

## Real Boss 211

### Chapter 211 Collision with Tan Jing

“Xiao Rou, if I were you, I would find a hole and hide in it. Where would I still find the courage to come to class?” Tan Jing’s disgusting face appeared in Tan Rou’s line of sight, and there was nothing nice coming out of Tan Jing’s mouth. “Isn’t it nice to be the center of attention? You should know that you owe me this!”

She had done all of this just to see Tan Rou’s appearance after her reputation was ruined. She was so happy to see the netizens curse at Tan Rou and the students in the school point fingers at Tan Rou. However, she didn’t see the scene she wanted to see the most. Tan Rou still came to school as usual, as if nothing happened.

Tan Jing wasn’t happy with it. She had spent so much money. If she didn’t see Tan Rou’s flustered and exasperated face, how could she be satisfied with it?!

“What do I owe you? Please be clear about that.” Tan Rou asked.

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“What do you owe me?” Tan Jing was like a firecracker that would explode at the slightest touch. Her eyes were burning with fire. “I am the real young lady of the Tan family, and you’ve taken over my identity for seventeen years and enjoyed seventeen years of wealth, while I lived in that broken place for seventeen years. Tell me, don’t you think you owe it to me?!”

Tan Rou found it ridiculous. What kind of wealth did she enjoy? When she was young, she did not even have the right to ask for a little bit of love. Tan Jing was not faced with the wealth of the Tan family, but endless training. It was all thanks to her years of training that made her who she is today.

Seeing that Tan Rou didn’t say anything, Tan Jing’s mood became much better. “But it’s all mine now. Not only do you have nothing left, you also have to pick up things I don’t want and choose a man I have rejected. Why didn’t Zhuang Liu help you solve this matter? Wasn’t he the famous third young master Zhuang? Could it be that he’s dying?”

Tan Rou heard this and frowned. “Tan Jing, you better watch your words and be respectful.”

“Ha!” Tan Jing smiled and said, “you lowly girl. What respect do you want? I won’t respect you. What can you do about that?”

“I’m telling you, that sickly Zhuang Liu wouldn’t be able to protect you. I heard he’s dying. You’d better stay away from him.” Tan Jing reminded Tan Rou, “Don’t get yourself into trouble and get nothing out of it.”

Tan Rou clenched her fists. She looked up at Tan Jing on the stairs and said, “An obedient dog shouldn’t get in the ways of others. You keep blocking my way. What a bad dog.”

Tan Jing heard this and walked down in anger. “Who are you calling a bad dog?”

Tan Rou’s lips curled up. “So you want to be a good dog?”

“How dare you scold me?!”

“That’s not the only thing that I would do. I can even hit you if I want to.”

“You want to slap me?!”

Before Tan Jing could finish speaking, Tan Rou quickly climbed two steps and slapped Tan Jing hard. The slap was so loud that the echo could be heard in the empty corridor.

Tan Jing covered his face in disbelief. “You actually laid hands on me!”

Tan Rou swung her hand and slapped the other half of her face. “I’ll hit you if I want to. Do you still need to see if that’s something that I would do? I also like things to come in pairs. Well, here is a pair of slaps for you. You don’t have to be grateful towards me.”

Tan Jing’s head was buzzing after being hit. She raised her, trying to slap Tan Rou but she failed.

“I’ll remember them and return them to you sooner or later! Tan Rou, I won’t let you off!” Tan Jing still couldn’t hit Tan Rou after a few tries so she could only say some harsh words, clenched her teeth, covered her face, and ran upstairs.

Tan Rou thought to herself, ‘She isn’t going to leave me alone? Hmph! Would she let Tan Jing go?’

“Are you done with watching the show?” She asked after a moment of silence.

Half a minute later, Lu Qing slowly walked up the stairs with a shoulder bag on his back. He looked at the high-spirited girl in front of him and asked, “You hit her. Aren’t you afraid that she will complain and be pitiful about it?”

“It’s not the first or second day that she’s been complaining, acting pitiful, and twisting the truth. Let her be. This is what she’s good at anyways.” Tan Rou said nonchalantly with her arms crossed. “If she doesn’t put on a pitiful act, I may feel a little uncomfortable.”

“Indeed but I didn’t expect you to actually hit her.” When he heard the noise upstairs, he had wanted to wait for them to leave before leaving, but he didn’t expect to see Tan Rou hitting Tan Jing.

Tan Rou’s eyes were sharp. “Even a rabbit will bite when it’s anxious.”

The two of them went to the classroom one after another.

“How have you been?” Lu Qing asked Tan Rou on the way.

“Me? What’s up with me?” Tan Rou asked, feeling puzzled.

“Something on the internet. I believe you’re not that kind of person,” Lu Qing reassured Tan Rou.

Chapter 212 Tan Jing’s pitiful act

“The wise man knows he knows nothing, the fool thinks he knows all.” Tan Rou didn’t argue much since the truth would be revealed soon.

“I know.... The man in the photo?” Lu Qing said hesitantly.

“Just a brother of mine.” Tan Rou didn’t want to cause any unnecessary trouble, and she didn’t need to explain anything to Lu Qing.

“The hospital in the photo looks familiar. It seems to be the same hospital my grandfather stayed in.” Lu Qing had some doubts in his heart. Ever since Zhuang Liu came to see his grandfather last time, his grandfather’s health had improved. He heard from the guard that there was another girl with Zhuang Liu. Could it be Tan Rou?

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“Isn’t every hospital like that?” Tan Rou argued.

“Let’s go back to class.” Lu Qing saw that Tan Rou didn’t want to talk about it, and he didn’t ask any more questions.

The class was in an uproar. Tan Jing went back with a swollen face. Anyone could tell that she had been beaten, but who had hit her?

“Jingjing, what happened to your face?” Since Wei Ling was not around, Li Jia became Tan Jing’s new confidant. When she saw Tan Jing being beaten up, she was the first one to show concern.

“It was Xiao Rou.” Tan Jing cried. “Xiao Rou hit me when I just said a few words to her about what was happening on the internet. Then, she took it out on me.”

After she finished speaking, she leaned on the table and cried.

As he spoke, Lu Qing and Tan Rou entered the classroom.

Li Jia found an opportunity to show her loyalty. She criticised Tan Rou. “Tan Rou, what do you mean by this? Just because you were scolded on the internet, you’re going to find trouble with Jingjing?”

Tan Rou felt that it was getting interesting. Why were there always flies buzzing around Tan Jing? Without Wei Ling, there were thousands of Li Jia’s standing up.

“How did you describe how I hit you?” Tan Rou asked.

Tan Jing suddenly raised her head and saw that Lu Qing was also beside Tan Rou. Her expression immediately changed. It was as ugly as it could get, but her eyes were still staring fiercely at Tan Rou, wanting to kill Tan Rou with her gaze.

When she realized that Lu Qing was looking at her, Tan Jing put on an act again. She said aggrievedly, “Xiao Rou, I just wanted to comfort you. I know that you’re not in a good mood, but if you didn’t do those things, they wouldn’t have been posted on the internet! You can’t blame me for it.”

She squeezed out two drops of tears.

As soon as she said this, everyone was on Tan Jing’s side. After all, there has been too much negative public opinion about Tan Rou on the internet recently. Tan Rou was a vicious girl, and so it was normal for her to vent her anger on Tan Jing.

In this case, Tan Jing was really pitiful. She just wanted to comfort her former sister, but she had not expected to be beaten up so badly. This Tan Rou deserved to be bullied on the internet.

“Tan Rou is too much. Tan Jing only wanted to comfort her. She did something embarrassing to herself, yet she still dares to take it out on others. She’s really shameless.”

“Have you all forgotten what Tan Rou was like before? She’s been like this for a long time. I think she was just pretending a while ago, and now she’s back to her true self.”

Li Li stood up for Tan Rou. “It’s Tan Jing who has been framing Tan Rou, okay? I don’t believe that Tan Rou would hit Tan Jing!”

“Tan Jing, can you repeat why Tan Rou hit you?” Lu Qing, who had been watching the show for a while, suddenly spoke out of nowhere.

Tan Jing lowered her head and covered her face. “I just wanted to comfort her. I didn’t expect her to hit me.”

Tan Jing clenched his hands. ‘Lu Qing! I didn’t expect him to be on Tan Rou’s side. I even wanted to help him find a doctor, but he’s actually speaking up for Tan Rou. Just wait, I’ll make him regret this!’

Li Li asked Tan Rou, “Xiao Rou, did you really hit her?”

Tan Rou readily admitted it. “It’s true. I slapped her. I slapped her left and right on her face, and it made a loud sound.”

“Look, she admitted it.” Li Jia seized the opportunity to show off.

“She has already admitted that she was the one who hit Jingjing!”

“Why did you hit her?” Li Li quietly tugged at Tan Rou’s clothes. “She’s like a piece of sticky candy. Once you get involved with her, you will never be able to get away!”

“She has a cheap mouth. If you have a foul mouth, you should be prepared to be taught a lesson.” Tan Rou said with a smile.

“Tan Rou! Apologize to Jingjing now!” Li Jia yelled at Tan Rou. She walked towards Tan Rou and wanted to drag Tan Rou to Tan Jing.

“I’m warning you to stay away from me.” Tan Rou said with a frown.

Li Jia didn’t care about Tan Rou’s warning. Right now, she had to grab hold of Tan Rou. She reached out and grabbed Tan Rou’s arm, dragging her to Tan Jing. “Hurry up and apologize to Jingjing!”

Tan Rou instantly sent Li Jia flying. She patted the place where Li Jia had grabbed and said, “I already told you not to touch me. Don’t you understand?”

“Ah.” Li Jia rolled on the ground.

When Tan Jing saw this, she ran over to criticize Tan Rou. “Tan Rou, why did you hit Li Jia?”

Tan Rou showed her arm, which was red from Li Jia’s grip. “Look carefully. Who was the one who made the first move?”

Chapter 213 A Thief Shouting To Catch Another Thief

Tan Rou's skin was very sensitive; a slight touch would bruise it. Li Jia's grip was not light earlier, so it must have left a deep red mark.

"Heavens, how much strength did she use to cause such a mark?"

"I'm afraid her hand is going to break."

The ability of those people to change sides with the wind and be fence-sitters was truly exceptional.

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"I didn't, and I just grabbed it lightly!" Li Jia didn't expect Tan Rou's hand to be in this state. She had only grabbed it lightly; how could there be such a deep mark?

"What a joke. If you weren't the one who did this, did Xiao Rou try to break her own hand for fun? I'm afraid it might have broken!" Li Li quickly spoke up,

"I really didn't do that. If you don't believe me, you can try it yourself! I didn't use that much strength." Li Jia helplessly tried to prove her innocence. "You have to believe me!"

"What else do you have to say?" Tan Rou showed her red and swollen arm. "If it wasn't you, did I deliberately make my arm like this to frame you? There were so many of them in class who witnessed it. Who would believe you if you said you didn't do it?"

"I didn't!" Li Jia didn't know what to say to clear her name.

"Just because you say so." Tan Rou sneered, saying, "Then wouldn't the world be a mess? Can you convict someone just because one said they killed and murdered someone else? You're saying that you didn't do this to my arm, and I am saying I didn't hit Tan Jing. Would you believe me?"

Li Jia wasn't in the right state of mind. "I didn't do this to you!"

"Then I didn't hit Tan Jing." Tan Rou said, "You're already talking nonsense when we have so many witnesses here. Without a witness, my reputation would have been completely ruined because of you. You have the freedom of speech and are saying anything you want to!"

Li Li quickly helped by saying, "That's right, that's right! So many of us saw it with our eyes, but you didn't want to admit it. Is there anyone of you who are actually honest?!"

"Tan Rou really hit me!" Tan Jing shouted.

Tan Rou asked, "Did anyone see it? Where's your witness?"

"Witness? Witness!" No surveillance cameras were on the stairs, and no one was there at the time, so Tan Jing couldn't find anyone to help her prove it.

"If you're willing to believe in Tan Jing, then believe in her words." Tan Rou stopped arguing with them. "But, don't be used as a knife by others. Don't simply believe whatever others are saying."

This time, the fence-sitters in the office started to be on both sides again.

"What Tan Rou said makes sense. There were no surveillance cameras at that time. Who can prove that she hit Tan Jing?"

“That’s right. So many people were watching just now, but Li Jia didn’t admit it. They might have made it up to deceive us.”

“Well, we’re still in school. Tan Rou didn’t have to beat up Tan Jing here, right?”

“Forget it! Let’s not bother about it. We’re not the ones getting beaten up anyway. There’s no need for us to be so uptight.”

This was the result Tan Rou wanted. She wanted Tan Jing to suffer a beating without being able to show her misery. She wanted Tan Jing to grit her teeth and swallow the bitter fruit.

Xu Yan quietly took a tube of ointment. “It’s to reduce the swelling.”

Li Li also took out her glass bottle and filled it with cold water for Tan Rou to ice her arm.

Lu Qing went out for a while. Not long after, he brought a cotton swab and disinfectant to her. “Wash it first to avoid any infection.”

Tan Jing looked at the disinfectant Lu Qing bought and said, “Thank you. How much was it? I’ll pay you back.”

Lu Qing saw that Tan Rou treated him like an outsider and couldn’t help but feel slightly disappointed. However, when he heard Tan Rou say that she would transfer it to him, he thought it would be good to add her on WeChat.

“6.80 Yuan.” He deliberately included the decimals. “Just add me on WeChat and transfer it to me.”

“Just use the QR code to receive the payment.” Tan Rou unlocked her phone. “Open the QR code for your payment.”

Lu Qing didn’t know what else to say. He could only open the QR code and watch her transfer 6.80 Yuan.

He thought, ‘since you can transfer the money, can’t you just add me on WeChat? How much effort would that take?’

It was bustling here over at Tan Rou’s, but on the other hand, there was no one around to buy medicine for Tan Jing, whose face was swollen and Li Jia, who had injured her hand on the ground. Even Tan Jing’s usual little followers had forgotten to help treat Tan Jing. They were more focused on taking more nonsense by the side of the classroom.

Tan Jing’s fingernails almost dug into his flesh, “Tan Rou, you will pay the price!!!”

“Li Jia, can you lend me your phone and account?” Tan Jing said.

Li Jia didn’t understand. “Jing Jing, why are you using my account so frequently?”

Tan Jing lied to her, “Didn’t I tell you? My account has been maliciously reported. Also, my phone is out of battery. I’ll lend it to you and pay you back later.”

Li Jia didn’t doubt her. “Alright, here you go.”

Tan Jing went out with Li Jia’s phone.

Tan Rou thought, 'It seems like I would have to go all out.'

Chapter 214 Deal with it as soon as possible

Zhuang Liu had been helping Tan Rou with collecting evidence. Tan Rou said it wasn't the right time yet, so he couldn't help her eliminate the negative comments on the internet. He could only do these minor things for her.

After he read through the evidence that Xiao Mo had sent over, he almost fainted from anger. "Pass this to Rourou."

Xiao Mo passed the evidence to Tan Rou.

After receiving the information from him, Tan Rou felt warm in her heart. "Did the third young master ask you to do so?"

"We weren't the only ones. Even the third master has been staring at it for a long time. His eyes were already hurting by the end of it." Xiao Mo quickly answered.

"Remind him to rest his eyes." Tan Rou reminded Xiao Mo.

"Also, please thank him for me. I'll treat him to a meal after this."

Xiao Mo smiled and said, "The third master will be happy to hear that but if Miss Tan were to thank the third young master personally, he would be even happier."

Tan Rou nodded. "I'll thank him personally when I have time."

"Of course. The third master also said that if Miss Tan needs anything, you can look for him directly."

Tan Rou thought for a while. There was indeed something that she needed Zhuang Liu's help with. "I do need the third young master's help with something."

"Please go ahead." Xiao Mo waited for Tan Rou's instructions.

Tan Rou whispered a few words in his ear.

"I'll let the third master know." Xiao Mo replied with a nod.

Zhuang Liu's speed was much faster than hers because there were many people and they were well-equipped. She only had a phone or a tablet at most, so she was too slow.

There was a computer in the study but it was for Mr. Tao's personal use, so it couldn't keep up with what she wanted to do. Besides, she couldn't collect evidence under Mr. Tao's watch.

After thinking about it, Tan Rou decided to buy a computer with high specifications, which would definitely be useful in the future.

After that, Tan Rou returned to school. On the way, she met an acquaintance she didn't really spoke with.

"Hey, are you really not going to care about the comments on the internet?" Liang Lu followed Tan Rou.

"Are you talking about the rumors on the internet?" Tan Rou asked.

Liang Lu laughed out loud. "I knew that those were just rumors but I am quite impressed by you. You didn't react at all when they said such things about you."

"They're just a bunch of clowns talking nonsense. Why should I care about them?" Tan Rou laughed it off.

Liang Lu didn't like Tan Rou initially, but after hearing what she said today, she was a little impressed. "Don't you feel hurt at all?"

"Do I look like I'm in pain?" Tan Rou's face was ruddy and she didn't look haggard at all.

She strode away, leaving Liang Lu standing in the middle of the road in a daze.

"Sister Lu, don't you hate her? Why bother with her now? She's like a rat on the streets now. Everyone wants to beat her up." Liang Lu's lackeys couldn't understand what was happening.

Liang Lu crossed her arms and watched Tan Rou leave. "I really don't like her, but I admire her now. She'll be an interesting girl."

The girls only felt that their leader had taken the wrong medicine.

The principal called Tan Rou to the principal's office. There was an ugly expresino on his face. Although he was quite optimistic about this little girl, he couldn't condone her to bring such a great negative impact to the school.

"There have already been calls to the principal's office. They're asking what kind of school we are and how we taught such students." The principal said with a dark expression on his face.

Tan Rou first apologized to the principal. "It's my fault. I didn't handle it well and brought negative effects to the school. I would like to express my sincere apology to you."

"It's useless to apologize to me. I don't need your apology. The most important thing now is to eliminate the impact. I wanted to use my connections to suppress it, but I don't know who's behind it. Do you have any clues? Did you offend someone?"

He believed in Tan Rou. A girl, a smart girl, would definitely cherish her talent and not do such a thing.

"Don't worry. I'll try to get rid of all these as soon as possible." She passed the evidence that Xiao mo had given her to the principal.

"These are the pieces of evidence that my friend found for me. You can take a look at it."

The principal was very surprised. This girl not only had extraordinary courage and wisdom, but she was also much calmer than ordinary people. She was not flustered when she encountered such horrible things and she still had a clear mind. She would definitely have great achievements in the future.

He flipped through a few of them and was furious. "Bastards! We actually have such a student in our school. Call the police! We must inform the police!"

"Sure, whatever you want." She left the decision to the principal. If the principal wanted to protect that particular student, she would then take this matter into her own hands. Now it seemed that the principal was indeed a righteous person.



## Chapter 215 The mastermind behind the scenes

The first person Tan Rou met when she came out of the principal's office was Tan Jing. It was no longer a surprise that Tan Rou would meet her because she spent 24 hours a day monitoring Tan Rou, except for mealtimes. She may even have used a high-definition telescope to see if there was any dirt on Tan Rou's room for her to dig.

"Xiao Rou, the principal didn't scold you, right?" Tan Jing asked hypocritically.

"The principal scolded me and wanted to expel me. Are you happy now?" Tan Rou deliberately said this so that Tan Jing would be able to enjoy her victory for now since Tan Jing would not be able to laugh anymore soon.

Sure enough, Tan Jing couldn't stop smiling after hearing it. So what if it was true? As long as Tan Rou got expelled, it would confirm Tan Rou's crime. This was a stain on her reputation, and she would never be able to wash it clean no matter where she went.

"Rou, don't worry too much. When you get expelled, I'll ask dad to find you a new school. You should be able to adapt quickly, right? After all, this isn't the first time you've been expelled." Tan Jing could finally hold her head high for once.

"The principal was just saying it. I haven't been expelled yet, why are you so happy? Besides, it's not certain who will be expelled in the end." Tan Rou looked at Tan Jing with a faint smile.

Tan Jing took two steps back, a little flustered, "Did she find out about what she has done? No, no, Tan Rou must be trying to scare her! Besides, she used Li Jia's account. Why would they look for her?"

Thinking of this, Tan Jing was relieved.

Tan Rou shook the file in her hand. "Can you guess what this is? "

Tan Jing felt that it was not a good thing, so she tried to snatch it.

Tan Rou couldn't let Tan Jing get her hands on this. She took the file and ran out. She turned around and said, "Go back to class."

Tan Jing sat in class uneasily, and she would occasionally glance at Tan Rou.

Tan Rou looked straight ahead and listened carefully to the teacher's lessons.

Suddenly, a knock on the door interrupted the teachers and students who were in class. A group of well-dressed police officers showed his police ID to the teacher. "Who is Tan Rou?"

Tan Jing suddenly became happy. The police were here to arrest her. Let's see how she could escape this time.

"I am." Tan Rou stood up from her seat.

The teacher walked down from the podium. "Officer, what is going on?"

"We received a complaint from Tan Rou. Someone here is deliberately framing her and creating rumors. They have seriously violated Ms. Tan Rou's reputation and have caused a great impact on the internet."

Tan Rou walked to the police with the evidence. "Sir, this is all the evidence."

"Is the other person involved, Li Jia, here?" The police officer asked as he accepted the file from Tan Rou.

Li Jia stood up subconsciously. "Huh?"

"We've received a report from Ms. Tan Rou that you maliciously made inappropriate remarks to infringe on her reputation and privacy. Please come with me." The police officer said sternly.

"I didn't!" Li Jia was flustered.

"What do you mean by infringement of reputation and privacy? I didn't do it!"

Tan Rou pointed at the bag and said to the police, "Sir, this is the evidence. It holds records that my classmate, Li Jia, used her social account to contact multiple people and paid them to take photos of me. Some of the inappropriate posts were posted at Li Jia's home."

"What post?" Li Jia shivered. "I didn't post anything inappropriate! Besides, I did not contact anyone nor did I pay them to take your photos."

The students around them whispered, "No way! Li Jia posted all those?"

"Were Li Jia and Tan Rou's relationship that bad?"

"Have you all forgotten? Two days ago, Li Jia almost broke Tan Rou's arm."

"Tan Rou is really amazing. She investigated so much without causing a scene."

"All the evidence points to you." The police officer didn't want to handle the case in class. "Just come with us."

"I'm not going!" Li Jia wanted to run.

However, it was not up to her. The police officer in charge gave her a look and two police officers ran over to pull her out.

"Captain Wang, we've got her." One of the female police officers said to the high-ranking police officer at the door while holding Li Jia.

Captain Wang nodded, then looked at the girl with clear eyes in front of him. "Tan Rou, right? You're the victim of this case. So, we need you to come back to the police station for some questioning and investigate the situation. Please cooperate with us."

"Of course." Tan Rou answered obediently.

Chapter 216 Li Jia arrested

"I didn't do it, I really didn't do it!" In the police station, Li Jia slammed the table and pulled out a chair. "Sir, please believe me. I really didn't do it!"

Captain Wang's expression was unfriendly. "All the accounts belonged to you. You didn't do it? Could it be that we, the police, are deliberately framing you? Don't play innocent with me. The phrase that I've heard most here is 'I didn't do it'."

Li Jia started to cry. "I didn't spread those rumors. It was someone else. Someone framed me."

"We'll find out if there's any false accusation." Captain Wang said.

On the other side, Tan Rou was also being questioned. She was the one who reported the case, but the police couldn't just listen to her. They had to investigate what needed to be investigated clearly.

"We've already verified the authenticity of this information but there are some things we still need to figure out." Officer Xiao Li mentioned to Tan Rou.

Tan Rou sat opposite her quietly. "Of course."

"There's a lot of evidence here, such as the IP address of the rumor monger. How did you find them? We have a basic understanding of your situation. You are merely a high school student. One of your parents is an ordinary staff member, the other is a housewife along with an older brother and younger brother. However, they have no background involved in tech."

Tan Rou understood what Officer Xiao Li meant. They wanted to know where the evidence came from. This evidence was not something that a small high school student could find.

Tan Rou answered honestly, "It was found by another victim of this incident. I've met him a few times. He doesn't sleep well, and I happen to have an ancestral incense at home that could help him with that. We got to know each other after a few times. If you don't believe me, you can ask him for confirmation. Also, the person who introduced us is a Chinese medicine doctor called Bai Jing. He's quite famous in the industry, so you can also check with him."

Since she had said so, the police had to make a call and ask. This incident had caused a huge impact on the internet, and many people were involved. The police had to be careful.

Tan Rou was not worried about the police's investigation. First, everything that she got was obtained legally. Second, Bai Jing and Zhuang Liu had already been informed of what should and shouldn't be said. She believed that they would understand.

The police called to confirm the truth of Tan Rou's words and then recorded her testimony in the file.

After Officer Xiao Li finished her list of questions, she gave Tan Rou psychological counseling as usual. After all, this incident had seriously damaged Tan Rou's reputation. She was only a high school student, so it was inevitable that it would have been traumatic to Tan Rou. As a police officer, one of their jobs was to comfort the victim.

"Tan Rou, right?" Xiao Li closed the notebook and smiled gently.

"We know that this incident has caused a great impact on you. After the police have completed their investigation and collected evidence, we will contact the cyber police to delete these negative comments. Don't think too much about it! Go back and eat and drink well. Just wait patiently for an update from us."

Tan Rou nodded. "Alright. I have faith in the police force."

"Such a brave and strong girl," Xiao Li complimented her. "It's true. I've seen many young girls who have been hurt by rumors, but none of them are as strong as you. Some choose to commit suicide, some suffered from depression, and some even go to the extreme because of the rumors. Only a very small number of them can muster the courage to face their enemies and call the police. You are the calmest and smartest person I've seen in all my years as a police officer."

Tan Rou raised her head and said confidently, "That's because I believe that the truth will come to light one day. Before that day comes, I must be strong."

Xiao Li was very happy to hear her say this. "Good job! You look like a strong and good child. Go back and study hard, don't care about what other people think. Just like you said, the innocent will have her name cleared."

"Alright." Tan Rou said with a smile.

"We've informed your parents. When they arrive later, you can go back with them. We'll let you know if there's any further progress." Xiao Li printed out the statement.

"You can leave after you sign here."

Tan Rou took the thick piece of paper and signed her name.

"Sir, I really didn't!" The sound of Li Jia's mental breakdown came from the interrogation room.

"I didn't do it. I didn't do it!"

"Will she go to jail?" Tan Rou asked, pretending to be concerned.

"Of course." Xiao Li answered. "Those who slander others will go to jail. She's already 16 years old, so she can bear criminal responsibility."

"What about the others who spread the rumors?" Tan Rou asked.

"They will be held accountable according to the law. Don't worry. We will make sure to restore justice for you." Xiao Li reassured her,

"Thank you, officer." Tan Rou's face was full of smiles.

Chapter 217 Tan Jing's visit

Xiao Li's heart ached a little. How could such a pure and kind girl be hurt so badly by evil? Was it wrong to be outstanding?

No matter how Li Jia cried, the evidence was conclusive and she could not escape.

She was the only girl in the detention room. When the lights were turned off, she almost had a mental breakdown in the dark. She had clearly not done anything, how did this happen?

Tan Rou, it must be that b\*tch Tan Rou who framed her! Li Jia cursed Tan Rou viciously, "That little b\*tch. She had an affair with a man. Now that someone else has exposed her, Tan Rou is using her as a scapegoat. When the truth comes out, I'll kill Tan Rou!"

Li Jia stayed up all night, cursing Tan Rou to death.

The next morning, Tan Jing came to visit Li Jia.

“Jingjing!”

Li Jia, who was handcuffed, grabbed Tan Jing’s hand. “You have to help me. You have to help me. I’m innocent!”

Tan Jing looked at the pair of silver handcuffs in disgust. She pulled her hands away and comforted Li Jia with fake affection. “Don’t worry, Jiajia. I will definitely help you. I have already told dad about your problem. It will be solved soon.”

Li Jia sobbed. “Jing Jing, it’s all that b\*tch Tan Rou’s fault. She doesn’t like us, so she used this method to frame me. I don’t want to go to jail. I really don’t want to go to jail.”

“Is there anyone who wants to?” Tan Jing muttered.

“What did you just say?” Li Jia did not hear her clearly.

Tan Jing patted her hand and motioned for Li Jia to sit down.

Li Jia didn’t want to sit there at all. She wanted to go home, afraid that she wouldn’t be able to get up once she sat down.

Tan Jing was a little annoyed. “If you keep crying like this, I won’t help you anymore.”

Li Jia was terrified when she heard what she said. She quickly wiped her tears and said, “Jingjing, please get me out of here. It’s so dark here at night. I’m scared.”

Tan Jing said perfunctorily, “All the unfavorable evidence points to you. Even if I want to help you, it will take time. Besides, Tan Rou is not letting it go. It’s not easy for me to do anything about it!”

Tan Jing was good at attracting hatred and with a few words, she pushed everything back onto Tan Rou.

The moment Li Jia heard Tan Rou’s name, she felt as disgusted as if she had just eaten a dead rat. “I won’t let her go. Once I get out, I’ll kill her!”

“Shh!” Tan Jing was annoyed by her loud voice. “Keep your voice down. Don’t provoke the police outside!”

Li Jia was scared when she heard the word ‘police’. She lowered her voice. “I will never let her get away with this!”

Tan Jing was delighted to hear this. “Don’t worry, I won’t let her get away with this either.”

Li Jia felt touched. “Thank you, Jingjing!”

Tan Jing thought it was funny. ‘The only reason why she won’t allow Tan Rou to get away with it was not related to Li Jia. She was only doing it for herself.’

Li Jia suddenly thought of something. “Jingjing, I’ve thought of a way to clear my name!”

“What is it?” Tan Jing asked.

Li Jia whispered, "Didn't you get someone to take those photos? As long as you find that person, then convince the police and push all the blame to that person, then I can clear my name."

"What do you mean by that person?" Tan Jing smiled and asked, "Xiao Jia, what are you talking about? I don't understand what you're saying."

Li Jia's eyes widened. "No! Weren't you who took those photos?! You even told me about it back then."

It suddenly dawned on her.

"I know! I know what you're doing with my account and phone. You were the one who leaked the photos. You want me to take the blame!"

Tan Jing said without changing his expression, "What are you saying? I only borrowed your phone to make a few calls. Also, when did I borrow your account? Why would you just borrow someone so private?"

She was indeed using Li Jia's social media account and she was the one who posted the photos. The reason why she showed them to Li Jia first was so that she could take the blame.

Every time she sent the photos, she would delete all the records to make sure that an idiot like Li Jia would not find out. That was the truth. Li Jia, who was an idiot, only realized the truth now.

"Tan Jing, you're vicious!" Li Jia rushed over to grab her.

"Think about your mother!" Tan Jing threatened.

Li Jia was stunned. "What?"

"It's already a fact that you're going to be in jail, but what about your sickly mother? If you obediently take the fall for this, I can guarantee that your mom will not have to worry about anything for the rest of her life.

"And when you're released from prison, I'll give you a sum of money so that you can live somewhere far away."

"You want me to take the blame for everything? No way!" Li Jia shook her head in denial.

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"Well, you can just tell the others about this and see if anyone will believe you. I'll be fine, but you'll have to stay in prison for years. You still have to take care of your sickly mother. Without you, your mother will probably die very soon.

"Besides, you're just a girl who hasn't graduated from high school and is now imprisoned for such crimes. What job would you be able to find in the future and is there anyone who would marry you? Just think about your future."

Li Jia clenched her fists. "Tan Jing!"

"So, have you thought about it carefully?"

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Tan Jing was bored and blew at her newly done manicure. "Are you going to plead guilty or not?"

Li Jia lowered her head and took a deep breath. She felt like her lungs were about to explode. It was all her fault for meeting such a bad person. How could she have made such a friend? She should not have listened to Tan Jing and messed with Tan Rou. Both of them were trouble free but she was the one who ended up in jail.

Regret! Li Jia was extremely regretful.

If she was given another chance, she would never fawn on Tan Jing, this vicious woman! She would study hard and not think about taking shortcuts all day long. Wasn't Wei Ling's end tragic enough? She had already witnessed what happened to Wei Ling but she was still like a greedy moth, flying toward the man-eating flames without any regard for her own safety.

"Li Jia, you don't have to think about it anymore." Tan Jing spoke again. "The money I'm giving you will guarantee that you won't have to worry about food and clothing for the rest of your life. Where can you find such a good deal?"

Li Jia suddenly laughed. "Why don't you want such a good thing for yourself?"

"Ha!" Tan Jing's face turned cold. "Don't be so ungrateful. Otherwise, you'll get nothing in the end."

Li Jia closed her eyes and gave up. "Promise me that you'll take good care of my mother. Otherwise, I won't let you off even if I become a ghost."

Tan Jing nodded in satisfaction.

"You should have agreed to it from the beginning. Don't worry, I'll help you take care of your mom. I'll also help you find a lawyer, the best lawyer, to try to reduce your sentence."

When time was up, the police came over to take Li Jia back. Just as Li Jia was about to leave the room, Tan Jing suddenly started acting again.

"Jiajia, you stay in there and get better. I will help you take care of Auntie. Don't make any more mistakes!" Tan Jing rubbed her eyes that were now filled with tears.

Li Jia could hear the threat in her voice. Tan Jing warned her not to say anything. If she did, her mother might...

The door behind her closed. Then, Li Jia heard the female police officer on guard say, "This young girl is quite a good friend. Not only did she persuade her not to do anything wrong, but she also promised to take care of her mother."

"It's a pity that she did not learn from her friend. She would be able to make more friends now that she's locked inside. I heard that the girl that was the victim this time was a classmate of hers."

"You really can't judge a book by its cover. She looks so clean and refined, but I didn't expect her to be so dark inside."

Li Jia bit her lips, and blood oozed out. She was angry! She didn't do it, but yet she had to take the blame! The best years of her life had to be spent in a dark prison. By the time she came out, her life would have been ruined.

She had once dreamed of being admitted to a top university, but now she would never be able to enter any university in this life. All of this was because of that vicious woman, Tan Jing! One day, one day, she would make Tan Jing pay the price!

Li Jia lay on the bed and hit her head against the headboard. She swore with her life that she would be unworthy of being a human if she did not take revenge!

The police quickly issued a notice after an investigation. As soon as the notice was released, the comments on the internet immediately changed.

"Are all high school students capable these days? How big of a conflict did they have to be to spread such vicious rumors? I remember that when we were studying, we would just ignore each other if there was a conflict. Kids these days are so cruel!"

"This young girl is a role model for our generation. She remains calm even after being criticized like this. No wonder she's the best in her school."

"I've also been attacked by people on the internet before, so I suffered from depression. If I were as brave as her, I wouldn't have to take medicine now."

Li Li no longer had to fight with the rumor mongers on the internet. She excitedly showed Tan Rou the one-sided comments on the internet. "Rou, look, your innocence has been proven!"

Tan Rou's expression was indifferent. "Yes, I saw it."

"The truth is out now. Why are you still upset?" Li Li asked, puzzled by her lack of interest.

When Tan Rou heard this, she glanced in Tan Jing's direction. When Tan Jing came to school this morning, she looked dazed. Those who didn't know would think that Tan Jing was really sad for what happened to her friend.

"Happy? We only got the scapegoat, what's there to be happy about?" Tan Rou flipped through the book calmly.

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Li Li immediately understood what she meant, and the smile on her face disappeared. "Those who are evil people will get what they deserve."

She glared at Tan Jing and thought, 'she got away with it again!'

Tan Rou glanced sideways at Tan Jing, who was sitting firmly on the fishing platform, and whispered, "I will take revenge for this sooner or later."

After class, Tan Rou was tidying up her notes. Two of Tan Jing's sidekicks, He Ling and Zhao Ru, who were also good friends with Li Jia, came over. They held hands as if they were here to denounce someone.



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“Tan Rou, are you really going to send Li Jia to jail? We’re all classmates, there’s no need to be so ruthless, right? If Li Jia goes in, her life will be ruined.”

“That’s right! You didn’t get hurt anyways!” Zhao Ru echoed.

Tan Rou only felt that these two people’s words were idiots. She didn’t get hurt? They were classmates? Why didn’t they think about this in the first place that they were also classmates with Tan Rou? Why did it seem like she was trying to frame Li Jia?

Tan Rou threw the pen in her hand on the table, raised her chair, and leaned back. She looked at the two and asked, “Who was the one who spreaded the rumors? Who had sent the photo? Who is the victim in this incident?”

He Ling smiled awkwardly and repeated Zhao Ru’s words. “Well, you didn’t get hurt physically!”

Tan Rou interrupted her. “What do you mean by physical harm? Oh, are you talking about the incident where Li Jia tried to break my arm?”

The two of them looked at each other and felt even more embarrassed. However, they have indeed been friends with Tan Jing for a long time. Not only were they thick-skinned, but they were also good at acting. They were even better at moral kidnapping than the old people on the bus.

“Li Jia didn’t do it on purpose. There might have been a small conflict between you two but it was merely an impulsive act!” Zhao Ru still tried to defend for her friend.

“I’m sorry, this isn’t a small conflict. This is a crime.”

Tan Rou explained to these law-ignorant people, “According to our country’s law, spreading rumors and slandering that has caused a serious impact will result in criminal responsibility. Li Jia is already 16 years old. She should be responsible for her own actions. If you really want to help her, why don’t you go and tell the police? You were involved in those things too.”

As soon as they heard that Tan Rou wanted them to share the responsibility, the two of them immediately cast themselves aside and rushed to say that they had never said such words.

“That’s enough. You shouldn’t corner Xiao Rou like that.” Tan Jing bit her lip and walked over with tears on her face. “Xiao Rou is also a victim. She shouldn’t be responsible for Jiajia’s mistakes.”

Tan Rou watched her performance calmly, not knowing what Tan Jing was going to do next.

Sure enough, the next second, Tan Jing dragged Xu Yan, who had been reading, into the conversation. “It’s all Jiajia’s fault. She was just jealous. She said she liked the class monitor, and the class monitor was cold to everyone except for Xiao Rou. So, Jiajia did something out of jealousy.”

Tan Rou frowned. She felt that Tan Jing was being disgusting. Even at such a state, she was trying to drag another person along with her.

Xu Yan was just minding his own business when disaster struck him from nowhere. A huge blame was directly transferred to his name and had been firmly buckled onto him.

“Tan Jing, I should have invited you to the flood-control mission.” Xu Yan said coldly.

Tan Rou couldn't help but laugh when she heard Xu Yan's words, the class monitor had a sharp tongue.

However, Tan Jing obviously couldn't understand what he meant and asked with a confused face, “What? What do you mean by that?”

Xu Yan stood up and put his hands on the table. “Your ability to divert the disasters away from you is excellent. Your skills would have greatly benefited the flood victims. Don't misunderstand, I'm complimenting you.”

Li Li didn't understand Xu Yan's comment earlier, but now that she heard Xu Yan's serious explanation, she laughed so hard that her stomach hurt. “Hahaha, the class monitor is so talented.”

Tan Jing's face was pale and he looked terrible. “You must be joking, class monitor. I don't have that ability.”

“You didn't say anything before this but you insisted on speaking up after the truth came out. It's hard not to doubt your intentions.” Xu Yan didn't show any mercy.

“What do you mean by this? Are you trying to tell others that I am the reason why Li Jia has done this? And now that Li Jia is not here, you have no proof. How do I know if you're not spreading rumors? If you are spreading rumors, can I call the police to arrest you for it?”

Tan Jing's expression suddenly changed, and she stuttered, “No, no!”

“Or is it that you and Li Jia are such good friends that you're prepared to break the law and go in to accompany her?” Xu Yan sneered. “I saw that you've been crying since you came in. You probably can't bear to leave Li Jia alone there. Well, you can apply to be in prison with her then. I'll ask the class teacher for leave on your behalf. No need to thank me, this is what a class monitor should do.”

“There's no need for that!” Tan Jing waved his hand.

“Well said, class monitor!” Li Li applauded.

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Xu Yan then looked at He Ling and Zhao Ru. “First, it was Wei Ling. Now, it's Li Jia. Those who are close to Tan Jing all got into trouble, but nothing happened to her. Don't you think it's strange?”

He Ling and Zhao Ru looked at each other and muttered in their hearts.

“Class monitor, you shouldn't spout nonsense,” Tan Jing quickly retaliate.

Xu Yan ignored her. “Be careful, dear classmates!”

He quietly put the blame back on Tan Jing again. This was what she deserved.

As soon as he said that, the class suddenly became lively.

“He has a point! Look at Wei Ling and Li Jia. They were both close with Tan Jing!”

“Oh my God, then I have to stay away from her. In case she throws me under the bus without me knowing!”

Some of them even advised He Ling and Zhao Ru, “Well, you shouldn’t be standing up for Li Jia. If you have the time, you should run for your life by now.”

Tan Jing saw that the situation was one-sided and quickly tried to save her image. “It’s all my fault. I didn’t stop them from making those mistakes. You can scold me all you want.”

Seeing her like this, He Ling and Zhao Ru’s doubts disappeared. The two of them chose to close their eyes and believe Tan Jing.

“Jingjing, don’t be sad. We believe in you.” He Ling reassured her.

“It’s Wei Ling and Li Jia’s fault! It’s not yours.” Zhao Ru comforted her.

Tan Jing’s eyes were red from crying. “If I had realized that something was wrong with them earlier, I wouldn’t have let them take the wrong path.

“Did they take the wrong path or did you put them there?” Tan Rou coldly said.

Before Tan Jing could say anything, He Ling and Zhao Ru, who were defending Tan Jing, attacked first.

“Tan Rou, don’t go too far with this. It’s fine if you’re unwilling to have mercy on your classmate but now you’re trying to frame Jingjing. Are you even human?” He Ling cursed.

“You guys must be mistaken.” Tan Rou frowned. “I’m the one who was bullied on the internet. The person who slandered me was Li Jia. As the victim, can’t I ask for justice?”

“But, Jiajia already knows her mistake and look at you, you’re fine!” Zhao Tu emphasized.

“If it wasn’t because I was mentally strong, the grass on my grave would have grown out by now.” Tan Rou’s eyes were cold.

“I will definitely sue Li Jia. Not just her, but everyone who spreads rumors on the internet will pay the price. Not a single one of them will be spared.”

“Reject moral kidnapping!” Li Li crossed her arms. “Please, what did Li Jia give you? She has committed a crime and you’re still trying to clear her name? Are you the reincarnation of a cleaner?”

“That’s right, Tan Rou is the victim. Is it popular now that the victim has to forgive the criminal?” The students who had misunderstood Tan Rou before were now on her side.

“You guys, stop trying to use morality to kidnap Tan Rou. When she was being scolded, none of you said a word but now you’re speaking up for the criminal. How ridiculous.

“If anyone wants to cause trouble, it should be Tan Rou who’s looking for trouble with Li Jia. Your ability to make bogus accusations is a good match for Tan Jing’s ability to put blame on innocent people.”

Everyone chimed in one after another, shutting out the two of them. They had no choice but to give up and return to Tan Jing’s side.

Tan Jing didn't forget to end the fiasco with a 'saintful' speech. "Xiao Rou, I'm very happy to see that you're fine. I apologize to you on behalf of Li Jia for slandering you. I hope you don't blame her for this. Li Jia is still young. If she goes to jail, her life will be ruined. I hope you can be magnanimous and let her get a lighter sentence."

Then, she returned to her seat sadly. He Ling and Zhao Ru glared at tan Rou and followed Tan Jing back.

"Is Jiajia really going to jail?" He Ling asked.

Tan Jing sniffled, wiped her tears and said sadly, "I will find the best lawyer and try to reduce Jiajia's sentence. Although she made a mistake, she is still my good friend. I can't just wait for her to get sentenced to such a huge crime!"

"What can we do for Jiajia?" He Ling asked.

The corners of Tan Jing's lips curled up slightly as she said, "The only thing we can do now is to help Jiajia take good care of her mother. Auntie lives alone, and she's not in good health. Why don't we take turns taking care of her and talk to her, so that she can feel that her daughter is still by her side?"

Both of them felt that this method was feasible. They decided that they would take care of Li Jia's mother and talk to her alongside Tan Jing.