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Chapter 151 So childish

Wei Ling did the test paper without stopping. As she stared at the questions, she kept her eyes on Tan Rou as well. Seeing Tan Rou's calm gaze as she was writing on her paper, Wei Ling became more and more impatient.

What was Tan Rou doing? Did she really know how to answer these questions?

She had been sighing just now but she was now focused with her head lowered while answering the papers. Her side profile was illuminated by the faint light coming from outside the window. It didn't look like she was taking an exam but it was as if she was making a piece of art. It made others subconsciously follow her and become quiet.

Wei Ling felt that this wasn't good for her. This was because at such a crucial moment, she was still in the mood to marvel at Tan Rou's beauty. She felt that even if Tan Rou was really a bad student, there would still be many people who liked her.

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Wei Ling smacked her head twice to get rid of all those messy thoughts.

She didn't have time to be emotional. The exam should be over soon. If she couldn't complete the task Tan Jing gave her, it would be terrible.

Greed was something that would break her. She can't be getting benefits from both sides and not offend anyone by doing so. Since she had to help Tan Jing, she had to ensure that he would complete the task with perfection. Otherwise, the Wei family would have to bear the anger and abandonment of the Tan family.

Thinking of this, Wei Ling stopped writing.

By now, she was so nervous that her hands were trembling. She was not in the mood to answer anything and so, she simply gave up. After all, there were still countless exams after this but there will not be many opportunities like this one.

Wei Ling glanced at Tan Rou's side profile and muttered in her heart, "Tan Rou, I was forced to do so. Tan Jing has a good life and a background like the Tan family. We are all being played by fate and it's our fault for not reincarnating into a good family. There are many things that we can't control. Don't blame me!"

Wei Ling's nervousness dissipated as soon as she finished chanting in her heart and the look in her eyes became determined.

She quietly observed the invigilator's position and glanced at the surveillance camera above her, waiting for an opportunity.

Tan Jing had said that she only needed to avoid the invigilator. She would find a way to delete the surveillance footage after the incident. Tan Jing had assured her that Wei Ling will not be caught.

Hearing Tan Jing's confident and relaxed tone, Wei Ling did not think much about it. Anyway, according to the Tan family's power, it would not be difficult to ask the school for a copy of the surveillance footage.

Wei Ling put on the best of her acting skills and pretended to check the test papers, but in fact, she had been observing the invigilator's patrol route from the corner of her eye.

When the invigilator walked near Wei Ling, Wei Ling calculated that the teacher would turn around and walk to another row in the next second. She quickly seized the opportunity and quickly threw the small note hidden in her sleeve at Tan Rou's feet.

In order to attract the invigilator's attention, Wei Ling controlled the distance and didn't throw it too far away. She threw it so that it landed by the side of the aisle.

When the invigilator turned around and continued to walk to the next row, he glanced around and immediately saw a small white ball of paper at Tan Rou's feet.

The teacher frowned. His years of teaching and invigilating experience told him that these balls of paper in the examination field were mostly notes written by the students in advance or answers that had been discussed with others.

The teacher walked forward quietly, bent down to pick it up, and opened it. Sure enough, there were key points of the exam that were written on the paper that the teacher had given them before the exam. Some formulas and obscure definitions were all written on this small note.

The teacher looked down at Tan Rou's paper again. Although there were many questions that had not been answered, there happened to be one question that the teacher had predicted before the exam. The answer to it had been recorded on a small note, and at this time, Tan Rou had written it down word for word on the paper.

The look on his face turned cold. In his opinion, there would be no way that this was a coincidence! This was cheating!

Tan Rou was still doing the questions and did not hear the sound of Wei Ling throwing the paper. When the invigilator walked to her side and picked up something, she understood that Wei Ling had made a move. The show she had been waiting for was finally here!

The invigilator's face darkened and he slammed the note on Tan Rou's table. "I've just walked past you and you still dare to cheat! How could you be so bold?! If you didn't drop it on the ground and I didn't see it, how much more do you want to cheat in this exam?!"

Tan Rou thoughtfully glanced at the small note that had inexplicably popped out on the table and raised her eyebrows with curiosity.

No way! She had been looking forward to it for a long time but they chose such a simple and violent method. Cheating with a small note?! How childish!

Chapter 152 Leaving the exam hall

The teacher saw that not only did Tan Rou not admit her mistake but she was looking as if this was all just a joke. She was immediately displeased and scolded, "I've caught you in the act but you still refuse to admit your mistake! You're hopeless!!"

Only then did Tan Rou turn her gaze to the invigilator. Her voice was faint and she said without any expression, "I did not."

The invigilator was called Madam Lee, a middle-aged woman. She had been teaching at this school for years and had seen countless types of students.

At this moment, she was looking at Tan Rou with contempt, as if she had seen through her trick.

She had seen a lot of students who refused to admit their mistakes and went against their teachers. Did these students really think that they would be fine if they refused to admit it? In the end, they would always end up crying and would write a self-reflection letter to beg for forgiveness.

These students were the ones that would be looked down on by most people. They had the audacity to do such things but not the guts to admit to their mistake. They would not admit it unless the evidence was presented in front of them. Would teachers like her actually accuse their students without any evidence?!

She had already seen the note and compared it with the answer, yet this girl could still lie as if she had done nothing wrong.

Teacher Li's face darkened and the deep wrinkles on her face seemed to be carved out by chalk.

She had already determined that Tan Rou was the same as her previous students. Tan Rou was afraid of not getting good grades and wanted to fool the others. She no longer needed to further investigate as she had already seen countless students like Tan Rou.

As Madam Li and Tan Rou argued, all the candidates in the classroom stopped what they were doing and looked in the same direction.

Tan Rou again? What did Madam Li discover?

Other than the sound of their pens answering the papers, there were noises that appeared in the exam hall as the students whispered to each other.

"Don't be noisy! Answer your own paper! There's only five minutes left before you have to hand them in!" The other invigilator quickly maintained order in the classroom. He gave a look to Teacher Li, signalling her to take Tan Rou out and in order not to affect the other students.

Madam Li raised her chin slightly and said to Tan Rou coldly, "You don't need to take the test anymore. Go out and leave the paper to me. We'll discuss what to do with you after this."

Tan Rou was already mentally prepared for this but she was still angered by this arrogant teacher.

When such a problem occurred, she did not investigate it and even refused to listen to any explanation. She insisted on her own subjective ideas and directly put the blame on the students. How many of them who were actually innocent have been wronged by teachers like Madam Li?!

Tan Rou was unconvinced. She raised her head and asked, "Doesn't the school have a rule that we can't leave early for the exam? Why should I go out?"

Seeing that Tan Rou was still talking back to her, Madam Li was so angry that she chuckled. "We did not allow them to leave early because we wanted the students to take the exam seriously. You even brought a note to the exam hall. You were bold enough to do so and now, there's no need for you to continue answering the paper."

Tan Rou turned her head and glanced at Wei Ling. She saw that Wei Ling was looking straight at the paper in his hand and pretending to be busy but his legs were shaking uncontrollably. The trembling body of Weiling was enough to show that Wei Ling was not as calm as she looked and was instead feeling panic.

Wei Ling saw Tan Rou looking at her from the corner of her eye and the rest of the classroom was very restless. It would be too deliberate to pretend that she didn't know anything. She could only pretend to be surprised and in disbelief. She looked back at Tan Rou as if to say, "How could you do such things?!"

Tan Rou laughed sarcastically. "Wei Ling, did you see me cheating?"

Wei Ling didn't expect Tan Rou to ask her directly. She smiled awkwardly and answered, "I was doing the questions and didn't look up."

Tan Rou turned to look at Madam Li. "Then, Madam Li, did you see me cheating with your own eyes? You're saying that I'm cheating just because of a small note under my seat?"

Madam Li felt that she had been provoked and her attitude towards Tan Rou became even worse. "Do you still want me to see it with my own eyes? We'll find out after we check the surveillance video. Now, as a teacher, I'm asking you to leave the exam hall immediately!"

Tan Rou picked up the small note on the table, looked at it back and forth, and sneered. "I really don't need such useless notes. If I'm proven innocent after checking the surveillance footage, what do you plan to do?"

Madam Li snatched the note away, afraid that Tan Rou would tamper with the evidence. She was also provoked by Tan Rou's words.

She replied arrogantly without even thinking, "Then, I'll apologize to you and admit that I've wronged you. However, the possibility of that is almost zero. The surveillance cameras are 360 degrees. Don't ever think that you would be able to get away with this!"

Chapter 153 Tan Rou cheated

When Wei Ling heard them talking about the surveillance cameras, she subconsciously tensed up and was a little worried.

Tan Rou smiled. "Then let's wait and see."

She did not say anything else and walked out of the classroom with Madam Li.

There wasn't much time left for the exam and so no one was in the mood to check out what was happening to Tan Rou. They just raised their heads for a short while and went back to answering their papers.

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In their perspectives, the words of a teacher were always more authoritative. What Madam Li said must have been true.

They didn't expect for Tan Rou to make such a low-level mistake. She would be receiving the biggest punishment! It's fine if you didn't do well in your exams but why did you take it so hard and actually cheat? She was really going against the tides.

As soon as the bell rang, the exam papers were handed in. The students in the exam hall swarmed out of the classroom and ran to tell their friends about it.

There were no secrets in this school; not to mention that this was such a big news. Soon, the whole school knew that Tan Rou had cheated and was taken away by Madam Li.

When Tan Jing heard about this incident, it was already spreading in an exaggerated manner. The version of how Tan Rou refused to admit her mistakes and rebutted Madam Li had spread amongst the students.

Everyone couldn't hide their excitement and watched the show.

The school was very strict about their rules. They didn't expect that Tan Rou, who looked cold, would act so boldly in her first exam!

Tan Jing laughed in a good mood. She didn't expect Wei Ling to be so efficient and hardworking. She had destroyed Tan Rou in the first paper itself.

Tan Rou, let's see how you're going to explain this!

Tan Jing took advantage of the break time to take back her phone. With a light tap of her finger, she sent a text message to the head of faculties in Chen Yi's name, hinting that the Tan family had some personal grievances that needed to be dealt with. She hoped that they would take responsibility for this matter, deal with the surveillance cameras, and teach Tan Rou a lesson.

The Tan family had donated two teaching buildings to the school. The Dean had been very polite to Tan Song and Chen Yi and so, he would not refuse to help them.

Tan Jing had planned all of this for a long time. She had secretly recorded the Dean's number from Chen Yi's mobile phone. She had been waiting for this moment!

By the time Madam Li brought Tan Rou to the head of the faculty, Director Wang had already received the text message. He was currently stroking his bald head and pretending to be enjoying his tea in the office.

Madam Li went straight to the point. "Director Wang, this is a student in my exam hall. She brought in her notes and was caught cheating. Take a look." As she spoke, she passed the note to Director Wang.

Director Wang took the note and glanced at it before putting it aside. He said to Tan Rou in a serious tone, "I remember you just got transferred into our school, right? The purpose of this test was to understand the students and determine their learning direction. It's understandable that you want to get good grades but your attitude towards this isn't correct. You've used the wrong method!"

Tan Rou stood up straight and sneered. "Why do all of you convict students directly? The matter hasn't even been investigated clearly and you're already accusing me of making a mistake, lecturing me for my actions. What's wrong with you?"

Director Wang's expression froze. "You..."

"Tan Rou, don't you have any respect for your elders?" Madam Li scolded in a sharp voice. "You're always quibbling when you've made a mistake and you even dare to treat the director with such an attitude!"

Director Wang shook his head helplessly. "Dear, it's not scary to make a mistake. What's important is your attitude. You shouldn't have such crooked ideas in your head. Why are you so disobedient? Do you need me to invite your parents over to see what you've done? Won't you feel embarrassed for what you've done?"

Tan Rou looked at the two of them with disdain. Such people were not worthy of being teachers.

She didn't want to be entangled with them anymore. She turned her face and said directly, "I did not cheat. So, what's there to be embarrassed about? I want to check the surveillance cameras and see the principal!"

Madam Li gritted her teeth. "Alright, I'll satisfy you with what you want! Let's go to the principal's office and look at the surveillance footage together. I'll see what else you can say then. It's hard to say how the principal will punish you then!"

A hint of awkwardness flashed in Director Wang's eyes. The Tan family had just signalled him and he could not offend the school's God of Fortune.

He shook his head and pretended to be deep in thought. "The principal has a lot of things to deal with today. Don't alarm him about such a simple case. I'll handle it. If you really make a scene in front of the principal, I'm afraid the punishment will be even more severe. You may even be expelled."

Chapter 154 Don't You dare?

Tan Rou looked coldly at Director Wang's half-serious expression and sneered. What was this? After failing to educate her, he turned it into a threat. He wanted her to back off?

She did not expect a school's head of faculty to be so biased. She did not know if this was because of the influence of the Tan family or if Tan Jing had even bribed the Director to harm her.

Tan Rou's expression turned cold. She wasn't frightened by director Wang's words. She wanted to see how Director Wang would force this crime on her!

"I have done nothing wrong," she said firmly. "I won't admit it. Don't waste your time."

Director Wang didn't expect Tan Rou to be so stubborn and unmoved by force or persuasion.

He slammed the teacup in his hand on the table and said sternly, "You're just a young woman. You don't have many skills, but you have a big temper! The teachers are all concerned about you! They love you, and we don't want you to bear the punishment for the rest of your life! If you obediently write a self-reflection and admit your mistakes, I will still be willing to give you another chance!"

Madam Li had also noticed something and felt that Director Wang's attitude was strange.

If Tan Rou wanted to look at the surveillance footage, let her do it. It was fine if she wanted to make a scene in front of the principal, but Director Wang was hiding something. He kept pushing it back and forth as if he wanted to quickly convict Tan Rou of her mistakes and end the matter.

Madam Li was just about to say something when Director Wang gave her a meaningful look. Madam Li felt that there might be something fishy about this matter, but it was obvious that what happened next was out of her control.

Director Wang naturally had his own reasons for doing so. After being in the workplace for many years, Madam Li knew that some matters could not be taken seriously. Thus, she shut her mouth and stood to the side without saying a word.

In any case, it has been confirmed that Tan Rou has cheated, and there was no need for any investigations.

Many students had gathered outside the office. They stuck their heads against the wall and listened to the conversation inside.

Tan Rou looked coldly at Director Wang and noticed the eye contact between him and Madam Li. She found it a joke.

At first, she thought that Tan Jing's helper was only Wei Ling, but she did not expect that even the teachers and director of the school were included in Tan Jing's plan. Madam Li was probably arrogant, but Director Wang was a hypocrite.

Tan Rou looked at Director Wang with a faint smile, which was hard to grasp.

"Director Wang, you have to be fair," she said sarcastically. "Otherwise, it's inevitable that people will suspect that you're trying to achieve some unspeakable purpose by sentencing me in such a hurry."

For some reason, Director Wang felt a little guilty when Tan Rou looked at him with such an aggressive gaze.

This girl might be young, but she had a strong aura. Even a sly and experienced person like Director Wang was stunned for a moment.

However, after hearing Tan Rou's words, he was hit where it hurt most. He immediately became angry from embarrassment and looked at Tan Rou with a tough attitude as he screamed, "Nonsense! What purpose could I have? You! If you don't do as I've told you, your grades will be voided! Considering the severity of your cheating and bad attitude, you don't have to sit for the other papers. Go back and call your parents to the school. They will be informed of the punishment. You can leave now!"

The students outside the office were in an uproar. Her results were directly made invalid?! How embarrassing would it be to have her parents come to school?!

Director Wang was infuriated by Tan Rou's words. He didn't look happy and shouted from the office, "Have you all finished your revision? What are you doing outside my office?!"

The students were shocked. They didn't dare to challenge the Director's authority at this time and scattered. However, some still wanted to have fun and refused to leave.

Tan Rou sneered.

Tan Jing framed her for no reason; how could she be afraid of Tan Jing? If she had alarmed her family over such a childish matter, she would have lived her life in vain.

Tan Rou's eyes were sharp and full of indifference and contempt. She looked at Director Wang. "I don't want to waste my breath on you anymore. Since you said you have no ulterior motives, I'm sure you don't feel guilty. Then let's go to the principal and talk about it."

Director Wang frowned. "I've already said that the principal doesn't have the time to deal with a small matter like yours. Besides, it's not your place to argue with me!"

Tan Rou narrowed her eyes and smiled. "You're afraid to do so?!"

As soon as she said this, the students outside the door all covered their mouths in excitement. Tan Rou was so brave! She's challenging Baldy Wang in a 1v1!

Tan Rou stood alone in front of a teacher who was taller and stronger than her. The students outside were also waiting to watch the show.

However, even though Tan Rou looked isolated and should have been the weaker party, she still exuded a sense of pride as if she could hold the fort by herself. Strong self-confidence and aura flowed out of her.

Chapter 155 Don't admit your wrongdoings

Director Wang was a cunning old fox after all. He was not immediately angered by Tan Rou's provocation. Instead, he picked up the teacup on the table, took a sip of tea, and took the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons.

Director Wang lowered his eyes and hid the expression in his eyes.

After receiving the text message from the Tan family, Director Wang did not dare to delay and immediately sent someone to tamper with the surveillance video in Tan Rou's exam hall. Now that a long time has passed, it must have been deleted.

The Tan family didn't make it very clear and Director Wang didn't know what was recorded in the surveillance camera. Since there was no video, Tan Rou wouldn't be able to defend herself. Without evidence, the principal could only choose to believe him instead of a little girl!

Director Wang was confident. He calmly sipped a few mouthfuls of tea and put on a helpless expression after being rebutted by a student. "Young people are full of vigour. What's there for me to be afraid of? There's no benefit for me in accusing you."

Tan Rou sneered in her heart. Director Wang was so calm which meant that he must have already prepared a backup plan. She wanted to see how they could continue this show. When they had enough of acting and revealed their flaws, it would be time to catch them all in one fell swoop!

Tan Rou's aura was full of vigour. Her eyes were like the stars in the night sky, firmly locking onto Director Wang. She turned slightly and said, "Well, if you may, Director Wang."

Then, she turned to look at Madam Li, who had been silent for a long time, and smiled. "Madam Li, do you want to repeat what you just said to the principal? Shall we go together?"

Director Wang narrowed his eyes and looked at Tan Rou with a dark expression. He snorted coldly, got up, straightened his bow tie, and walked out with his head held high.

Madam Li felt an inexplicable uneasiness in her heart. Her woman's sixth sense told her that she might have been impulsive.

There had never been a student as bold as Tan Rou. No matter how bad a child was, they would feel a little guilty once they were caught. If Tan Rou was pretending to be calm and confident, it was too realistic. She even had some doubts.

However, Madam Li was a prideful person. She had already brought Tan Rou here. If she backed out and said that there might be a misunderstanding, wouldn't she be slapping herself in the face in front of the students? How could she convince the public in the future?

Moreover, it was true that the note was found under Tan Rou's feet. She knew it with one look at the surveillance camera. She had nothing to be afraid of. Perhaps it was just that students nowadays were too good at acting. They may look bold on the outside but were in fact trembling in fear on the inside. They would know fear once they arrived at the principal's office.

Until now, Tan Rou has only been asked to write a self-reflection and for her parents to be called to school but Tan Rou didn't know what was good for her and insisted on reporting it to the principal. Tan Rou was really courting death.

Madam Li rolled her eyes at Tan Rou. "Of course I'm going. I advise you to quickly take the initiative to admit your mistake. The principal hates this kind of thing the most. Be careful that you won't be able to attend school in the end. You would end up disappointing your parents!"

Tan Rou's lips curled up. "Don't worry. I won't let them down no matter what. I'll make them proud."

Madam Li looked at Tan Rou with a strange expression. In her opinion, it was already unbelievable that Tan Rou still dared to be stubborn. She didn't expect that she would shamelessly boast about being the pride of her parents and make such a fool of herself in school. Her parents would probably die of shame if they knew about this. What a sin!

Madam Li shook her head, still stubbornly believing that what she had seen was true. She walked toward the principal's office with an arrogant expression.

Tan Rou followed him out of the office. Due to how Director Wang had gone out first, the students outside the door were afraid of being scolded. They pushed each other out of the way, consciously making way for him.

At this moment, seeing that Madam Li and Tan Rou had also come out, many students began to whisper among themselves again. They looked at Tan Rou with eyes full of curiosity.

This was how it was like in their school. Even when no one knew the truth of the matter and none of them thought of the consequences, they would still be excited about dramas that challenged authority.

Whether Tan Rou cheated or not, or whether she would be expelled, it didn't really matter to the others. It was just a topic after class.

However, Tan Rou had bravely confronted the Director in the office and even asked him if he dared to go to the principal's office with her. This was undoubtedly a big rock thrown into the calm lake, breaking the suppressed emotions of the students.

They looked at Tan Rou as if she was a heroine who had risen up.

A boy couldn't help but mumble, "F* ck! She's so arrogant even when she cheated! Awesome!"

The girl next to him turned unhappy. "We don't know if Tan Rou actually cheated. Baldy Wang likes to accuse others and Tan Rou is just brave enough to stand up against him!"

Chapter 156 The surveillance is gone

Everyone was talking at once. They were all looking forward to the confrontation in the principal's office. They followed the three of them and came to the door of the principal's office together, planning to squat outside the room to watch the show.

When Madam Li and Tan Rou arrived at the principal's office, Director Wang was already sitting inside.

His previous arrogance was replaced by a pained expression, as if he was upset that there was a student like Tan Rou in their school.

In front of the principal, he put on a good front. Anyone who saw him would think that he was an outstanding teacher who loved his job and cared for his students.

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The principal sat in front of his desk, expressionless. No one could tell what he was thinking and he just let Director Wang talk non-stop.

As soon as Tan Rou reached the door, Director Wang raised his hand and pointed at her. He complained to the principal, "Principal, that's her! She refused to admit her mistake and even talked back to the teacher. It's my default that I have not educated her well and now she wants to make a scene in front of you. I'm really ashamed!"

Tan Rou raised her eyebrows and thought, 'I haven't even started complaining but you're already acting like a good kid. As expected of the director who could always put up a good act.'

The principal's gaze fell on Tan Rou. His eyes were calm and he did not look down on Tan Rou because of what Director Wang had said.

His voice was steady and calm but there was a majestic feeling to it. "Is this the student who wanted to meet me? Don't be nervous, Director Wang has been speaking but I would like to hear from you."

Tan Rou looked at the principal sitting in front of his desk.

He stood tall and straight and her eyes were bright like torches. Although he had a kind look and could be seen as a gentle and sociable person, it still could not hide the awe-inspiring righteousness in him.

As expected of a retired soldier!

Tan Rou believed that this man was definitely not someone who would collude with despicable people like Director Wang. When the two of them sat together, one was righteous and awe-inspiring while the other was greasy and cunning. There was no way to compare them.

Due to how she had a good impression of the principal, Tan Rou also smiled and politely greeted him, "Hello, Sir. My name is Tan Rou."

The principal took a good look at him as well and felt that this little girl was natural and unrestrained. She had a straight face, an unyielding character, and was full of spirit. She didn't look like a sneaky person. If she had the opportunity to train in the military camp, she would definitely be a good seedling with a valiant and heroic bearing.

After the two of them sized each other up, both of them already had a vague idea of what was happening here. Smart people could sense each other, but Director Wang had been immersed in vanity all these years and had long lost his heart. He could not tell right from wrong.

Director Wang was still complaining to the principal about Tan Rou's rudeness just now. "Sir, you have no idea how arrogant she was earlier. She raised her chin and refused to repent. This simply affected the atmosphere of our school!"

Tan Rou's eyes narrowed. "Director Wang, you have to be reasonable when you speak. You're putting the blame on me for no reason. Can't I be angry or defend myself? Is this a common practice?"

Director Wang raised his eyebrows and pointed at Tan Rou with a trembling finger. "Look! Just because I said one thing, she already has ten more to retaliate at me! How would this be acceptable?!"

Tan Rou glanced at him and looked directly at the principal. "I did not cheat and I don't know where that note came from. Madam Li and Director Wang didn't listen to my explanation nor check the surveillance cameras. They wanted me to write a self-reflection and admit my mistakes. They even wanted to call my parents. I would like to ask if this was the proper way to do so?"

The principal frowned and gave Madam Li and Director Wang a stern look.

Madam Li frowned and retorted, "I've caught you red-handed and your attitude was the one that is infuriating. Cheating is shameful but you're acting so self-righteous. Is this what the teachers have taught you?"

Tan Rou didn't even look at her and looked at the principal calmly. "I think it's a little too rash to say that I cheated. Let's check the surveillance camera and we'll know the truth."

The principal nodded happily. "Of course! Director Wang, have you checked the surveillance cameras?"

Director Wang hid the light in his eyes and pretended to be very regretful. "Sigh, how could I not think of checking the surveillance cameras? Unfortunately, there was a malfunction in their exam hall and the surveillance footage... It's gone."

Chapter 157 It's too much of a coincidence

As soon as Director Wang said that, the faces of several people in the room changed.

The principal's eyes were filled with doubt. "The surveillance camera was fine. Why did it suddenly malfunction?"

On the other hand, Madam Li frowned and the uneasiness in her heart grew.

As a teacher, she knew that the surveillance camera in the classroom had long been replaced with a more intelligent network system, where the footage would be uploaded online consistently. It was convenient to check it at any time.

Just now, Director Wang had been hesitant, refusing to check the surveillance cameras. It turned out that the surveillance video had gone missing! However, how could the video that was uploaded to the system suddenly disappear at this time? This was such a...

Madam Li didn't dare to continue thinking about what had actually happened.

Tan Rou's mocking voice rang in her ears and Tan Rou was saying what Madam Li did not dare to think about. "Wasn't this too much of a coincidence? The surveillance cameras usually worked fine but only the one in my exam hall went missing? Plus, after saying that I have cheated, the surveillance cameras suddenly broke down? Even the real-time uploaded video has disappeared?"

Director Wang pretended to be helpless and spread his hands. "It's indeed a coincidence. I didn't want this to happen either."

Tan Rou looked at director Wang's shameless behaviour and sneered in her heart. It seemed that this was the reason why Director Wang was so confident when he agreed to come to the principal.

Did she think that without the surveillance cameras, the principal would have no choice but to believe the teachers and let her take the blame for cheating with just a small note?

Tan Rou's eyes flickered and she glanced at Director Wang with a domineering look.

He was too naive!

If it were someone else, he would have deleted the video in advance and there might have been no way to turn the situation around. Unfortunately, they were plotting against Tan Rou. How could Tan Rou be defeated so easily by their tricks?

Director Wang's eyes met Tan Rou. He turned his head slightly to avoid the principal and sneered at Tan Rou with a smug look in his eyes. "There's nothing we can do now. You should just admit your mistakes."

Tan Rou smiled and didn't panic at all. She didn't look away and started to compete with Director Wang. "Director Wang, I'm afraid you can't convince the public with just your words, right?"

Tan Rou looked at the principal. "I think we should check together to see if the surveillance footage is really gone. Even if I've been wronged, I can't be so muddleheaded as to not know anything."

Tan Rou already had a plan in her heart. As long as Director Wang took the bait and turned on the surveillance system in public, everything would be undeniable.

The principal naturally knew that such a coincidence was too suspicious. Director Wang was an elder in the school. He had been working in the school for many years even before the principal was transferred here. Usually, the principal was unwilling to fix such minor issues. He turned a blind eye to it and retained Director Wang's reputation.

However, the school was set up for the sake of serving the students and allowing them to have a better future. If Director Wang really maligned the students for his own benefit and secretly did things that would make him lose the most basic virtue of a teacher, there's no longer the need to continue tolerating him.

The principal raised his hand and tapped lightly on the office table. His tone was serious and did not allow for any refusal. "Director Wang, show us the surveillance footage now so that we can see what has happened. There's a computer in my office. Let's turn on the surveillance system in front of everyone here so that they know what is happening as well."

Director Wang was very confident and wasn't afraid of being seen. The surveillance video had been deleted. Even if they suspected that this was too big of an issue to be a coincidence, it could only be a suspicion. The principal couldn't make things difficult for him because of this.

As for Tan Rou, she would never give up until her final sentence. Now that she had seen it for herself, she would then learn how to give up.

Director Wang agreed readily. He walked forward and turned on the computer. He used his codes to log in to the surveillance system.

Tan Rou, the principal, and Madam Li all gathered around. The students outside the door craned their heads, wishing they could squeeze their heads next to the computer.

All the classrooms on the screen were operating normally. Director Wang clicked on the mouse a few times and pulled up the footage in Exam Room D, where Tan Rou was seated. He showed that the footage that the system had automatically uploaded within an hour was all black.

Director Wang sighed helplessly, as if he was sad that the crowd didn't believe him. However, there was a hint of gloating in his words. "You see, I told you the video really disappeared. It's really strange!"

After he finished speaking, he put his hands on his hips and mumbled to the computer, "Maybe there's a system malfunction and the video's upload failed. Sigh, looks like I'll have to get someone to fix it!"

Chapter 158 She couldn't have cheated in the exam

The principal's office fell silent.

The principal frowned and glared at Director Wang. He knew that this matter was too strange but with the surveillance footage gone, he could not blame Director Wang for it just because it felt suspicious.

The principal looked at Tan Rou regretfully. He was also in a difficult position in this situation. He couldn't see the surveillance footage, and Director Wang had the so-called 'notes' in his hand as evidence.

The principal didn't believe in this coincidence. He didn't want to convict Tan Rou based on Madam Li and Director Wang's weak accusations. However, he couldn't just say that he didn't think of Tan Rou as such an evil child.

For a moment, the principal was in a dilemma. His face was dark and no one knew what he was thinking.

Although the students outside the principal's office couldn't see the computer screen, when they heard Director Wang's words and saw the principal's expression, they could roughly guess that Tan Rou was in trouble!

Tan Jing hid in the crowd and laughed smugly. She had gone to great lengths to set up this trap and send Tan Rou to Director Wang. She did not expect Tan Rou to be so reckless and take the initiative to make a fuss in front of the principal. How could she not be present to enjoy such a good show?

As soon as Tan Rou arrived at the principal's office, Tan Jing had already rushed over. She hid in a corner and secretly took a photo of Tan Rou talking in the principal's office and sent it to Tao Qi.

In any case, Tan Rou's final outcome would definitely be having her parents called to school and she would have to accept her punishment. She might as well inform the Tao family first so that they could prepare in advance.

Last night, because of Tao Qi's incident, Mr. And Mrs. Tao had scolded her and praised Tan Rou. If they knew about this, would they still think that Tan Rou was their precious daughter?

She was really looking forward to the scene of them coming to school with disappointed faces and giving Tan Rou a good scolding!

Tan Jing was very satisfied with the outcome. Fortunately, she was smart and had already asked Director Wang to delete the video. Tan Rou had not given up just now but now she was probably angry and helpless.

Tan Jing laughed gloatingly. At this time, Tao Qi's message suddenly popped up on the phone. Tao Qi sent several exclamation marks and added a sentence: 'She couldn't have cheated in the exam!'

Tan Jing was not very happy after reading his reply. Why was Tao Qi's reaction like this? Shouldn't he be gloating like her and telling Mr. And Mrs. Tao about this?

She didn't know that Tao Qi, who had seen Tan Jing's message at home, was so anxious that he was pacing around the house.

No one else might know this better than Tao Qi! Tan Rou's intelligence allowed her to finish the questions on the forum with half the time that he needed and she even got full marks! It was just a school's mock exam. Why would Tan Rou cheat?

Tao Qi knew that there must be a misunderstanding here but Tan Rou had made a bet with him that night that he couldn't tell anyone.

Tao Qi would definitely do what he promised and so he didn't tell anyone about Tan Rou's abnormal intelligence, including Tan Jing.

Tao Qi didn't know how to express himself. So, he could only continue to send a message to Tan Jing.

'She really couldn't have cheated. Sister Jingjing, please help her explain!'

Tan Rou had just saved Tao Qi's life last night and he was very grateful to her. Now that he knew that Tan Rou had been wronged and was standing alone in the principal's office, Tao Qi really began to worry about her and wanted to stand up for her.

Tan Jing received Tao Qi's message and snorted in annoyance. She turned off her phone screen and ignored Tao Qi.

The little ingrate was actually speaking up for Tan Rou and asking her to do so as well? In your dreams! She had spent so much effort to make Tan Rou suffer and she couldn't wait for her to be expelled by the principal!

Tan Jing was a little angry that she didn't get what she wanted. She didn't know what was wrong with Tao Qi but he didn't complain to Mr. And Mrs. Tao and even trusted Tan Rou so much. Was it because of what happened last night that Tao Qi was at odds with her?

It seemed like she had to work harder and communicate more with Tao Qi.

But now, it seemed that Tao Qi didn't need to do anything.

Tan Jing looked at the situation in the principal's office and sneered smugly. Tan Rou has badly embarrassed herself this time. This was a matter of moral character and now it had even reached the principal. She would no longer be allowed to stay in this school.

Once Mr. And Mrs. Tao came to the school to bring Tan Rou home, they would definitely be disappointed in her. Without Tao Qi's instigation, Tan Rou would no longer be favoured in the Tao family anymore!

'Tan Rou, oh tan Rou, you can still fight back when you're wronged by the teachers at school but when you're wronged and accused by your dear family, no one will believe you no matter what you say. It must be wonderful! You should enjoy it!'

Chapter 159 I've fixed it

The students outside the principal's office were the same as Tan Jing. They felt that Tan Rou was definitely screwed this time; even the surveillance cameras could not be found. They could only rely on Madam Li's accusation and that note.

However, in the principal's office, Tan Rou was not in a hurry. She was even in the mood to watch Director Wang's performance with a teasing smile.

When Director Wang said, 'find someone to fix it', Tan Rou's mouth curled up and she laughed.

Tan Rou pretended to be considerate and said to Director Wang with a smile, "Director Wang, you really have to worry about all these trivial matters in our school but no need to trouble others. I'll fix it."

As soon as she said this, everyone around was shocked.

Director Wang snorted in disdain. "You? Don't overestimate yourself. Even if you don't want to admit to your mistakes, you don't have to break this. If you break the surveillance camera, can you afford to pay for it?"

Madam Li also frowned in disagreement. "Tan Rou, stop making any more mistakes. It wasn't easy for your parents to raise you. You've already disappointed them enough by cheating. Do you want them to further compensate for the surveillance camera?"

Tan Rou did not care about Director Wang and Madam Li, nor did she back down because of their belittling words. She looked at the principal with clear eyes and with a serious look on her face, "Please let me try. I know what to do and it won't be broken. Give me a chance to prove my innocence."

The principal was already in a difficult position and did not want to simply come to a conclusion. He was a little surprised to see Tan Rou so determined to restore the video but he also saw a sense of calmness and persistence in Tan Rou.

The principal looked at Tan Rou. Seeing Tan Rou's clear and confident eyes, he laughed loudly. This little girl was fearless. Even if the situation was unfavourable to her, she never gave up, nor did she cry and mess up the situation. Instead, she was firm on wanting to prove her innocence. What was the harm in giving such a child a chance?

The principal ignored Director Wang and teacher Li's dissuasion and nodded with a smile. "Alright! Go ahead and try."

Tan Rou smiled and nodded politely at the principal. She then walked to the computer and sat down.

Tan Rou's hands flew across the keyboard, her slender fingers dancing as if she was playing a famous piano piece.

The computer screen was filled with codes, and strings of characters were arranged and combined. They looked messy, but in reality they were codes.

No one could tell what these characters meant. If it weren't for Tan Rou's overly serious expression, they would have suspected that she was just fooling everyone.

After a while, Tan Rou typed a few times on the keyboard, and a progress bar automatically appeared on the computer screen. It was growing at an extremely fast speed.

Although they couldn't understand what Tan Rou was doing, the other three people in the room were shocked by Tan Rou's actions. They subconsciously stared at the progress bar on the computer and held their breaths.

The number continued changing and when it reached 100%, Tan Rou hit the keyboard in a handsome manner and a video file appeared on the computer screen.

The corners of Tan Rou's mouth curled up and her eyes sparkled. "I fixed it!"

Suddenly, the mysterious silence that accompanied Tan Rou suddenly broke loose. The students outside the door screamed in excitement. They felt that Tan Rou's actions were like the hackers seen in those movies! It was godly! Although they couldn't understand what was going on, Tan Rou was incredible!

Tan Jing's eyes were about to pop out of their sockets. She was so nervous that she held onto her arm tightly.

Tan Rou! What was she doing?! How could she possibly know how to restore a video? Did she really find it?!

Meanwhile, Director Wang's face turned pale. He stared at the screen in disbelief, as if he was making his last struggle. "What did you do? You just randomly drew a bunch of codes and proclaimed that you fixed it? I don't believe it!"

The principal, on the other hand, was particularly surprised. He looked at Tan Rou and nodded repeatedly. He felt that he had been careless. There were actually crouching tigers and hidden dragons in the school.

Although he couldn't understand it as well, Tan Rou clearly didn't operate it randomly. Her movements were smooth but firm and she really found a video file.

The principal couldn't wait to see if the video was the surveillance video that had disappeared. If Tan Rou really found it, she was a genius!

Tan Rou looked at the different expressions on everyone's faces. When he saw how Director Wang's face was filled with fear, she smiled nonchalantly.

Their show could finally come to an end as she would be reeling in the net!

Chapter 160 It's actually her

Tan Jing, who was outside the door, was about to go crazy. She wanted to rush into the principal's office to see if the video on the computer was real. She was screaming secretly inside! 'This is impossible! This was absolutely impossible! Tan Rou must be talking nonsense!'

Director Wang stared at the video file on the computer screen as if he had seen a ghost. He could tell that the background was indeed Exam Hall D and the title of the file clearly stated that it was the one from an hour ago.

The principal smiled and urged, "Quick, let's watch the video!"

Tan Rou's lips curled up in a reserved manner. She glanced at the students gathered outside the door and said, "This matter has blown out of proportion and my reputation has been severely damaged. I don't know what the other students will think of me. Now that we've found the video, why don't we let everyone see if I've cheated or not? "

As soon as he said this, the gossiping students outside the door were just as happy. They all cheered softly, "That's right! We want to take a look at it as well!"

Director Wang quickly shouted in exasperation, "What are you doing here? Go back to the classroom!" His voice was trembling slightly and she was obviously guilty.

He already had a premonition in his heart that this video might be real. If it was released in public, it would be difficult for him to explain why he deleted the video. He wouldn't be able to shut the mouths of those students who are just here for fun!

Tan Rou looked at Director Wang coldly and snorted. "Director Wang, didn't you just say that it was a system failure and the upload failed? However, I had to recover the system and look for the deleted video to find this."

Tan Rou laughed evilly and deliberately angered Director Wang. "I don't know who did it but they accidentally deleted the video. Director Wang, don't you want to see what happened at that time? Or do you actually not care?"

Director Wang's expression was ashen as he looked at Tan Rou in a daze. He wanted to refute her, but he didn't know what to say.

The principal, on the other hand, was smiling. Tan Rou had restored the video in front of so many people. She was indeed a talented young girl and the principal was even more optimistic about her. At this time, he was naturally willing to fulfil Tan Rou's request.

The principal could not help but urge her again, "We'll listen to you and show it to everyone. Their minds have been occupied and none of them would be able to learn anything now. Let them see it clearly!" With that said, he looked at the students outside the door who were crying with a look of disdain. However, if one looked closely, one could also see the pampering expression on his face.

The students cheered excitedly outside the door. "Principal, you're the best! Tan Rou! Play it quickly!"

Tan Jing's heart was about to jump out of her chest. She was eager to see the video as well.

She wanted Tan Rou to play the video so that she knew what had happened but she was also afraid that everything would be exposed once the video got released.

Tan Rou smiled and turned on the projector in the principal's office. Everyone immediately turned their eyes to the big screen and none of them dared to even blink.

All of this was too surreal. Tan Rou's series of actions had everyone's hearts in their mouths, and they wanted to see what had happened at the exam hall!

Tan Rou sneered and clicked the mouse. The video started playing on the big screen.

In the exam hall, everything was normal at the beginning. Tan Rou's head was lowered, and she looked quiet and beautiful under the sun's rays. Her hair was shining as she was writing on the toilet paper at a steady pace. She looked especially like an artistic youth.

The students couldn't help but be attracted to Tan Rou, who exuded a faint warm aura. Even in this kind of high-definition camera, Tan Rou was still an unquestionable beauty!

Everyone stared at Tan Rou on the big screen in a daze. They had almost forgotten that what they wanted to know was if Tan Rou had cheated in the exam.

Tan Rou adjusted the double speed and the video played quickly. Only the invigilator was constantly patrolling the hall.

Suddenly, Wei Ling, who was diagonally behind Tan Rou, moved. She raised her head and looked around. On the screen, everyone was answering the questions with their heads lowered and so Wei Ling's actions were very abrupt.

Tan Rou saw that the show had started. Then, she turned the video back to the normal playback speed.

Everyone held their breath and focused their eyes on Wei Ling.

On the screen, Wei Ling first stared at Tan Rou in a daze for a while. Then, she began staring at Madam Li. Wherever she went, Wei Ling's eyes would follow. Immediately after, when Madam Li had just reached the end of the row and was about to turn around, Wei Ling moved!

She took out a small piece of paper from somewhere and threw it to Tan Rou's side with lightning speed!

The students couldn't help but exclaim in surprise. It was actually her!