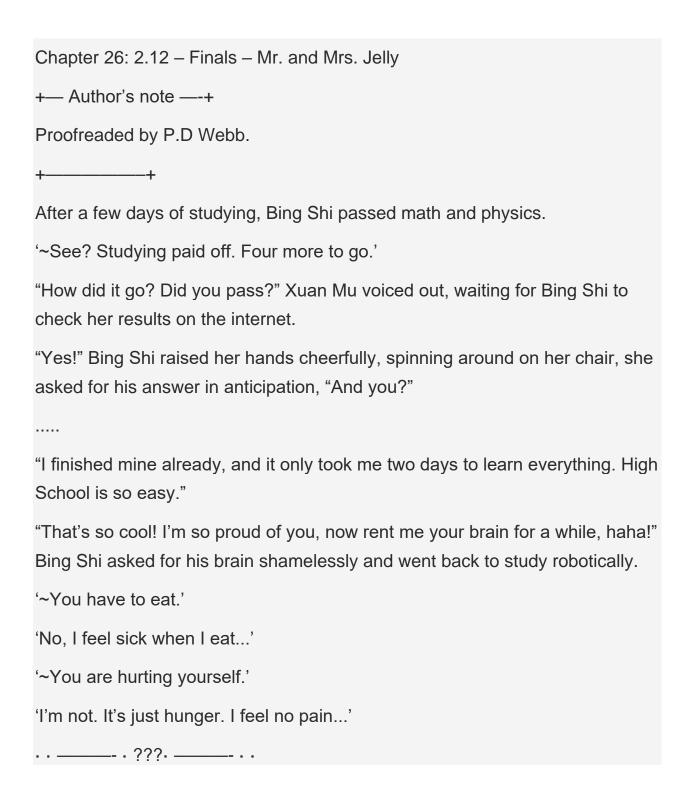
#### **QT: AGAINST MY WILL**

#### Chapter 26



During the finals, students could stay at home. Bing Shi always stayed at home and studied in her bedroom from morning till night. At first, she cooked for herself; then, she switched to bread to save time, then she forgot about food altogether. The heavy pressure and the thick mind of stress overshadowed how much hunger was running through her.

'~Your nose is bleeding.'

There were red droplets of blood dripping onto the white sheet of paper, staining it red. Bing Shi quickly went to her bathroom to clean her face. While she was putting paper tissues into her nose, she started to sob silently.

'What's happening?'

'Why is my nose bleeding so much these days?'

'My hair...'

'~ When was the last time you ate?'

'I don't know...'

'~ You have to eat.'

Bing Shi walked to the kitchen, forcing herself to eat an apple; she started to gag. Her sobs turned into plenty of crying, tears streaming down her cheeks.

'~Useless. Stop crying. Will crying help you pass the exams?'

When Bing Shi logged into the school's website to see the results of her exam, a mountain of pressure ripped open her already sick stomach. The disappointment she felt led her heart to the depth of infinite darkness. A broken sob pierced the air as she stared at the failing mark in descriptive geometry.

'I failed.'

'They will laugh at me for being stupid.'

'They will be disappointed again.'

'~They have called you thrice since you started; they are not worthy. They only give you money.'

'~Only Xuan Mu cares about you; he is the only one who is with you when you need it. You have to study, so you can have a better future with him.'

'~Because except for studying, you know nothing.'

'~ You still have a chance, just try harder.'

'What if I fail again?'

Bing Shi studied nonstop, reading and taking notes, even after her hand started to hurt from the feel of her pen digging into her hand and rubbing against her finger. All the pain of little time was too much for her. She felt physically and mentally exhausted, so much that she fainted right atop her desk.

She just missed Xuan Mu's call, who was checking on her regularly.

Xuan Mu was worried to death. She didn't pick up. She'd always pick up. He noticed that she was still online. She should be at home right now. Was she ignoring him? What if something terrible happened? He started to spam her with calls and messages without stopping, for the whole night.

While Bing Shi fainted from too much tiredness, Xuan Mu was awake the entire night, feeling powerless.

Bing Shi, who had her head on her desk, woke up from a ringtone and looked at her phone in a daze.

'Oh, no Xuan Mu!'

"I want to choke you to death! Where were you?!" The worry and anger mixed in Xuan Mu's voice was heard through Bing Shi's phone.

"I'm sorry, I fell asleep," Bing Shi apologized. Hearing his anger, her tears started to well up once again.

"I thought something bad happened!" Xuan Mu had no idea how to let out his worry and anger and continued to yell at her, "You had one job! Could you be any more irresponsible?! I was about to call the police!"

"Something bad did happen; I think I might disappoint you," Bing Shi broke down and cried out, "I'm sorry."

"Bing Shi, I was just worried" Xuan Mu's fury disappeared the exact moment he heard her relentless sobbing, becoming more soft again, "I'm sorry for shouting at you. What's wrong? Why are you crying?"

"I failed my exam..." Bing Shi whispered, ashamed of herself, afraid of his reaction.

'He likes smart girls, not stupid ones. He is going to be disappointed, for sure.'

"But I became prettier..." she whimpered.

'He likes pretty girls, doesn't he?'

"I'll never be disappointed with you. You still have a second chance, don't you? And if you feel pressured, then stop studying. We will find a way out together," Xuan Mu started feeling a bit uneasy, "No! Don't be more pretty. You are pretty enough," he pleaded. He'd rather prefer her to be more ugly, so only he could see her true inner beauty.

"But, I did become prettier," Bing Shi insisted.

"Let me see...turn on the camera on your laptop," Xuan Mu's guts told him that something was wrong.

They were used only to voice chat. Also, Bing Shi had her cameras on her laptop and phones...taped. Whenever she wanted to take a picture, she'd use her vlog camera.

"No," Bing Shi refused flatly.

"Bing Shi, please," Xuan Mu begged, his tone desperate.

"Fine..." Bing Shi removed the tape and turned on the camera.

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### QT: Against My Will #Chapter 27 - Read QT: Against My Will Chapter 27

Chapter 27: 2.13 – OP Couple – Mr. and Mrs. Jelly
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When Xuan Mu saw her, his heart stopped. His ribs heaved as if bound by ropes; he struggled with regulating his breathing. Looking at her in distress; the pain he felt was like a cluster of sparks, drilling sharply through his abdomen.
The sigh was so agonizing that it made him cry, "BING SHI!!! What did you do to yourself!?" Xuan Mu yelled at Bing Shi, "You have to eat!!!" His eyesight got blurry from the tears, "Pleaseeat."
Didn't she say she loved herself? Then why was she hurting herself now? Was it because of him? It had to be! He always complained about her happy behaviour, never did he notice that something was wrong. She hid her stress so well
"I don't know, I try to eat, but I throw up every time," Bing Shi hid her face behind her weak, bony hands, struggling to hide her tears.
"You have to eat, please. I'll leave you alone, just stop hurting yourself." When he saw how skinny she had become, he regretted his actions. She was all alone in a foreign country, and all he did was distancing her from others. She was working hard for their

future, while he... He acted selfish, only thinking about his feelings; he never thought

about what Bing Shi was going through. Hearing her happy giggles gave him the impression that everything was fine.

"But you'll kill yourself! I don't want you to leave me..." It was not only her life now. She was always careful with his life, treasuring it as her own.

'His presence grew on me.'

'I got too attached to him.'

'I need him in my life.'

"I won't kill myself. Get something to eat right now. I'll watch you eat it," Xuan Mu said in an assuring tone. 'For her to be happy, I would gladly live in suffering. But how am I going to live without her?'

When she came back, she forced herself to eat. Halfway through the warm porridge she was eating, she didn't even have time to run to the toilet and threw everything up right before his eyes. Both of them started to cry together, her more than him obviously, that was how painful it was to watch that moment.

Bing Shi was about to try to make a funny comment about it, pressing her lips into a tight line as she tried to hold back, "..."

"Stop it! Don't smile! Don't laugh!" Xuan Mu commanded with a broken voice, he knew her well enough she would have made a comment. Bing Shi stopped per his wish, she stood up emotionlessly and then went to clean after herself.

When she came back, she was about to smile at him.

"No, No. Stop smiling, please, I beg you," Xuan Mu's heart throbbed.

Bing Shi smiled weakly anyway, "I can't stop it. It became a part of me." She cried and smiled at the same time.

It was quite uncomfortable watching how she was forcing herself to not laugh at all -? it was a part of her, exactly like her smile.

"Please, how can I help you?" he asked. Did she ever need help? It was like she never needed anybody. The so happy go lucky girl was just a facade. That thought excruciatingly, tortured his heart.

"You are still so young. You should enjoy your life," Bing Shi didn't want him to end up like her.

"But how can I enjoy my life when you are hurting?" Xuan Mu whined in distress. He wanted to enjoy their life together.

"I'm not hurting," Bing Shi turned off the camera, "I'm fine."

"Bing Shi, switch the camera on! I need to see you eating! Do you want me to fly over and feed you myself?!" Xuan Mu raised his voice.

"..." Bing Shi turned on the camera and changed the topic, "Do you remember those novels I always talked about?" She started speaking as she blew her nose into a tissue.

Xuan Mu remembered them, but he was not into romance. He just heard about a bunch of ice cubes, CEOs, assassin women, and all crazy overpowered characters.

"They are illogical, but I find them inspiring. You are already better than me. So let's become a power couple?" she suggested, the corner of her lips curling up.

Bing Shi's mood switched instantly and how scary it was. She was a bad actress, but nobody could tell if she was really happy or just pretending. She wasn't acting. It was her way of self-defense, it became a part of her. But whenever she was laughing with Xuan Mu, that was her truest form of happiness.

"Sure, whatever you want. But first, try to get a bite of something." A power couple? She talked about it before. He liked the idea.

"Then I'm going to boil some sweet potatoes. I like them the most," Bing Shi stood up and was about to go to the kitchen when she stopped at his next words.

"You would even sell me for a bag of sweet potatoes," Xuan Mu pouted cutely.

"Not a bag, maybe a truck would do," Bing Shi giggled, he'd never forget to improve her mood.

"I'll buy you a plantation of sweet potatoes, just don't sell me," Xuan Mu rubbed his red eyes, getting rid of his tears.

"Deal!" Bing Shi agreed.

Xuan Mu's progress in becoming a powerful man was frighteningly fast. His potential was so tremendous that it even surpassed Bing Shi's expectations.

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Xuan Mu began with the man he hated the most, his father. He came from an influential family. But his parents were just the branch of the tree, the poorest and weakest

members. They came to have some money only because of his uncle, who would sometimes visit his father to play golf.

His uncle, who had the highest status in the family noticed, how Xuan Mu's father was less capable than his son. Finding it interesting, he offered Xuan Mu a job in his company. A wholesale company that was among the largest in the country. From food, drinks, to cosmetics, they had it all.

One of Xuan Mu's motto: Never ask people for help. Instead, make them ask for help themselves. This way, they will be indebted to you, and soon, they'll listen to everything you say.

Did the motto have anything to do with Bing Shi? A little bit. After their war of minds, they ended with a tie as both of them had power over the other.

Also, Xuan Mu fell in love too fast. Well, who wouldn't? Especially his obsession. It clouded his mind. If not, he would've ended up as the winner.

Bing Shi could be convincing, but she had a weakness. She couldn't even give a handshake. In a world ruled by men, she wouldn't survive. She would still need to overcome her disgust from touching. But would Xuan Mu allow it?

No.

On Break

#### QT: Against My Will #Chapter 28 - Read QT: Against My Will Chapter 28

Chapter 28: 2.14 – The power she holds – Mr. and Mrs. Jelly
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"Is that Bing Shi?" A buzzing sound between older women started when a young lady arrived at the party with her parents.
"Can somebody's appearance change so much just by losing weight?" a woman in a red dress asked in doubt.
"Plastic surgery?" implored a woman in green.

"It's only because of her first impression. When you look closer, she is not that beautiful. She can't be compared to your daughter, don't even mention celebrities," answered the woman with the keenest eyes.

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"I agree...but... I can't look away from her. Strange... Is it thanks to her clothing?" asserted a woman in yellow. All women with colourful dresses agreed with her.

Standing near the entrance, Bing Shi's clothing was a more feminine style than what she normally wore; a dark green, almost black vintage dress with long sleeves and a high neck collar. Without her black-rimmed eyeglasses, she brought a high-class flavour to her old fashioned style of clothing. As the saying went, she was an embodiment of 'fashion fades, style is eternal'.

When Bing Shi walked towards the round tables, she greeted all adults, from the eldest to the youngest, not forgetting her upbringing. The people in this party could be considered Bing Shi parents' closest friends and relatives.

"How is your skin so pale? Your mum looks younger compared to before. She said it's all thanks to you!" they asked. This young lady wasn't acting all innocent, nor did she over sweet-talk to them. Polite with the right amount of playful respect.

'Easy. Don't go outside.'

"If you want to maintain your youthfulness, first, start to use sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful UV rays. Second, try to avoid stress by laughing," Bing Shi chuckled, seating herself on a vacant seat next to a woman in red, "Because when you laugh, you feel no stress."

The women's mood improved the more they talked to her. After they rushed their sons to speak to Bing Shi, they went out for a tour around the grandiose hotel with her parents in the front.

All the sons refused to speak to Bing Shi. Their instincts told them to stay away from Bing Shi, being wary of her. Their mothers would always find faults with other girls. But Bing Shi? They wanted her as their daughter in law!

Of course, there would always be an overconfident man, Tan Huo, a handsome man who finished school and started his own company with the help of his parents.

"Hi, I'm Tan Huo," he came near Bing Shi and sat down next to her seat. With a polite smile, he offered his hand for a handshake. He was intrigued by how Bing Shi could easily communicate with his hard to please mother.

'Who? Please, go away.'

"Hi. I'm sorry, I don't shake hands," Bing Shi refused politely, a slight sorry-filled smile spread across her lips.

'Stay away. Stay away. Stay away.'

"Why?" He took his hand back, searching for the reason why the female didn't do handshakes.

"Because they get sweaty a lot. I don't want you to feel disgusted," Bing Shi explained and checked her phone afterward, looking for any messages from Xuan Mu. There were none, he was probably still at work.

'Xuan Mu is so hardworking.'

"I don't mind." When he saw how she checked her phone without conduct, there was no sweat. Where did the thoughtful girl disappear to? Shouldn't she be trying to engage in a conversation like with her mother? He didn't give up and offered it again, encouraging her with a larger smile.

'What's wrong with this guy?'

"But, I do mind. Sorry," proclaimed Bing Shi with a fake smile. She put away her phone and started to eat the food offered on the table.

"..." Now, how should he continue the conversation? She refused politely, but somehow he felt like she was so disgusted by him to even speak to him. "Is it tasty?" he asked. He met many girls. But what was wrong with Bing Shi? Why was it so awkward?

"...Mmm..." Was all she said as her mouth was full, with that Bing Shi nodded without giving a bother of looking at him.

'Now, Leave, I don't talk when I eat,'

"It was nice to meet you. I have to go back." Sensing that she wasn't interested, he wanted to run away as this cramped feeling was suffocating him.

Bing Shi waved her hand at him as a goodbye gesture.

'Bye-bye.'

When Tan Hua went back, everyone started to ask questions.

"How is she?"

"Her whole being is screaming at you to leave her alone. The longer I sat with her, the harder it was to talk to her," said Tan Huo.

"A challenge, should I try too?" a young man snickered confidently.

"Go ahead. You've got no chance," warned Tan Huo.

The man didn't hear him. He was on his way to Bing Shi. "Hi, I'm Tony," he waved at her with a cute smile.

"Sorry, I'm at the good part of the novel. I can't speak to you," mumbled Bing Shi, who was reading a novel. Making sure nobody was going to interrupt her again, she put on her headphones.

"..." Tony dejectedly came back.

Everyone laughed at him and started to make tactics on how to catch her interest, "A polite man didn't work."

"What about a cold man?" they started.

"She will ignore you."

"What about a bad boy?"

"Good Idea!"

"Should we try to tease her? Like grabbing her phone and running away?"

"I'd like to see her reaction!"

"Who is going?" They all looked at the bad boy in their group.

"No way, I'm not bullying her. Don't you remember who her backers are? All of our mothers!" The notorious bad boy backed away.

Realising the truth, they got goosebumps. Bing Shi, she was too powerful. They were not afraid of their mother, really.

"I give up. She is not even that beautiful."

"Too ugly." They all agreed shamelessly. Nobody was stupid enough to challenge Bing Shi, "Let's try other girls?"

"All the girls are helping out in the kitchen. Wait, why is Bing Shi not helping them?"

"Probably because of our mothers..." All of them went silent. What's with all these privileges? She just talked to them! Did she think she was a Queen? (?°?°)?? ???

During that Christmas eve, some people could finally get a glimpse of the rumoured Bing Shi. True to her image, she was exactly like her parents described her. She could gain one's respect without putting out too much effort. A girl with a kind of hidden authority.

On Break

## QT: Against My Will #Chapter 29 - Read QT: Against My Will Chapter 29

Chapter 29: 2.15 – The power he holds – Mr. and Mrs. Jelly
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Bing Shi, after the first semester, got more used to the pressure and stress. But somehow, after she lost weight, she kept catching bees and butterflies everywhere, without even trying to be eye-catchy. She started to pity those goddesses. She didn't even reach their pinkies and there were already so many men after her.
'They sure have it hard, don't they?'
"Hey, you're Bing Shi, right?" asked a young man who sat in front of Bing Shi. Before the physics class could start, he attempted to engage in a conversation with this quiet lady.
'Xuan Mu, someone is speaking to me again. Save meeee.'
"Yes?" answered Bing Shi with a smile. At school, she has her glasses on. There was no need to put her contact lens in.
"I went to a club yesterday. There were many Asian girls. But I never saw you. How come?" he asked.
"I don't go clubbing," Bing Shi answered.
"Trying to be a good girl?" he asked.
"Yes."

"What a pity. You know, compared to those girls, you are the most beautiful one."

"Thank you for the praise," Bing Shi laughed at the cheesiness.

"Let's go togeth-..."

"No, thank you," Bing Shi smiled at him politely, "Sorry."

His girl friend told him that Bing Shi had a boyfriend, but nobody had seen him before, so not many actually believed it was true. He tried to ask her out, but before he could finish his sentence, he was refused, "Ah, fine. Sorry."

The first year of university went by quickly, the dropout rate was about 50%. Bing Shi, this time didn't stress as much, adapting fast, she finished her exams without any major complications.

After Xuan Mu made sure that Bing Shi's eating habits returned back to normal by watching her meals and weight, he started his plan sooner than he thought.

"What?! He didn't make a mistake until now? How is that possible?" asked one of the directors during a meeting.

"It's like the whole marketplace is in the palm of his hand..." answered the head manager of the marketing department, his eyes filled with confusion, "Nobody knows from where he obtained all the connections... to get everything at such low prices."

"Be careful around him... Keep this a secret from others," ordered Xuan Mu's uncle, "With that brain of his, he won't remain here for long. We have to make him stay as long as possible."

While the higher-ups were trying to get a hold of Xuan Mu by offering him shares, the regular employees knew nothing.

"What are the higher-ups thinking? Giving the position of a manager to a brat like him? Isn't it too irresponsible?"

Three male employees gossiped in the hallway.

"He made me change my plan five times! I don't want to be ordered by a kid anymore!"

"That position should be mine. He got it only because of his family connections. I saw him. He is just a brat in high school," said a dissatisfied man in his forties, hearing those three men's complaints, he decided to express his disapproval of Xuan Mu too.

What he said was actually 100% truth.

"They should give it to you! You are our senior!"

"I didn't know I stole your position. Why don't you come with me? I can ask my uncle to return it back to you."

They heard a voice behind them. When they turned their heads, they saw a tall youth with dark circles under his eyes, smiling at them.

Crap.

Xuan Mu laughed, "I remembered all of your faces and names. You can forget about your bonuses this month."

Didn't Bing Shi say that he was a natural-born leader? So why was everyone badmouthing him?

All three males apologized and scattered away in regret. Now, their bonuses were all gone! Xuan Mu had to be laughing at their stupidity, didn't he?

"Really?" the older man remained rooted in the spot, asking with a voice full of hope.

"Of course. I hate injustice," Xuan Mu smiled at him, continuing to walk ahead, "Follow me."

"Y-yes..." The man's behavior made a three hundred and sixty-degree turn as he followed after Xuan Mu like a ded disciple.

Arriving before mahogany doors with a golden nameplate on the side, Xuan Mu knocked on his uncle's office. They greeted each other while the older man was ignored.

"Seems like I stole his position. This is no good. I should return it to him before my reputation gets tarnished," said Xuan Mu, voice filled with 'fake' regret, he pointed his thumb behind his shoulder at the ignored man.

His uncle's mouth cracked – this brat.

"Ehm, why don't I give you a promotion?" his uncle asked.

"What are the benefits?" inquired Xuan Mu with a neutral tone, blank expression on his face.

"More company shares. But I have to discuss it with the higher-ups."

"Alright," agreed Xuan Mu, then he turned to the older man. "Now, it's your turn to fight for your justice," he said and walked out of the office.

The older man looked at the closed doors with shock in his eyes, not daring to face the CEO, "..."

"Good job, what's your name?" A cold voice of the boss resonated in the spacious room. Did he think he could be better than Xuan Mu? Continue dreaming.

"I...I'm.. " The older man shivered from fear.

That's how the higher-ups demoted and promoted two of their employees.

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In one year, Xuan Mu's wage tripled. He also received company shares as a bonus. He gained recognition from all the people around him, except the regular employees, who refused to listen (in their minds) to a boy, whose age could be compared to their sons, if not younger.

Xuan Mu could start his own company, but it wasn't what he was looking for. It would need too many resources and time. Making connections and using others was more efficient for him.

Also, there was still that person.

Xuan Mu caught that man's attention at one of the company parties. The man needed his help, and he agreed. That person had another condition, and it was for him to move inside the man's mansion. Without opposing, he agreed with a smile, the sly one.

Guan Lin, a man who had power in the economy, politics, and military.

The most powerful person in the country, according to Xuan Mu.

His final target...

On Break

Chapter 30: 2.16 – A day off – Mr. and Mrs. Jelly

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"You are too much. Stop making fun of us! But what you said is true, haha!" Bing Shi agreed, "Why don't you skip grades?"

"I always get calls from the company to resolve some problems," stated Xuan Mu, "School is a good excuse to get a few days off without looking suspicious."

"Xuan Mu, I have to congratulate myself for catching such a big fish," Bing Shi chirped proudly.

"I'm a big fish now?" Xuan Mu smiled smugly. Until recently, he was her sugar daddy and a money-making machine, "Even that surgeon who was interested in you. Can he be compared to me?"

Bing Shi scowled, she only wanted to be with Xuan Mu, nobody else, "Don't even mention him, just hearing him makes my ears bleed. And it wasn't him who was interested but his parents."

"Is there anyone else who I need to know about?" Xuan Mu was enraged with the thought that others would try to get with Bing Shi, even if it was their parents wanting their sons to. What was wrong with all these marriage proposals? His little girl was still young!

"Um, my landlord introduced me to a lawyer? No worries, I wanted to tell you today. Such an awkward scene, haha..." she laughed awkwardly.

"Did you exchange contact info?" Another fly!? Xuan Mu wanted to put a bug repellent on her.

"He gave me his business card? I didn't give him mine though. But there is a chance my landlord gave him my number..." And right at that moment, she got a message from an unknown number. "Oh, he invited me out for a drink..." she muttered disinterestedly.

"Block him. Delete his number. Throw away his business card," said Xuan Mu, irritated beyond belief.

"If he weren't an acquaintance of the landlord, I would ignore him. But he is. I can't disrespect the landlord, who was always good to me, right?" she asked.

"If he contacts you again, I'm sending all my lawyers under me, to go after him. If your landlord introduces you to somebody again, I'll be your new landlord."

Except Bing Shi, nobody knew if he was telling the truth or just joking.

"What if he wants to be friends only? I wrote that my parents don't want me to go out alone with a stranger. Like a good girl, I have to listen to them. He has to gain their approval first. I gave him my parent's number, let them take care of it," she laughed evilly, two invisible horns appearing above her head.

"I'm calling your parents," he said. Was this her new way of chasing men away? But this man? He wanted her as a future wife! Not a one night stand or a girlfriend! That lawyer would call her parents for sure.

"Sure, go ahead, say hello to them from me," Bing Shi grinned.

That day, Bing Shi's parents got a call from two men. After Xuan Mu's request, they refused the young lawyer without mercy. Could anyone be compared to their future son in law? No! Their daughter never called them, but Xuan Mu always informed them about her well being. He gave off the impression of a mature man.

If they knew about Xuan Mu's twisted relationship with Bing Shi, would they still approve of him?

Due to their promise of not touching, only Bing Shi's parents and brothers knew about their relationship. At school, they knew Bing Shi had a boyfriend, but nobody saw him yet.

Who would've thought that this promise would help Xuan Mu in his schemes? Because, wouldn't it be bad if someone knew about his weakness?

"Bing Shi, you don't even know how much power I hold now, do you?"

"Not really, but it sounds so cool! Another reason for me to work harder. I have to catch up to you," she said, full of determination.

"But don't cheat on me. The thought of you, handshaking with other men, is killing me. Do you have to?" he asked for the last time. She could be very stubborn, sometimes. They talked a lot about this problem.

"Xuan Mu, people touched me before, like my doctors when I go for an injection or my dentist. Even though they are all women," Bing Shi pursed her lips into a tight line.

"You are going to shake hands with men! Your occupation is full of men!" Xuan Mu insisted. Why couldn't she become his wife and stay at home? He had to remind himself that they wanted to be an OP couple.

"Xuan Mu it's a B.u.s.i.n.e.s.s. handshake. I won't shake hands with people who have ulterior motives, don't worry," she reasoned.

"Hmpf!" he pouted in refusal.

"..." Bing Shi sighed.

'Who said he is mature? Take it back!'

During this whole time, they were repeating one dungeon over and over, waiting for one item to drop. Thanks to Xuan Mu, they found the most efficient pattern to finish the dungeon fast.

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"University is such a waste. Students struggle with it for such a long time, and when they finish, they will be less successful than a high schooler," Xuan Mu laughed at her misfortune.

"You are too much. Stop making fun of us! But what you said is true, haha!" Bing Shi agreed, "Why don't you skip grades?"

"I always get calls from the company to resolve some problems," stated Xuan Mu, "School is a good excuse to get a few days off without looking suspicious."

"Xuan Mu, I have to congratulate myself for catching such a big fish," Bing Shi chirped proudly.

"I'm a big fish now?" Xuan Mu smiled smugly. Until recently, he was her sugar daddy and a money-making machine, "Even that surgeon who was interested in you. Can he be compared to me?"

Bing Shi scowled, she only wanted to be with Xuan Mu, nobody else, "Don't even mention him, just hearing him makes my ears bleed. And it wasn't him who was interested but his parents."

"Is there anyone else who I need to know about?" Xuan Mu was enraged with the thought that others would try to get with Bing Shi, even if it was their parents wanting their sons to. What was wrong with all these marriage proposals? His little girl was still young!

"Um, my landlord introduced me to a lawyer? No worries, I wanted to tell you today. Such an awkward scene, haha..." she laughed awkwardly.

"Did you exchange contact info?" Another fly!? Xuan Mu wanted to put a bug repellent on her.

"He gave me his business card? I didn't give him mine though. But there is a chance my landlord gave him my number..." And right at that moment, she got a message from an unknown number. "Oh, he invited me out for a drink..." she muttered disinterestedly.

"Block him. Delete his number. Throw away his business card," said Xuan Mu, irritated beyond belief.

"If he weren't an acquaintance of the landlord, I would ignore him. But he is. I can't disrespect the landlord, who was always good to me, right?" she asked.

"If he contacts you again, I'm sending all my lawyers under me, to go after him. If your landlord introduces you to somebody again, I'll be your new landlord."

Except Bing Shi, nobody knew if he was telling the truth or just joking.

"What if he wants to be friends only? I wrote that my parents don't want me to go out alone with a stranger. Like a good girl, I have to listen to them. He has to gain their approval first. I gave him my parent's number, let them take care of it," she laughed evilly, two invisible horns appearing above her head.

"I'm calling your parents," he said. Was this her new way of chasing men away? But this man? He wanted her as a future wife! Not a one night stand or a girlfriend! That lawyer would call her parents for sure.

"Sure, go ahead, say hello to them from me," Bing Shi grinned.

That day, Bing Shi's parents got a call from two men. After Xuan Mu's request, they refused the young lawyer without mercy. Could anyone be compared to their future son in law? No! Their daughter never called them, but Xuan Mu always informed them about her well being. He gave off the impression of a mature man.

If they knew about Xuan Mu's twisted relationship with Bing Shi, would they still approve of him?

Due to their promise of not touching, only Bing Shi's parents and brothers knew about their relationship. At school, they knew Bing Shi had a boyfriend, but nobody saw him yet.

Who would've thought that this promise would help Xuan Mu in his schemes? Because, wouldn't it be bad if someone knew about his weakness?

"Bing Shi, you don't even know how much power I hold now, do you?"

"Not really, but it sounds so cool! Another reason for me to work harder. I have to catch up to you," she said, full of determination.

"But don't cheat on me. The thought of you, handshaking with other men, is killing me. Do you have to?" he asked for the last time. She could be very stubborn, sometimes. They talked a lot about this problem.

"Xuan Mu, people touched me before, like my doctors when I go for an injection or my dentist. Even though they are all women," Bing Shi pursed her lips into a tight line.

"You are going to shake hands with men! Your occupation is full of men!" Xuan Mu insisted. Why couldn't she become his wife and stay at home? He had to remind himself that they wanted to be an OP couple.

"Xuan Mu it's a B.u.s.i.n.e.s.s. handshake. I won't shake hands with people who have ulterior motives, don't worry," she reasoned.

"Hmpf!" he pouted in refusal.

"..." Bing Shi sighed.

'Who said he is mature? Take it back!'

During this whole time, they were repeating one dungeon over and over, waiting for one item to drop. Thanks to Xuan Mu, they found the most efficient pattern to finish the dungeon fast.