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Chapter 931 Who Did It?

Qiao Nan got in the car and the car drove off.

The three of them seemed to be the only people present when this happened. So the problem was who took the photo?!

The more Yu Xiaoxiao thought about it, the more alarmed she was. She tried to stop herself from gazing at Lü Yan and Tang Jiayun, but she could not stop herself from doubting them. “Tang Jiayun, you seem to be the only person in our dormitory who owns a camera, no?”

Tang Jiayun flicked her hair, giving her reply nonchalantly. “So what if I have a camera? You are not the only person to know that I have a camera. Someone has borrowed the camera from me. Lü Yan, isn’t that so?”

Lü Yan nodded.

Tang Jiayun continued after receiving Lü Yan’s answer. “Qiao Nan and Shi Qing made it sound as if it is very serious. But I am not sure whether they were telling the truth and I don’t intend to find out. No matter what, this has nothing to do with me. I will not be sent to prison either. It is such a hot day. One feels sleepy after lunch. I will take a nap.”

Yu Xiaoxiao could not set her heart at ease. “Is Qiao Nan after the mastermind? It has been posted online and this happened yesterday. Is it possible to catch the person? This will affect the school. Even if Qiao Nan is innocent, at most, the school will clear up the misunderstanding. There is no way that it will be blown up. What did Qiao Nan mean when she said that someone will have to go to jail? I don’t seem to understand.”

If Qiao Nan was really a kept woman, she most probably would not be able to stay in Peking University.

If the thread was untrue, the school would block the thread, find out who the sender was, and make the person apologized to Qiao Nan, giving them a demerit. If the school was unable to find out who the mastermind was, Qiao Nan would be forced to keep her grievances to herself.

It was difficult to catch the culprit who uploaded the thread.

Why did Qiao Nan sound so confident? What made her so certain that the school would take charge and get to the bottom of this matter?

Yu Xiaoxiao and the rest of them were unfamiliar with the internet. They believed that it was difficult to catch the person who posted the photo online.

Lü Yan looked at Tang Jiayun. “Tang Jiayun, you are the most knowledgeable person here. There are a lot of internet cafes nowadays. Is it easy to find out who posted the thread? Why do I feel that it seems to be finding a needle in a haystack? I am sure Qiao Nan was just bluffing.”

Tang Jiayun flicked her hair. “I don’t care if Qiao Nan was bluffing or if it is finding a needle in a haystack. Qiao Nan is willing to go to all that trouble. It has nothing to do with us. Although one can hide one’s identity online, I heard that professionals are capable of getting through all barriers. It depends on whether Qiao Nan is able to find an expert to solve her problem. I heard that hackers are good at this. If Qiao Nan is simply bluffing, she will be busying herself to no purpose. If she is not bluffing, the person who sends the thread will have to be careful.”

Yu Xiaoxiao sized up a relaxed Tang Jiayun. School had just started. Qiao Nan might have a complicated background, but she was very quiet in school and did not have any enemy in school.

Come to think of it, Tang Jiayun was the only person in the entire school who was against Qiao Nan.

The three of them used to ostracize Qiao Nan. Yu Xiaoxiao felt that Tang Jiayun seemed to be very suspicious.

Tang Jiayun was drinking from a glass of water. She turned angry at Yu Xiaoxiao’s doubtful glances. “Stop looking at me. This has nothing to do with me. I am different from all of you. It is rare that Qiao Nan has such opportunities. I won’t do anything to offend her. One must be foolish to do that. Right now, not only will I not offend Qiao Nan, but I also want to befriend her.”

Unfortunately, Yu Xiaoxiao was right about one thing. Qiao Nan did not have a good temper. She would not accept Tang Jiayun’s apology and forget about what Tang Jiayun did to her previously or to be friends with her.

No matter what, now was the chance for her to be close to Qiao Nan.

The kept woman scandal would not die down easily. Right now, everyone avoided Qiao Nan and cast weird glances at her. She believed that if she provided help in Qiao Nan's hour of need, she would eventually warm up to her.

Tang Jiayun hummed a song relaxedly. She got onto the bed, getting ready for her afternoon nap.

Yu Xiaoxiao sucked in her breath. Tang Jiayun did not give a direct answer to Lü Yan's question. But from what she said, if Qiao Nan was capable, she would be able to find out who posted the thread.

Despite knowing about this, Tang Jiayun was very relaxed. Perhaps this really had nothing to do with Tang Jiayun.

Yu Xiaoxiao was still puzzling over the matter when Lü Yan sat close to her. "Yu Xiaoxiao, I am puzzled. It is just a thread. Why does it seem to be a serious matter? If this is true, Qiao Nan will be too ashamed to stay in Peking University. She would not tarnish the school's reputation. Even if the thread is untrue, it is simply a misunderstanding. Why is Qiao Nan so wicked to say that the person is courting death? We are classmates. We may be curious, but we do not have any malicious intentions. Her words were too harsh."

Yu Xiaoxiao shot Lü Yan a disdainful look. "Talk is cheap. If this is untrue and Qiao Nan is unable to clear up the misunderstanding, would she be able to study at Peking University? She has only been to Peking University for a month. If she is expelled, it will ruin her entire life. How can one simply say that it is a misunderstanding? Tell me, who is being wicked here?"

Yu Xiaoxiao sighed. "As her roommates, we should stand on her side. But after what happened previously, I will not do anything lest Qiao Nan misunderstands that I am gloating. Qiao Nan is really unlucky. I hope that she can clear up the misunderstanding and the truth will come to light. Who is so wicked to upload the thread? Isn't the person afraid of retribution?"

No matter how she looked at it, Qiao Nan did not have any immoral or ambiguous relationship with the older man.

On the contrary, Qiao Nan was full of respect when she saw the man. It was as if he was her elder. "Lü Yan, do you think that the man may be Qiao Nan's relative or Shi Qing's relative, and he was here to fetch Qiao Nan on behalf of Shi Qing?"

“I-I don’t know.” Lü Yan’s eyes darted about. She was guilt-stricken.

Both Yu Xiaoxiao and Tang Jiayun did not give her a definitive answer.

What she did not understand was that it was just a thread. Why was there a need to mobilize everyone and kick up a fuss? One had freedom of speech in China. Everyone was simply making one’s comments. It was nothing much.

That being said, Qiao Nan was too overbearing and bad-tempered.

Yu Xiaoxiao widened the distance between Lü Yan and her. “Lü Yan, when did you start to stutter? You have been stuttering all day. You seemed to be very concerned about this, particularly about the person who posted the thread. You...”

Chapter 932 Did Not Intend to Cause so Much Trouble

“Don’t talk nonsense. This has nothing to do with me. I am just asking.”

Lü Yan shifted her chair to the original position, keeping a distance from Yu Xiaoxiao.

“Are you sure it has nothing to do with you?” Yu Xiaoxiao found it hard to believe. Initially, she thought that the culprit must be Tang Jiayun. However, Tang Jiayun behaved as if it had nothing to do with her and she did not care at all. On the contrary, Lü Yan seemed to be very concerned about it.

“Of course. It has nothing to do with me.” Lü Yan took out her book, grabbed a pen, and began to copy information into the book. “I am concerned and curious because Qiao Nan used to stay in the same dormitory as us. It’s alright if this is untrue. If not, I will be too ashamed to tell others that Qiao Nan has been staying in the same dormitory as me for half a month. You may feel that there is nothing wrong with Qiao Nan, but I think she is behaving weirdly. If the thread is true, the older man is Qiao Nan’s financial backer. It is not surprising that Qiao Nan fawns over her financial backer. I feel that it is very normal. This shows that Qiao Nan has a guilty conscience.”

Lü Yan rattled on like a machine gun, dissing Qiao Nan. Yu Xiaoxiao gaped in shock. “...”

This was weird. Something was wrong about Lü Yan.

In the past, when Tang Jiayun egged them to ostracize Qiao Nan, Lü Yan would not go to this extent to push all the blame to Qiao Nan.

Most importantly, Yu Xiaoxiao could not accept what Lü Yan said.

Yu Xiaoxiao let out a breath. She had no wish to talk to Lü Yan and focused her attention on her textbooks.

“Yu Xiaoxiao, are you angry?”

After a long while, Lü Yan felt embarrassed and asked Yu Xiaoxiao.

Tang Jiayun had fallen asleep. Lü Yan lowered her voice for fear that she would disturb Tang Jiayun and the latter would lose her temper.

Yu Xiaoxiao did not look at Lü Yan. “I am not angry. There’s nothing to be angry about. Now, Qiao Nan should be the person who is furious. I have no idea whether the thread is true or false, but the person who posted the thread had better pray that Qiao Nan was bluffing. If not, instead of Qiao Nan, the person who posted the thread will be expelled by Peking University.”

Lü Yan lost her grip on her pen and it made a long marking on the book. “Is it that serious? Peking University does not belong to Qiao Nan. Why would she have the final say?”

“She may not have the final say, but the principal has the final say.” Yu Xiaoxiao sneered. “There is more to come.”

Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan thought that Tang Jiayun was fast asleep. To their surprise, she sat up suddenly and lay on her stomach. She blinked at Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan. “I finally figured out something.”

“What is it?” Lü Yan paused and asked.

“It doesn’t matter whether the thread is true or false. The sender has to leave Peking University. The only difference is whether they will leave by themselves or Qiao Nan will leave school as well.”

“W-why?!” Why would Qiao Nan be able to stay while the sender had to be expelled?

Both Lü Yan and Yu Xiaoxiao were puzzled. “That’s right. What is the reason?”

“Are you a fool? Lü Yan, didn’t you check and find out that the brand of the car is very expensive? Do you think ordinary folks will be able to drive this type of car? The thread has caught Qiao Nan as well as the car owner in the photo. I have thought of a possibility. Qiao Nan kept saying that the sender is doomed. Perhaps it has nothing to do with her. She was referring to the man in the photo!”

Tang Jiayun felt that she had made a very reasonable analysis. “Qiao Nan doesn’t have the habit of bluffing. I feel that the problem lies with the man. We are bound for a good show. I feel much better now that I have figured it out. I shall sleep now.”

Hehehe. True enough, Qiao Nan had her ways. The people that she knew were rich and powerful. They were related to the principal of Peking University and the principal had to expel the students for that reason.

Awesome!

Now that this had happened, Tang Jiayun was all the more certain that she had to win Qiao Nan’s favor and mix with her.

She had always thought that she was the leader in the dormitory. She did not expect that Qiao Nan turned out to be the hidden talent.

Tang Jiayun felt better now that she had figured out the problem and was able to sleep well. But her words had given someone a fright.

Man proposes, God disposes. Lü Yan never expected that the problem was not with Qiao Nan but was with the man in the photo.

The more Lü Yan thought about it, the more fearful she was. She could not control her tears and they streaked down her face.

“You...” Yu Xiaoxiao knew right away from Lü Yan’s reaction to what was going on. She was exasperated that she was at a loss for words.

“Tang Jiayun, you can’t sleep. Don’t think that this has nothing to do with you. You are the one who lent me the camera. Without your camera, would I be able to take the photo? Therefore, if anything crops up, you have to bear responsibility as well.” Lü Yan was not scared of Qiao Nan. But she was fearful of the owner of the Land Rover.

It was not easy to get into Peking University and a new term had just started. If she was expelled by the school, her future would be ruined. Lü Yan was scared stiff.

“You may be crazy, but you can’t drag others down with you. So what if I lent you my camera? Did I tell you to take the photo? According to what you said, does it mean that if a murderer uses a fruit knife to murder people, then the person who sells the knife has to go to jail? You must be crazy!” Tang Jiayun glared at Lü Yan and slapped her hands away.

Lü Yan was the one who committed foolish deeds, yet she wanted her to suffer as well. Lü Yan must be out of her mind. She had confessed without being pressed. “Let me warn you. I heard nothing of what you said just now. I don’t know you have issues with Qiao Nan. Do you understand?”

Tang Jiayun no longer felt sleepy after the commotion that Lü Yan made.

It was true that she had a camera and had lent it to Lü Yan.

But it was Lü Yan who wanted to take the photo and it was Lü Yan who posted the thread secretly. She did not make any comments throughout. How dared Lü Yan push the blame on her?

Qiao Nan must have come out from the principal’s office by now. Tang Jiayun came down from the bed. She went to the restroom to remove her makeup.

Her good friend was in trouble, so how could she put on makeup?

It was rare that Tang Jiayun did not put on makeup. She hummed a song and left the dormitory in a happy mood. She did not care that Lü Yan had cried so much that her eyes were swollen.

“Yu Xiaoxiao, what should I do? Who do you think is the man in the photo?” Lü Yan wiped her tears and looked toward Yu Xiaoxiao. “I-I did not mean any harm. I just couldn’t stand Qiao Nan’s behavior. She has tarnished the reputation of Peking University.”

Chapter 933 Must Be Dealt With Immediately

“I-I only wanted everyone to know about it so that they would not be deceived by Qiao Nan. I mean no harm. It is the truth. I mean no harm.”

Regardless of what she said, Yu Xiaoxiao did not believe Lü Yan’s words.

Given what was written on the thread, she would not believe that she meant no harm. She was out to destroy Qiao Nan!

Yu Xiaoxiao crossed her hands about her chest. “What follows after?”

“Will you help me?” Lü Yan looked at Yu Xiaoxiao through teary eyes. “Please help me explain to Qiao Nan. I have good intentions, but it turns out the opposite way. I will delete the thread immediately. I will apologize to her. Can you persuade her not to blow things up or look into it?”

Yu Xiaoxiao snorted. “Qiao Nan has turned infamous in school overnight because of your thread. You should have seen everyone’s attitude toward Qiao Nan. You have tarnished her reputation. Do you think things will be alright if you apologize to Qiao Nan?” She was not that shameless to make this request of Qiao Nan.

“Xiaoxiao, y-you have to help me. Tang Jiayun was the one who lent me the camera. Why is it that she is absolved from this and I have to bear full responsibility? If not for Tang Jiayun, I would not be displeased with Qiao Nan.” Tang Jiayun was the person who started everything. She was influenced by her. Tang Jiayun had to bear a bigger responsibility.

Yu Xiaoxiao let out a breath. “It is no wonder that Qiao Nan wanted to move out of the dormitory. She is not foolish. She is smarter than me. Lü Yan, we are roommates. If you really feel that reason is on your side and that the faults lie with others, you can sit here and pray that Qiao Nan could not find evidence of your participation. You can pretend that you have not done anything. If Qiao Nan finds out the truth and wants you to answer for it, try telling her what you said to me just now, and we shall see if she is willing to accept it or not.”

“Xiaoxiao?” Lü Yan widened her eyes in shock.

“Hehehe.” Yu Xiaoxiao laughed, a glint of mockery in her eyes. “I suppose you know that what you said is totally absurd, yet you tried to coax me to explain to Qiao Nan on your behalf. Fine, you are vicious. Everyone is a fool while you are the only smart person. I am too foolish. I am fearful of being with such a smart person like you.”

Yu Xiaoxiao walked off after that.

The library was a better place than her dormitory. Hopefully, there were empty seats there.

Yu Xiaoxiao knew very well that she was not Qiao Nan and she did not have friends like Shi Qing. It was not an easy task to change her dormitory, and it was a faraway dream to think of moving out.

Since she had two terrible roommates, the only thing that she could do was to follow in Qiao Nan’s footsteps-keeping a distance from her roommates. It was better to be a loner than to mingle with evil-natured people.

On the other hand, after the thread had been posted, the teachers at Peking University learned about it, knowing that it would have a bad impact on the school and they worked quickly to think of ways to resolve it.

Unlike the other students, the teachers at Peking University would not sentence Qiao Nan guilty solely because of a photo.

In the photo, Qiao Nan did not behave inappropriately, and the two of them kept a respectful distance from each other. Moreover, one could tell from Qiao Nan’s expression that she was being prim and proper. Besides, Qiao Nan always had good results and she participated in the work-study program. The school had just started, but Qiao Nan did not once slack in her work.

Qiao Nan had not been seen behaving abnormally in school. Her clothes looked simple and ordinary, definitely not branded. Her clothes did not seem to be brand new, but they were clean and tidy.

In addition, Qiao Nan had not been seen wearing luxury goods or belongings that were beyond her financial circumstances.

Many students had cell phones but Qiao Nan did not. She would use the phone when she needed to make a call.

She was just an ordinary student. It was a serious matter to say that she was a kept woman. It was not something that could be said easily of someone.

If the thread was true, the public would misunderstand that there was something wrong with Peking University. If the thread was untrue, the public would still feel that Peking University had bad school ethos as one of their students had maligned an innocent student.

The teachers were concerned and worried that their students would malign their peers.

Therefore, having heard about this incident, several teachers at Peking University had a discussion to come up with solutions.

They were experienced in life and knew that students like Qiao Nan could not have behavioral problems.

They could not find Qiao Nan guilty based on a photo. Similarly, they could not determine right away that Qiao Nan was innocent. The best solution was to talk to Qiao Nan and find out who the man in the photo was.

Perhaps they would be able to tell whether the thread was true after finding out the man's identity.

Before the teachers sent someone to look for Qiao Nan, Qiao Nan had already come looking for them. "You must be Qiao Nan. You have come at the right time. We need to ask you some questions."

From Qiao Nan's anxious look, the teachers in the discussion group knew that Qiao Nan must have heard about the thread. "Qiao Nan, can you tell us who the man in the photo is?"

"He is my elder."

"Oh..." So he was her elder. "Does your dad know this elder of yours?" The teachers could not take Qiao Nan's words at face value. They had to verify with Qiao Nan's parents.

“Yes.” Chief Zhai was her father-in-law. How could he not know him?

“Then, what is your house’s telephone number? If you don’t mind, we want to...” The teachers at Peking University felt relieved at Qiao Nan’s answer. It was good that she was not a kept woman. After all, compared to students who maligned their fellow classmates, it was worse to have students who were a kept woman, and it would have a larger impact on the school.

“Teacher, calling my dad to verify whether the man is my elder is not important right now. What is important now is to block the thread and delete the photo. The photo itself has a larger impact than the contents of the thread! If possible, can you contact the principal?”

Qiao Nan was in a hurry. If this was not put to a stop, Peking University and the government might step in.

“What do you mean?” The teachers did not understand Qiao Nan’s meaning. “Will the photo cause such dire consequences?”

Qiao Nan hit her forehead. She did not let the teachers know of her relationship with her father-in-law. She only said that he was her elder. She dared not reveal her father-in-law’s identity anyhow. “Teacher, you have to believe me. You have to deal with the thread right away. We must not allow the students at Peking University to keep discussing the thread, and they must not be allowed to forward it to the public. We have to delete the photo right away.”

Chapter 934 Method to Deal with It As Soon As Possible

Qiao Nan did not wish for this incident to affect Peking University or tarnish the reputation of the Zhai family.

Qiao Nan looked anxious. She had already said that the man in the photo was her elder and her father knew about it. The teachers could verify with her father anytime.

Since they were certain that the thread was untrue, even if Qiao Nan did not tell them of the serious consequences, they were willing to block and delete the thread.

It was not difficult to delete the thread. What was difficult was to stop the students in Peking University from discussing this false thread.

Among the teachers who were in the discussion group, one of them was from the computing faculty. After ascertaining that they could do so, the teacher clicked on the school forum to block and delete the thread.

While the teacher was blocking and deleting the thread, other teachers went on to calm Qiao Nan down. “The thread will no longer be an issue. Qiao Nan, there is no need to be so uptight about it or warn us about the serious consequences. Rest assured. We will not allow our students to malign other students. We will uphold justice. Our teachers will post on the school forum, proving to everyone that the man in the photo is your elder.”

The teachers had the idea that in order to reduce the impact the thread had on her, Qiao Nan was exaggerating about the consequences.

Qiao Nan felt like crying at the teachers who had kind intentions but were ignorant of the real truth. “Teacher, to be honest, he is really my elder and my dad knows him. Back then, I stayed in the quad in Ping Cheng. My grandpa used to be a veteran revolutionary. This elder of mine is not an ordinary person. He came to the capital to attend a meeting in the central government regarding the National Day.”

They should understand the severity by now!

He must be an important figure to attend a meeting in the central government.

Furthermore, most of the families who lived in the quad had revolutionaries background.

Several teachers fell from their seats. Actually, several professors in Peking University were part of the central government. They even had connections with the central government. Their principal was one of them.

The problem was that all of them present were not part of the central government!

Besides, it was just a scandal regarding one of their students who was said to be a kept woman.

There were many such incidents in other schools as well. Besides, this was not the first time that this had happened in Peking University, and all of the past incidents had been settled satisfactorily. But why was an official in the central government embroiled in this?

“Q-Qiao Nan, do you know what you are talking about?” This was a very serious matter. If the government official was really embroiled in the scandal, the culprit might have to face a lawsuit.

The teachers could not help but berate Qiao Nan for her impulsiveness. “Qiao Nan, we have already said that after verifying with your father, the school will uphold justice and let everyone know that the post is untrue. There is no need for you to...”

Qiao Nan had a bitter smile on her face. The Zhai family was based in Ping Cheng. Her father-in-law needed to travel around for his work, and he seldom stayed in a place for long. He rarely spent time in the capital.

In her two lifetimes, the Zhai family and her family stayed in the same quad and the people in the quad were familiar with the situation in the Zhai family.

Otherwise, if she was to run into the Zhai family by chance, she would not have known that the Zhai family held very important positions in China and in the central government. At most, she would feel that the Zhai family seemed to exude the righteousness aura of a soldier.

Therefore, Qiao Nan was not surprised that the teachers in Peking University could not recognize her father-in-law in the photo.

Qiao Nan believed that the teachers would not be able to recognize her father-in-law, but she was certain that as the principal of Peking University, he must know about her father-in-law.

They needed someone who had connections to handle this matter.

“How about...” Qiao Nan seemed to be very serious. What she said might be true.

“Hurry, give the principal a call.”

The teachers in the discussion group quickly made a phone call to the principal. Although it was hard to believe that a student in the work-study program would have a senior government official in the family, they could not take the risk.

What if something happened? Who would take the responsibility?

Qiao Nan waited while the teachers worked on this matter, hoping that they would make sure that nobody was affected. On the other hand, Lü Yan waited anxiously for what was to happen.

Lü Yan never thought of achieving anything when she posted the thread. She never meant for Qiao Nan to be expelled because of the thread.

She thought that once Qiao Nan's reputation was tarnished, Shi Qing would look down on her and stop being friends with her. By then, Qiao Nan would no longer be able to take advantage of Shi Qing.

It took Lü Yan a lot of hard work to get into Peking University. She was not evil-natured to the point of plotting against Qiao Nan such that she would be expelled.

One could only say that Lü Yan was too simple-minded. She did not expect that the post would result in such serious consequences.

If the party concerned was someone else, Lü Yan might be right to think that the scandal would die down eventually and nothing serious would happen.

In fact, it would not turn serious if Qiao Nan was the only person who was implicated in this incident. However, the problem was that she had taken a photo of Zhai Yaohui and made untrue comments about the photo.

In short, Lü Yan had been blind to provoke people that she should not have provoked.

Tang Jiayun and Yu Xiaoxiao were not in the dormitory. Lü Yan did not dare to stay in the dormitory by herself. She found a place and paid some money to go online to check the latest developments.

After switching on the computer, Lü Yan did nothing but stare at the thread that she posted, checking if there were any latest developments.

Lü Yan was not in the mood to read through the comments that other people made regarding her thread. She wished that she could mute all those people who commented and were out to watch the show.

If not for these people who commented on the thread, it would not have been among the widely commented threads. Things would not have blown up and she would not have been anxious and worried about the consequences.

While Lü Yan was looking through the forum, she realized that her thread was missing.

Lü Yan blinked several times. She used her mouse to refresh a couple of times. She was sure that the thread was still on the forum one second ago. However, it was gone the next moment.

Lü Yan refreshed several times, but she still could not find her thread. Lü Yan returned to the first page of the forum to check. The thread was widely commented on. She remembered that it was on the first page of the forum and among the first few threads. It would not be difficult to find the thread.

But even so, Lü Yan could not see her thread.

Initially, she refused to believe in fate. She tried to search for the thread but to no avail!

Chapter 935 Kick Out the Black Sheep

While Lü Yan kept refreshing, she noticed that many other people had also noticed that the most talked-about thread had been deleted, and therefore, they opened another thread to discuss it.

The strange thing was that once the thread had been opened, it would be deleted at the speed of light in the next second.

Not only that, the person who started the new thread had been muted. He had to register for a new sockpuppet to post a comment, asking what exactly was going on.

This thread of his had not been blocked though.

Every new thread that commented about Lü Yan's original thread was deleted instantly and the owner would be muted. Thereafter, the system would notify them of the reason for the actions.

While the new threads were being deleted, the school sent a public thread. It stated that the contents of the previous thread were fabricated and untrue. The thread not only caused inconvenience for the people in the photo, but it also shamed the school.

The school also criticized all the students who left comments in the thread. These people were ignorant and followed the herd despite not knowing the truth. The school could not believe that students of Peking University would have such bad behavior.

The school stated briefly that one of the people in the photo was the elder of the other person in the photo. It then went on to lecture the students on their uncalled for behavior. Everyone who commented on the post felt ashamed and embarrassed that they had let the country down and wasted the country's effort to nurture them.

All of the accounts that were muted received notifications that it was only a temporary measure.

If the account holder continued to engage in such discussions and had behavior that was not befitting of students of Peking University, the account would be blocked permanently.

The official thread lectured the students for their morally wrong behavior and it sent a strong signal that the school was serious about this matter. This was to intimidate those who had gone way overboard.

This was Peking University after all. There were students who followed the crowd and there were students who were rational and calm.

The 'kept woman scandal' died down in no time.

To others, the scandal was finally over, but to certain students, the real storm had yet to come.

After verifying with the principal of Peking University, the teachers in the discussion group knew about Zhai Yaohui.

Qiao Nan also told the teachers on that day that Zhai Yaohui was her elder. He came to the capital with his wife, but his wife was sick, so she was asked to take care of her.

No man would ask his kept woman to take care of his wife. It was ridiculous.

When the teachers found out that Qiao Nan got into the car on Chief Zhai's request to take care of Madam Zhai, they felt like putting an end to the student who posted the thread.

The lady was the wife of the chief. They had just arrived in the capital. Now that Madam Zhai was sick, it was easy to hire someone to take care of her.

Chief Zhai must have asked Qiao Nan to take care of his wife as the two families were close. Given that Qiao Nan had connections with such an influential family, there was no need for her to be someone's kept woman.

Qiao Nan needed to work while she studied at Peking University. But given her relationship with the Zhai family, as long as she worked harder in her studies, she would be able to gain so much more in the future.

Regardless of how foolish someone was, they would not do such self-destructing and stupid behavior of being someone's kept woman. Students from Peking University would not do such things.

"Qiao Nan, you have good writing skills. Why did you go to the foreign languages faculty instead of our Chinese faculty?" Actually, it was Qiao Nan who posted the public thread online.

Qiao Nan felt angry at her situation and she typed furiously on the keyboard.

"I am more interested in foreign languages." Qiao Nan took a breath. "Did we manage to trace the ID of the person who posted the thread?" Qiao Nan wanted to know who uploaded the photo and made such harsh comments.

Several teachers with relevant expertise were busy finding out the identity of the sender. "The ID has been traced. It was sent using a computer in the internet café near our school. We should be able to determine which internet café it was. Anyway, everyone who goes online must use their identity

card. It will not be difficult to check.” There was a record of everything. There was no way to escape.

Since Zhai Yaohui was an important figure, the principal of Peking University was very serious about getting to the bottom of the matter.

The principal of Peking University was occupied with matters regarding National Day. If not, he would have made a trip to the school and made sure that the teachers did a thorough investigation. The school could not allow any of the people who were behind the scandal to get away with it.

It was terrible of their students to malign their fellow peers. They had bad morals.

What was worse was that it involved the country’s important government official. This was no longer an issue of whether it was serious or not. Instead, it was a sensitive issue. More importantly, the principal of Peking University not only had to answer to Qiao Nan but also to Zhai Yaohui.

After Qiao Nan managed to delete the forum thread, she made a report to Zhai Yaohui straightaway, lest he was caught off guard by unforeseen circumstances.

Miao Jing, who had recovered from her cold, sat beside Zhai Yaohui. She heard the conversation and was boiling with anger.

Her husband fetched her daughter-in-law to take care of her who was sick. A student of Peking University was so wicked to fabricate lies and cause harm to Qiao Nan. The college students nowadays were terrible.

Miao Jing was already in the capital. But even so, the principal of Peking University took a while before he figured out Zhai Yaohui’s relationship to Qiao Nan.

The freshman of Peking University was already engaged and her fiancé was an important figure. The most ridiculous thing was that Qiao Nan’s future father-in-law was the subject of the first scandal surrounding Qiao Nan since she went to the school.

The principal of Peking University felt like tearing apart the culprit after finding out Qiao Nan’s relationship to the Zhai family.

Qiao Nan was being filial by meeting her in-laws and taking care of her mother-in-law who was sick. But why did the thread make it sound so indecent and immoral?

Since the principal of Peking University was bent on finding out the culprit, the teachers worked extra hard to think of ways to find out who the culprit was.

The principal had issued strict orders. People who affected the unity of the students and defamed and framed one's fellow classmates were unworthy to be a student of Peking University. They had to find out who the culprit was and remove the bad apple from the whole bunch!

After tracing the ID, the teachers made a booking and rushed to the internet café at their fastest speed.

Chapter 936 Driven to Tears

The programs in the internet café were all preconfigured. Regardless of what this computer had been used for, many things could not be retrieved.

Nevertheless, this kind of matter was difficult for others but not professional teachers like them.

The thread about the kept woman was also posted in the forum with a new ID. It seemed that the ID was registered specifically for this purpose. Precisely, the profile and information of this ID were messy because of this reason. There was nothing authentic about them.

After confirming the computer, the teachers in the school requested the boss of the internet café to do some investigations, especially on who came to the internet café in the middle of the night on the day before and used said computer.

Under the special request of Qiao Nan, Qiao Nan was present to witness the entire process.

When Qiao Nan saw the information on the identity card, she was stunned. "I-impossible."

"Qiao Nan, do you know this female student? Yu Xiaoxiao. The name is not bad but her behavior is too ugly." The teacher shook his head continuously. He could not understand what was wrong with the students nowadays. They dared to make up a story without any basis. They also expressed their imagination with such reasoning and proof as though the story was true.

“Similar to me, she is from the Faculty of Foreign Languages. During the military training, we stayed in the same dormitory.” Although she did not interact with Yu Xiaoxiao much, it was hard for her to imagine that Yu Xiaoxiao was the one who posted that kind of thread.

She was aware that for the sake of personal interest, Yu Xiaoxiao was selfish and had a certain mentality. However, she did not think that Yu Xiaoxiao was too much when she behaved that way.

However, if this thread had been posted by Yu Xiaoxiao, she could only say that she had judged the person wrongly in the past. Yu Xiaoxiao was too good at putting up a false front.

Upon hearing that this student by the name of Yu Xiaoxiao had such a complicated relationship with Qiao Nan and recalling that Qiao Nan was now staying outside the school, the teachers’ expressions looked more colorful than ever.

The few ladies in this dormitory were already on bad terms previously and that was why Qiao Nan moved out? This student by the name of Yu Xiaoxiao could not take it lying down, so she acted foolishly and played such a malicious and low-class prank?

“Do you still wish to follow us?” The teacher sought Qiao Nan’s opinion. If this had been done by her former dormitory mate, most likely, the other party would not have any good things to say if they were to question her in the face.

The principal had given orders to allow Qiao Nan to participate in the whole process. Even if it was out of kindness, these teachers dared not casually decide on whether Qiao Nan should continue to follow through the case or not.

“Yes.” Of course, she had to go. She very much wanted to know what the truth of the matter regarding the thread was.

Of course, at such a time, the teachers did not have to look for the student. They just needed to issue a notification and naturally, the student would report to the office abidingly.

When she entered the office, Yu Xiaoxiao was wearing a puzzled expression. Why did the teacher summon her without an apparent reason? “I am reporting.”

“Come in.”

“Counselor...” The counselor was not the only one present. The others in the office now were teachers. At this sight, Yu Xiaoxiao felt more confused. In particular, when she saw Qiao Nan sitting amongst them, two question marks nearly appeared in Yu Xiaoxiao’s eyes. “Counselor, you requested my presence. Is there any matter?”

As the counselor of Qiao Nan’s class, the expression of this teacher was very solemn. “Yu Xiaoxiao, recently, there was a thread that gave rise to much discussion in the school. Do you know about it?”

“Yes.” Yu Xiaoxiao even gave Qiao Nan a glance.

“Let me ask you then. A few nights ago, did you go to this internet café?”

“Go online? No, I don’t have a habit of going online.” Yu Xiaoxiao denied it immediately. Unless the classes warranted it, she typically did not touch the computer, let alone go online at an internet café.

The counselor raised his brows. “You didn’t go to the internet café?”

“That’s right.”

“Why did the internet café have records of your identity card registration and information then? See for yourself. The person who used this computer to go online the day before... Is this your identity card?!” The counselor threw the evidence in front of Yu Xiaoxiao. “Don’t try to deny it. The information cannot be erased. If you have really done this, quickly admit to your wrongdoing. If you did not do it, it is best that you clarify any misunderstanding and show us your evidence. The school is going to handle this matter strictly.”

Having been reprimanded so strictly by the counselor, tears welled up in Yu Xiaoxiao’s eyes.

This was the second occurrence. Since Yu Xiaoxiao came to college, this was the second time that she had been reprimanded so fiercely by a teacher. As for the first time, it happened when the school term had just started.

In the face of so many teachers, Yu Xiaoxiao dared not lose her temper. She also dared not treat the school as her home.

Based on the counselor's words, he was open to listening to her explanation. Of course, Yu Xiaoxiao wanted to prove her innocence.

She could not figure out why the counselor would say that the internet café had her identity card registration details. Clearly, she had not been to the internet café.

When Yu Xiaoxiao saw that the identity card on record truly belonged to her and the online timing, she pieced the puzzle and linked it to Lü Yan's behavior for the past two days. Yu Xiaoxiao was driven to tears by anger. "She's too much of a bully. No one will do this kind of thing."

She had confirmed through the horse's mouth that this thread regarding Qiao Nan being a kept woman was posted by Lü Yan.

However, Yu Xiaoxiao completely did not expect that besides borrowing Tang Jiayun's camera to take that photo, Lü Yan actually took her identity card in secret to go online!

Clearly, she already knew that Lü Yan did such a bad thing, but she did not intervene, and neither did she betray Lü Yan and tell Qiao Nan about what Lü Yan did. On the contrary, Lü Yan was good. She simply took her identity card to go online and make the school catch her red-handed.

At this moment, Yu Xiaoxiao regretted very much about not muttering a word regarding this yesterday after she knew the truth. She was thinking that, after all, Lü Yan was her dormitory mate. She would leave it to Lü Yan's fate whether she would be found out eventually.

At this very moment, Yu Xiaoxiao's condoning of Lü Yan's acts yesterday was truly a shot in her own foot and a smash in her own face.

If the counselor did not question her and give her a chance to explain, she would have already become Lü Yan's scapegoat. "Counselor, this matter was not done by me. However, this identity card belongs to me. Someone stole my identity card to go online and post that thread regarding Qiao Nan. This matter did not have anything to do with me. I know who did this!"

Since Lü Yan was not kind, Yu Xiaoxiao did not wish to be loyal to her as well.

If she did not clarify this matter, she would be in deep trouble because of Lü Yan. “Actually, this thread was posted by our dormitory mate, Lü Yan. She borrowed Tang Jiayun’s camera and took that photo. She also stole my identity card to go online to create the thread.”

Having said that, Yu Xiaoxiao then realized that Lü Yan, who seemed like a ‘yes-man’ and was most cowardly among the four dormitory mates, was so evil in her deeds.

With this matter alone, Lü Yan had smeared the names of all her three dormitory mates. None of them were spared!

“Lü Yan?” Fine, another student had been implicated. “Why did she do that? Are you certain that she was the one?”

Chapter 937 Refuse to Admit

Yu Xiaoxiao wiped away the tears on her face and said with certainty, “She was the one who did it. She had also admitted it yesterday. She had thought that Qiao Nan was a kept... a kept woman. She said that she specially did a check on the car in the photo and the car is extremely expensive. It costs even more than the average price of a property. When we were in the dormitory, she bad-mouthed Qiao Nan. As to why she did this, I am not sure. However, she is certainly the one who did this.”

Yu Xiaoxiao still had some sanity. Hence, she did not simply point out the reason for Lü Yan’s doing

A guess could not be simply taken as the fact this was what Yu Xiaoxiao learned from this matter.

As long as she could get herself out of the situation without any blemish, that would do.

In the future, she would not get involved in all these lousy matters!

Yu Xiaoxiao had it all planned. Nevertheless, the teachers in the office were also smart people and not stupid. The teacher asked directly, “Since you already knew yesterday who posted the thread and were certain that Lü Yan was the one, why didn’t you tell your counselor about it?”

Regardless of the authenticity of the content of the thread, a student should not judge this matter personally as their views might be subjective. This had stirred up such a huge storm.

“I...” Yu Xiaoxiao was at a loss for words. She did not know how to respond.

Since this matter did not affect her personally, she had chosen to ignore it.

This was despite Yu Xiaoxiao knowing in her heart that Qiao Nan was not that kind of person and that eighty to ninety percent of the thread’s content was false. She also expressed these thoughts in the dormitory yesterday.

However, talk and action were separate matters.

Lü Yan was the one who posted the thread. After she found out about it, she had persuaded Lü Yan but the latter refused to listen. What else could she do?

As a dormitory mate, Yu Xiaoxiao felt that she would have betrayed Lü Yan if she were to tell the counselor about this.

In addition, if this matter could quietly pass and she were to tell the counselor that Lü Yan was the one who posted the thread, most likely, the storm that had finally died down would return.

In short, this matter had little to do with Yu Xiaoxiao’s personal interest.

Since the matter had mostly died down, it was good for everyone.

If it was unfair, the one who did this should bear the responsibility. Anyway, she was not the one who needed to apologize to Qiao Nan.

Regarding a matter that did not involve her, of course, Yu Xiaoxiao would not treat it like one of her own. She would not feel anxious or eager to resolve it. She would rather watch the two parties concerned-Qiao Nan and Lü Yan -fight it out themselves.

Yu Xiaoxiao only needed to sit by one side and watch how the situation developed.

However, now, Lü Yan had silently smeared Yu Xiaoxiao’s name. Of course Yu Xiaoxiao had to tell the truth. At the very least, she would no longer help Lü Yan cover it up.

“The students nowadays...” At the sight of Yu Xiaoxiao’s attitude, although the teacher in the office did not know Yu Xiaoxiao’s previous thoughts, she felt that this kind of behavior was too cold and indifferent.

Initially, when they knew that Qiao Nan had settled the administrative arrangements to move out of the school, a few teachers inevitably wondered whether it was because Qiao Nan was too pampered and could not get along with her dormitory mates.

However, at this moment, none of the teachers had such thoughts.

First, there was Lü Yan who posted the thread to smear Qiao Nan’s name. Now, it was Yu Xiaoxiao who was cold and indifferent as she watched what was happening.

Who would tolerate staying in such a dormitory? They would certainly move out.

Yu Xiaoxiao’s face darkened, her head drooping badly. If there was a pit on the floor now, Yu Xiaoxiao would certainly crawl into it immediately.

Yesterday, she did not feel that she was wrong not to speak out about Qiao Nan and Lü Yan’s matter. However, now, before the eyes of so many teachers, Yu Xiaoxiao was too shameful to say all these.

“Alright, you can stand aside.” Since Yu Xiaoxiao said that Lü Yan was the one who did this, at the very least, they had to summon Lü Yan and question her clearly in order to confirm this accusation.

Hence, Lü Yan was the second one to be summoned to the office after Yu Xiaoxiao.

Upon hearing that the teacher had summoned her to the office, especially after Yu Xiaoxiao had gone over, Lü Yan was scared out of her wits. Her palms were perspiring nonstop.

When Lü Yan arrived at the entrance of the office, her face was as white as a sheet. She lifted her hand and knocked on the door. The sound of the knock was so soft that the teachers in the office nearly believed that the sound of someone knocking on the door had been their hallucination.

“Come in.” The counselor was a little uncertain when he shouted. After Lü Yan opened the door, like a little daughter-in-law, she kept her hands to herself as she threaded in step-by-step.

“Counselor...”

Just as Lü Yan wanted to ask the counselor why she was asked to come, she saw Yu Xiaoxiao standing by the side with an unfriendly face.

Out of anxiety, Lü Yan shouted guiltily. “Counselor, I don’t know what Yu Xiaoxiao told you. I just want to say that she was maligning me. I... I didn’t do that. It did not have anything to do with me!”

Yu Xiaoxiao, who was standing by the side and also feeling aggrieved, had been given a silent glare by Lü Yan. Moreover, Lü Yan’s eyes were filled with accusation. Yu Xiaoxiao was nearly driven mad by Lü Yan: This was really a good-for-nothing. If she had known that Lü Yan was someone like that, she would have helped Qiao Nan long ago.

“Oh, what do you think Yu Xiaoxiao said?” With Lü Yan’s self-confessing response, the counselor did not even need to differentiate whether Yu Xiaoxiao or Lü Yan was telling the truth.

If Lü Yan had not done or admitted it in front of Yu Xiaoxiao—although Yu Xiaoxiao was present in the office—why was she so anxious to deny something?

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Qiao Nan’s expression was cold. She cast a silent look at Lü Yan for a long time.

After all, Qiao Nan had stayed for less than twenty days in the dormitory. She had the least impression of Lü Yan. Until the day she moved out, Qiao Nan did not even know what kind of person Lü Yan was and how the latter’s character was.

Lü Yan did not like to talk much. She did not seem to have any views normally. She would always agree with whatever Tang Jiayun said. She would stand beside Yu Xiaoxiao like the latter’s shadow.

It was certainly hard to know a person’s temperament when she did not have a strong presence.

The ludicrous thing was that although Tang Jiayun had made things difficult for her, she was not as malicious as Lü Yan. It was fine that Lü Yan did not open her mouth. Once she did, she wanted to bite off a huge piece of flesh from her thigh!

Fortunately, she was wearing armor made of iron plates. Lü Yan did not manage to bite off a huge piece of flesh from her thigh. Instead, Lü Yan cracked all her own good teeth.

She deserved it!

Qiao Nan did not say anything. She just threw the piece of paper with the identity card information in front of Lü Yan.

Lü Yan was frightened and shocked to discover that Qiao Nan was also in the office. At the thought of Qiao Nan's harsh words previously, Lü Yan trembled with fear. She then falteringly squatted down and picked up the paper.

When she saw the contents clearly, her pupils shrank. She then understood why Yu Xiaoxiao was in the office and why she was staring at her so fiercely. It was as if she wanted to fight it out with her.

Lü Yan took a deep breath. "Counselor... Counselor, I don't understand."

Chapter 938 Truly a Big and Silly Fool

So what if they had this piece of information? This could only prove that Yu Xiaoxiao, and not her, was the one who went online. It did not have anything to do with her.

Qiao Nan tugged the corners of her lips. "Counselor, I have something on and will make a move first. I will have to continue to trouble you on the matter regarding the thread." Given Lü Yan's current attitude, Qiao Nan did not even have the mood to continue watching the show.

At this moment, Qiao Nan already knew in her heart who posted the thread, and so did the counselors.

Qiao Nan believed that as Zhai Yaohui was involved, the school would certainly not let Lü Yan off easily. This matter had to be pursued thoroughly. Thus, Lü Yan's denial was not important at all.

“Oh, okay.” The counselor regained his senses. “You have suffered in this matter. Don’t worry. The school will definitely settle this properly and give you a satisfactory outcome.”

The principal of Peking University did not tell Qiao Nan’s counselor about Zhai Yaohui’s identity and the relationship between Zhai Yaohui and Qiao Nan.

However, judging by the principal’s tone, the counselor already knew that he could not look down on Qiao Nan just because she was participating in the work-study program. On the contrary, he had to take Qiao Nan seriously.

“Thank you for your hard work then, counselor.” Seeing that the counselor was going to stand up and send her off, Qiao Nan shook her head. She then took her bag and left. “Right, counselor, please help me cancel the request for the work-study program. I feel that it is not quite appropriate to do that now.

Previously, she was staying in school and could still work and study at the same time.

Now, she had already moved out. If she were to continue with the program, she would eventually be challenged by others.

“Not... Alright, don’t worry. We will settle this for you.” The counselor initially wanted to say ‘not a problem to continue’. However, after considering it, he felt that Qiao Nan was quite right. Hence, he agreed.

At the sight that Qiao Nan was going to leave the office and slip away from her, Lü Yan could not help calling out to Qiao Nan to hold her back. “Qiao Nan, I am innocent. Although we have not been dormitory mates for a long time, you should know the kind of person I am. Can you help me explain to the counselor? Really, this matter does not have anything to do with me.”

Lü Yan’s eyes were filled with pleading. At this moment, she was caught in a dilemma. She could not admit it. She must not admit it.

If she were to admit it, she would be ruined.

The counselor had been lording over them but he behaved almost like a boot-licker in front of Qiao Nan. So, Qiao Nan was not threatening anyone. She was truly very capable.

As such, she was definitely not the one who posted that thread!

“It is not easy for my parents to support me in my studies. In particular, they borrowed money from others to let me come to the capital to enroll in the school. Qiao Nan, can you help me, please?”

“Are you sure that you want me to help you?” Qiao Nan halted her steps and looked at Lü Yan straight in the eye.

Lü Yan’s eyes lit up. She nodded hard. “Qiao Nan, trust me. I didn’t do any bad things at all. I have been wronged. Moving forward, let’s be good friends.”

“Boo.” Yu Xiaoxiao was both amused and angry by Lü Yan’s words. The situation had become as such and she still wanted to be good friends with Qiao Nan. Lü Yan was too shameless. That was simply wishful thinking!

Qiao Nan looked at Lü Yan in disbelief. At the sight of the serious look on Lü Yan’s face, Qiao Nan turned and said to the counselor, “Counselor, after you have gotten to the bottom of the matter, issue the party with a demerit. We are classmates after all.”

“Qiao Nan, are you certain about it?” The thread had smeared the name of a prominent figure. The principal said that they had to take this very seriously. Of course, the principal had also mentioned that they needed to respect the opinion of Qiao Nan.

“I’m certain.”

“Alright.” The counselor nodded. Since the party concerned whose name had been smeared already said this, the school also had a direction on handling this matter. The counselor was easier to convince now.

Qiao Nan’s words had such a great influence on the counselor. When she said to issue demerit for Lü Yan, Lü Yan would not have another form of punishment then. At the sight of this, both Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan were wide-eyed and tongue-tied.

Lü Yan was stunned by Qiao Nan's capability. Qiao Nan had pleaded leniency for her. In addition, Qiao Nan did not reject her suggestion of becoming good friends. At that moment, Lü Yan suddenly had the feeling that she had risen to heaven from hell.

Damn, if she had known that she would be able to hop onto Qiao Nan, this big ship, in this way, she would have posted the thread eight hundred years ago. So, Qiao Nan liked this kind of friend.

Some abuse was healthy?

Someone should have told her this earlier!

"Bye." Ignoring that enthusiastic look on Lü Yan's face as if she was a dog staring at a meat bone, Qiao Nan left without turning back. After this matter had been resolved, she still had to go to the small courtyard of the Zhai family to check on how much her future mother-in-law had recovered from the cold.

After Qiao Nan left, Qiao Nan did not know how the counselor made Lü Yan admit to everything. It was not necessary for her to know either. She was only concerned about the outcome.

When Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan walked out of the office, Lü Yan looked disheartened and depressed. Her eyes were filled with deep self-blame. However, very quickly, Lü Yan looked happy when she lifted her face.

"Stupid." Yu Xiaoxiao rolled her eyes sarcastically at Lü Yan before she turned away and left.

The competition in this society was so stiff. It was not easy for Peking University's top graduates who came to the capital from other places to stay and become part of the working force.

A college student with a resume that had demerit points, let alone stepping out into society, she may not even get into a favorable department for the social practice. In fact, Lü Yan would simply be disqualified from the selection. Most likely, she would not even be qualified to apply for them.

Moreover, after being issued with a demerit, Lü Yan would have to abidingly carry her stool and sit by one side when the school reviewed the students' eligibility for awards.

This demerit would not only mark Lü Yan closely during the four years of her student life but it was also fearful that the demerit would be inseparable with her. It would follow her for the rest of her life.

Regardless of the company, when they saw that Lü Yan had this demerit, they would think twice before hiring her. Only the daring ones would dare to recruit someone like Lü Yan.

At this juncture, to Yu Xiaoxiao, this was no different from Lü Yan being dismissed from Peking University.

Lü Yan was still feeling so smug and complacent. She thought that she had been very smart and had managed to convince Qiao Nan to soften her attitude, that it was a blessing in disguise and she could become friends with Qiao Nan, this powerful classmate.

If Qiao Nan was willing to become friends with Lü Yan, Yu Xiaoxiao would write her name upside down!

Lü Yan's face turned red. "You're scolding me!"

Yu Xiaoxiao halted her steps and sneered. "So what if I am scolding you? Don't forget that you stole my identity card. I can sue you for this matter!" She was too shameless.

After being bitten by the quiet Lü Yan, Yu Xiaoxiao became more cautious. In particular, regardless of the circumstances, she would not let anyone secretly 'borrow' her identity card.

Yu Xiaoxiao knew better. She stayed away from Lü Yan as much as possible and did not continue to have fun with Tang Jiayun. On top of that, she did not have the shame to get close to Qiao Nan.

Since Yu Xiaoxiao could not get along with her dormitory mates, Yu Xiaoxiao looked for other classmates or people from her hometown. No matter what, she would not be alone.

Chapter 939 Soft or Vicious Heart

"Nan Nan, has the matter in the school been resolved?" When she saw Qiao Nan, Miao Jing asked as she was very concerned.

Qiao Nan smiled. “Mom, don’t worry. It has been resolved.” Given that her father-in-law was involved, Peking University would not dare to turn a blind eye. “Mom, this matter is not difficult to handle. Certainly, many people have been misled by that thread. Nevertheless, many did not believe it. Think about it. What kind of place is Peking University? However, there will always be a few exceptions in any place regardless of how good the place is.”

In Peking University, most people were rational and logical. If that was not the case, Qiao Nan would not be able to overcome this so easily in three days.

“That’s good.” Miao Jing understood and nodded. “However, what was the person who posted that thread thinking?” A kept woman was this something that could be casually said?

Although gender equity was advocated nowadays, to Miao Jing, their society was still more benevolent towards males.

Qiao Nan checked on Miao Jing and found that Miao Jing had almost recovered. She then replied, “Humans are too complicated. I can’t figure out what they are thinking of.”

“How did the school settle it?”

“Issue demerits.”

Miao Jing was a little displeased. “This is such a serious matter and your school only issued demerit. Is the school siding with and covering up for that student? This will not do. I have to tell your dad and ask him to look for your principal. It is fine that they did not take the Zhai family seriously. However, do they not even have basic discipline and values?”

This was heartwarming for Qiao Nan. Her mother-in-law was trying to seek justice for her. “Mom, don’t be anxious. Actually, issuing demerits for that person was my suggestion.”

“Your heart softened?” Miao Jing was puzzled. This matter had already implicated the Zhai family. It did not make sense for the school to settle this matter so easily by issuing demerit.

“Softened?” Qiao Nan gave a complex smile. “I am not sure if my heart is soft or vicious. Mom, have you heard of the saying ‘it’s better to be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion’? That person cannot get up anymore.”

Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan had listened to Tang Jiayun initially mainly because besides Qiao Nan, the remaining three had been reprimanded on their first day of school. Of course, it was also because Tang Jiayun had connections and could help them get into the club of their choice. Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan felt that they had fallen short. That was why they listened to Tang Jiayun and ostracized Qiao Nan.

Due to that matter, Lü Yan already felt that she was lagging behind. Now, Lü Yan had become the only student who had been issued demerit when the school term had just started. In the future, Lü Yan would fall behind even more in Peking University.

Lü Yan would not be able to hide this matter. In particular, Yu Xiaoxiao, who had been deceived by Lü Yan, would find ways to spread this matter to those who were unaware whenever she had the chance to do so.

In this way, who would dare to get close to Lü Yan? Wouldn't they be afraid to be harmed by her?

Certainly, Lü Yan could continue to study at Peking University, but it meant that all her social ties in the university had been severed due to this matter.

Instead of staying, she might as well leave and transfer to a new place to start afresh. Perhaps her future would be better in that way.

On the contrary, Lü Yan's development would be restricted from now on. In fact, it could be described as being cut off!

As she was well aware of Lü Yan's future situation, Qiao Nan really did not know how to reply to Miao Jing's question of whether she had softened her heart.

Miao Jing smiled. "It's good that you have a view on this." After she knew that Qiao Nan did take some issue with the matter, Miao Jing naturally felt more assured.

Given the Zhai family's status, all sorts of people-fragrant or smelly, good or bad-as long as they encountered a problem, they would come swarming to them like bees and make use of various connections to look for them. If Qiao Nan would relent and help these people when they acted pitiful, to Zhai Sheng and the Zhai family, this was definitely not a good thing. Miao Jing would have to remind Qiao Nan then.

Suddenly, Miao Jing tugged at Qiao Nan and said, “Don’t go back tonight. Your dad is not coming back and I am the only one at home. It’s quite boring. Let’s go marketing and prepare something nice?”

Qiao Nan hesitated for a while. “But when I came out, I didn’t tell Shi Qing that I won’t be back tonight.”

“Isn’t that simple? Just give Shi Qing a call.” Without waiting for Qiao Nan to react, Miao Jing picked up the phone and dialed the number of Qiao Nan’s residence. When Shi Qing picked up the phone, Miao Jing told Shi Qing about the situation.

Shi Qing had always been quite scared of Miao Jing. In the past, she had to respect Miao Jing because she liked Zhai Sheng. It could be because she had been too used to this behavior. Although Shi Qing did not like Zhai Sheng anymore, as soon as she heard Miao Jing’s voice, that cautious manner of hers was exactly the same as that in the past when she was hitting on Zhai Sheng.

As one could imagine, once Miao Jing spoke, besides ‘yes’, Shi Qing could not say anything else. “Thank you, then. Right, remember to help Qiao Nan bring her books to school tomorrow.”

“Okay, Auntie Miao. I will definitely help Qiao Nan bring the books to school.” Shi Qing, who was on the other end of the phone, not only agreed readily but also nodded repeatedly. Although she was doing so, Miao Jing could not see it at all.

After hanging up the phone, Miao Jing raised her brows at Qiao Nan. “Done. Come, let’s go marketing.” Miao Jing held Qiao Nan’s hands as if they were close pals. She then happily pulled Qiao Nan along to shop in the market.

Naturally, the wife of the chief would be chauffeured when she went out.

Hence, it only took a little more than an hour to complete the entire marketing trip and return to the small courtyard of the Zhai family.

“Nan Nan, you will be the main chef. I will help you out, okay?” Miao Jing was bustling in the kitchen. Normally, she hardly cooked when they were in the capital. Now that Qiao Nan was around, of course, they could cook by themselves.

Facing the huge pile of foodstuff on the table, particularly those with a lot of meat and protein, Qiao Nan felt as if she was in a difficult position. “Mom, there is so much meat. There are only the two of us. Can we finish them? It’s better to cook only the portion that we need and store the rest of the vegetables and meat in the fridge. It’s not good for the body to consume overnight food.”

When they were marketing, she had been trying to stop her mother-in-law from buying too much. Unexpectedly, this mother-in-law was an avid shopper. She completely could not stop.

Not to mention half of the food, the two of them could not even finish a quarter of them.

Was it because her mother-in-law’s appetite had improved so much after recovering from her cold and she was craving for meat now?

“No issue, no issue.” Miao Jing smiled and patted Qiao Nan’s hands. “If we can’t finish them, there is still your dad. Your dad may not be coming back for dinner, but when he is back, he will feel hungry no matter how much he has eaten before that. Don’t worry. Our Zhai family doesn’t have the habit of wasting food. Your dad will definitely be able to finish the leftovers that we can’t finish.”

“...” Qiao Nan curled her lips. To let the prominent Chief Zhai eat what was leftover by her... Why did her neck feel cold as if she had been held hostage by someone and there was a knife pointing at her throat?

Chapter 940 Touched a Wall of Meat

In this world, the only one who dared to say things such as ‘letting Chief Zhai eat the leftovers from their meal’ was her mother-in-law.

Miao Miao was insistent. Qiao Nan had no choice but to do as she said.

Miao Jing knew how to prepare dishes too. However, everyone’s habits and mastery of cooking were different. Clearly, the ingredients and tools used were the same but the final taste would be different.

The strange thing was that the Zhai family liked Qiao Nan’s culinary style.

Normally, in such times, Miao Jing would not compete with Qiao Nan for the role of the head chef. Instead, she would abidingly become an assistant to Qiao Nan and help Qiao Nan with the washing, cutting, and so on.

Most likely, the only one in the whole world who could trouble the great wife of the chief to assist her was Qiao Nan.

The two of them had been bustling in the kitchen for a long time. Finally, one by one, they finished preparing the dishes that Miao Jing listed out.

“Nan Nan, you smell of oil and smoke. Why don’t you bathe first? The weather is so hot. You must have perspired much. You will feel more comfortable after a bath.” Miao Jing patted Qiao Nan’s shoulder and asked Qiao Nan to go and rest.

“That...” Qiao Nan looked embarrassed. Of course, she wished to bathe.

However, the capital was not Ping Cheng. After she came to the capital, Qiao Nan felt that the most inconvenient matter was to bathe. When she was in the small courtyard of the Zhai family, it was even more impossible for her to bathe.

Last time, to take care of Miao Jing, she had already stayed over at the place for one night.

However, she had been notified at the eleventh hour at that time. Hence, Qiao Nan came to the Zhai family without bringing anything. She had to have a change of clothes if she wanted to bathe. If she had to wear back the dirty clothes after bathing, she would feel weird. It would be quite unbearable.

She was also carrying out a sudden order today. Naturally, Qiao Nan also did not bring along a change of clothing.

There was a shimmer in Miao Jing’s eyes. The corners of her lips curled up and she looked pleased. “I didn’t consider it well enough. You didn’t bring any clothes, right? Hua Hua didn’t leave behind any clothes in this house. Hua Hua’s size is much larger than yours. It’s not suitable for you to wear Hua Hua’s clothes regardless. Why don’t we do this? I have a brand new set of lingerie. We should be about the same size. You can take mine and wear them. As for clothes... I recall that Zhai Sheng seems to have a few pieces of new white shirts in his bedroom. Why don’t you compromise and wear them first? After the clothes that you have changed out of have dried, you can wear them back tomorrow.”

Qiao Nan said ‘okay’ suspiciously. She then looked at Miao Jing, feeling perplexed. “Mom, why do I feel that you seem strange?”

“How am I strange? You, this child, are really...” Miao Jing turned away and smiled. “Alright, quickly go and bathe. Anyway, the clothes are all new and they belong to Zhai Sheng. You definitely won’t mind.”

“I certainly don’t mind.” Qiao Nan nodded honestly. She might feel a little strange if she was to wear used clothing. It was not a big issue if they were new. However, she kept feeling that what was going to happen would be stranger than her wearing Brother Zhai’s clothes. “It is just that...”

“Don’t talk anymore... Quickly go and bathe.” Without a word, Miao Jing pushed Qiao Nan into the bathroom and even conveniently closed the door for her.

At the sight of the door shutting, Qiao Nan did not know whether to laugh or cry. “Fine, Mom. I will bathe. But where are the clothes?”

Her mother-in-law could not possibly let her walk out naked after she finished bathing, right?

Although her future father-in-law was not at home and only she and her future mother-in-law were around, Qiao Nan really did not have such a strong heart to wander around naked ‘blindly’ in the small courtyard of the Zhai family. She could not do that.

“What’s the hurry? You can bathe first. After you finish bathing, I will get them for you.”

Miao Jing, who was holding on to the door of the bathroom tightly to prevent Qiao Nan from coming out said that. After thinking, Miao Jing changed her mind again. “I will help you bring over your bra and panties first.” This was in case it would become too stimulating later. The situation could spiral out of control. That would not be good then.

Facing the new bra and panties in her hands, Qiao Nan’s face was as distorted as that of an old woman. What exactly did this mean?

Where was the promised shirt?

Was her mother-in-law treating her as a model for a lingerie fashion show?

There was no alternative. She had already been pushed into the bathroom. Qiao Nan did not have another option.

During the day, the weather was extremely hot. In addition, Qiao Nan had been squatting in the kitchen for a long time. She smelled of sweat, oil, or smoke. Anyway, even Qiao Nan herself shunned this combination of smell on her body.

When she successfully heard the sound of water splashing in the bathroom, Miao Jing smiled with relief. She hummed a short tune as she put all the plates of dishes properly on the table.

Soon after, she heard Qiao Nan's sullen voice. "Mom, I have finished bathing. Where is the new shirt?"

Miao Jing immediately perked up. "You have finished bathing? I am busy now. I need to find something and can't go to Zhai Sheng's room. Why don't we do this? Isn't there a big bath towel in the bathroom? You can use it first and then go to Zhai Sheng's room to take the shirt yourself."

After saying this, Miao Jing immediately disappeared into her own bedroom. She had to put on a full show.

"..." A row of black lines appeared on the forehead of Qiao Nan, who was still in the bathroom. Why was her future mother-in-law so unreliable?

Qiao Nan had a good temper. Moreover, it was not something of a big deal. After facing the wall for three seconds, Qiao Nan gave a sigh. She could only do according to what Miao Jing said, using the big towel to wrap herself first and then going to Zhai Sheng's room to find the clothes.

After coming out from the bathroom and looking at the empty living room and a table of dishes, Qiao Nan could not help feeling glad and relieved that her father-in-law was not at home. Otherwise, she would rather endure this in the bathroom and would never appear in 'public' with this look.

With a sense of shame, Qiao Nan shrank her body. In quickened steps like a mouse, she found the doorknob of Zhai Sheng's bedroom door at her fastest speed.

With the sound of a 'ka', Qiao Nan opened the door and went in.

“Who drew the curtains?” Qiao Nan had been to Zhai Sheng’s bedroom before. In particular, after the Zhai Yaohui couple moved in, the curtains of both Zhai Sheng’s and Zhai Hua’s bedrooms were all opened.

As the curtains were drawn, Qiao Nan, who was used to a bright world, could not see anything all of a sudden. It was so dark that she could not see anything.

Qiao Nan reached out for the wall. She wanted to turn on the lights in the room so that she would not search around like a blind man.

Who would have known that Qiao Nan, who reached out her hands, did not manage to touch the wall but something that was as hard as the wall. However, the surface of this hard object seemed to be wrapped with a layer of soft body.

The hard object felt warm and it even had lines on it. Squarish ones...

Qiao Nan could feel all these when her hands only moved up and placed on it gently.

When Qiao Nan realized that this was obviously not a wall but a man’s chest, she wanted to scream, turn back, and run away.

The other party grabbed Qiao Nan’s wrist and exerted a little strength. Due to forces of inertia, Qiao Nan, who wanted to escape, bumped hard into the arms of that person instead.

With the sound of a bang, one could vaguely feel sparks flying between the two of them.

“Hmm...” The other party snorted in a deep voice. An iron-like arm that was as agile as a snake took the initiative to wrap around Qiao Nan’s waist and tighten around it, locking Qiao Nan in tightly.