

Real Boss 251

Chapter 251 Do You Want to Join It Together?

After Tan Rou was called away by the principal, Tan Jing became more and more uneasy. Hence, she told the teacher that she was not feeling well and wanted to go to the toilet. The teacher didn't say anything and just told her to come back quickly.

Tan Jing didn't go to the washroom. She just wanted to eavesdrop. However, Tan Rou and the others spoke too quickly. Before she could reach the principal's office, Tan Rou had already returned.

Tan Rou noticed that Tan Jing was waiting for her but didn't want to pay attention to Tan Jing. However, Tan Jing was like a dog skin plaster and insisted on sticking to her.

"Xiao Rou, what did the principal say to you?" Tan Jing asked with a smile.

Tan Rou rolled her eyes and said angrily, "What does the principal say to me have to do with you? The principal didn't mention you anyway."

Tan Jing's face tightened, but she still had a smile on her face. "I was just asking. Did the principal tell you about the physics competition?"

Tan Rou deliberately said, "The principal said that this is just an ordinary physics competition. There's no need to pay too much attention to it. You can just participate casually."

"Did the principal really tell you that this was just a normal physics competition?" Tan Jing asked nervously.

Tan Rou smiled and said, "Of course... I'm lying to you."

She sneered. "Not only did the principal say that this is an important physics competition, but he also said that the winner will be rewarded greatly. They can even enter Capital University in advance. It's almost the same as what the class monitor said."

"Rourou, will you participate in this physics competition?" Tan Jing asked again.

"What does it have to do with you?" Tan Rou sped up and left. She didn't need to report anything to Tan Jing.

Tan Jing gritted her teeth. Why was this girl acting so arrogant?! She had to embarrass Tan Rou in the physics competition.

The two of them entered the classroom one after another. Tan Jing still remembered her excuse and did not forget to hold her stomach, pretending to be weak as she walked in.

"The principal asked you for you. Did he talk about the physics competition?" Li Li asked quietly.

Tan Rou smiled and replied softly, "You guessed it right. The principal told me about the physics competition. He also told me that my spot was internally decided. However, I still want to take the exam, so I refuse the spot."

Li Li clenched her fists. "Yes! Even the principal trusts you so much. You must participate in the selection test this time."

"Do you want to participate in this competition as well?" Tan Rou asked Li Li about it. Although Li Li's results were not the best, she was good at physics. With a little guidance, Li Li might be able to get a place.

"I..."

Li Li scratched his face and said weakly, "My physics results aren't that good. It's hard for me to get good results."

"Try it!" Tan Rou encouraged her. "Your physics results aren't bad either. Even Song Lin is participating. Aren't you going to participate? If you really get a good ranking, you can directly enter Capital University. Aren't you tempted?"

Li Li was indeed a little tempted. "I would like to but my results are average."

"Let's participate together. We can study together!" Tan Rou said.

Li Li was very happy. "Alright, let's participate together!"

"Student Li Li, Student Tan Rou..." The English teacher on stage rubbed her eyes. "What are you guys participating in together? Why don't you tell me about it? I would like to participate in it as well!"

Li Li blushed and stood up. "Teacher, we're talking about the physics competition. I think..."

The English teacher looked unhappy but she did not blame them. "You can talk about the physics competition after class. This is English class now. Sit down."

After Li Li sat down with a red face, she even pulled Tan Rou's hand. "Let's do it together."

Tan Rou nodded. "Of course."

After class, Lu Qing brought a physics exercise book over. He asked Tan Rou, "Are you going to participate in the physics competition? Do you want to study the questions together? I have a very good physics competition question book here."

Tan Rou rejected him. "There's no need for that. Li Li and I will do the research. It'll be messy if there are too many people."

Lu Qing was actually looking forward to studying the questions with Tan Rou. He had heard Tan Rou explain the questions to Li Li several times. Each time she explained the questions, she would always take a different approach and explain them in a simple and easy manner for others to understand. Many times, solving questions in competitions required such flexible thinking.

However, he didn't expect Tan Rou to reject him. Tan Rou would rather do the questions with Li Li than discuss with him. Was he that unlikable?

Li Li saw that the atmosphere was not right and quickly said, "Lu Qing, we are both girls. It is definitely not convenient for you to join us in the discussion. The class monitor will also participate in this physics competition. Why don't you discuss it with him?"

Chapter 252 Stalker

Lu Qing was waiting for Tan Rou to change her mind, but even when the bell rang, Tan Rou still had no intention of relenting. He could only return to his seat dejectedly.

Halfway through the class, Tan Rou received a small note. She opened it and saw that it was from Lu Qing. He said that after class, he would meet her in the woods on the right side of the teaching building. He had something to talk to her about.

After reading it, Tan Rou tore the note into pieces and rolled it into a ball. She did not reply to him.

Lu Qing watched Tan Rou's every move. He really couldn't figure out Tan Rou's attitude. A few days ago, she was still treating her grandfather. Why did she become so cold the moment they returned to school? Could it be that she was really treating her grandfather for money?

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Lu Qing was not a narcissistic person. He did not think that Tan Rou had a crush on him because she had never looked him in the eyes.

If it wasn't for herself or money, then why did Tan Rou do all this?

Could it be...

Lu Qing turned to Tan Jing. If Tan Rou didn't treat his grandfather this time, the Lu family would probably accept the doctor that Tan Jing had brought over. Tan Rou's treatment had allowed his grandfather to recover, so there was naturally no need for Tan Jing's doctor.

Could it be because of Tan Jing?

Lu Qing didn't listen to a single word during the class. His heart was a mess. An unknown emotion lingered in his heart and couldn't be dispelled for a long time.

"I'm going out for a while." Tan Rou said.

Li Li didn't ask her where she was going. Tan Rou always had her own things to do. She was a little mysterious and a little powerful.

When Lu Qing saw her leave, he immediately left his seat and followed her.

The woods on the west side of the teaching building were very dense. Couples often went on dates here. The visibility wasn't the best, and it was easy to hide.

"If you have anything to ask, just ask." Tan Rou leaned against a tree. "I'm in a hurry."

Lu Qing had a complicated look on his face. He looked slightly sad. "Tan Rou, did you really treat my grandfather because of money?"

Tan Rou answered him directly, "If it's not for money, then what is it for? For fun?"

"Then why did you say that you'll give me a 20% discount?" Lu Qing continued asking.

"Because we are classmates." Tan Rou said,

"It's not just you. There's also Li Li and the others. If they get sick and come to me for treatment, I'll give them a 20% discount." Other than Tan Jing and her lackeys, if those guys were sick, she would double the fees.

"Is that really the case?" Lu Qing looked extremely hurt.

Tan Rou was not a loving person. She only helped Lu Qing because she didn't want Tan Jing to snatch this opportunity. As for the 20% discount, it was just an excuse. Even if she did not take a single cent, she still wouldn't allow Tan Jing the chance to get close to Old Master Lu.

"It's the truth. I don't want to lie to you, either. The truth is that I treated your grandfather for money. If there's nothing else, I'm leaving."

"I understand." Lu Qing smiled bitterly.

"Thank you for treating my grandfather. You don't have to give me a 20% discount in the future. Just charge me the original price." With that, he left the woods without looking back.

Tan Rou thought that it would be better to charge at the original price. She could earn even more then.

"Lu Qing, why are you here too?" Tan Jing followed Tan Rou when she saw Tan Rou leaving the classroom. She didn't expect there to be so many trees here. She didn't find Tan Rou for a while, but she saw Lu Qing coming out from the woods.

Lu Qing's mind was in a mess. When he saw Tan Jing, he subconsciously thought that Tan Jing had followed him there. "You followed me here?"

Tan Jing felt wronged. She was here to follow Tan Rou, not Lu Qing. She did not know that Lu Qing was here. "No, I didn't... I wasn't following you!"

Lu Qing's eyes darkened, and his face was ashen. He looked furious. "Go away! Did you really think that I have no idea of what you're trying to do?! Don't follow me anymore, or I'll make you regret it!"

Tan Jing was so scared that her palms were sweating. Lu Qing always looked sunny and cheerful, but he was actually a ruthless person. Otherwise, he would not have stabilized the Lu family for such a long time after Old Master Lu fell ill.

Lu Qing quickly left the woods as if something was chasing after him.

"Are you a stalker?" Tan Rou walked out with a smile. "Do you like to follow people that much?"

Tan Jing's face darkened when she saw Tan Rou. "Why would I follow you?"

Tan Rou pursed her lips. "Were you following me? Lu Qing was the one who said that you followed him, okay? Don't be so narcissistic."

"You!" Tan Jing was furious.

"What a perverted hobby. Why do you have to be a stalker?" Tan Rou said disdainfully. After saying that, she quickly left the woods, not giving Tan Jing a chance to react.

Tan Jing was about to explode from anger. "Ahhhhhh!!!"

The poor little grass was on the verge of death from her stomping.

Chapter 253 Not Satisfied

“Tan Rou, that b*tch. She must have asked Lu Qing out and said something to him. Otherwise, Lu Qing wouldn’t say that about me.” Tan Jing muttered to herself in the grove, “Just you wait. I’ll definitely teach you a lesson in this physics competition.”

“I’m back...What are you doing?” Tan Jing returned home and saw Li Wen and Tan Song hugging each other. She shouted, “You guys... You guys...”

Tan Song quickly let go of Li Wen and pretended to be calm. “Be careful when mopping the floor. Don’t get water everywhere. It’s fine if you fall, but what if you accidentally hurt Jingjing and the others?”

Li Wen lowered his head and apologized. “I’m sorry, sir. I accidentally spilled too much water. I’ll clean it up now.”

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“Hurry up with it.” Tan Song continued.

Li Wen immediately started mopping the floor. Her mopping technique was bad. Not only could she not mop it clean, but the more she mopped, the more water she got everywhere. The living room was like a fish pond.

In order to avoid Tan Jing, Tan Song returned to the study room first. Only Li Wen and Tan Jing were left in the living room.

“Auntie Li, I brought you here to work.” Tan Jing warned, “If you can’t even do your job well, I can only kick you out. For Li Jia’s sake, I’ve asked Mom to give you a high salary. A month’s salary is enough to feed you for half a year. I don’t think it’s reasonable for you to not cherish it, right?”

After a period of recuperation, coupled with the good food that she ate at the Tan family, Li Wen’s complexion looked much better. She was originally a beauty and now that her complexion had recovered, she looked even more beautiful. Otherwise, she wouldn’t be a mistress.

“Understood, understood.” Li Wen lowered her eyes and said, “There’s really nothing between Sir and me. I spilled too much water just now and accidentally slipped when I was mopping the floor. Sir just happened to catch me.”

Tan Jing didn’t believe her nonsense. How close did they have to be that her father caught her in time?

“Don’t play such tricks. Your daughter won’t be able to support you anymore. If you want to continue living a good life, you have to listen to me.” Tan Jing warned Li Wen.

Li Wen smiled obsequiously. “You’re right, Eldest Miss. I’ll definitely do my best.”

Not long after, Tan Song called Tan Jing from the study. “Jingjing, come over here. I have something to say to you.”

Tan Jing warned Li Wen again, “Don’t play any tricks here.”

Li Wen seemed obedient on the surface, but showed her true self when Tan Jing left, "Little b*tch, when I become Mrs. Tan, I'll kill you immediately."

Tan Song avoided talking about what had just happened. If he tried to explain himself, it would be more suspicious. So, he decided not to talk about it at all.

"I heard that your school is going to hold a physics competition?" Tan Song asked.

"Dad is really well-informed." Tan Jing was curious. She had just found out about it, so how did Tan Song find out so quickly?

"Can you get first place?" Tan Song glanced at her.

"Definitely." Tan Jing promised.

"We're one of the sponsors for this competition." Tan Song took out a paper bag that was tightly sealed. "These are some physics questions that your Uncle Wang specially prepared for you. You must memorize all the questions before the exam. With this, you should be able to do well."

Tan Jing was ecstatic. Tan Song's words meant that these were not simple physics questions. It was likely that these were questions for the competition. As long as she memorized it all, she would not have to worry about people saying that she cheated. At most, she would guess the question and guess the question correctly.

"Dad, I will definitely come home with promising results." With this question, Tan Jing's first place was in her hands. When that time came, she would teach Tan Rou a lesson.

"Dress up this weekend." Tan Song suddenly said, "The people from the Tao family of the Capital said that they're coming. They came especially for you. You have to dress up properly."

When Tan Jing heard that, the unhappiness in her heart immediately disappeared. "I understand, Dad."

Tan Song gave Tan Jing a card. "Do you still have any pocket money left?"

Tan Jing had spent most of her money, but she did not dare to say anything to Tan Song.

"Don't save it. When your mom comes back, the two of you should go shopping and get a few customized high-end gowns. You shall wear them when we meet the Tao family." Tan Song spoke as he pulled out his credit card from his wallet.

"Thank you, Daddy." Tan Jing held the card tightly.

"The password is your mother's birthday." Tan Song added.

Chapter 254 An Ambitious Vixen

Li Wen wasn't tall but she was beautiful and petite. During this period of time, her face had become even ruddy and shiny, making her look like an innocent little woman.

However, she was not innocent at all. Otherwise, she would not have seduced a married man.

"Sir, your coffee." Li Wen pushed the door open shyly.

When Tan Song saw her, his expression became unnatural. "Who let you in?"

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Li Wen blinked. "I noticed that you were still working so hard, so I wanted to make you a cup of coffee."

Tan Song just happened to need something to refresh himself, so he said, "Put it here."

Li Wen slowly brought it in. Her collar was open, revealing her white and bulging chest. She looked thin, but she actually had things that were of the right size. Moreover, now that she had put on a little weight, she looked even thicker.

Tan Song stared at her snow-white humps for a long time, before looking at her face. Unlike Chen Yi, this woman was petite and timid. She spoke in a soft voice, unlike his wife, who would throw a tantrum and shout at the drop of a hat.

Li Wen was like a delicate little white rabbit. She had a daughter but there were not many wrinkles on her face. She looked like a student in her twenties.

Li Wen walked in with a cup of coffee in her hand. She lifted the cup up high and accidentally spilled some coffee on herself. "I'm sorry, sir. I just finished mopping the floor and my hands are weak." She was carrying a solid wooden tray. It was indeed heavy, but it was not to the point where it was unbearable.

"Just put it on the table." Tan Song gulped.

Li Wen bent down and put down the coffee. The coffee had flowed straight into her innerwears. Following the coffee liquid, one could see the high peaks.

Tan Song gulped even louder.

"Sir, do you have any paper here?" Li Wen asked.

Tan Song took out a napkin from the drawer. Li Wen took it and directly removed her clothes to wipe the coffee stains. She was still facing Tan Song. "Sigh, it's such a pity that the newly bought underwear is dirty like this."

Tan Song's eyes were staring straight at him, but he still had to pretend to be a gentleman. "You... What are you doing?"

Li Wen said sadly, "Sir, you also know that my family is poor. I don't have much money. It wasn't easy for me to buy new underwear, but it got dirty just like this..."

Tan Song liked this kind of delicate and pitiful woman the most. This kind of little woman could arouse his desire to protect as a man. Was there any man who wouldn't fall for a petite woman?

Tan Song took out a wad of cash from his wallet. "Buy a new one."

"I don't want money..." Li Wen grabbed Tan Song's hand and placed it on her chest. "I just want to spend some time with you. Please have pity on me."

Since the meat was already delivered to his doorstep, how could he not have it? He had only been with Chen Yi for so many years, and it had already shown how loyal he was as a husband. Chen Yi's temper was getting worse these days. How could she be as touching as Li Wen?

Half an hour later, Li Wen came out of the study room with her clothes in her hands as she blushed. She had clearly gone to deliver coffee, but she didn't even take out a tray.

Li Wen had been with too many men. Elites like Tan Song were indeed rare, but he was still a man after all. He still wouldn't be able to avoid some of the bad habits of men, like cheating.

After so many years, she was no longer an inexperienced little girl. She knew better than anyone what kind of man she should get.

As long as she became the mistress of the Tan family, she could have as much money as she wanted. Even if she was not the mistress, being a secret lover was a hundred times better than being bullied as a nanny. Her daughter was unreliable, so she could only rely on herself.

Thinking of this, Li Wen went to the kitchen again. She would have to seize the opportunity to perform well and get Tan Song addicted to her.

Tan Jing thought that she would be fine if she kept Li Wen by her side. Little did she know that she did not bring back a pitiful rabbit, but an ambitious vixen.

Liang Lu had witnessed Tan Rou's improvement. She was clearly a poor student who could not even score 30 points in her previous exams. Why was Tan Rou like a rocket this semester?

"Sister Lu, there are no teachers patrolling now. Let's hurry up and leave." One of Liang Lu's lackeys reminded her about it.

Chapter 255 Repent

Liang Lu leaned against the staircase and thought for a while. She took her school uniform off the handrail and led her friends out of the school. "Let's go to the internet cafe to play games."

On the way, they met Tan Rou, whom they hadn't seen for a while. Tan Rou was holding two physics competition exercise books in her hands. They looked new.

Liang Lu took the initiative to greet her. "I heard that there's going to be a physics competition selection test soon. Are you going to participate in it?"

Tan Rou smiled and looked at her. "If I wasn't planning on it, am I going to use it as a cushion?"

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Liang Lu's face was a little embarrassed. "How did you know that I used a book as a cushion?"

Tan Rou smiled and said, "I was just saying it casually. Besides, it's normal to use a book as a cushion for the table. When the table is uneven, I will use a book to cushion it."

"Are all good students as strange as you?" Liang Lu couldn't help but ask.

“Those who work hard are all good students.” Tan Rou gave a casual reply.

Liang Lu pursed her lips. “I’m not a good student. I smoke, drink, fight, and I’m a famous big shot on the school’s demerit list.”

“What does it have to do with me?” Tan Rou retorted. “That’s your own choice. If you want to study hard, then study hard. If you want to smoke, drink, and fight, then go ahead.”

“What do you think is the difference between a good student and a bad student?” Liang Lu suddenly asked.

“I don’t think there’s a difference between a good student and a bad student. There’s only a difference between those who want and do not want to learn.”

“Let’s be friends, Tan Rou.” Liang Lu stretched out her hand. “I like the way you talk.”

“Sure, but I want to see you make some progress.” Tan Rou said, “You’ve already experienced smoking, drinking, and fighting. Why don’t you try something else?”

Liang Lu snorted. “What else can I do? I’ll always be on the demerit list.”

“I was there once.” Tan Rou said, “Now I’ve come to my senses and studied hard. Fighting is temporary but a beautiful future is forever.”

“It’s a little ridiculous.” Liang Lu didn’t think that someone like her could achieve any good results.

“Aren’t I the best example?” Tan Rou took out a test paper from the exercise book. “Liang Lu, if you can pass this set of test papers with your own ability, we’ll be good friends.”

Liang Lu held the test paper as if it was poisonous. “I... I didn’t even score 20 points on this test paper.”

“I only scored five points in this paper the last time.” Tan Rou was referring to her previous results. “Haven’t I improved?”

“I have high hopes for you.” Tan Rou smiled. “Good luck!”

Liang Lu’s heart thumped. She agreed, “Okay, I’ll listen to you.”

Tan Rou had never thought that Liang Lu was a bad girl. She was just a little willful. She hoped that Liang Lu would stop wasting time and earn a bright future for herself.

“Sister, Sister Lu ...” One of her lackeys looked at the test paper. “She just wants to insult you. How can we finish this paper?!”

“If she can do it, why can’t I?” Liang Lu folded the test papers, then put on her school uniform and walked back.

The delinquents followed her. “Sister Lu, are you really going to head back to study?!”

“What else?” Liang Lu stuffed the test paper into the pocket of her school uniform. “I, Liang Lu, have always been a woman of my word. Since I promised her that I will pass this paper, I will.”

“Sister Lu, this is the physics competition paper.” The lackey reminded Liang Lu.

Liang Lu glared at her. "Are you calling me stupid?"

"No, no. It's something that's difficult for even most people to do on this test." the delinquent hurriedly explained. "She's just making things difficult for you."

Liang Lu didn't believe her. "I'm going to finish this test paper and show it to her. Don't look for me when you go out in the future. I have to start studying hard."

The lackeys looked at each other and felt as if they had seen a ghost. Sister Lu actually wanted to learn. She might really have been possessed by a ghost.

"Are you really going back to study?" One of the lackeys asked.

The other said, "Let's go, let's go. We're following Sister Lu. If Sister Lu doesn't go, there's no point for us to go."

"Then shall we head back and get out books?"

"Let's try then. Maybe our ancestors will help us and we might get enrolled into a university."

"Well, then I must have been haunted."

Chapter 256 Going On A Holiday

The weather had turned breezy, but it was still a little hot. It was a good time to go out and play this season.

Mrs. Tao knew that her daughter was about to take part in the physics competition. Now, everytime she came home, not only did she have to study, she would also have to make the incense pills. Sometimes, the light in her room was still on even after midnight.

Studying was tough, and even if Tan Rou would be able to endure it, she would still feel exhausted during the day.

A mother's heart ached for her daughter. She thought of ways to make delicious food for her daughter so that she could replenish her nutrients. Under Mother Tao's careful care, Tan Rou could always maintain her good condition.

"Hubby, I have something to discuss with you." Mrs. Tao brought Mr. Tao a bowl of hot soup. "Rourou has been working too hard in her studies recently. Why don't we go on a holiday to relax? Ever since Xiao Rou came back, we haven't gone on any trips. I wanted to take this opportunity to relax as a family."

"Is there a good place that you would like to go?" Mr. Tao agreed with her suggestion.

Mrs. Tao said, "When I was looking at houses the day before yesterday, I noticed that the newly built holiday villa isn't too bad. It's large, well-equipped, and has a beautiful environment. The most important thing is that it's not far away. We can go back and forth to that place in two days. Should we go there to play, fish or enjoy our time at the farmhouse?"

"I have no objections." Mr. Tao trusted his wife's judgment. "Have you seen any houses that you like?"

"I saw a large, double-story. The price is not bad and has been newly renovated. I went to take a look. I don't like the style of the renovation, so I'm going to change it to a new one."

"Try to choose furniture that is made of good and low-key materials so that the children won't be able to see through it." Father Tao reminded his wife.

"I know," Mother Tao replied with a smile. She thought of another matter. "Earlier, you mentioned that the Tao family contacted the Tan family. How was it?"

Mr. Tao laughed coldly. "The Tan family came immediately when they smelled meat. Don't worry, we won't let them take advantage of us."

"Not only are we going to prevent them from taking advantage of us, but we also have to get Rourou's debt back."

Mr. Tao clenched his fists. "Of course! Let's just wait and see!"

Although Mrs. Tao had already discussed it with Mr. Tao, she had yet to ask her daughter for her opinion. If her daughter did not want to go, their plan would have to be abandoned.

"Rourou, are you asleep?" Mrs. Tao knocked on the door.

"No, I'm not." Tan Rou put down her pen and opened the door for her. "I'm still studying the questions."

Mother Tao's heart ached. "Look at you. You're so haggard."

She passed a bowl of soup to Tan Rou. "Drink a few mouthfuls to replenish your nutrients."

Tan Rou was very touched. "Thank you, Mom."

"Why are you still being so polite with me?" Mrs. Tao walked into the room. "Let me accompany you for a bit."

When she was young, Tan Rou really hoped that Chen Yi could accompany her, but she never did. When Tan Rou was very young, she was sent abroad. In the dead of night, in the endless nights, her senses would be magnified. At that time, she longed for her mother's embrace.

"Sure." Tan Rou put down her pen and sat on the chair facing Mother Tao, tasting the soup her mother made.

"I would like to discuss something with you." Mother Tao suddenly spoke up with a gentle smile on her face.

"Mom, go ahead. I'm listening," Tan Rou said.

"You've been too tired recently. Everyone said that you have to strike a balance between work and rest. It's not a good thing to be tense all the time, so we have decided to take you and your siblings on a vacation. It's not very far, just in the city. I wonder if you're free?" Mrs. Tao asked.

"Very free." Tan Rou was delighted from the bottom of her heart. She had never taken a vacation with her family before. "When are we going?"

Seeing that she was happy about it, Mrs. Tao was naturally relieved. "I will arrange it now. We can go this weekend."

"Alright." Tan Rou looked excited too.

Her reaction made Mrs. Tao felt gratified. No matter how capable her daughter was, she was still a seventeen-year-old girl. This was what a girl at this age should be like. She should be playful and obsessed with being beautiful, and not force herself to be busy all the time.

"How about this? I'll go and tell your brother." Mrs. Tao didn't want to disturb her from studying. "You should go to bed soon."

Tan Rou had an indescribable feeling in her heart. This kind of feeling of being placed in the heart of her parents was something she couldn't get even if she begged for it in the past, but now, she feels it every day.

Chapter 257 Always Following Her

Zhuang Liu asked Tan Rou accompany him to Bai Jing's place on the weekend, but Tan Rou rejected him.

"I'm sorry, Third Young Master. I'm going to the resort with my parents this weekend, so I can't go with you to Uncle Bai's place. Help me inform him about this." Tan Rou couldn't hide the joy in her tone.

"Where is the resort?" Zhuang Liu asked hurriedly when he heard that she was going on a holiday.

Mother Tao had not told Tan Rou the exact location of the resort, so Tan Rou naturally did not know. However, she also told Zhuang Liu that it was a resort in the city.

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"Alright, sure."

As soon as the call ended, Zhuang Liu called Xiao Mo over and ordered him to bring him all the information on holiday villas of all sizes that were close to the city.

Xiao Mo didn't understand. "Third Young Master, are you buying these resorts?"

Zhuang Liu said, "Rourou is going to a holiday with her parents, but she didn't say which resort they were going to. Get me all the information. I want to analyze them and book a room early. Otherwise, I won't be able to book it when the time comes." He didn't want to miss the time he would be able to enjoy with Tan Rou.

Xiao Mo didn't understand. "If you don't know which one it is, how would you book a room?"

Zhuang Liu really wanted to knock open his wooden head and pour some IQ and EQ into it. "If you don't know, why don't you just book a suite in each resort? When you're sure which one it is, we will head there directly."

Xiao Mo swallowed his saliva and thought, 'As expected of the Third Young Master. He's really rich.'

"Alright, I'll bring the information over for you now." Xiao Mo went to do as told.

Zhuang Liu couldn't wait any longer. He also started to browse the local resorts on the Internet and analyzed the places that Tan Rou would go to. He was good at reading financial statements and was familiar with the current economic situation, but he could not understand where other people wanted to go on vacation.

"Hmm.... When will I be able to appear before her family publicly?" Zhuang Liu sighed.

Tan Rou was still a high school student. At present, her family and herself would not allow her to date anyone now. However, this was very torturous for Zhuang Liu. The person he had liked for so long was standing in front of him, but he could not get any closer to her.

He loved Tan Rou very much. He was afraid of scaring Tan Rou away, so he didn't dare to get too close to her. He could only use this method of creating a chance encounter to get close to her. He had to admit that he wasn't being honest with her, but he would be even more upset if he stayed away from her.

Although Xiao Mo always said the wrong thing, he was still efficient. He quickly compiled the information on all the famous holiday villas in the city.

"Third Young Master, there are a total of five holiday villas. One of them was newly opened this year. The facilities are good in all aspects. I think Miss Tan Rou and her parents are very likely to go there." Xiao Mo gave his opinion.

Zhuang Liu was also optimistic about this particular one, but he could not gamble at this time. He had to book a suite from each villa. Otherwise, he could not afford to lose if he gambled wrongly.

"There's no need to choose." Zhuang Liu put down the documents. "Book a suite in all the holiday villas."

Xiao Mo got to work. "Alright, Third Master. Do you need anything else?"

"What else would I need?" Zhuang Liu asked.

Xiao Mo smiled. "The biggest gimmicks of these resorts are leisure. Since there's leisure, you definitely shouldn't be sitting there with your phones and laptops. There must be all sorts of indoor and outdoor activities."

Zhuang Liu didn't think of this. "Tell me more."

Xiao Mo took out another set of documents. "These are all the main features of each villa. Every activity in the villa is recorded. If you are really planning to be there, you should at least learn a few things about it first."

Zhuang Liu rarely took vacations, and he did not have the time to do so. Therefore, he knew very little about leisure and entertainment during his vacation. It seemed that the only thing that he could think of was fishing.

"Xiao Mo... Xiao Mo!" Zhuang Liu rummaged through the information and called Xiao Mo. "At the end of this month, collect your bonus from the finance department by the end of the month."

Xiao Mo was overjoyed, his salary wasn't getting deducted. "Thank you, Third Master!"

"It's really good to have Miss Tan Rou with us." Xiao Mo said with a smile.

"What do you mean?" Zhuang Liu asked.

Xiao Mo replied, "Because the Third Master will always think about Miss Tan Rou. Ever since you met Miss Tan Rou, you have been smiling a lot. We don't have to be afraid of you as well while we work?"

"Alright, that's enough. Xiao Rou is naturally the best." Zhuang Liu couldn't hide his smile. "Go on and do your work."

"Okay, Third Young Master, take your time." Xiao Mo closed the door and left.

Zhuang Liu touched the corner of his mouth. He had indeed smiled a lot recently. When he thought of her, he could no longer hide his smile.

Chapter 258 Happy Family

Early in the morning on the weekend, Mrs. Tao woke up the siblings. They had to leave before the morning rush hour to avoid being stuck in traffic.

"Xiao Qi, are you done? Why aren't you out yet?" Mrs. Tao shouted from outside.

"I'm coming" Tao Qi put the computer that Tan Rou had assembled into a box that he had specially prepared. He patted the box and said, "I'll be back soon."

He carried his small school bag and put on his sun hat, preparing to set off.

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Mr. Tao's five-seater SUV was just big enough for the family of five. Tan Rou thought that if her brother came back, they would probably have to change to a bigger car but it may also not be necessary anymore. Eldest Brother and Second Brother both knew how to drive, so they would definitely drive themselves.

Tao Zheng didn't drive. His family was an ordinary family, so his parents only bought one car. Usually, Tao Zheng and his father took turns driving. As for today, the head of the family was driving. Mrs. Tao sat in the passenger seat while the three children sat in the back.

Tao Qi sat in the middle, fiddling with the MP4 he carried with him. Because he didn't have a phone, he could only use the MP4 to download songs and some listening questions. He would play them when he had nothing to do.

"What are you listening to? You're so energetic." Tan Rou placed her hand on Tao Qi's head.

Tao Qi pulled her hand down and puffed up his face to pretend to be angry. "Don't touch my head and do what I listen to have anything to do with you?"

"I'm your sister," Tan Rou teased him. "Come and let me hear you call me that again."

Tao Qi crossed his arms and called out reluctantly, "Big Sister."

Tan Rou smiled from ear to ear. "That's right, my good brother."

Seeing the siblings getting along amicably, Tao Zheng couldn't help but take out his camera and took a few photos of the siblings.

Tan Rou didn't like taking photos, and she thought Tao Qi didn't like it either. However, their younger brother liked it very much. As long as Second Brother liked it, she was willing to stand in front of the camera.

Tao Zheng looked at the photo in the camera with satisfaction. "This is a precious photo that belongs to our family. When we go to the resort, I'll take more. We'll develop it and make a few photo albums as a souvenir."

"Then, you better make sure we look good!" Tan Rou said after hearing Tao Zheng's words.

Tao Zheng replied, "My sister is beautiful from all angles and has no blind spots. She looks good no matter how I take the picture?"

"Second Brother, let me take a picture of you too." Tan Rou suddenly said, "You're always taking pictures of others. You don't even have the chance to take pictures of yourself. Let me take a picture of you."

Tao Zheng didn't object. He tidied up his clothes and said in a dignified manner, "Sure!"

He was always taking photos of others but now that someone had suddenly wanted to take photos of him and so, he felt anxious.

Tan Rou could tell that he was nervous, so she pushed Tao Qi over. "Little Brother, come and take a photo with our elder brother!"

"Humph! I don't want you to take pictures." Tao Qi said no, but his body moved closer to Tao Zheng.

With a click, they were frozen on the film.

"Take a photo for Mom and Dad too." Tan Rou suggested.

Mr. Tao was still driving. "I'll just take a casual photo. You guys take a good photo for Mommy."

"You guys go ahead. Don't disturb dad driving."

Tan Rou passed the camera to Tao Qi, who was sitting in the middle. "You can take both our parents from your spot. Come. You shall take the photos then."

Tao Qi suddenly felt that the camera in his hand was very heavy. "I... I'll definitely take a better one than you do."

He pointed the camera at the centre. Due to the bumpy car and his weak arms, the photos all came out blurry.

"You have to aim for it. Focus on it properly." Tao Zheng instructed him.

Tan Rou held the camera with one hand and his arm with the other. "Be steady."

With the help of his brother and sister, Tao Qi completed this photo. Although it was only half the view of the parents in the front side, it was still a warm picture.

As they played, an hour's drive passed. The car was parked in a resort near a mountain and a river. In the parking lot, one could see the towering mountain forest and the green lake.

The air was fresh, and the sky was much bluer than the city. Faint white clouds floated past, and the wind carried an unknown fragrance of flowers.

"Wow, this place is so beautiful!" Tao Qi ran excitedly.

"Xiao Qi, be careful of the car!" Mrs. Tao shouted.

Tao Qi ran so fast that she was almost hit by a car that drove in. The car brushed past him.

Chapter 259 Haunting

The car stopped and two people got out. It was Tan Song and his daughter.

"Sister Jingjing!" Tao Qi's heart was still pounding. Now that he saw Tan Jing, he immediately ran over happily. "Sister Jingjing, are you guys here on a holiday too?!"

When Tan Jing saw Tao Qi, she didn't really want to talk to him. However, she thought that he was still useful in the Tao family, so she replied, "Yes, that's right."

Tan Rou felt that Tan Jing was really a haunting ghost. Why was she always around them?!

Tan Jing also saw Tan Rou, and her expression immediately turned ugly. "You're really persistent. I see you everywhere. Can you even afford this resort?"

Tan Rou only knew that this was a holiday villa. Why did Tan Jing's tone sound a little off?

Mrs. Tao and Mr. Tao immediately stood up. "Well, it's just a holiday villa. We're not in the state where we have to sell everything just to go on a holiday."

Tan Jing was unhappy. When she was around, the Tao family's parents had never brought her to any resorts, let alone the expensive holiday villa.

"Uncle and Auntie are really willing to spend money on their own daughter." Tan Jing sneered. "But my father treats me better."

She deliberately revealed the branded goods on her body and the dazzling jewelry on her neck. These were things that the Tao family would never see in their lifetime.

Tan Song wasn't very happy to see the Tao family, but his mood improved a lot when he heard what his daughter said. "Jingjing, don't waste your breath on them. We still have things to do."

Tan Jing did not argue with them anymore. She had come with her father to meet the distinguished guests of the Tao family from the Capital today. She could not let these poor Tao family members delay her time. They were both from the Tao family. Why was there such a huge difference?

"Sister Jingjing..." Only the innocent Tao Qi still wanted to talk to his beloved Sister Jingjing. "We're going on a picnic. We're going fishing and picking grapes. Sister Jingjing, do you want to come with us?"

Tan Jing didn't want the stinky fish and the dyed grapes to ruin her new dress. "It's okay. Go fishing by yourself. I still have more important things to do."

“Then we can’t play together...” Tao Qi was very disappointed. He hadn’t seen Jingjing for a long time.

“Xiao Qi, don’t disturb Miss Tan. She still has her own things to do.” Mother Tao pulled Tao Qi back.

Tan Jing saw how they avoided her and felt that she had seen through them. All these years, they had never treated her as their biological daughter. Now that their biological daughter was back, they allowed her to go to school and even brought her on a holiday. They wanted nothing more than to give their biological daughter all the good things.

It didn’t matter. In any case, she was already the eldest daughter of the Tan family. In the future, she would marry into the Tao family from the Capital and become the mistress. At that time, the difference between them would really be heaven and earth. She didn’t care about such a small figure.

“Jingjing, let’s go.” Tan Song urged.

Tan Jing didn’t want the people from the Capital to wait, so she said to Tao Qi, “Xiao Qi, you guys go ahead and play. I still have something to do. If I have time after I’m done, I’ll come and play with you.”

After saying that, she hurriedly followed Tan Song in her high heels.

“Jingjing...” Tao Qi wanted to say something but hesitated. However, getting Jingjing’s approval made him happy.

“Let’s go. She’s not on our side anymore.” Father Tao glanced at the father and daughter duo. “We should go.”

“Let’s go. I’ll take you fishing,” Tao Zheng comforted his younger brother.

“And pick grapes!” Tao Qi said.

Tan Rou sized up the surroundings again. This resort was of high standards. Moreover, just from the ability to demolish mountains to build roads and build lakes on a flat ground, it did not seem like an ordinary resort. Tan Jing noticed that their expenses were high as well and this definitely wouldn’t have been a cheap place to stay.

They had thought that their parents had brought them to an ordinary holiday villa, but now it seemed that things were not as simple as they seemed.

Before they went to play, they checked in. This resort gave off a rich and imposing feeling. For example, their villas were all independent. Although they only had two floors, there were many rooms inside. Each house also had a small swimming pool. The conditions were perfect as well.

Tan Rou’s room was connected to the balcony on the top floor. It was sunny and had a great view.

“What a coincidence, Miss Tan Rou.” Xiao Mo pushed Zhuang Liu out from the balcony of the villa next door. “I didn’t expect to see you here.”

Tan Rou was also very surprised. Why would Zhuang Liu appear here? Wasn’t he a busy man?

Chapter 260 Zhuang Liu’s Assumptions

“Xiao Rou.” Zhuang Liu smiled warmly. “What a coincidence.”

Tan Rou was surprised to see him. "Why are you here?"

'Could it be that he followed me here? No way! I only found out about this resort when I arrived here. How did Zhuang Liu get the news in advance?'

"When I heard you were going on a vacation, I remembered that I haven't been on vacation in a long time. I got Xiao Mo to book a room at the resort. I didn't expect to be neighbors with you." Zhuang Liu explained.

In fact, he had booked rooms in all the resorts available. He also sent people to keep an eye on Tan Rou's family. As soon as they left in the morning, Zhuang Liu's car was already on the road. Ultimately, because Tan Jing's appearance delayed them, he arrived earlier than them.

"Oh, then, have a good rest."

Zhuang Liu saw that she had no intention of inviting him, so he planned to strike first.

Just as he was about to speak, Mrs. Tao's voice came from downstairs. "Tan Rou, We're going to have a picnic."

Tan Rou hurriedly bid Zhuang Liu farewell. "Third Master, I'll be leaving first. My mother is calling for me."

"Go ahead." Zhuang Liu did not insist on keeping her either. "Have fun."

"You too."

After Tan Rou left, the pressure around Zhuang Liu dropped. Xiao Mo braced himself and pushed him down the stairs. Fortunately, the resort had an elevator.

"Miss Tan Rou's parents don't look like ordinary employees and housewives." Xiao Mo voiced his doubts. "People who earn less than 50,000 a month wouldn't come here for leisure. I don't think Miss Tan Rou's father even earns 50,000 a month."

"The Tao family... The Tao family of the Capital..." Zhuang Liu thought of these two families. "Which family owns this resort?"

Xiao Mo said, "The Tao family from the Capital invested in this resort" He was enlightened.

"Could it be..."

"It's just an assumption. I think I saw Tan Song and his daughter when I came."

"The person in charge of the Tao family from the Capital is here today."

Xiao Mo continued, "The Tao family from the Capital started to get in touch with the Tan family when they broke off the engagement with you."

They were rivals and partners in business, and their whereabouts were very important. As Xiao Mo's personal assistant, he needed to know the whereabouts of their opponents and partners and report them to Zhuang Liu.

"Why did Tan Song especially bring Tan Jing here?" Xiao Mo didn't understand.

“Could it be that Tan Song wants to groom Tan Jing into the heir of the Tan family? She’s of average and wouldn’t make a good businessman.”

“After breaking off the engagement with me, the Tao family from the capital came looking for them. No matter how you think about it, there’s something fishy about it.”

Zhuang Liu laughed. “Now that Tan Song brought Tan Jing out alone, it must be the request of the Tao family from the Capital.”

Xiao Mo’s brain worked a little faster this time. “It can’t be that Tan Jing wants to marry someone from that Tao family, right?”

“That’s not impossible.” Zhuang Liu said coldly.

“Ah?” Xiao Mo felt that his brain was not working properly again.

“Why would the Tao family from the Capital take a fancy to the tiny Tan family? Plus, does Tan Jing really have the qualifications to join the Tao family? I heard the Tao family is quite strict about getting a wife.”

“What if this is just a trap? How would you deal with the Tan family if you want to mess with them?” Zhuang Liu asked Xiao Mo.

“Make things difficult for them. Cut off their business and let them suffer without end to it.” Xiao Mo gave a simple answer.

“If it were me, I’d hold them up high first, then throw them down ruthlessly into a bottomless pit. They will never be able to relive their glory ever again.”

Xiao Mo was a little scared. As expected of the Third Young Master, Xiao Mo was too simple-minded.

Find out what Tan Song said to the people he met.” Zhuang Liu instructed.

“I’ll look it up now.” Xiao Mo went out first.

Zhuang Liu was bored staying in his room alone. He had come after Tan Rou. Now that Tan Rou was not around, he had no interest in staying alone in his room. He controlled his wheelchair to go out and look for Tan Rou.

Not long after, he found Tan Rou’s family on an open grassland. There weren’t many people at the resort now, so only their family was there. They had already prepared everything and started a picnic.