

Real Boss 121

Chapter 121 Strict discipline

Tao Qi didn't say anything. Ever since he came back, he could feel that his parents and brother's attitude was a little strange. They seemed to be biased against Sister Jingjing.

Although Tao Qi was young, he was very sensitive to the fact that if he told them he was going to see Sister Jingjing. They definitely wouldn't agree, so he didn't say anything. He didn't expect Tan Rou to guess it correctly.

This cunning woman!

Tan Rou slowed down her voice and said as gently as she could, "I am not objecting to you looking for Tan Jing. I'm not interested in how close you are with her, but I have to ensure your safety. Add me on WeChat and share your location with me when you leave the house. Let me see where you are. Otherwise, I'll call our brother and ask him to send you to school."

Hearing how Tan Rou say that she didn't object to the idea of him looking for Tan Jing, Tao Qi felt a little better. But, he was still a little reluctant. He felt that his freedom was being restricted and wanted to struggle a little. "I usually go out by myself. What are you worried about ..."

Although Tao Qi wasn't very willing, he actually had a different feeling in his heart.

He had been very independent since he was young and was doted on by his grandmother. Since he was young, there were people around him who would listen to him. As long as he acted coquettishly or shamelessly, they would listen to him. However, as time passed, Tao Qi felt a sense of emptiness in his heart. Perhaps it was what people often said about not being satisfied with being in a honeypot.

And although Tan Rou was detestable, Tao Qi could feel that a gap in his heart had been taken care of.

She was very strict with him, treating him like a silly child. This should have made Tao Qi very angry, but the amazing thing was that he realized that he liked the feeling of being disciplined.

Tao Qi couldn't help but pat his little face and secretly cursed himself for having had enough of good days. He actually felt that Tan Rou's control over him was a little warm. He must have damaged his brain pretty badly.

On the other end of the phone, Tan Rou didn't know that Tao Qi was disdainful of her. After hearing Tao Qi's weak rebuttal, she still said in a tone that left no room for discussion, "You don't agree to it? Then, there's nothing left for us to talk about. I'll hang up now, I still have to call my brother."

Tao Qi didn't expect Tan Rou to be so decisive. He hurriedly agreed. "I will! I'll turn on the GPS, okay? Don't tell my brother about it. You want him to scold me, don't you?"

Tan Rou was satisfied and smiled. "Of course not. Then, this shall be our little secret. As long as you behave, I promise you won't get scolded."

Tao Qi sneered awkwardly, unwilling to admit the joy in his heart. He even bickered with Tan Rou. "I think you're just trying your best to add me on WeChat. I don't just let anyone add me on WeChat. I'm just doing this because you forced me to."

Tan Rou narrowed her eyes and threatened, "Forced? Who do you think you are?? Be good, I will be waiting for your friend request. I have to go back to class, I'm hanging up." Then, she ended the call.

Tao Qi's disgruntled words were stuck in his mouth. When he heard the cut off sound from the phone, he angrily put down the phone and bounced on the spot a few times to vent his anger. In the end, he still checked the number and ran back to his room to get the phone his mother gave him. He took the initiative to send a friend request.

Tan Rou returned to the classroom and sat down. Looking at the notification that appeared on her phone, she smiled in satisfaction and accepted the friend request.

She raised her head and glanced in Tan Jing's direction. Tan Rou raised her eyebrows with interest. Tan Jing, you've spent so much effort trying to win over Tao Qi, but his heart might not be biased towards you now. Let's do this slowly.

On the other end, Tan Jing still didn't know how the relationship between Tan Rou and Tao Qi had changed in just one day. She was still dreaming that the world was in chaos, thinking that Tao Qi would become a very useful trump card in her hands.

She secretly calculated how she should find out about Tan Rou's living condition in the Tao family when she saw Tao Qi tonight, and how she should convince Tao Qi to help her cause trouble for Tan Rou in the Tao family!

Tan Jing felt that Tan Rou was too hard to control now. Not only had Tan Rou learned how to control others, but she had also become more confident than before. That kind of self-confidence and pride made Tan Jing inexplicably flustered. Perhaps her subconscious had already reminded Tan Jing that she was not as good as Tan Rou, but Tan Jing had not realized it and would never admit it.

Tan Jing was still clinging to her dream of being the young lady of the Tan family. She felt that it was no big deal that Tan Rou had become powerful. Everyone had a weakness, and she happened to find out that Tan Rou's weakness was the Tao family. What could be more interesting than this?

Chapter 122 Tan Rou is jealous

From Tan Jing's point of view, Tan Rou was in complete despair after losing a good family like the Tan family. She had no choice but to treat the Tao family, which was barely considered a good family, as a piece of floating wood and hold on to it tightly. Otherwise, wouldn't she have nothing?

Therefore, it was understandable that Tan Rou was bluffing. She only had her honest parents and a few silly brothers.

However, she was different. Tan Jing thought proudly to herself. She had the Tan family as her backing. This advantage was something that those peasants would never be able to get in several lifetimes. She had a good life. She knew she was born to be a princess!

As for Tan Rou, didn't she care about the Tao family?

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Then, she'd use two things at the same time. She'd win over Tao Qi to work for her, watch over Tan Rou in the Tao family, and play some tricks to make the Tao family gradually hate Tan Rou. She'd also use her academic results to her advantage in the mock exam this time to beat Tan Rou!

Therefore, Tan Jing took out her textbooks and started to revise with full confidence. She couldn't help but laugh. She felt as if she could already see Tan Rou's stupid face when she got a zero.

Just like that, the whole day of revision passed by quickly.

As soon as the school bell rang, the students stopped what they were doing and tiredly packed their bags, ready to go home and continue their revision.

This was an important exam for them and the question type was something that schools all over the country fought for every year. Therefore, the range of the questions were extensive and were incredibly difficult. Everyone was under a lot of pressure.

Tan Rou was bored and read irrelevant books all day. In the eyes of others, she had probably given up on herself.

However, thanks to Tan Jing, everyone had 'accidentally' heard that Tan Rou had studied abroad but did not obtain a graduation certificate. At this time, seeing Tan Rou's lazy behavior, they felt that it was normal.

However, it was a pity that humans were not perfect!

In this way, Tan Jing's strengths were more comprehensive. She had a good family background, good grades, and although she was not as good looking as Tan Rou, she was still considered pretty. Indeed, she was definitely a winner in life.

Everyone sighed at their own bitter lives. They carried their heavy backpacks and resigned to their fate as they went home to revise.

However, there were also quite a number of people who surrounded Tan Jing, clamouring to go out with her and take a look at her cute little brother.

Everyone was very interested in Tan Rou and Tan Jing's argument during the day. They wanted to see for themselves whether this brother of theirs was really clingy to Tan Jing and hated Tan Rou. After all, children wouldn't be able to pretend how they felt about others.

Tan Jing was naturally happy to have someone witness Tao Qi's intimacy with her, so that Tan Rou would be jealous. It would be a joke for her to say that she didn't really love Tao Qi during the day!

Tan Rou, this b*tch, probably wanted to curry favor with Tao Qi, right? She wanted to pretend that she really loved Tao Qi so that she could act well-behaved in front of her parents, but Tao Qi wouldn't care about her!

At the thought of Tao Qi who was indifferent and disgusted by Tan Rou, and how he was easily manipulated by her, Tan Jing was in a good mood. She smiled and walked toward the school gate with a few girls.

Tan Rou didn't care about Tan Jing's thoughts. In half an hour, Tan Rou took out her phone and paid attention to Tao Qi's movements. She only smiled in relief when she saw him appear at the school gate.

The little guy was very active and arrived ten minutes earlier. It seemed that he really liked Tan Jing.

It was a pity that his judgment was so bad at such a young age. He mistook the witch for Snow White and thought that he was a little knight protecting the princess. In fact, he was at most a dwarf.

Tan Rou said she didn't care, but she had already fallen in love with Tao Qi. She was still a little jealous of Tao Qi's initiative to look for Tan Jing, but Tan Rou knew that this kind of thing couldn't be rushed. She could only awkwardly smile and walk out with Li Li, who had come to find her.

Tan Rou and Li Li were walking behind Tan Jing and the others. As soon as they reached the school gate, they saw Tao Qi standing not far away, looking forward to it. He was like a carrot head, almost drowning in the crowd.

Tan Jing smiled proudly and said to the people beside him, "Look, I told you my brother would be able to come here alone. Tan Rou was making a big fuss. I know my brother the best. He's very smart."

The people around them nodded. They felt that Tan Jing was not lying during the day. As for Tan Rou, she might have been upset, so she deliberately made it sound serious. This child looked quite young but he did come all the way here by himself. He was quite mature for his age.

Chapter 123 Sister's Prestige

As soon as Tao Qi saw Tan Jing, he hurriedly jumped up and waved his hands. He couldn't wait to run to Tan Jing, but after a few steps, he saw Tan Rou slowly walking behind Tan Jing.

For some reason, Tao Qi suddenly felt too embarrassed to run over and hug Tan Jing. Instead, he walked to Tan Jing's side awkwardly.

Tan Jing didn't realize that Tan Rou was right behind her. She thought Tao Qi was shy after not seeing her for a long time. So, she showed a gentle smile. To show her charm as a good sister in front of her classmates, she even reached out and touched Tao Qi's head. "Why didn't you greet me?"

Tao Qi didn't expect Tan Jing to be so gentle with him. Although Sister Jingjing treated him quite well in the past, she rarely had such intimate actions. So, he immediately forgot the awkwardness and called out happily, "Sister Jingjing! I've missed you."

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Tan Jing smiled in satisfaction. The girls around her were also envious. "Tan Jing, your brother is so cute. You two have such a good relationship!"

Tan Jing pretended to be embarrassed and said humbly, "No, it's just that Tao Qi is more obedient. How could I bear not to love him?"

Tan Jing seemed to want to prove something, so she deliberately asked, "Tao Qi, you came to the school yourself, right? What a smart boy."

Tao Qi was taken aback. He was indeed the one who came on her own, but Tan Rou, that bad woman, had been sharing her location with him, so he didn't go the wrong way.

Moreover, she even sent him a message along the way, reminding him that cars were coming on the next road and telling him to be careful. Tan Rou has accompanied him on the journey to their school, but since Sister Jingjing had already said so, how was he supposed to explain?

Tao Qi was a little annoyed. He glanced at Tan Rou, standing behind Tan Jing, with an unnatural expression.

The girls beside Tan Jing didn't notice Tao Qi's expression and echoed, "Yeah, she's really amazing at such a young age. Actually, Tan Rou was just making a mountain out of a molehill during the day. She said she was worried about her brother's safety, but I didn't see her accompanying him or meeting him here! Public security is so good now. She was just exaggerating it."

Tao Qi realized that Tan Rou had heard that he was coming to school during the day. She didn't say much, but she did accompany him. She was just using a different way to do so.

Tao Qi blushed slightly and subconsciously wanted to explain, but he was still young and didn't know how to open his mouth in front of many girls older than him.

Tan Rou, behind them, didn't really hear what they were saying. She suddenly saw that Tao Qi's expression didn't look right. After thinking for a while, she still walked forward. "What's wrong?"

When Tan Jing saw Tan Rou, the expression on her face became even smugger. "Tan Rou, are you here to say hello to Xiao Qi, too?" she asked. "See? I told you that Xiao Qi has been independent since he was young and could find his own way here. You still don't know him well." With that said, she put on a provocative smile.

Tan Rou snorted and looked down at Tao Qi. "Why do you have such a look on your face? Are you pretending that you can't see me?"

Tao Qi was even more at a loss when he saw Tan Rou. He lowered his head and squeezed his hands together, looking slightly embarrassed.

Tan Jing was even more satisfied. Tao Qi didn't let her down. He didn't even want to talk to Tan Rou. The people around them also felt that Tao Qi's current state was obviously different from when he saw Tan Jing. It seemed that he really didn't like Tan Rou.

Tan Rou saw Tao Qi's reaction and was a little puzzled. Shouldn't he be happy to see Tan Jing? Did Tan Jing just say something?

Tan Rou was already a little jealous, but when she saw Tao Qi's abnormal behavior, she was slightly worried and frowned. "Are you feeling unwell? I knew it wasn't safe for you to go out alone. You were walking so fast. If I didn't remind you about it, you would have flown across the road carelessly!"

Tao Qi listened to Tan Rou's words and listened to his big sister lecturing him. He didn't refute her, which was rare. He pouted and said, "I know."

Tan Rou sighed, took out her phone, canceled the location sharing, and said to Tao Qi, "I've already turned off the sharing. If you're not feeling well, you should go home early. Don't stay out too late."

Tao Qi lowered his head and unwillingly shook it up and down, which was considered an agreement.

Tan Jing's expression froze when she heard the conversation between the two. When did Tan Rou get Tao Qi's contact? She was watching him on the way to school? Tao Qi actually agreed to it?

The girl who had just said that Tan Rou refused to do anything looked embarrassed. It turned out that Tan Rou had been silently using her phone to protect her brother's safety and even reminded him to carefully cross the road. Thinking carefully, there were several wide intersections near the school. It was dangerous for a child to walk over by himself. Tan Rou wasn't making a mountain out of a molehill.

Chapter 124 They'll Have To Be Biological Siblings

The scene was a little awkward for a moment. Tan Jing had an extremely bad look on her face but she was too embarrassed to lose her temper in front of everyone. She could only force a smile and act as if she was closer to Tao Qi. "Hehe, Xiao Qi, why don't you quickly thank your sister? She's being so considerate."

Tan Jing had thought that after she said this, Tao Qi would still refute loudly like before, saying that Tan Rou was not his sister. That way, at least she could save her dignity.

But unexpectedly, Tao Qi blinked and paused. Although he was a little reluctant, he still looked up at Tan Rou and said weakly, "Thank you." Then, he avoided her gaze and called Tan Rou his 'sister' in a very soft voice.

To Tao Qi, he had already called Tan Rou 'sister' a long time ago. This time, it was indeed Tan Rou who was concerned and was trying to help him, but Tan Rou was misunderstood by Sister Jingjing's classmates. It was nothing much for him to call her 'sister' and thank her sincerely.

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Although Tao Qi was still young, he knew how to be polite and wouldn't lie on purpose about this kind of thing. He also wouldn't give Tan Rou the attitude he used to.

However, when Tao Qi said 'thank you' and called Tan Rou his 'sister', Tan Jing couldn't hold on to her mask anymore. She couldn't help but stare at Tao Qi with her eyes wide open, as if trying to figure out if Tao Qi had been replaced. The uneasiness in her heart gradually grew. What was going on with Tao Qi?

Tan Rou glanced at Tan Jing indifferently. "I'm his sister. It's my duty to think for him. You don't have to ask him to thank me."

The meaning of her words was probably to ask who Tan Jing thought she was. Why did she ask Tan Rou's own brother to thank her?

Tan Jing couldn't say a word. She opened her mouth awkwardly, but she couldn't win against Tan Rou.

The students around them also felt that the situation was inexplicably awkward. They had all come to witness the relationship between Tan Jing and her younger brother. After all, in the classroom during the day, Tan Jing had said that Tan Rou and her brother were not in a good relationship and had even advised Tan Rou to be nice. But now, it seemed that the relationship between her brother and Tan Rou was not bad!

Moreover, Tan Jing didn't seem to care much about her brother. It was Tan Rou, whom Tan Jing said didn't love her brother and made the Tao parents sad, that silently protected her brother.

In comparison, Tan Jing was the one who only spoke without doing anything.

Sure enough, they had to be blood-related siblings. Tan Jing's words during the day were indeed a little suspicious of sowing discord. It was no surprise that Tan Rou got angry.

These girls secretly pouted. They felt that Tan Jing's words were not very credible now. She might be spouting nonsense, causing them to think that Tan Rou was really abusing her brother.

Feeling bored, the few girls bid goodbye disinterestedly and left. Their attitude towards Tan Jing was far less intimate than when they had come out together.

Tan Jing clenched her fists tightly. Her face was about to crack, but she still wanted to pretend that nothing had happened. She looked particularly twisted and strange. She glared in the direction where the girls left and cursed in his heart, 'Fence-sitters! Their attitudes changed faster than how they flip through a book! Do they think that I'm a joke? Sooner or later, they'll have to suck up to me!'

At this moment, Tan Rou saw the extremely ugly look on her face and she burst out laughing.

With no one around, Tan Jing stopped pretending. She gradually revealed an angry and ferocious expression. "Tan Rou, did you do it on purpose again?"

Tan Rou snorted. "I don't understand what you're saying. I care about my brother. What do you mean by me doing this 'intentionally'?"

Tan Jing suppressed her voice, and it was no longer as gentle as it was in front of others. "You know what I'm talking about! I really didn't expect you to be so sinister, deliberately waiting for an opportunity to undermine me!"

Tan Rou smiled slightly and looked at Tan Jing meaningfully. "If we're going to talk about how things are done intentionally, you've also dug all kinds of traps for me in advance. I didn't jump in as you'd wished but you can't blame me for that."

Tao Qi's eyes widened. He didn't know what Sister Jingjing and Tan Rou were talking about. Why was Sister Jingjing looking like this? It was so unfamiliar and even a little scary.

However, Tao Qi still had a deeper relationship with Tan Jing and sided with her in his heart. He weakly reached out his little hand and tugged at Tan Jing's clenched fist. He glared at Tan Rou. "Don't bully Sister Jingjing!"

Tan Rou lowered her eyes and snorted when she saw Tao Qi trying to speak up for Tan Jing despite being a little scared.

But in the end, she didn't want to scare Tao Qi, so Tan Rou simply said, "Go and have dinner with your Sister Jingjing, little idiot!" With that, she turned around and left without looking back.

Chapter 125 The Western Restaurant

Tao Qi was a little flustered when he saw Tan Rou leave so quickly. Was this woman angry? But... Sister Jingjing's behaviour just now was really abnormal. She looked extremely angry and sad. Even if Tan Rou didn't treat him that badly, she still couldn't bully Sister Jingjing!

Hearing Tan Rou called him an idiot, Tao Qi puffed up his little face and waved his little fist. "Who's the idiot?! Why are you scolding me all of a sudden?" Tao Qi felt that he was innocent. How could Tan Rou get angry so easily? She had been so domineering just now, but her face had darkened in the blink of an eye. She was indeed a bad woman with an unpredictable mood!

Tan Jing saw the interaction between Tan Rou and Tao Qi, which made her heart sink. She didn't expect Tan Rou to be so close to Tao Qi in such a short time. Although Tao Qi still didn't seem to like Tan Rou, he still couldn't hide the fact that he actually cared about Tan Rou. He cared about Tan Rou's actions and emotions. Once these feelings were exposed, he couldn't control it!

Tan Jing hurriedly adjusted the expression on her face, making herself forget about that hateful bitch Tan Rou. Her expression still looked as gentle as the Sister Jingjing that he knew. She tried hard to squeeze out a smile. Tan Jing stood there and looked at Tao Qi lovingly, her eyes so sweet that they seemed to be dripping water.

Those who didn't know would think that Tan Jing was looking at her boyfriend instead of her brother. The gentleness from the bottom of her heart couldn't be faked. It should have felt natural but Tan Jing was trying hard to show her affection towards her brother, Tao Qi. In the end, she was neither fish nor fowl, and it was something awkward to look at.

Tan Jing forced a smile and secretly calculated in her heart. She couldn't let her guard down now. She had to hold Tao Qi's heart a little tighter. She couldn't allow this boy to get warmed up to Tan Rou or her plan would be ruined!

Thus, Tan Jing patted Tao Qi's shoulder, smiled slightly, and coaxed him, "Little Qi, you must be hungry. Big sister will treat you to something good! Didn't you always say that you wanted to eat steak? I'll take you to a Western restaurant!"

Tao Qi's eyes lit up when he heard that there was good food. He forgot that Tan Rou had called him an idiot and left with Tan Jing.

Tan Jing took Tao Qi to a relatively famous Western restaurant. Although Tan Jing wanted to show her love for Tao Qi, she still couldn't help but show a sense of superiority in her actions, as if this Western restaurant was owned by the Tan family.

Tan Jing looked at Tao Qi and thought to herself, "Tao Qi must have never been to such a good place to eat. He must be very surprised and amazed!"

Even she was shocked when she first came here. This was obviously a place for upper-class people to spend their money, so the price of it definitely would not be cheap. She had originally planned to take Tao Qi to another more ordinary Western restaurant but the scene at the school gate really made Tan Jing feel uneasy. She changed her mind at the last minute and brought Tao Qi here despite how it might hurt her purse.

Tao Qi was indeed shocked by the restaurant's decorations as soon as he entered. Although the Western restaurant didn't have a dazzling style, it was low-key luxury everywhere. Tao Qi didn't dare to eat in a place like this. If his mother and the others knew that Sister Jingjing was treating him to such an expensive meal, they would definitely be mad!

A smiling waiter came forward and led the two to their seats. There were many people dining in the restaurant, but it was very quiet. Only the soothing sound of the violin could be heard.

Tao Qi followed behind, feeling a little uneasy. He carefully pulled Tan Jing and whispered, "Sister Jingjing, this place must be very expensive. Why don't we go to another place?"

Tan Jing was a little proud of himself. She knew that such a high-end place would scare this silly boy, but she still pretended to be reserved and comforted him gently, "Big sister has a lot of pocket money now. I haven't seen you for so long. I'll take you out to have the best. You don't have to worry."

Tao Qi was still a little uncomfortable. He had only wanted to be close to Sister Jingjing but this place seemed to be very restrictive and uncomfortable.

Tao Qi was still a child, after all, and he didn't care too much about high-end stuff. Compared to these, he preferred lively and relaxing places.

Tan Jing secretly rolled her eyes at Tao Qi's restraint and felt a little impatient. She felt that Tao Qi was inexperienced and didn't want to embarrass himself.

Chapter 126 Cliché

After sitting down and looking at the dazzling menu, Tao Qi scratched his head in distress, not knowing what to order.

Tan Jing smiled slightly and took the initiative to order for Tao Qi and herself as a regular. Firstly, she wanted to show Tao Qi that she came often and lived a good life. Secondly, she was afraid that Tao Qi would make a fool of himself. Tan Jing didn't want to be secretly laughed at by the waiter.

While waiting for his meal, Tao Qi sat on the chair and moved around. No matter what he did, he felt uncomfortable. He looked at Tan Jing, who was leisurely drinking water across from him, and felt that she was a stranger. Ever since he came back, Sister Jingjing seemed to have changed.

Tan Jing's eyes turned, trying to get some information from Tao Qi. "Little Qi, are you happy after you got home? How does Tan Rou treat you? I saw that the two of you were quite close just now. Sigh.....Speaking of which, I'm a little sad. Now that you have a biological sister, I ..." Tan Jing showed a lonely look.

Tao Qi subconsciously explained, "A good relationship with her? She was the reason why I got scolded by my mother and brother when I got home. I don't like her!"

Tan Jing heard what she wanted to hear and was secretly happy. As she had expected, after Tao Qi returned home, a lot must have happened in the Tao family. Then, she pretended to be surprised and asked with a frown, "Why would mom and big brother scold you? They should be the ones who love you the most. What happened?"

Tao Qi was still not very happy when he recalled this. "It's because I don't want to acknowledge Tan Rou as my big sister. Sister Jingjing, you'd better come home. I still want you to be my sister,"

Tan Jing shook his head, a little disappointed, "Ever since Tan Rou went back, mom and the others have been ... but it's fine. Even if we don't live together, you're still my little brother. I'll bring you out for more delicious food. You won't disown me just because you have Tan Rou as your sister, right?"

Tan Jing's words were deliberately vague, as if she couldn't bear to say bad things about Tan Rou and the Tao family behind their backs. However, it made Tao Qi understand immediately that Sister Jingjing still missed the family. It was because of Tan Rou that mother and the others were not willing to acknowledge Sister Jingjing. Tan Rou was indeed a hateful woman!

Tan Jing looked at the angry expression slowly appearing on Tao Qi's face and curved her lips in satisfaction. That's right, it must have been an accident just now. Tao Qi was still on her side. She would not give up the glory of the Tan family and return to the Tao family but if Tao Qi really hoped so, she would let him continue to hold on to this beautiful wish.

"Don't worry, Sister Jingjing. I'll definitely convince mom and the others. I'll make sure you come back home soon."

Tan Jing pretended to be in a difficult position. "Xiao Qi, don't worry about this. Be obedient and don't make things unpleasant with Tan Rou because of me. She has a bad temper; even in school, she often ... Sigh, I don't mind it but you're still young. So, don't get into a conflict with her!" Speaking of this, Tan Jing seemed to recall being bullied by Tan Rou in school. She showed a frightened expression on her face and tears flowed from the corners of her eyes.

Tao Qi's eyes widened. He couldn't believe that Tan Rou was bullying Sister Jingjing in school! Sure enough, Tan Rou had been fierce at the school gate just now. It turned out that Sister Jingjing's abnormal behavior was because she was afraid of Tan Rou's bullying!

Tao Qi felt that he had discovered the truth. That was close. He had almost been deceived by Tan Rou. Was this how she had conquered her mother and the others? How cunning!

Tao Qi decided that he would confront Tan Rou once he got home. He could never allow her to continue doing such things.

Tan Jing saw that it was about time and didn't say anything more, or else it would backfire. This kind of hesitance triggered Tao Qi's imagination even more. He wiped his tears and smiled weakly. "Alright, little Qi. I'm just happy to see you today. Let's not talk about this anymore. I'm living a good life in the Tan family. I can bring you out more often in the future. Don't you like robots? Big sister will give you a big one next time!" After Tan Jing finished acting pitifully, she didn't forget to attract Tao Qi with benefits. He was just a child. If she gives him more toys and gifts, he will not be able to control but want to be close with her.

However, he didn't expect Tao Qi to be so sensible. He shook his head. "I don't want it. That's the money the Tan family gave you. I can't take it."

Tan Jing's expression was a little awkward. His parents also gave him money. At their age, who didn't spend their parents' money?

As expected, Tao Qi had been taught to be pedantic by the Tao family. That family didn't have much money, but they were all very noble. In the past, when she was in the Tao family, she couldn't stand the pretentious noble looks of her parents. Now that she saw Tao Qi acting the same, it made Tan Jing even more annoyed.

Chapter 127 Not as good as Tan Rou

Tan Jing hated the way the Tao family acted. She had never seen poor people look down on rich people. She was unhappy and her tone was a little tough. "You don't have to be polite with me. I won't be able to finish the money that they gave me. Buying you some toys is a piece of cake."

Tao Qi didn't feel envious after hearing Tan Jing's words. His mother had taught him since he was young that he shouldn't be too vain and should never go after things that he shouldn't have.

Although he would definitely be envied by his classmates if he had a robot, Tao Qi knew that it wasn't something he should take. So, he shook his head firmly. "Sister Jingjing, I really can't take those. Also, if you bring me to eat good food next time, let's not come to places like this. Let's just go back to how we were before. It's uncomfortable here, I don't like it."

Tan Jing frowned slightly. She didn't expect that Tao Qi wouldn't appreciate her spending by bringing him to this kind of Western restaurant.

He suddenly felt that Tao Qi was too young to know what was good for him, but he didn't blame him either. He was used to being poor at home and wasn't used to it. After tasting the benefits, he wouldn't think that way anymore.

Tan Jing didn't force him. Instead, she smiled. "You'll know it once you try the food here. You'll definitely like it here."

Tao Qi didn't want to argue with Tan Jing over this matter. Sister Jingjing only did this because she wanted to be nice to him. He smiled obediently and didn't say anything.

After a while, the waiter came to serve Tan Jing and Tao Qi with plates on each hand. The dishes were exquisite and there was a small piece of meat with multiple side dishes.

Tao Qi looked at the steak in front of him but he wasn't interested in it. This small bit of meat was so expensive, and it wasn't even enough for him.

When Tan Jing saw that the dishes were served, she smiled slightly and raised her orchid fingers. Then, she began to slowly cut the steak like those socialites from what she remembered.

It couldn't be helped. Although Tan Jing had eaten steak before, she always felt that something was missing.

Ever since she returned to the Tan family and came to such a high-end Western restaurant, Tan Jing only felt that the food she had eaten in the past were tasteless when she saw everyone tasting red wine and cutting steak while silently giggling as they enjoyed a good conversation.

Tan Jing called out to Tao Qi as she cut the meat. "Little Qi, eat quickly. Don't just watch me." She thought that Tao Qi couldn't bear to eat it because the food was too exquisite. She secretly laughed in her heart. What a little country bumpkin!

Although Tao Qi wasn't very interested, he couldn't reject Tan Jing's kind offer. He raised his small arm and began to cut with great effort.

Although the Tao family didn't often bring their children to such high-end places to eat, they had eaten Western food many times. Tao Qi might be young, but he had good dining etiquette. He didn't make a sound and cut the steak cleanly before eating.

On the other hand, Tan Jing deliberately learned to be delicate and pretentious but it felt like she was trying to imitate someone else. It looked awkward but she herself felt that this was the way to look good.

However, she wouldn't have known that those who were truly rich didn't care about these things. No matter how exquisite the food was, it was only for them to taste it. Enjoying the meal was the main point, instead of these superficial actions.

The real socialites had long integrated dining etiquette into their daily life, unlike Tan Jing, who pretended to be elegant after gaining power overnight.

Tan Jing ate in small mouthfuls and looked at Tao Qi with a smile. "How is it? It's delicious, right? The chef here is a Michelin chef, he's very famous."

Tao Qi chewed the beef in big mouthfuls, but he didn't feel anything different. He wanted to complain to his heart. Why did it feel like it wasn't as good as the Cola Chicken Wings that Tan Rou made last night?

Realizing that he was thinking of Tan Rou again, Tao Qi was shocked. When did Tan Rou have such a big influence on him? He was in a Michelin Western restaurant now. He should be enjoying the food here. No matter whether it was good or not, at least it was expensive. He should be happy.

However, Tao Qi couldn't lie to his heart. His mouth and stomach kept telling him that they missed Tan Rou's Cola Chicken Wings and not this steak that merely looked amazing but tasted like nothing.

Tao Qi was a little down. This dinner wasn't as delicious as he had imagined, and he wasn't as happy with Sister Jingjing as he had imagined.

Chapter 128 Comparison

Tan Jing saw Tao Qi's lack of interest, stopped what she was doing, and frowned. "Little Qi, what's wrong? You don't like it?"

Tan Jing was getting a little impatient. From the time they were at the school gate just now, Tao Qi's reaction had exceeded her expectations, which made her unhappy.

When they arrived at the Western restaurant, Tao Qi had also rejected her good intentions multiple times. He had repeatedly said that he didn't like it here. Now, he even had this expression when he was eating. Tan Jing was extremely annoyed.

Tan Jing was complaining about it secretly inside her heart. This boy was just a country bumpkin who had experienced the world. It was fine if he did not thank her for bringing him to such a place but he was still picky. She had already shown such great sincerity, what else was there to be dissatisfied with?

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Tao Qi sharply sensed that Tan Jing was getting a little unhappy. He immediately felt a little uneasy and quickly pretended to like the food. "It's delicious. I didn't even have time to say anything. Thank you, Sister Jingjing."

Seeing Tao Qi's reaction, Tan Jing felt a little better.

She assumed that Tao Qi might really not be used to coming to this kind of place. The child had not seen the world and was frightened, so there was no need for her to be angry with him. So, she nodded her head, raised her chin slightly, and began to eat in small mouthfuls.

Tao Qi looked at Tan Jing opposite him and felt a little uncomfortable. The steak he didn't like to eat in the first place now tasted like wax.

The feeling that Sister Jingjing gave him now was a little different. She seemed to be a little high up and difficult to get close to. Although Sister Jingjing's attitude towards him was much closer than before, touching his head and taking him out for dinner, he always felt that there was something between them. It was unreal, and it made Tao Qi feel a little uncomfortable.

Tao Qi couldn't understand what had changed. Could it be that Sister Jing Jing was really not his sister since she had returned to her own home?

Why did it seem like he didn't like this version of Sister Jingjing? He was sitting opposite her in an elegant and high-end Western restaurant, but why did Tan Rou's face repeatedly appear in his mind?

Tao Qi's eyes gradually drifted away as he thought of Tan Rou's focused expression that night, her head lowered as she made him Cola Chicken Wings. The dim yellow light and the fragrance of the chicken wings combined to form a heartwarming picture.

Although Tan Rou's smile wasn't as gentle as Sister Jingjing's, and her expression was always cold and indifferent, it made Tao Qi feel extremely comfortable.

He didn't have to deliberately say good things to please Tan Rou, nor did he have to hold the knife and fork in a restrained manner. He could directly use his hands to hold the chicken wings, and Tan Rou didn't laugh at him.

Tao Qi suddenly realized that he was comparing Tan Rou to Sister Jingjing, and then comparing his feelings that night with now. What was wrong with him?

He was clearly angry at Tan Rou after hearing Sister Jingjing's words just now, but gradually, he began to recall the good things that Tan Rou did for him and started distancing himself from Sister Jingjing.

The little Tao Qi couldn't understand the reason behind this. He just subconsciously felt that his two older sisters' attitude towards him was different from what they showed.

Tan Rou looked cold on the surface and was always fierce, but she really loved Tao Qi from the depths of her heart. Tan Jing, on the other hand, looked gentle and loved him in all ways, but in the depths of her heart, she was disgusted and impatient.

This made Tao Qi fall into a dilemma, and he couldn't understand the twists and turns of this place in a short time.

However, this was also the reason why Tan Rou allowed Tao Qi to come to Tan Jing even though she knew Tan Jing would say bad things about her.

If she kept Tao Qi at home, Tan Rou would make him obedient sooner or later, but Tao Qi would definitely still think about Tan Jing and even feel guilty about it.

Since that was the case, it was better to let Tao Qi out and spend more time with Tan Jing.

With Tan Rou's foreshadowing, Tao Qi was no longer as easily misled by Tan Jing as he had been in his previous life.

Tao Qi already had a general impression of Tan Rou, and the time they spent together had also given him a certain understanding of her.

Even if Tao Qi might have been affected in the beginning and listened to Tan Jing after getting along with her, Tao Qi wasn't a fool. He would think for himself and would definitely compare the two sisters subconsciously.

Then, he would be able to feel who was sincere and who was fake.

Therefore, although Tan Rou was unconvinced and called Tao Qi an idiot, she still went home without any hesitation.

This was because it was useless no matter how hard Tan Rou tried. She should let Tao Qi have a comparison and slowly feel it for himself. Only then would he truly understand who his true sister was.

Chapter 129 Gentle Attack

Tao Qi lowered his head and fell into confusion.

Tan Jing was still immersed in the sense of superiority the high-end Western restaurant gave her and didn't notice that Tao Qi was already distracted.

Tan Jing saw that they were almost done eating and wanted to continue to win Tao Qi over. "Little Qi, although I am no longer in the Tao family, I'm still a member of the family. My heart is still with you guys. Contact me more often when you have time, and I can even invite you out to play. Would you like that?"

Tao Qi's thoughts were interrupted by Tan Jing's words. He didn't hear her clearly and only squeezed out a smile perfunctorily. "Of course I am." However, it was obvious that his mood was not as high as when he first saw Tan Jing.

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Tan Jing frowned in confusion. She really couldn't understand what Tao Qi was thinking right now. Unwilling to give up, she continued to sow discord. sigh, "I'm really worried about you. Tan Rou told me at school that day that she didn't care if you were going home or not. She even said that I had bad

intentions towards you. What a great injustice. Xiao Qi, we've been siblings for so many years, you know me well. I don't expect Tan Rou to treat me well but you can't misunderstand me too!"

Tan Jing was afraid that Tan Rou would be slowly influencing Tao Qi. In order to prevent Tan Rou from talking bad about her behind her back, Tan Jing might as well tell Tao Qi about it first. This way, no matter what Tan Rou said, Tao Qi would subconsciously think of what she said.

Tao Qi furrowed his brows. He was about to faint.

According to Sister Jingjing, Tan Rou didn't care about him at all. She was just trying to drive a wedge between him and Sister Jingjing.

However, before he went to school, Tan Rou had clearly said that she didn't care about the extent of his relationship with Sister Jingjing. Who was the one who was telling the truth now? Could it be that Tan Rou was just pretending to be magnanimous in front of him but threatening Sister Jingjing behind his back?

Tan Jing continued talking. "I might not be able to go back to the Tao family. Xiaoqi, you have to share more things with me. Even if I can't go home, I'm happy to know that you're doing well."

Hearing Tan Jing's words, Tao Qi nodded happily. He also wanted Sister Jingjing to go home, so it was only right to share things with her.

Seeing that Tao Qi agreed to her request without hesitation, Tan Jing let out a sigh of relief.

In any case, it was good progress to get a hold of the Tao family's movements as soon as possible. It would be much more convenient for her to take any further actions. Not only could she prevent Tan Rou from plotting against her, but she could also catch her off guard!

Tao Qi was a little young, a little willful, and hard to please, but he was still useful!

Tan Jing smiled in satisfaction and touched Tao Qi's little face affectionately. "Xiao Qi, you're the best. I love you the most."

Tao Qi smiled obediently. He was also very happy that Sister Jingjing was being so affectionate. Although it was a little uncomfortable for her long nails to be scratching his face, this was how beautiful girls should be!

Tao Qi tilted his head, feeling that something was wrong.

Tan Rou, that bad woman, didn't have long nails. Instead, she had clean and neat short nails. She easily grabbed his collar and always messed up his hair. She was very rough and did not act like a woman.

Although Tao Qi was the youngest in the family, he had always thought that he was a man and should protect girls, even if that person was his elder sister. So, after hearing that Tan Jing had been bullied, he had rushed home in advance.

Compared to Tan Jing, who was fragrant and soft and needed protection, Tan Rou was always fierce and cold. It was good enough that she didn't bully him. Why did she need protection?

So from the beginning, Tao Qi subconsciously felt that Tan Rou was the stronger girl and would bully Sister Jingjing. Sister Jingjing was soft and weak. She would only cry when she was wronged.

Tao Qi felt that he might have indeed been influenced by Tan Rou. Why did he doubt sister Jingjing just now and waver in his decision to kick Tan Rou out of the Tao family? Tan Rou was indeed too dangerous. He had to stay clear-headed!

So, under Tan Jing's gentle attack, Tao Qi was a little brainwashed again. He decided to continue his plan of driving Tan Rou away once he got home!

Tan Jing, on the other hand, was proud of herself.

She looked at this silly boy. He didn't seem happy even when she brought him to such a good place to eat but he immediately brightened up when she gently touched his face. He was still the same as before. It seemed that she had been worried about nothing.

Chapter 130 Face-changing

Tan Jing and Tao Qi finally reached a happy atmosphere before the end of dinner. They were no longer as awkward as they were in the beginning. Although Tao Qi was still somewhat thoughtful and Tan Jing also had ulterior motives, at least they had achieved their respective goals.

Tan Jing once again won over Tao Qi, and Tao Qi also saw Sister Jingjing, who he had been thinking about. The two ended the dinner with satisfaction.

When it was time to settle the bill, he was still shocked by the number on the bill even though Tao Qi was mentally prepared. He felt even more guilty and had the feeling that he had done something bad behind his mother's back.

Obviously, his mother wouldn't like him looking for sister Jingjing and he even used so much for Sister Jingjing's money.

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For some reason, Tao Qi had subconsciously stood on his parents' side and treated Tan Jing as an outsider. He felt that spending Tan Jing's money was the same as spending the Tan family's money and that it was wrong.

Although Tan Jing's heart ached, she still put on a generous and carefree appearance in front of Tao Qi. She took out her card and swiped it happily, then left with Tao Qi.

At the thought of going home soon, Tao Qi was a little nervous.

He has been out for so long. His parents must have guessed that he had run out to find Sister Jingjing. He wondered if that bad woman, Tan Rou, had said anything bad about him after she came home.

She had promised him on the phone earlier that as long as he shared his location with her, she would make sure that he wouldn't get scolded.

If she couldn't keep her promise, he would never talk to her again!

After Tan Jing went out, she stopped a taxi and took Tao Qi in.

In fact, Tan Jing had originally wanted to let the Tan family's driver pick her up. That way, she would have looked even more luxurious and could show how good her life was in front of Tao Qi. If Tao Qi was on her side, not only would he be able to enjoy luxurious food, she would be able to travel in a luxurious car. It would definitely make the ten-year-old child fall in love with her!

However, Tan Jing gave up. It was not that she could not make the decision, she was afraid that the driver would see Tao Qi and tell it to Tan Song and Chen Yi.

If they knew that she still had contact with the Tao family, they would definitely be unhappy. Tan Jing couldn't take the risk just to show off in front of Tao Qi.

Therefore, she could only take a step back and call a taxi.

In fact, Tan Jing was too lazy to send Tao Qi home. She really didn't want to go back to that old alley. Seeing that old house reminded her of her poor days.

If she had the time, she might have headed home to get a face mask first.

However, she was helpless. She had been careless when Tao Qi left the house and let Tan Rou seize the opportunity. She had been ridiculed both openly and secretly. Now that Tao Qi was home, she couldn't let herself be caught again!

Tan Jing sent Tao Qi home a little impatiently. The siblings each had their own thoughts and didn't speak along the way.

Just as Tao Qi was feeling uneasy, the taxi arrived at the entrance of the alley very quickly. Tan Jing looked at Tao Qi awkwardly. "Xiao Qi, I won't be going inside. Mom and the others might not be happy to see me." Then, she lowered his head in disappointment and sighed.

Tao Qi's heart ached a little. He didn't understand why his family and Sister Jingjing's relationship had turned out this way, but he didn't have any better ideas now.

He was also afraid that his parents would see Sister Jingjing sending him home. Then, wouldn't it expose the fact about how he went out to meet Sister Jingjing behind his parent's back?

Tao Qi looked at Tan Jing pitifully and thought guiltily, 'Sister Jingjing, I can't even protect myself now, but I'll definitely find a way!'

Tan Jing was very dedicated to her acting. At the end, she told Tao Qi helplessly, "I'll just stay here and watch you go home. It's best that you don't tell them you saw me when you go home. I'm afraid you'll be scolded by them. Let's wait a little longer. I hope that one day, mom and dad will be able to clear up the misunderstanding about me."

Tao Qi nodded. After getting out of the car, he jogged home. When he reached the door, he turned back to look at the taxi at the end of the alley. He waved his hand and walked in.

Tan Jing saw Tao Qi enter the house from the car and the expression on her face changed instantly. She frowned impatiently and said to the driver, "Let's go, the air here is terrible! It stinks!"

The driver looked at the girl sitting in the back doubtfully. He didn't understand what was going on with the little girl. She was so gentle just now and he was just exclaiming that she had just a good relationship

with her brother. However, in the blink of an eye, she changed completely. Children these days are so strange!