarter than others, but if this becomes the reason why others harm her, I would rather hide her away."

Leader Tang's frown deepened and he looked at Lu Jingye.

He had many opportunities to get to know Lu Jingye and he always felt that the young man in front of him was mature and steady.

However, he had done things to such an extent for a woman.

Although, if the higher-ups were to stand out for this matter, Lu Jingye would not be able to win against them, no matter how capable he was.

However, rather than having the Country lose two talents, it would be better to win their hearts.

Leader Tang looked at Zi Yi who did not pay the slightest attention to them with a complicated gaze.

If his guess was right, for Zi Yi to be so frank with him, it must be that she's relying on the fact that Lu Jingye was by her side, right?

Leader Tang shifted his attention to Lu Jingye.

He sighed deep down. *'He's sure worthy of being born into a military family. This boldness and vision is not something others can compare to.'*

Leader Tang did not say anything else. He intended to see the extent to which Zi Yi was able to make use of her advanced technology.

Lu Jingye knew that he had made the right gamble and the corner of his lips slightly raised.

Just then, Leader Tang spoke with mixed feelings. "It's a pity that Little Lu did not take on an official career."

Lu Jingye had boldness and wit. Even he himself had to be careful not to fall into his trap.

Lu Jingye did not respond to him.

He was from the Lu Family and they both clearly knew that it was impossible for him to become an official.

The time in which they had conversed was actually very short.

Sometime later, Zi Yi suddenly said, "It's about to start."

Leader Tang did not even have the chance to ask her how it was going to go when he heard Zi Yi sending out orders.

"No.1, No.3, No.4, No.5. Get ready."

At the same time, the captain of the guards ran over to Leader Tang and said, "Commander Lu has met with the pirates."

Zi Yi said, "Our ship can stop sailing now."

Leader Tang and the captain looked at Zi Yi with a puzzled gaze.

Lu Jingye explained on her behalf. "Other than the pirates that are confronting Third Uncle, there are also some other pirates that are lurking in the dark. Little Zi plans to take care of them all."

Zi Yi turned around and smiled at him.

Sure enough, her Ah Jing understood her the best.

Leader Tang frowned in response. "What if there are hostages on those ships?"

Lu Jingye thought for a moment and asked, "Leader Tang can ask if there are any hostages on the pirate's ship that Third Uncle is confronting."

Leader Tang guessed Lu Jingye's intentions and hastily motioned to the captain. "Go and ask."

The captain immediately headed to the control room and returned very soon. "They're there."

Zi Yi's lips curved up. "Then I won't hold back."

She took out the virtual keyboard and under Leader Tang's and the captain's surprised gazes, she swiftly pressed a few keys. Shortly afterwards, the missiles on the ship launched in several directions.

The missile routes then appeared on the virtual screen.

At the same time...

Third Master Lu who was confronting two pirate ships was standing at the bow of the ship. He looked at his comrades that were tied on the ship opposite him and his frown tightened.

"Third Master, what should we do?"

Chapter 586: They Have Climbed to the Top of My Head and You're Telling Me to Calm Down?!

Third Master Lu was already annoyed. When he heard those words, he became even more agitated as he stared at the pirate ship.

The pirates on the ship had even deliberately made all sorts of provocative actions to anger him

Third Master Lu clenched his fist, gritted his teeth, and shouted, "Bring me the machine gun!"

"Third Master Lu, don't be impulsive!"

The Deputy standing next to him got a fright and said, "We can't come at them openly. They will attack the hostages!"

Third Master Lu scratched his head in annoyance. "F*ck this! Even if we don't come at them, they will still attack the hostages!"

Since that's the case, why should he tolerate them?

Sure enough, one of the pirates aimed a rocket towards their direction, while laughing wildly and shouting provoking words.

Subsequently, he fired the rocket.

The second before the other party opened fire, Third Master Lu pulled the Deputy and jumped to the side.

BOOM!

BAM!

“Damn it! This motherf*cking bastard!”

Third Master Lu was fuming in anger. After he got back on his feet, he said to his deputy, “Go and get my submachine gun.”

He would not take things lying down and if he does not kill all of those bastards today...

“Third Master, calm down.”

“They have climbed to the top of my head now and you’re telling me to calm down?!”

Third Master Lu intended to go and grab his submachine gun instead.

However, just as he got up, the other party opened fire again.

Third Master Lu and the Deputy could only roll to the side again.

Following that, the other party acted as if they were playing around with a monkey. As long as the Third Master Lu got up, they would open fire.

The Third Master Lu was so angry that he directly issued an order to engage in a fight.

At this conjecture, his Deputy was still persuading him. “Third Master, remain calm. Our men have already stealthily approached their ship. As long as we manage to rescue the hostages, you can fight however you want then.”

One of the reasons why the Third Master Lu was standing outside was to attract their attention. After that, they would send a team of men to stealthily swim over to rescue the hostages.

But the Third Master Lu could not endure it anymore. He had been rolling about left and right several times. In the end, he suddenly jumped and went behind a cover.

The other party was still firing at him. However, he did not stay idle either. He would jump out from time to time to attract their attention

Even though this method was very stifling for him, it proved to be very effective.

There were many pirates on the other side who had gathered around to see how he made a fool out of himself.

Sometime later, there were finally sounds of fighting on the other side.

As soon as Third Master Lu heard those sounds, he took out a submachine gun from behind him and stood up to shoot at the pirates.

However, he did not expect them to be so sly and crafty. They had soon lifted the hostages up and used them as meat shields.

Following that, they heard shouts from the other side. "If you shoot again, we will kill all the hostages!"

Having said that, they really opened fire at one of the hostage's knees.

BAM!

"Son of a b*tch!"

Third Master Lu had never felt so stifled and he flushed red in anger.

The other party was still shouting, "Fire if you dare."

Seeing that the situation was about to progress in a similar direction as before, Third Master Lu snorted and said to the Deputy, "Now's the time. Fire shots right away."

The other party caused his ship to sink yesterday and he shall let them have a taste of it tonight.

"Divers, get ready. As soon as the ship sinks, immediately set out to rescue the hostages."

"Yes!"

The pirates looked at the Lu Family's army who could not retaliate at all and all of them laughed out loud while shouting wildly.

Who would possibly expect that these were all the Third Master Lu's schemes?

When countless artillery shells were fired toward their ship, the group of pirates turned pale from fright.

However, they did not stay idle either.

Seeing that their ship was about to sink, they also launched a fierce attack on Third Master Lu's ship.

The pirates were not afraid of sinking at all.

Their backup was everywhere. As long as they released the signal, there would be a ship coming to support them.

When their request for help was fired in the air, the guided missile Zi Yi launched had exploded on several other pirate ships at the same time.

BOOM!

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The news that the Imperial Army had wiped out eight pirate ships concurrently had spread to every other country.

For a moment, the news had shocked the world.

Naturally, there would be someone handling the diplomatic affairs.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stood by the corridor of the temporary ward and watched a few doctors shuttling back and forth.

Lu Jingye held onto her somewhat chilly hands and decided to pull her into his embrace as he whispered, "Are you tired?"

Zi Yi nodded her head in his embrace.

It was already the next morning.

After they blew up the pirate ships, they had gone to rescue Third Master Lu and his group from the sea.

Third Master Lu was not as fortunate as he had been yesterday. He hit his head on a plank when the ship sank and he was currently in a coma.

Lu Jianlin and Leader Tang stood by the door of the temporary operating room and whispered in a low voice. Both their expressions looked serious.

As to what they were talking about, Zi Yi did not care at all.

She was really tired, so she simply leaned in Lu Jingye's embrace and closed her eyes.

Lu Jingye felt his heart go out to her. "Yiyi, don't fall asleep yet. I'll go and inform my Father first then take you to the room to rest."

"No, I promised Mom that I'll bring Dad home today. We'll wait for him to go together."

Lu Jingye looked at how the young lady insisted on hanging on and he felt even worse.

Lu Jianlin and Leader Tang were talking about what had happened several hours ago.

Lu Jianlin said, "Little Zi is still young and I hope that her name will not be mentioned in the incident that happened last night."

Even though Lu Jianlin had an impartial expression on ordinary days, he was just like what Mrs. Lu had described him as. He had a very meticulous heart.

To be able to defeat several pirate ships that were so far apart and avoid all satellites, no other country could achieve this at present.

If they knew that their daughter-in-law was the culprit, it would definitely attract many people who coveted her.

In fact, Leader Tang was even more worried than Lu Jianlin about Zi Yi's abilities being known by the outside world. "I will discuss this matter with the Marshal when I return. Little Zi's abilities are what the country needs and we will send our men to protect her too."

Protecting her also meant monitoring her.

Lu Jianlin knew it all too well.

His eyebrows furrowed together but they then relaxed shortly afterwards.

Since she had already revealed her abilities, she should be prepared to be monitored.

Leader Tang saw through Lu Jianlin's thoughts and patted his shoulders as he said with a smile, "Comrade Lu Jianlin, there's no need to be so nervous. Little Zi is a genius of our country and we would not do anything to her."

What Leader Tang did not say was: "Your son has already threatened me on the ship and we won't dare to do anything to your daughter-in-law."

Leader Tang suddenly felt that there was a pressing need to let Lu Jingye become a businessman that works for the country.

Not only would they be able to win his heart, they would also be able to let Little Zi willingly hand over those technologies for the benefit of the country.

At the thought of this, the corner of his lips curved up.

He then looked at the two young people who were standing somewhere far away as they hugged each other.

He sighed and thought that it was good to be young.

They could do anything without fear.

Following that, he said to Lu Jianlin, "Comrade Lu Jianlin, I will take care of the follow-up matters here. You can return with Little Lu and Little Zi."

He did not forget his promise to Zi Yi.

Lu Jianlin was also looking at them and he was thinking about how those two did not pay attention to their image.

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He nodded at Leader Tang and headed towards them.

Chapter 587: Dad, Mom Is Angry. Why Aren't You Chasing After Her To Coax Her?

When Lu Jianlin made his way over, he thought that they would separate from each other.

However, to his surprise, his son who had previously attached great importance to his image, was holding onto Zi Yi without the intention of letting her go.

Lu Jianlin's expression turned stern and just as he was about to educate them, Lu Jingye suddenly whispered, "Father, Yiyi is asleep."

Lu Jianlin was surprised. He suddenly recalled that she was just an eighteen-year-old young lady and she had not managed to get a wink of sleep the entire night. Not to mention, she had modified weapons and thought of ways to take care of the pirates. Without a doubt, she would be tired.

His expression finally softened.

He subconsciously lowered his voice. "Let her sleep for an hour. We'll set off in an hour's time."

“No need.”

Lu Jingye held her waist with one hand and bent down to pick her up swiftly without waking her.

“The robots have already helped us pack our luggage. We can leave right away.”

Lu Jianlin nodded his head and said, “Take her directly to the helicopter. I’ll come back with my luggage.”

“Okay!”

Lu Jingye walked outside with Zi Yi in his arms.

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By the time Zi Yi woke up, she found herself lying on a bed.

The room reflected before her eyes was neat and clean and the interior of the room was of a warm tone. On the left was a large window and the curtains were currently drawn, only leaving a small gap. With the light that shone in through the gap, she managed to have visibility of the whole room.

Zi Yi managed to recognize that the room belonged to Lu Jingye in a single glance.

However, she did not know where she was currently at.

She got down from the bed and pulled the curtains. What she saw was a garden.

There were currently a large number of roses blooming in the garden.

Just as Zi Yi wanted to open the window to smell the aroma of roses, the door opened.

She subconsciously turned around and saw Lu Jingye walking in.

Lu Jingye saw her hand on the window and guessed what she had wanted to do. He grabbed a coat from the side and came over to drape it on her shoulders. “Why are you standing here without a coat?”

“It’s fine, I’m not cold.”

“It will be once you open the window.”

Zi Yi did not bother to put her hands into the sleeves and turned around to hug his waist. She raised her head and asked, “Ah Jing, where are we right now?”

“At my parent’s residence.”

Zi Yi was momentarily stunned and she subconsciously asked, “Did Mom come back with us?”

“No.”

“...Hehe... Mom must still be angry at Dad. He needs to go and cajole her.”

Lu Jingye raised his hand and stroked her head without answering. It could be considered as agreeing with her words.

Zi Yi instantly smiled with her eyes turning into crescent moons. “Where’s Dad?”

“He’s downstairs and he said we should head over once you wake up.”

Zi Yi nodded her head. She walked out from his embrace and said, “Then I’ll go and freshen myself up. We’ll head over once I’m done.”

“Okay.”

Zi Yi washed up and changed her clothes, before she and Lu Jingye went downstairs.

Just then Lu Jianlin was currently sitting on the sofa and reading a newspaper.

However, his gaze was fixed on a certain spot and it had not moved at all.

Clearly, he was staring into a blank space.

Zi Yi quietly pulled on Lu Jingye’s clothes.

Lu Jingye lightly coughed, and when Lu Jianlin looked up at them, Lu Jingye said, “Father, we can set off now.”

Lu Jianlin put down the newspaper and stood up.

The three of them headed to the door together.

When they reached the door, Lu Jianlin suddenly stopped walking.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye followed suit and turned around to look at him.

Lu Jianlin had a stiff expression and his tone sounded casual. “Your Mother likes to eat the rose cakes made by the chef at home. I asked the chef to prepare some but they have yet to bring them out.”

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye were slightly surprised at the same time.

Following that, Zi Yi’s lips were about to curve up.

Lu Jingye held her hand and said to Lu Jianlin, “Yiyi and I will go to the kitchen to check.”

Lu Jianlin nodded and headed towards the car parked outside the courtyard.

“Hehe... Father is so adorable.”

When they walked into the kitchen, Zi Yi could not help but start laughing.

Lu Jingye only glanced at her and did not say anything else.

Only Zi Yi was there today and the males of the Lu Family were not fond of eating sweet food, so the chef subconsciously thought that Lu Jianlin had asked him to make some rose cakes for Zi Yi.

The chef had asked the helpers in the house and they said that Zi Yi had yet to get to come down. Therefore, he kept the rose cakes in the kitchen to keep them warm.

When Zi Yi and Lu Jingye made their way over, the chef was surprised.

“Second Young Master, Second Young Madam.”

“We’re here to take the rose cakes.”

“Second Young Madam, if you wanted to have the rose cakes, you could have just got the others to come and fetch them.”

As soon as the chef said that, he hastily brought out the rose cakes.

Zi Yi felt her mouth watering from the smell of the rose cakes.

Lu Jingye picked up one and fed her before he said to the chef, “Pack the others in insulated boxes please. We’ll be taking them out.”

“Okay,” the chef answered and went to get the insulated boxes. He packed all the cakes and handed them to Lu Jingye.

The rose cakes were not very big, but they were really delicious. After taking a bite, the rose fragrance flooded her mouth.

Lu Jingye saw that Zi Yi liked eating it and asked, “Do you want another one?”

Zi Yi shook her head. “Dad specially had these prepared for Mom. If I ate them, he won’t be able to coax Mom.”

Lu Jingye laughed and said, “Mother won’t be able to eat more than two. Father had asked them to make so many and there’s obviously your share here too.”

Zi Yi’s eyes curved into crescent moons. “Then I’ll eat them together with Mom.”

Lu Jingye nodded his head.

The two of them arrived at the car very soon. After they got in, the car drove towards M.Uni’s direction.

Lu Jingye had given Mrs. Lu a call in advance.

By the time the car turned into the courtyard, Mrs. Lu was already standing outside waiting for them.

“Mom, I brought Dad back.”

Mrs. Lu only gave Lu Jianlin a glance before she turned her attention to Zi Yi.

She waited for Zi Yi to come over before she laughed and scolded her. “You naughty girl. To think that you left right away.”

Zi Yi gave Mrs. Lu a fawning smile. “But Mom, I brought Dad back. See?”

She then pointed at the food box in Lu Jingye’s hand. “Before we came over, Dad specially got the chef to prepare your favorite rose cakes for you.”

Mrs. Lu looked at Lu Jianlin.

Lu Jianlin said, “My wife, I have returned.”

Mrs. Lu’s nose suddenly felt sour and she said sullenly, “What does your return have to do with me? Also... this is my daughter-in-law’s place, what are you doing here?”

She turned around after she said her piece and walked towards the backyard.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stood there and looked at Lu Jianlin, who remained motionless.

Lu Jianlin's eyebrows were furrowed together tightly and he looked very vexed.

Zi Yi called out to him and she kindly reminded him. "Dad, Mom is angry. Why aren't you chasing after her to coax her?"

Lu Jianlin looked at Zi Yi but he still remained motionless.

Zi Yi took the food box from Lu Jingye's hand and passed it to him. "After you left the capital, Mom has been missing you day and night. Even when she sleeps at night, she's been unable to sleep soundly. If you don't go and coax her, be careful that she might not go back with you tonight."

Lu Jianlin pursed his lips and after a long time, he took the food box from Zi Yi and chased after his wife towards the backyard.

Lu Jingye walked over to Zi Yi's side and she wriggled her eyebrows while she suggested. "Why don't we go for a walk first?"

Chapter 588: Ah Jing's Tastes Aren't That Bad. Why Should I Worry?

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye strolled over to Lu Jingye's villa.

Zi Yi had been rather busy during this period of time and she had never been there again. When they were standing outside the courtyard and looking from the outside in, she realized that there was a huge difference.

"Mom and my Aunts have made great transformations to the villa during this period of time. Do you want to go in and take a look?"

"Sure."

The two of them walked to the door and the housekeeper, who just so happened to be near the courtyard, saw them. He hastily walked over in large strides and opened the door.

"Second Young Master, Second Young Madam."

After they came in, Zi Yi ran to the back. "I'll go and check how our backyard has been decorated."

Lu Jingye called out and said, "Don't stay for too long. We still have to go back for dinner."

"Okay~"

Lu Jingye and the housekeeper walked towards the inside of the villa.

While walking, Lu Jingye asked, "Is Ian around?"

"Mr. Ian left in the afternoon and has yet to return."

Lu Jingye responded with a nod and did not continue to ask.

Zi Yi took a tour around the backyard and by the time she returned to the villa, Lu Jingye was currently on the phone.

She walked over to his side and sat down. After waiting for his call to end, she said, "Mom and my Aunts transformed the backyard into a garden."

Lu Jingye asked, "Do you like it?"

"I love it. The garden is beautiful. Several glasshouses were also built and guests will now be able to have tea and enjoy the flowers inside them."

The glasshouses were prepared to accommodate the group of old men from the Painting and Calligraphy Association. When the various masters come, not only will they be able to drink tea and enjoy the flowers, they can even paint when the inspiration comes.

"Cousin Xiangling can entertain the people from the Painting and Calligraphy Association too. Also, the leaders from M.Uni! My Uncles can also receive them."

Speaking of this, Zi Yi started planning who to assign to entertain those groups of people. Lu Jingye listened to her with a smile on his lips.

By the time Zi Yi finished, she suddenly thought of something. "Ian isn't around?"

"Nope, the housekeeper said that he left in the afternoon."

Zi Yi guessed. "He must have gone to consult my cousin about the renovation of the art gallery."

Lu Jingye nodded his head, got up to his feet, and pulled her along. "Let's go back. Otherwise Mom and Dad will start looking for us."

"Okay!"

As soon as they walked out of the living room, they saw a car driving in from outside the iron gate.

It was Ian.

When Ian saw the two, he honked the car horn twice and then drove over and parked the car outside the entrance.

"Lu, Zi, are you here to look for me?"

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye looked at him at the same time. They did not answer his question.

The meaning of their stare was self-evident.

Ian did not take it to heart either and he alighted from the car.

His bodyguard immediately came from the side and drove the car away.

Zi Yi asked him, "You seem rather idle?"

Ian denied it. "How can that be? I've been very busy these days."

He then suddenly laughed. "There have been many people inviting me to drink coffee. I just returned from a cafe."

Zi Yi glanced at him. "I thought that you and my cousin would be discussing the renovations."

"Don't mention it," Ian said, "Xiangling got a cold and she did not go to school today."

"My cousin caught a cold?" Zi Yi frowned and quickly asked, "Is her cold severe?"

She decided to make a call and ask later.

However, she still said, "She looked fine yesterday, so why did she suddenly catch a cold?"

"I was also surprised. She suddenly felt uncomfortable and I sent her to the hospital for a checkup. The doctor said that it should be arrhythmia caused by fatigue."

Dou Xiangling had been worrying about the art gallery these days and it was possible that she had overworked herself.

Zi Yi planned to send a robot over to take care of her.

At the same time, she decided to head to school tomorrow and bring some medicine that would help strengthen her body. This way, she would not get sick easily.

Lu Jingye asked Ian, "Have you eaten?"

Ian shook his head. "Not yet. I drank coffee for an entire afternoon."

"Then come over and have dinner with us."

Ian obviously would not reject his invitation.

Thus, the three of them headed towards Zi Yi's villa.

Along the way, Ian was particularly active in chatting with Zi Yi about the renovation of the art gallery. From the looks of it, it was obvious that he could not wait to see the final result.

When the three of them were approaching the courtyard, they just so happened to see Lu Jianlin and Mrs. Lu walking out together side by side. They were clearly here to look for Zi Yi and Lu Jingye.

At the sight of Lu Jianlin and Mrs. Lu, Ian warmly greeted them. "Uncle, Auntie."

Lu Jianlin gave Ian a nod.

Mrs. Lu said with a smile, "Ian, you arrived just in time. Jianlin and I were going to look for Jingye and Yiyi to start dinner."

Ian smiled back in response. "It seems like I have returned in a timely manner then."

"Yes... let's go. It's about to get dark soon. Let's all go in and have dinner first."

During dinner, Lu Jianlin and Ian chatted for a bit.

Lu Jianlin and Ian's father were acquainted and the two of them talked about Ian's eldest brother.

Lu Jianlin had heard about the situation in his family, and he merely said, "The position of the count ought to be passed on to the capable one."

After dinner, the three men sat on the sofa and talked about the economy and politics.

Zi Yi and Mrs. Lu sat at a small bar and ate the rose cakes.

"Mom, why didn't you have them earlier?"

"I was waiting for you, so we could eat them together."

Mrs. Lu did not eat much and Zi Yi ate another two cakes. She said happily, "Yiyi, if you like these rose cakes, I'll get the chef to make them often for you."

Zi Yi was not polite in the slightest and she nodded her head with a smile. "Okay!"

After the three men had chatted for nearly an hour, Lu Jianlin stood up and came over to Mrs. Lu. "Lingluo, we should return."

He still had to report the situation from the Southern Ocean tomorrow and he planned to go home early to rest.

Mrs. Lu followed suit and stood up. She then said to Zi Yi, "Yiyi, what do you feel like eating tomorrow? I'll have it prepared and bring it over tomorrow."

Speaking of this, she recalled the candies she had brought home for Zi Yi yesterday. She pointed at the small drawer on the other side of the sofa. "Yesterday, I brought back several kinds of candies and I kept them in the drawer. Help yourself if you want to eat them."

Having said that, the both of them headed outside.

Zi Yi, Lu Jingye, and Ian sent them to their car.

When the car drove off, just as Ian was about to say that he was going to return, he suddenly received a call inviting him to go out and drink.

After hanging up the phone, he asked Lu Jingye, "Lu, do you still keep in touch with the officer of the Learning Department of M.Uni from back then?"

"Yes."

The officer of the Learning Department that Ian had mentioned resided in the same area as the Dou Family. It was the man who Lu Jingye had borrowed the car from back then. His name was Wei An.

"Wei An invited us to drink. Do you want to go?" After Ian asked that question, he even looked at Zi Yi.

Before Lu Jingye could answer, Zi Yi asked, "Where are you going?"

"He said it's a bar named [Futuristic Bar]."

"Who's treating?"

"...Old Wei."

Zi Yi thought that a man should have his own circle of friends. Moreover, they were friends that could generate income for her bar. She would definitely be supportive.

She then smiled and tilted her head to look at Lu Jingye. She revealed a virtuous expression and said, "Ah Jing, you should go. You can get in touch with your old classmates and if you get drunk, just ask someone to send you back."

Ian did not expect Zi Yi to be so assured to let Lu Jingye go. He deliberately said, "Aren't you worried that Lu will be enticed by the girls in the bar?"

Zi Yi gave him a look. "Ah Jing's taste isn't that bad. Why should I worry?"

Ian: "..."

Chapter 589: Everyone, Keep a Low Profile. Don't Let Her Catch Your Weakness

At the sight of Zi Yi's expression, Lu Jingye knew what she was thinking about.

However, he was not willing to leave her behind all alone at home. He raised his hand and stroked her head. "Do you want to come with us?"

Zi Yi's eyes brightened up. "You can even bring along a family member?"

Lu Jingye said to her, "We aren't strangers to each other."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Yes, I want to go."

Ian, who was standing by the side, very much wanted to say: "It's a gathering between men. Why are you bringing along your family members?!"

However, he dared not say it out loud.

Just then, Zi Yi smiled and said to him, "Don't worry, I'll play alone when we arrive at the bar. I won't sit together with you."

Ian subconsciously looked at Lu Jingye.

Unexpectedly, he nodded in agreement.

Ian was surprised that Lu Jingye gave his approval.

Since they were heading out, Lu Jingye got Zi Yi to wear some warm outerwear.

When Zi Yi headed upstairs, Ian finally could not bear it and asked him, "Lu, are you really going to bring Zi along?"

Lu Jingye looked at him and asked, "Can I not do so?"

Ian shook his head. "I'm not saying that you can't bring Zi. But we are going to a bar and appearance-wise, she's considered very pretty, and so aren't you worried?"

"Nope."

Lu Jingye said that and walked elsewhere to get someone to prepare the car.

Zi Yi soon came down with some warm outerwear on and she said, "Let's go. I'm ready."

Ian: "..."

He suddenly thought of a saying: The observers are more anxious than the person involved.

Since both parties involved were not anxious at all, why should he be anxious?

However, as a man himself, Ian felt that when he finds a girlfriend in the future, he would resolutely refuse to let her visit places like bars.

The three of them sat in the car and arrived at the street with all the bars.

Ian looked outside the window and sighed. "This place is still the same as it is in my memories. Lively and bustling with activity."

Zi Yi casually asked, "Did you used to come here often Ian?"

Ian subconsciously felt that Zi Yi had a hidden meaning behind her words. She should be purposely trying to use him as an excuse to find out if Lu Jingye frequented these places in the past.

And so, he said with a loyal mindset, "Little Zi, don't you worry. Lu was extremely busy during his school days and he would disappear as soon as the class ended. He didn't have time to visit places like this."

Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye and revealed sympathy in her eyes.

Sure enough, this man was an old-fashioned man.

Lu Jingye merely looked back at her with those deep-set eyes of his and did not say anything.

Soon, the car arrived outside of [Futuristic Bar]. The bespectacled man Zi Yi saw the previous time was currently standing outside the door.

As soon as the three of them alighted from the car, Ian enthusiastically waved. "Hey! Wei An. When did you arrive?"

Wei An's gaze lingered on Zi Yi for two seconds and he pushed his spectacles up his nose bridge. "I just arrived."

He did not even ask why Lu Jingye had brought Zi Yi along. He turned around, took out a card, and headed to the entrance.

Ian found it weird. "Wei An, when did you start to like frequenting these places? To think that you even signed up for a membership card."

"That's not a membership card." Zi Yi explained out of kindness. "You need to make a reservation in advance to visit this bar. After the reservation is made, the bar will send a card to the customer through express. The customer can only enter the bar with the card."

Ian said in dissatisfaction, "...This bar is so troublesome. Won't it reduce the customers who want to visit?"

The more customers a bar had, the more money it would make. The boss of this bar was a little strange.

Zi Yi glanced at him. "There are many people who want to visit this bar."

Ian did not believe her at all.

Lu Jingye looked at Zi Yi who deliberately concealed the fact that this bar was hers and realized that she had no intention to explain to them at all.

The three of them followed Wei An to the entrance of the bar.

A light wall appeared before them.

Under Ian's surprised gaze, An Wei pasted the card on the light wall. Following that, a sweet voice sounded. "Identification matches. How many guests will be entering?"

"Four."

"Okay. Connected to the customer's account and 40k will be deducted for four people. Please confirm."

"Confirm."

"Deduction processed. Customers, please come in."

After the light wall gave entry, Wei An turned to the three of them and said, "Let's go."

Ian recovered his senses and hastily asked. "Why did the bar deduct 10k for each person before we have even entered? Could it be that we can play all we like after paying that 10k?"

"In your dreams." Wei An glanced at Zi Yi before he stepped inside.

Ian looked at Lu Jingye with a puzzled look. "Lu, what does Wei mean?"

Lu Jingye said, "It's a rule of [Futuristic Bar]. The entrance fee is 10k per person."

Ian's eyes widened in surprise.

When the three of them reached the door, he said, "Why doesn't this bar just rob people instead?"

All other bars were crowded looking at their front entrance. Only this particular bar had a few people hanging around. Even though the interior of it was rather special, Ian felt that not many people would be willing to come in.

The entrance fee was 10k per person and not even a big celebrity had such an expensive entrance fee for concerts.

However, when the four of them made their way inside, Ian's mindset immediately changed.

"Heavens! Everything in this bar is operated by advanced technology!"

Zi Yi looked at Ian who was making a fuss out of nothing and said to Lu Jingye, "I'll go elsewhere and play for a while."

Lu Jingye did not feel reassured and he whispered, "Keep a low profile. Don't wagger with other people."

Zi Yi obediently replied, "Got it."

They turned around to leave.

Following that, she walked away.

Wei An glanced at the country bumpkin, Ian, before he asked Lu Jingye, "Do you want a room or will the lobby do?"

Ian quickly said, "Lobby."

The technology used in the bar had aroused his interest. If he does not study it, he will not be able to sleep tonight.

Lu Jingye was fine with anything.

Wei An said to the waiter robot who approached them, "Give us a booth."

"Customers, please follow me."

When the waiter robot said that, he also greeted Lu Jingye. "Master, welcome to [Futuristic Bar]."

Ian's train of thoughts was no longer focused in the present moment and he did not hear what the robot had said.

However, Wei An gave him a glance.

Lu Jingye had a calm expression on his face.

The waiter robot then led them to a booth.

After Zi Yi separated from the group, the passers-by would all keep a distance when they saw her.

Some of them even acted as if they had seen a ghost.

"Why is this woman here tonight?"

"Everyone, keep a low profile. Don't let her catch your weakness."

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People within the circle had suffered big losses at her bar before and whenever they saw Zi Yi now, especially inside her bar, they would basically make a detour.

Zi Yi glanced over to those people who kept their distance from her and the corner of her lips curved up.

She walked to the bar and sat down. Subsequently, she saw a group of women infatuated with the bartender robot.

As soon as Zi Yi sat down, she instantly became the center of attention.

Just then, the manager robot came over to her.

"Master."

Zi Yi pointed at the bar and said, "Go and get me a tablet. I'll check the equipment inside."

In fact, she could use the virtual screen available in the bar, but she had promised Lu Jingye that she would keep a low profile.

She felt that using a tablet to check the data was considered keeping a low profile.

As soon as the manager robot left, some people who came from other places had started to have designs on her.

"Look, that woman sitting in the corner of the bar is so beautiful."

Chapter 590: Whoever Dares To Bully Her Will End Up Like This

Those who came from other places wanted to go and strike up a conversation with her but just as that idea surfaced in their minds, their companions who knew of Zi Yi's name had stopped them.

"You better diminish that thought."

"Why? Is she someone's woman?"

"It would be better even if she was someone else's woman. But she's just a tigress who would eat you up without spitting out your bones."

"Heheh, what do you mean by that?"

"What random thoughts are you thinking about? Haven't you heard of how a group of young masters and young ladies got taken care of by the boss of [Futuristic Bar]?"

"I've heard of it... the boss of the bar definitely has a strong background. To think that they dare to make those young masters and young ladies end up in such a miserable state."

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"That woman is the lady boss of this bar."

"Who? You mean that beautiful lady over there?"

"That's right."

"No way!"

After a round of discussion, even if those people who did not know who Zi Yi was had initially wanted to strike up a conversation with her, they did not dare to do so now.

The news of how the boss took care of the young masters and young ladies of the capital was well known by everyone.

In addition, this was her turf and who would possibly dare to offend her?

Zi Yi did not care that she was the topic of their discussion.

After the manager robot brought her a tablet, she began to start checking around.

The bartending robot mixed a glass of alcohol for her and placed it on the side.

She had a drink while she continued checking.

When she was checking into one of the rooms, she unexpectedly saw Dou Yue'er.

Zi Yi looked at Dou Yue'er who was currently talking and laughing with several boys and girls around her age and she guessed. "Don't tell me she secretly sneaked in here?"

At the thought of this, she carefully checked out everyone in the bar. All of them looked honest and there was even a boy who kept writing and drawing in a notebook.

Zi Yi blocked the surrounding sounds and connected to the room.

Only then, did she realize that those high school students came to her bar to widen their outlook.

What they were discussing were the technologies used in the bar.

Zi Yi breathed a sigh of relief and removed the sound barrier around her. She called for the manager robot and said, "No wine is allowed in Room 5. Send more fruit plates inside."

The manager robot responded. "Yes, Master."

Zi Yi continued checking up on other places.

When she finished checking all the rooms and was about to lift her cup to take a drink, her gaze subconsciously swept past her cousin and her classmates. They were currently dancing on the dance floor.

Zi Yi turned the high stool and faced the dance floor. She kept a watch on Dou Yue'er while she drank.

Dou Yue'er and her classmates could not be considered to be dancing. Their bodies simply moved around, similar to a group of maniacs that were dancing wildly.

However, Dou Yue'er was considered pretty. Even if she randomly jumped about, she was still the prettiest girl on the dance floor.

Zi Yi resisted the urge to support her forehead and took a sip. Just as she was thinking about whether she should go and say hello, she noticed a man approaching Dou Yue'er with a perverted gaze.

The man had not done anything right away. He had observed for a moment and when he saw that those around Dou Yue'er were unfamiliar faces, he moved his body with the intention of rubbing against her.

Zi Yi's eyes narrowed and she heavily slammed her cup on the bar table. She then stood up and strode towards the dance floor.

Dou Yue'er who was dancing did not notice the man's disgusting thoughts. After she got bumped against, she subconsciously gave way. However, just as she moved aside, the man bumped against her again.

She finally realized that there was something wrong with that man and said angrily, "What are you doing?"

The man who wanted to rub against her kept his calm and said plausibly, "There are so many people on the dance floor. See, everyone is squeezing around and I was pushed here. It's just dancing, what else do you think I want to do?"

"You!"

Dou Yue'er was so angry and wanted to reason out with him. However, her classmate standing next to her hastily stopped her.

"Yue'er, it's better to avoid trouble whenever possible. It's obvious that this man isn't someone easy to handle. Let's just stay away from him."

Dou Yue'er had never suffered such injustice before.

Moreover, she was in her cousin's bar.

However, the man in front of her looked fierce and she dared not do anything to him. She could only resist her urge to argue and walked over to the side.

The man saw that Dou Yue'er feared him. When she walked away, he ran over and chased her.

Seeing that the man's hand was about to touch Dou Yue'er's hip, a light voice sounded. "Music, stop!"

As soon as the music stopped, it was as if the paused button was pressed and those who were twisting their bodies had stopped. Before they had the chance to express their dissatisfaction, they heard a cracking sound.

At the same time, a pig-like scream sounded.

"Owwwww! Let go, let go! My hand is broken! Do you know who I am?"

Everyone looked towards the man who appeared fierce but was cowardly at heart as he threatened. They then turned to the serious-looking Zi Yi. All of them subconsciously retreated.

Zi Yi snorted. "You're on my turf. Why do I care who you are?"

"Owww~ Ugh..."

"Shut up!" Zi Yi shouted in discontentment.

The man did not stop screaming and so she sent a silver needle in his direction.

The bar fell into silence.

The spectators all held their breaths.

Dou Yue'er who finally reacted gave a cry of surprise. "Cousin!"

Zi Yi gave her a nod and looked at the man who she had grabbed by the wrist. He could not struggle out of her grip nor speak at all and his complexion was the same as pork liver. Zi Yi said in a cold voice, "You dare to harass girls in my bar? Do you not want your hand anymore?"

As soon as Zi Yi said that, Lu Jingye, Ian, and Wei An came over at the same time.

Lu Jingye came over to her and asked, "What happened?"

Zi Yi snapped her finger and a virtual screen playing out the situation earlier had appeared.

After the whole process of the man wanting to take advantage of Dou Yue'er was shown, Lu Jingye's expression sank.

He then raised his foot and kicked the man's lower back

BAM!

"Sii--"

Everyone gasped at the sight of Lu Jingye's action.

No one dared to stand out and speak up for him as they looked at the man who lost consciousness.

"Who brought this person inside?" When Lu Jingye asked the question, his voice was rather calm, a vast contrast from how fierce he had been just moments ago. However, the people around them were even more afraid to speak out.

No one came forward.

Zi Yi sneered and directly walked over to Dou Yue'er. She pulled her hand and said, "This is my cousin. Whoever dares to bully her will end up like this."

Dou Yue'er was amazed by how domineering her cousin and cousin-in-law were. Her eyes that were looking at them were sparkling.

Ian, who was standing by the side, whispered, "To think that Lu would show such a cruel side to other people."

Wei An pushed the spectacles on the bridge of his nose and said in a flat tone, "If my sister was taken advantage of like this, I will also make it so that he can't use his lower body anymore."

Ian thought about it. He felt that if he had a sister he cared about and she got bullied like this, he would also do the same. After coming to that conclusion, he did not say anything else.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye went over to the bar together and the young masters and young ladies of the capital who came here to play had walked further away.

At the same time, they whispered to each other, "Did you realize that after he left the Lu Family, he seems to have changed into another person?"

"That kick earlier was too ruthless. I really suspect that the man's spine was broken."

"It's obviously broken. In the past, I always thought that he was not the type to hit someone else. I didn't expect him to be so cruel when he did."

"To think that there would be a day where the Second Brother whom I regard as an immortal in my heart would actually be so rash and hit someone."

“He no longer has the halo and now that Zi Yi is feeding him, it’s impossible for him to be down to earth.”

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