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Chapter 961 The Scary Fiancé

“Hello, Brother Zhai? Are you done with your meeting? Oh, sure, my lessons are over. Sure, let’s meet at the school entrance.”

“Is your fiancé coming to fetch you?” Zou Wenxuan noticed the sweet and gentle look on Qiao Nan’s face.

Qiao Nan put aside her cell phone. “Yes. He has some matters to attend to in the capital recently. His family is here in the capital, but they will leave after a while.”

“...” She had heard of work trip, but she had not heard of cases where the entire family went on a work trip together. “I have to make a trip outside. Shall we walk together?”

She wanted to take a look at Qiao Nan’s fiancé that was said to be better than Senior Gao. She wanted to know how he looked.

“Sure.” Qiao Nan knew what was on Zou Wenxuan’s mind and she made no move to refuse. “Senior Zou, did my former roommates tell you that I have a fiancé? I remember the three of them are members of your club.”

She was just a freshman. There were many other Peking University’s freshmen who were engaged.

If nobody brought it up in front of Senior Zou, she would not be bothered about whether she was engaged or not.

“Yes,” Zou Wenxuan replied. “Your former roommates don’t seem to have a good relationship with one another, especially Lü Yan. She was very frank with me.”

“If not, would I have moved out of the dormitory?” Qiao Nan was not worried that Zou Wenxuan would laugh at her. She wanted Zou Wenxuan to know that since she had moved out of the dormitory, she had no more contact with her former roommates. In the future, Zou Wenxuan should not think of setting designs on Qiao Nan through them. She would not succeed.

Zou Wenxuan flicked her hair, keeping silent.

She would have to try to know whether it worked or not.

By the time Zou Wenxuan and Qiao Nan walked to the school entrance, an impressive Land Rover was already parked there, and standing by its side was a man who stood tall and upright like a poplar. Zou Wenxuan was dazzled. “Qiao Nan, is your fiancé a police officer? His posture looks like he is very disciplined.”

Apart from during the military training, she had never seen people who emanated such an imposing aura. “Hehehe.” Qiao Nan laughed. She did not answer Zou Wenxuan’s question. Instead, she ran toward Zhai Sheng. “Brother Zhai, have you waited for a long time?”

Zhai Sheng had a solemn look on his face. People who saw him would be so scared that they would walk around him. But as soon as he saw Qiao Nan, his expression turned gentle and his eagled-eye gaze softened. It was as if he had changed into a different person.

Zou Wenxuan, who stood by the side, stared at them dumbstruck.

When she first saw Zhai Sheng, Zou Wenxuan had a guilty conscience and was ashamed of herself. In particular, when Zhai Sheng gave her a glance, she had the impression that she had been slashed by a cold knife.

He was such a powerful man. He was like a sharpened sword, like those divine weapons in the television dramas, where one single wield of the sword would cut a single strand of hair easily.

Zou Wenxuan had no wish to get close to Zhai Sheng. Like others, she walked around Zhai Sheng, fearing that she would be hurt if she was too close to him.

However, after Qiao Nan walked toward Zhai Sheng, the sharp blade that could easily split things in half seemed as if had been sheathed in its one and only scabbard. Gone was the dangerous aura that he exuded, and in turn, he became harmless and sincere.

My goodness. Such a man was too dangerous!

Did Qiao Nan not feel pressured and frightened being with such a man?

She always thought that this kind of person only existed in novels. However, she met him in real life!

“Senior Zou, this is my fiancé.” Qiao Nan did not notice that Zou Wenxuan was afraid of Zhai Sheng and wanted to stay as far away from him as possible. She introduced Zhai Sheng to Zou Wenxuan graciously.

Beads of perspiration began to form on Zou Wenxuan’s forehead. “H-how are you? I am Qiao Nan’s senior. I have something on, so I won’t disturb you. Goodbye, Qiao Nan.”

When Zhai Sheng looked at Zou Wenxuan, she jumped and all her hairs stood on end like a cat whose tail had been stepped on. She was only one step from shrieking in fright.

After saying goodbye to Qiao Nan, Zou Wenxuan used her fastest speed to get out of Zhai Sheng’s sight.

Zhai Sheng frowned slightly. “Nan Nan, this person is not an upright person. You must be careful when you have dealings with her in the future. You must not be led astray by her.” She cowered in fright under his gaze. Zhai Sheng did not believe that she was a good person.

Qiao Nan burst out in laughter. “There is no one in this world who is a real saint. Everyone will have schemes and plots. Isn’t it normal to be a little selfish at times?”

Qiao Nan thought of the situation just now. Anyone who had the slightest dark side in them would show their true colors under Zhai Sheng’s piercing and righteous gaze. In particular, for people like Zou Wenxuan who was not mentally strong, one could see through them right away. It worked better than X-rays.

“Alright, it’s good that you know what you are doing. Let’s go back.” Zhai Sheng patted Qiao Nan on her head. He could not be bothered to waste his time on insignificant people.

Qiao Nan sat on the passenger seat and asked, “Shall we make a trip to the Lin family’s house and bring Shi Qing with us?” Ever since Brother Zhai came to the capital, it had been a long time since she had dinner with Shi Qing.

Shi Qing stayed in the capital because Brother Zhai wanted Shi Qing to look after her. However, in the end, she spent time with the Zhai family, leaving Shi Qing alone by herself. Qiao Nan felt bad and guilty toward Shi Qing. There was a glitter in Zhai Sheng's eyes. "No need. She has gone to the Feng family's residence today."

"Is it because of the text message that I sent her? Shi Qing does not seem like she would lose her cool." Previously, after Old Master Feng called her, Qiao Nan texted Shi Qing about their conversation so that she would know what was going on and would not be the Feng family's scapegoat.

Qiao Nan did not believe that Shi Qing would tell the Feng family about her current situation.

Zhai Sheng agreed with her. "It's been so long. Shi Qing certainly has made some progress. She did not take the initiative to look for the Feng family this time. Instead, it was the Feng family who looked for her. You should be able to guess the reason without me telling you."

"Is it because of me again?" The problem with the Feng family was endless. They had just called her and sowed discord between Shi Qing and her, and the next instant, they fetched Shi Qing back home. It showed that the Feng family had something on their conscience.

"It is more or less that way. It is either due to you or the Zhai family. Right now, if the Feng family wants to be related to the Zhai family, apart from you, the only way will be through Shi Qing and my master."

Chapter 962 The Benefits of Having a Fiancé

His master was the son-in-law of the Feng family. Back then, his master did not help the Feng family in their businesses, but right now, the Feng family was hoping that he would act as the bridge between the Feng family and the Zhai family for selfish reasons. It was their wildest fantasy. "The Feng family seemed to have made a phone call to my master, saying that Old Master Feng is thinking to celebrate his 70th birthday. My master is the son-in-law of the Feng family. By then, he would have to be present to celebrate Old Master Feng's birthday."

"Do you mean that Director Shi refused to do as they said and they directed their attention to Shi Qing, hoping that she would make him go with her?" Qiao Nan understood what was going on.

If Director Shi was willing to meddle with the Feng family's affairs, he would have done so long ago.

In the end, the Feng family decided to go through Shi Qing to deal with her matter and Director Shi's problem. They wanted Shi Qing to help them achieve their goals. "Shi Qing is really pitiful." "It's better to be pitiful now than to be pitiful in the future. The Feng family seldom spends time with Shi Qing. In the past, they would say words of concern and did not do anything to help Shi Qing. Now, they need Shi Qing to help them, and they ask her for favor one after another. No matter how deep Shi Qing's love for the Feng family is, this will eventually be a strain to their relationship." Zhai Sheng was not worried at all. He felt that it was the journey that Shi Qing had to go through in order to grow and mature.

The Feng family was in a mess, and so was the Shi family.

People of the same family had similar personalities and temper. If not for the fact that the Feng family and the Shi family had similar issues, they would not become in-laws.

There would be no good apple in a sour stock. However, Shi Peng was an exception. Feng Cheng was simple-minded and easily used by others, but she was not as selfish as the Feng family. She still treasured her husband, Shi Peng, and her only daughter, Shi Qing.

"Shi Qing is unlucky in only one aspect. When she matures, her mother may still be as simple-minded. It is not easy for the Feng family to have a daughter like Feng Cheng." The Feng family took special care to educate Feng Cheng such that she was innocent and simple-minded and would dedicate all her effort on helping the Feng family, believing that her family was the best. She would always put their interests as her first priority. The Feng family did not want her to have other thoughts after she got married and had her own family.

Feng Cheng might not be bullied by outsiders, but she was 'bullied' by her family.

"Hehehe..." Qiao Nan sneered. Ever since her mother and Qiao Zijin left after her college entrance examination, she had never seen them for half a year.

As long as these two people did not appear before her, her days would remain peaceful. Although she met people like Tang Jiayun and Lü Yan, they were not able to affect her good mood.

Her days had gotten better, but Shi Qing's days had turned worse.

"Alright, Dad and Mom are still waiting for us at home. Let's not talk about the Feng family. Don't underestimate Shi Qing. No matter what, she is also my master's daughter. My master may be too

protective of her, but she is from the revolutionary family and has good genes. She will be alright.” His master intended for Shi Qing to learn and mature through handling the Feng family’s problems.

While Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng were discussing Shi Qing, over at the school, Zou Wenxuan and other people were discussing Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng.

Actually, Zou Wenxuan did not have any errands to run. She simply wanted to see Qiao Nan’s fiance and know in what ways was he better than Gao Yan.

After Qiao Nan got into Zhai Sheng’s car and left Peking University, Zou Wenxuan rushed back to the school and went to the meeting room.

“Oh, my goodness! I have a bad fright just now.” Zou Wenxuan patted herself on the chest. She hurried to take out the photo that Tang Jiayun passed to her.

Lü Yan took photos of Qiao Nan and Zhai Yaohui standing together. Tang Jiayun did not intend to create a scandal like Lü Yan. However, out of curiosity, she also took a photo of Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng.

When Zou Wenxuan asked her about it, Tang Jiayun gave this photo to Zou Wenxuan secretly to gain her favors.

Zou Wenxuan took out the photo and stared at it. “It’s really him. I didn’t expect that someone who looks so good in a photo would be so scary in reality.”

Zhai Sheng looked like the sun at noontime, dazzling and shining brightly.

In short, if Zou Wenxuan looked at the man in the photo from a woman’s point of view, she admired him for his looks and his 1.8-meter-tall height.

After seeing him for herself today, gone was his handsomeness and charm. All that was left was shock and fright. “So this is Qiao Nan’s fiancé. The man in the thread...”

Zou Wenxuan put the two photos side by side and she finally figured it out. “It is no wonder the school stated that they are relatives. The older man is Qiao Nan’s future father-in-law.”

No one had thought of this. Zou Wenxuan had never thought of this possibility in the past as well.

Looking at the two photos, Zou Wenxuan felt especially uncomfortable for no reason. She kept feeling that the man was not to be provoked.

Zou Wenxuan had a pretty accurate sixth sense. She sought luck and avoided calamity by burning the two photos without another word. She even threw the ashes into the toilet bowl and told Lü Yan and Tang Jiayun that if they wanted to target Qiao Nan in the future, it would have nothing to do with her.

Lü Yan and Tang Jiayun did not need to tell her anything regarding Qiao Nan. If they could not do it, they would have to leave the club.

Lü Yan and Tang Jiayun were confused by Zou Wenxuan's attitude. They could not understand what she meant by that. Did she detest Qiao Nan so much that she had no wish to know anything regarding her? Or was she too scared of Qiao Nan and did not want to provoke her?

Qiao Nan was only a freshman while Zou Wenxuan was a senior who had her way at Peking University. The two of them were inclined to believe that the first possibility was more likely.

Since it was useless to please Zou Wenxuan with news about Qiao Nan, Lü Yan and Tang Jiayun knew that Qiao Nan must be quite formidable. Therefore, they did not make as much trouble for Qiao Nan, lest they suffer the brunt of it.

Qiao Nan had no idea that Brother Zhai had yet to reveal his identity and merely gave Zou Wenxuan a faint stare and she was already totally intimidated by him. Zou Wenxuan was also smart enough to keep a distance from Qiao Nan and not to create trouble for her. This saved Qiao Nan a lot of trouble.

"Nan Nan, you are here. Look at these dishes. Are they to your preferences?" Miao Jing had a bright smile on her face when she saw Qiao Nan.

"Thank you, Mom. I love these dishes," Qiao Nan said happily. She would always prepare meals for other people. It was rare that someone else prepared food for her. She had nothing to be displeased about.

“It’s good that you love them.” Miao Jing was very satisfied with her answer. As expected, daughters were more considerate.

Chapter 963 Discussing Marriage

“Nan Nan, it must be hard with your studies. You must have more nutritious food. You must not follow the young ladies nowadays who feel that they must lose weight to look pretty. Having a healthy body is more important than anything. Zhai Sheng and you can collect the certificate of marriage next year. If you have a healthy body and are fleshy, it will be easier for you to bear a grandchild for our family.”

“Mom, have some meat.” Zhai Sheng picked a piece of meat with his chopsticks and passed it to Miao Jing so that he could stop her from talking. However, he was indeed thinking about the same topic as his mother.

Unfortunately, Nan Nan was still young, and she was conservative and proper.

When it was only the two of them, Nan Nan would listen to him and follow his cue. But when there were other people around, it would not be easy to have the grandchild that his mother was thinking of.

“Yes, eat, let’s eat.” Miao Jing came to her senses when she noticed that Qiao Nan’s face had turned red from embarrassment. Unlike her, who was an attractive and experienced lady of a certain age, Qiao Nan was still an innocent, young girl and she would be easily embarrassed. “Nan Nan, after we go back to Ping Cheng this time, we will pay a visit to your dad. Collecting a marriage certificate is a very important event. We will discuss the wedding banquet with your dad.”

Collecting the marriage certificate meant they would be legally married.

They would be husband and wife. Zhai Sheng was the only son in the Zhai family. Miao Jing felt that even if they would not hold a grand banquet, they would still have to go through the necessary procedures.

Qiao Nan blinked profusely. Brother Zhai had mentioned collecting the marriage certificate previously.

She remembered they had talked about collecting the marriage certificate previously and right now, they had gone on to discuss the wedding banquet.

While Qiao Nan was in a daze, both Zhai Sheng and Miao Jing kept staring at her. This was the marriage between Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng. The Zhai family might be anxious about it, but Qiao Nan's attitude mattered a lot as well.

The Zhai family was quite concerned about one particular issue. Zhai Sheng was already at an age where he could be a father, but the problem was that Qiao Nan was still young. She had just entered college.

The time now was different. Miao Jing knew that some people believed in non-marriage doctrine, and many young people did not want to marry at an early age and have children.

Miao Jing had no idea what Qiao Nan's views about this were.

Miao Jing brought up the topic of marriage so as to know Qiao Nan's views on it.

In fact, Miao Jing felt slightly embarrassed that her son was older. Therefore, she seemed to be hurrying Qiao Nan. If Qiao Nan had some other considerations, she would think of ways to slow things down.

Actually, Zhai Sheng felt slightly anxious when Miao Jing broached the topic.

Zhai Sheng had always taken the initiative in their relationship, while Qiao Nan was the passive party. If they wanted to collect the marriage certificate, Qiao Nan had to be willing as well. Zhai Sheng had the same worry as Miao Jing.

Both of them were concerned that Qiao Nan was still too young.

Right then, Qiao Nan looked up and fixed her gaze at Zhai Sheng. Her voice was soft but resolute. "Okay."

After thinking about it, Qiao Nan added. "In this regard, Brother Zhai and I have no experience. Mom, the three of you can go ahead to discuss it. Brother Zhai is busy and he may not know the details. Like me, he will not be able to take part in the discussion. We will have to trouble the three of you to help us with it. We will go ahead with whatever that you have discussed and agreed upon. Brother Zhai and I have no opinions regarding this."

One of them had to spend her time at school, while the other party had to spend his time at the camp.

Qiao Nan knew this very well from the first day she started going out with Zhai Sheng.

Now that Miao Jing brought up the topic of holding a wedding banquet, Qiao Nan was very clear that she and Zhai Sheng would not be able to be in charge of the wedding banquet and make decisions for themselves like ordinary married couples.

The two of them had no time to handle the details of the wedding banquet. Therefore, they would have to trouble their parents.

Back when Miao Jing married Zhai Yaohui, they held a grand wedding banquet. Miao Jing should have some experience.

Qiao Dongliang's situation was very different. He did not have any elders or siblings at home. Furthermore, his marriage to Ding Jiayi was not blessed by the Ding family.

Therefore, Ding Jiayi and Qiao Dongliang married in a rush. She did not go through the procedures that brides would have to go through.

This was the first time that Qiao Dongliang married his daughter off, and he did not know much about wedding preparations. This meant that if Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng held a wedding banquet, Qiao Dongliang would not be able to give much contribution or ideas.

Zhai Yaohui was the chief and he was a man.

No matter how Qiao Nan thought about it, instead of saying that she would have to trouble her father and Zhai Sheng's parents, in fact, Miao Jing had to work the hardest among the three of them. "Mom, perhaps you can choose one of those longer holidays. I don't have any experience, but I will try my best to help you."

After all, she was the party concerned. Since Brother Zhai could not help out, she had to play her part.

Miao Jing was elated. Qiao Nan not only agreed to it, but she also wanted to help out. “Good. It’s good that you agreed to it. Since we still have time, we can take our time to discuss the details. Since we have confirmed that both of you will marry next year, I can estimate and order the number of wedding candies that are needed.”

“Sure,” Qiao Nan replied.

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“Alright. I will discuss it with your dad after returning to Ping Cheng this time.” Miao Jing was overjoyed. She was finally going to have a daughter-in-law. The Zhai family was really going to have a daughter-in-law!

Thereafter, she would be getting ready to have her grandchildren!

Miao Jing, who was all smiles, could imagine her grandchildren addressing her as their grandma.

Zhai Sheng tightened his grip on Qiao Nan’s hands, conveying his deep feelings for her.

Zhai Sheng realized that women were indeed very different from men. His only thought was to marry Nan Nan as soon as possible. After collecting the marriage certificate, they would be lawful husband and wife and could be intimate with each other.

However, Nan Nan was more concerned that marriage was not a simple matter. There were a lot of details and complicated procedures to be sorted out. It was far more complex than what he had imagined.

Zhai Sheng finally understood why his mother kept saying that it was wonderful to have a considerate daughter.

Both he and Zhai Hua would not be able to think of such details. “Nan Nan, will you...” It was their wedding, and he was more anxious than her.

But in the end, he would not be able to help out and he had to trouble his mother. It would also be hard on Nan Nan.

Qiao Nan was still young. She had just reached the legal age and she was hurried into collecting the marriage certificate. Zhai Sheng felt that everything seemed to be unfair to Qiao Nan. He wanted to give her the best, but in the end, she could not even get something that ordinary women would have.

“No!” Qiao Nan grabbed Zhai Sheng’s hand. “Brother Zhai, have you forgotten? From the very first day that we started dating, I knew very well that you are a soldier. I also know that after marriage, I will be a military wife, and I know what kind of future is waiting for me.”

Chapter 964 Mom, What Do You Take Your Son For?

“I don’t care about how others see you. In my eyes, you are just Zhai Sheng. Zhai Sheng, a soldier.”

As for the glory that surrounded Brother Zhai because of the Zhai family, it was inadvertent to her.

As long as she was well aware of this and could keep a correct mindset, Qiao Nan did not feel very disappointed that Zhai Sheng could not be involved in the wedding preparations. Even if she wished to be involved herself, she also had to pick the right time.

In fact, speaking of it, it would be tough and tiring for the elders of the two families. The two actual parties concerned would be slacking.

Tears welled up in Miao Jing’s eyes as she cast an unhappy glare at Zhai Sheng. She then looked at Qiao Nan, feeling very much consoled at heart. She had long known that Nan Nan was a sensible and understanding child.

Having raised her children for a lifetime, naturally, she hoped to give the best for them. The most worrying thing was that sometimes, although parents treated their child well, the child did not understand them. Instead, they shunned the elders for being annoying busybodies.

As a full-time housewife, besides being tied up with Zhai Yaohui’s matters, Miao Jing did not have anything else to do.

During these few years, under Qiao Nan’s advice, she had finally and gradually shifted her focus away from Zhai Yaohui. She now had a lot of time to spare. Hence, regarding the two youngsters’ wedding, didn’t it give her an opportunity to utilize her time?

However, the thing that Miao Jing was most happy and cared about was that after Qiao Nan was officially married to Zhai Sheng and gave birth to babies, she would be able to focus on raising up her little grandchild.

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She was not with her son or daughter during their childhood. Hence, she must not miss out on the childhood of her little grandchild.

In the future, if Hua Hua was willing to let her take care of her children after marriage, she would certainly be most willing to do so as well.

After having sweet-smelling and soft little paternal and maternal grandchildren, who would care about men? All men would become clouds then.

Qiao Nan was someone who had lived for two lifetimes. At the time when her biological mother caused her death, she was already almost forty years old. Hence, she did not have the impetuosity of a young lady. She was also not pampered and did not like crowded events.

Zhai Sheng was a son. He was now older and opinionated. Miao Jing could not control him at all. As for Zhai Hua, although she was a lady, her temper was not mild at all. Zhai Hua's words were akin to spilled water. She was very stubborn.

As such, to Miao Jing, although she had a pair of son and daughter, their temper was worse than each other's. They were extremely worrying. Now, she had Qiao Nan, a daughter-in-law who was so understanding and sensible. How could Miao Jing not love her?

The two children in her family were already so hard to relate to. If she had a daughter-in-law who was similar to them, Miao Jing's life would become truly difficult.

Zhai Sheng did not say much. His grip on Qiao Nan's hand tightened. He was silently expressing his feelings for Qiao Nan.

Never would he have thought that that little sister who had cried and collided with him that day would become his wife and his children's mother very soon.

“Alright, we will decide as such then.” Miao Jing called the final shots.

Although they had been discussing the marriage of Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan, these people had not mentioned Ding Jiayi throughout the whole process. They only talked about Qiao Dongliang. Obviously, although Ding Jiayi had given birth to Qiao Nan and was the latter’s biological mother, she did not have any place in the hearts of these people.

“Okay.” Zhai Sheng’s tone was lively and uplifted. It was not hard to tell that he was currently in a good mood.

“I will listen to Mom.” Qiao Nan nodded.

In fact, the trio did not eat much during this meal. Nevertheless, they felt more satisfied and happy than one another. “Zhai Sheng, it’s late now. Quickly send Nan Nan back.” Nan Nan was a child with a lot of self-awareness. Besides coming to their place, she would be at the small courtyard of the Lin family with Shi Qing. This was unlike other ladies who had capricious character and liked to have fun in clubs or something.

Zhai Sheng carried the books for Qiao Nan. “Okay, Mom. Go to sleep first. You don’t have to wait for me.”

“Come back immediately thereafter!” Miao Jing added as she was worried.

It was fine that they had it their way at home but that was the small courtyard of the Lin family and Lin Yuankang’s house. Furthermore, Shi Qing would be present at the small courtyard. Miao Jing was not the kind of person who was very open-minded in this aspect. At the thought that her son was going to ‘bully’ her daughter-in-law in someone else’s house and in the presence of another lady, Miao Jing could not accept it.

Zhai Sheng could not help tugging the corners of his lips. “Mom, what do you take me for?”

He was purely concerned for his mother and did not want his mother to wait for him for too long. That was the reason that he asked his mother to rest early. What was his mother thinking of?

Miao Jing snorted in disbelief. “You know it yourself. Nan Nan, after you are home, rest early, okay?” Miao Jing did not remind Zhai Sheng again. Instead, she hinted to Qiao Nan not to allow Zhai Sheng to mess around and bully her.

Qiao Nan's face had already turned red. "Mom, don't worry. It won't happen. Brother Zhai won't bully me." She had to hint at such things that everyone was aware of, and it was something so embarrassing...

"Are you sure?" Qiao Nan believed Zhai Sheng but Miao Jing, this mother, did not. "Nevertheless, I will leave it to you." No matter what, her son was the one 'bullying'. From this perspective, the Zhai family would not be shortchanged.

Qiao Nan did not know whether to laugh or cry. "Brother Zhai, you won't bully me, right?" True enough, her mother-in-law knew Brother Zhai better than her. In fact, when Qiao Nan said that Brother Zhai would not bully her just now, she did not feel quite assured about it.

After all, everyone was aware that this bullying did not truly mean bullying in its sense.

After shooting an emotionless glance at his biological mother who had backstabbed him, Zhai Sheng then placed Qiao Nan's books in his car. "Don't worry. At least, I won't do so today." Zhai Sheng was also very conservative at heart.

Unless Shi Qing was not at the small courtyard of the Lin family, Zhai Sheng would not be used to it as well.

After receiving Zhai Sheng's assurance, both Qiao Nan and Miao Jing could not help heaving a sigh of relief. Obviously, these two women did not truly believe Zhai Sheng. At this sight, Zhai Sheng's face immediately turned dark.

"Alright, Zhai Sheng, quickly send Nan Nan back." Miao Jing smiled, embarrassed. She knew that she had angered her son. By doing that, she certainly did not save any face for her son in front of her daughter-in-law.

"Okay." Zhai Sheng held the seat beside that of the driver and closed the door of the car. "Mom, rest early. Do not let your thoughts run wild without a reason and scare Nan Nan."

Miao Jing did not make any inference from her son's words. She even waved at Qiao Nan. "Be careful on the road."

“Bye, Mom.” Qiao Nan reached out her hands abidingly and waved at Miao Jing.

When Zhai Sheng sent Qiao Nan home, it was only about eight o’clock in the evening.

Qiao Nan alighted from the car. “Brother Zhai, I’ve arrived home. Go back. No need to send me into the house.”

“Be good.” Zhai Sheng alighted from the car stubbornly and placed his arms around Qiao Nan’s shoulders. He then personally sent Qiao Nan into the house of the Lin family before he was willing to leave. “It seems that Shi Qing is not back yet. I will keep you company for a while.”

“Mom has asked you to go home earlier.”

“Don’t worry about it.”

Chapter 965 You Can’t Bite a Man

Zhai Sheng sat down like a big boss swiftly. He then carefully sized up Qiao Nan’s place of residence. “This small courtyard of Elder Lin is really not bad. It is also located near Peking University.” He really did not expect that Elder Lin had so many good things hidden under his sleeves. It was no wonder that the other members of the Lin family fawned on him badly and refused to give up.

If Elder Lin was willing to guide the people from the Lin family and conveniently give them just a little of what he had, these people could achieve meteoric success then.

He had been aware that Elder Lin had resources. However, Zhai Sheng did not interact that much with Elder Lin in the past and they did not have deep relations with each other. Although he had heard a lot about Elder Lin, they were all hearsay and he did not take them seriously.

As such, it was only until after Qiao Nan became Lin Yuankang’s disciple that Zhai Sheng truly and gradually found out that Lin Yuankang had a lot of good stuff in his hands that were drooled after by many. “No wonder the Qiu family has such thoughts many years ago.”

Besides his collateral relatives, Elder Lin did not have any close next-of-kin.

As a matter of fact, whoever could become Elder Lin's disciple in his old age, Elder Lin would definitely treat and raise them up like he would his own child. This child would also have to support Elder Lin during his old age. This was despite the fact that Elder Lin was self-sufficient and did not need anyone to support him.

Which family would not like an elderly person such as Elder Lin, who did not require any obligatory support and could pass down his estate and power?

"Yes, master is very capable." Qiao Nan said in a tone of admiration.

After Qiao Nan arrived in the capital, through her studies and social practice, she finally understood how capable and noble her master was.

Qiao Nan was studying in the Faculty of Foreign Language. Coincidentally, a few of her teachers would frequently mention Lin Yuankang's contribution to China's foreign affairs during classes. They would describe Lin Yuankang as the true pioneer of foreign affairs.

During the classes, besides Qiao Nan, who felt an upsurge of emotions in her heart knowing that the teachers were talking about her master, others did not know about her relationship with Lin Yuankang. Moreover, no one would think that the Elder Lin, who was a subject of teaching in the opinion of the teachers, would have such a close relationship with Qiao Nan.

Zhai Sheng held Qiao Nan by the waist and carried her up swiftly into his arms. "I'm more capable."

"You're capable." At the sight that her seat had changed to Zhai Sheng, this human sofa, Qiao Nan fully accepted it after her face turned slightly red. They were already in detailed marriage talks. This kind of hug was considered a child's play.

"Okay." Zhai Sheng felt more at ease. "Am I more capable then? Or is it Elder Lin?" Zhai Sheng did not wish to lose his number one place in Qiao Nan's heart. He had to guard it all the way.

Zhai Sheng had to be the most capable one in Qiao Nan's heart.

"..." Qiao Nan was momentarily in a dilemma. "The two of you are not from the same field. There is no way to compare, right?" One was the pioneer in foreign affairs while the other was an

outstanding newcomer in military and politics. Their scopes were different. There was truly no way to compare.

Zhai Sheng was not satisfied with this answer. "Others cannot compare but you can. Who do you think is the number one in your heart?" He did not want an answer from other people. He just wanted an answer from Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan's eyes lit up. Now, she understood a little why Zhai Sheng was persisting on this.

After thinking, Qiao Nan tilted her head, moved close to Zhai Sheng's ears, and whispered softly into it. "No matter what, Brother Zhai will always be the most capable one in my heart. No one can be compared to you."

Zhai Sheng's frown eased immediately. "I'm the most capable one. The number one in the world?"

"Yes, in my heart," Qiao Nan answered shyly.

Zhai Sheng hugged Qiao Nan and bit her tiny lips at once. He then did according to his wish and kissed her without any reservation. "This is your reward."

Zhai Sheng, who looked satiated, was obviously very satisfied with that uninhibited kiss. In particular, Qiao Nan's action of obediently opening her mouth and putting her soft tiny hands around his neck made him very happy.

"Keep it up next time. "After thinking, Zhai Sheng added shamelessly. "As the wife of a military man, you should know the importance of cooperativeness. This is the disciplinary policy of the army. You can't practice individualism. Understand?"

After enduring for some time, Qiao Nan eventually took a deep breath. She really wished to give Zhai Sheng a slap.

She was aware that the army was particular about cooperativeness. However, the cooperativeness in the army and this cooperativeness were two entirely separate matters. How could they confuse this matter with the other?

Using the disciplinary rules in the army on a boy-girl relationship-Qiao Nan had to take her hat off to Zhai Sheng's ability in emphasizing this point. "Brother Zhai, can you not do this? Won't you feel ashamed saying this?"

If Director Shi were to know that Brother Zhai used the disciplinary rules in the army to control her, he would be so angry that he would vomit blood.

"No," Zhai Sheng said openly. "This has been the good practice and manners of our Zhai family all this while. From the days of the old master, we have the tradition of administering the army disciplinary rules at home. Nan Nan, you have to get used to it soon."

Qiao Nan rolled her eyes continuously. She then turned to Zhai Sheng's neck and gave it a

bite.

Qiao Nan believed that Old Master Zhai and Chief Zhai administered the army's disciplinary rules at home. However, these two elders' ways of using the army's discipline were certainly different from that of Brother Zhai. Clearly, Brother Zhai was playing rogue!

The outcome of Qiao Nan's bite on Zhai Sheng was that when Shi Qing was back, Qiao Nan's mouth was completely swollen. Even her neck was not spared as it had been planted with countless strawberries by Zhai Sheng. He had filled it with his mark and breath. It was as if the wolf had patrolled his territory, seemingly fierce. It was truly a sight to behold. Qiao Nan nearly did not have the shame to face anyone.

"Tsk, tsk, tsk. So sweet. I really doubt if I should come back today." After being shot a few sharp glances by Zhai Sheng, Shi Qing said unhappily, "Qiao Nan, as roommates, you are too immoral to have done this. Don't forget that I am still single. You openly display your affection in front of me every day. Can I decline to see them?"

When Brother Zhai was with Qiao Nan, he was completely different. At the sight of that extremely sweet scene when she came back just now, Shi Qing could not remember how perplexed and sullen she had felt at that moment. "Qiao Nan, the two of you are causing me harm. You dealt a direct blow to me and it hurt. Believe it or not, I will go and find myself a boyfriend immediately?!"

Shi Qing was only twenty years old. She was a young lady who was filled with hopeful expectations of love.

The Prince Charming she used to have in mind for a long time had now become her good friend's fiancé, yet they had to shamelessly display their affection in front of her. In addition, her maternal grandmother's family had been creating problems for her. The baby was unhappy! The baby was angry! The baby was going to throw tantrums!

"Please don't." Qiao Nan could tell that Shi Qing was certainly not in a good mood. Hence, she did not say anything that would agitate Shi Qing further. "Did the Feng family give you pressure? Or did you read my text message and interrogate them?"

Chapter 966 You Are Not Anxious, But I Am

"None of that." Shi Qing was hugging a bolster. "In the past, I felt quite happy visiting grandma's house. However, this year, I feel exhausted each time I go. We are all relatives. Clearly, we were getting along quite well. Since when did they have to beat about the bush when talking to me? They don't find that tiring but I do."

Regarding the text message, Shi Qing did not mention it to the Feng family at all. That was because she knew that even if she were to bring Qiao Nan to the Feng family for a confrontation, the Feng family might not be willing to admit to their doing and motives. In addition, she would not be able to find a way to bring Qiao Nan to the Feng family to clarify this.

If she were to bring this up, she would not receive any clarification. Instead, the Feng family might feel more disappointed.

Instead of creating an outcome that would upset her, Shi Qing would rather not talk about it. She would stomach this matter and let it rot.

"What is wrong with you then?" Qiao Nan sat beside Shi Qing and got her a cup of tea. She even massaged the acupuncture points at Shi Qing's temple to help the latter relieve her stress.

"I'm alright. Don't worry about me. You should know that a woman's temper is always not good for the few days after menstruation." For women, there would always be such days. "Wait for a few more days. I will automatically recover by then."

Qiao Nan laughed. "Do you think I don't know when your period is due? It is not due yet. Did anything happen at the Feng family?"

“It is useless for them to kick up a fuss. Even if they do, I won’t concede defeat. What’s the use of kicking up a fuss?” Shi Qing snorted satisfactorily.

“So, they really did kick up a fuss?” Qiao Nan sighed. It was no wonder that Shi Qing was in such a bad mood. “However, you should have been prepared before you went back to the Feng family. At this moment, Zhai Sheng’s family is in the capital. I guess Brother Zhai must have expressed his stand to them. In the future, don’t be sandwiched between the Feng family and me. As for what the Feng family has to say, it could go in one ear and out the other. You will be upset if you take them to heart. There is no need to do so.”

Even if Shi Qing was willing to pass messages to her on behalf of the Feng family, would she listen to them?

In fact, the relationship between Shi Qing and the Feng family was not that difficult to resolve.

“I know. But when my temper rises, I can’t control it as I wish. Most importantly, the Feng family came up with a new issue today. What kind of era is this? My grandpa wishes to matchmake me with someone.” At the end of her speech, Shi Qing sneered continuously. “Most likely, my paternal grandpa has been focusing all his effort on Qiu Chenxi. He did not even talk about who I should be engaged to. Why are my maternal grandparents getting involved in this matter? Unfortunately, my mom listens to them in everything that they say, going along with them.”

Yes, Brother Zhai was now engaged with Qiao Nan. It was now impossible between Brother Zhai and her.

However, although she was obviously the one who had fallen out of love, she did not give up on herself. Why did her maternal grandfather take the matter into his own hands and decide that she would be quickly engaged to someone she did not even know and had only met for just a few days?

At the thought of this, Shi Qing was so enraged that she wanted to scold someone.

“Engagement! What engagement!” At this moment, Qiao Nan was anxious. “This won’t do. Immediately call your dad and report this matter to him.”

Of course, the Feng family was not the one who would call the shots. The problem was that Shi Qing’s biological mother was still staying with the Feng family now.

Shi Qing can choose not to listen to the Feng family's words but her biological mother's words would certainly impact her. What exactly was the Feng family trying to do now?

"Forget it. It's already so late." Shi Qing was unhappy but her heart ached for her biological father, who was not in good health. He was also very busy. If she refused to agree, whatever her maternal grandfather's family said would not have an impact on her. Why did she need to inform her father about this?

"What do you know? If you don't call him, I will. If I really do call, I won't be able to control my comments about the Feng family. The rights are in my hands," Qiao Nan said without any reservation.

Seeing that Qiao Nan was so serious, her expression extremely solemn, Shi Qing, who initially did not take this matter to heart and purely felt uneasy, was greatly taken aback. "Please don't. I will. I will call him myself. Will that do?"

Shi Qing did not expect that when she told Shi Peng about this, her biological father's reaction was more exaggerated than that of Qiao Nan. "Alright, I know. Next time, if the Feng family asks you to go to their house again, don't go. Even if your mom requests you to do so, don't go. Understand?"

"Yes," Shi Qing said softly. "Dad, don't keep working overtime. Quickly rest."

"I know." Shi Peng rubbed his forehead. A ball of fury was forming in his heart.

He had allowed his wife to return to her maternal family in the capital because the Shi family did not treat her nicely. However, the Feng family seemed to be taking his politeness for granted. They dared to make plans about who his daughter was going to marry in the future. They had forgotten their boundaries.

Besides Qing Qing, who could decide for herself who she was going to be married to in the future, and as long as he was unwilling, the Feng family did not even have the right to intervene in this matter!

After hanging up the phone, Shi Qing had not come to terms with this matter. "Dad is angry. He forbids me from going to the Feng's residence again." This was most surprising to Shi Qing.

“Alright, your dad will handle this matter from now onward. You just have to listen to whatever your dad tells you to do.” Facing the silly Shi Qing, who did not know the gravity of the situation, Qiao Nan was both angry and amused. “Remember. Regardless of whom the Feng family or your biological mother brings to see you, you have to make excuses and say that you are not available. Just say that you don’t even have time for lunch.”

“Do I really need to do that?” Were Qiao Nan and her father being too paranoid that they were apprehending danger at every bush and tree they saw?

“Unless you think that after Brother Zhai and I are engaged, you do not mind marrying any man that you have just met, you don’t have to take me and your dad’s words seriously then.” Qiao Nan felt her head hurt. The Feng family actually used this tactic. What exactly were they trying to do and what was their motive?

Upon hearing this, Shi Qing was frightened. “Don’t worry. I will remember them.”

She would rather do without than to have something substandard, not to mention that she sincerely gave her blessings to Brother Zhai and Qiao Nan. How could she give up on herself to the extent that she did not care who she would marry because of their engagement?

Did not matter?

It mattered too much!

“Shi Qing, have you caught up with the lessons at Zhu Baoguo’s end?” Qiao Nan could not help but feel worried. She was pursing her lips tightly.

“I’ve caught up. Zhu Baoguo sent me the examination papers that he had just taken. I scored better than him,” Shi Qing said proudly.

“That’s good. Fortunately, Brother Zhai and his family are still in the capital. I will ask Brother Zhai to find a way to transfer you to PLA National Defence University.

After the Zhai family left, it would no longer be possible for her to help Shi Qing transfer school. She did not have the capability to do so. The Feng family would be the only ones left who had the capability to do so.

Shi Qing's eyes lit up. "You're sending me to be classmates with Zhu Baoguo? Actually, I am not anxious about it." Of course, it would be best if it could happen earlier.

Chapter 967 Qiao Nan Is the Leading Figure in Limelight

"My silly lady, I am anxious!" Qiao Nan tapped on Shi Qing's forehead with her fingers. "Anyway, listen to me. I won't harm you."

Shi Qing started to feel embarrassed. "Will Brother Zhai agree to it?"

It was possible that Shi Qing had been too annoyed by the Feng family. Upon hearing that she could be transferred to PLA National Defence University, she could not care much about Qiao Nan anymore. Her heart flew toward PLA National Defence University immediately when she heard Qiao Nan's words. "Wrong. With you around, it will certainly be fine."

Qiao Nan cast a displeased look at the heartless Shi Qing. "Yes, with me around, it will surely be fine. There is me helping you at Brother Zhai's end. If you are keen on transferring to PLA National Defence University, you should know in your heart what you need to prepare for. Toward this, I really can't help you much."

It was also a good thing that Shi Qing was going to discontinue her studies at Peking University, lest the Feng family used Shi Qing as an excuse to intervene in her school life. This would also save Shi Qing the pain of being sandwiched in the middle.

"Fine." Shi Qing agreed readily. "Qiao Nan, I am going to abandon you and run toward my real ambition."

Many years ago, she had wanted to study at PLA National Defence University because of Brother Zhai. Perhaps she had been thinking about it for too long, but this dream did not have anything to do with Brother Zhai now. It was purely due to her likes and desires now.

After the decision had been made, Qiao Nan stood up. "It's late. Quickly wash up and sleep. As for the rest of the matters, I will talk to Brother Zhai. You just need to update your dad about it."

"Rest assured. I will not reveal a word to anyone, not even my mom." At this moment, Shi Qing became very smart.

“Okay,” Qiao Nan replied and yawned. “I shall go and sleep first.”

Shi Qing quickly wrapped her arms around Qiao Nan’s shoulders. “Are you really going to sleep like that? Aren’t you going to take a look at the mirror first? Let me give you a suggestion. Tomorrow, skip classes for one day. Otherwise, you will become a hot topic of discussion in school again.”

That neck filled with ‘strawberries’—who would not overthink when they saw it?

Qiao Nan gritted her teeth. “There is no need for your concern. I have my own way to solve this.” After slapping Shi Qing’s head away from her shoulders, Qiao Nan returned to her room swiftly and slept soon after.

The next day, Shi Qing was waiting to watch a good show of Qiao Nan. Her pair of eyes were looking at Qiao Nan in a thievish manner. Why was she not wearing a turtleneck? Huh, where were the love bites? Where did they all go to?

“You don’t need to look anymore.” Qiao Nan gave a light knock on Shi Qing’s head.

“They all went away in one night? Is it because Brother Zhai bit too lightly or you possess extraordinary talent? Will Brother Zhai be able to enjoy the good fortune next time?” With a slip in her mind, even Shi Qing started to talk about ‘driving’.

Qiao Nan rolled her eyes. “That’s all wrong. I covered them up with a concealer.” There was no other way.

“Concealer? Isn’t that a makeup product? When did you buy that?” She did not know about it at all.

“It is always better to be prepared.” Didn’t it come into use now? “Alright, quickly go to school. Both of us have classes this morning. Don’t be late. As for breakfast, let’s have it at school.” Qiao Nan pulled Shi Qing along and ran toward Peking University.

Although both had classes, they were held in different classrooms. Hence, they went separate ways after having breakfast.

When Qiao Nan was seated after entering the classroom, two pairs of eyes were looking at her from time to time. It was extremely annoying.

Besides these two pairs of eyes, Qiao Nan's classmates were also talking softly about her.

Clearly, everyone was college freshmen. Besides the military training period, the school term had not even started for a month. In this batch of students, Qiao Nan was considered the leading figure in the limelight.

First, there was a scandal about being a kept woman. Next came the shocking news that Qiao Nan, a first-year freshman, knew Gao Yan, the Prince Charming of Peking University who had already started his own business.

The senior that was beyond their reach was a good friend that Qiao Nan was very familiar with and whom she could even bargain with.

This was truly unbelievable!

Senior Gao had graduated and Qiao Nan had just entered the school. The two of them were old friends and on such good terms with each other. There was not even a need for Qiao Nan to gather sponsorship. With just one word, the cold and aloof senior Gao was willing to open his pocket to sponsor the new English club.

Many people were spreading rumors that Qiao Nan and Senior Gao had a close relationship. In the future, she might simply become the lady boss of Senior Gao's company.

The lady boss wanted to take the money in the boss's pocket. Could the boss not give it to her? Dared he not do so?

At the thought of this, many classmates in the classroom could not help but look at Qiao Nan in a scandalous light.

If the scandal of being a kept woman had made Qiao Nan lose face, then this childhood sweetheart matter had completely given Qiao Nan a new life. She had received the affirmation of all the first-year freshmen.

“Qiao Nan, I heard that you are the secretary of the new English club. Although the deadline is over, can you lend me a helping hand so that I can join your club?” Someone went near to Qiao Nan and sat beside her.

Her classmate was the secretary. If she were to join the club, she would be so proud. At the very least, she would be of a higher status than other typical club members.

“Right, Qiao Nan. Help me. We are very interested in the English club. Give us a chance.” Never twice without three times. Many people who avoided Qiao Nan in the past were surrounding her now. “Qiao Nan, I heard that you not only know Senior Gao but are also childhood sweethearts with him. Is it true? Didn’t you say that you have a fiancé? Don’t tell me that Senior Gao is your fiancé?”

Damn, if that was the case, the English club would be given a new lease on life.

With Qiao Nan, this lady boss around, would they need to be afraid that Senior Gao would not sponsor them?

“...” Suddenly, she was surrounded by a group of people who were enthusiastically smiling and fawning on her. Qiao Nan felt so scared that she was having goosebumps. “Well... Everyone, the teachers are here. We can talk after the lesson if you have any matter. As for the new English club, we have different responsibilities. If you are really interested, you can look for the club’s vice president, Xu Shengnan, directly.”

She was the secretary, and her only task was to get sponsorships.

At this juncture, she had completed her task. As for whether the club could open the back door and take in a few more club members, the power of that decision would lie entirely with Vice President Xu.

“Haha, okay.” These people were not angry, and neither did they think that Qiao Nan was deliberately making excuses so as not to help them.

Anyway, everyone knew that Vice President Xu looked up to Qiao Nan. In addition, Qiao Nan had secured sponsorship for the new English club, becoming a great contributor to the club. If they were to use Qiao Nan’s name, they were not afraid that the English Club would not take them in.

“Crap, what’s the big deal? A group of fools. They have been toyed with and are still licking someone’s boots smilingly.” Lü Yan was feeling very jealous. In the past, everyone rejected Qiao Nan. Now, Qiao Nan had become the moon surrounded by a myriad of stars.

Tang Jiayun was still able to endure this. “Don’t be sour grapes. It is meaningless.”

“Don’t you feel jealous?” Lü Yan could not help but refute.

“Yes, but I’m a little better than you.” Tang Jiayun’s face turned sullen as she cast an unhappy glance at Lü Yan.

Chapter 968 I Can Even Give You Offerings

At the sight of Lü Yan’s and Tang Jiayun’s situations, Yu Xiaoxiao lowered her head and shifted sideways to distance herself from them. In the future, it was best that the four dormitory mates each take a corner of the four directions-north, south, east, and west-so that they could stay away from one another.

Yu Xiaoxiao could not figure it out. Clearly, she had been very much looking forward to college life before the school term commenced. She had hoped for good-tempered dormitory mates so that everyone could become friends and go through the four-year college life together happily.

She harbored such great expectations previously. However, why was the outcome so disappointing?

Although the situations in the dormitories of other classmates were not very harmonious, it was not unlike hers whereby everyone was at loggerhead with one another.

The only difference was that when the four dormitory mates were not getting along, everyone sided with the three of them. Now, everyone was on Qiao Nan’s side.

Toward all these, Qiao Nan did not seem to care. In particular, toward the situations of Lü Yan, Tang Jiayun, and Yu Xiaoxiao, Qiao Nan simply and automatically turned a blind eye on them.

Initially, Qiao Nan was not concerned about the activities of the English club anymore. She had secured the sponsorship. That meant that she had fulfilled her responsibility as the secretary of the club.

However, Xu Shengnan insisted that Qiao Nan meet her in the meeting room. Qiao Nan could only do so.

“Vice President Xu...” Could it be that Gao Yan’s sponsorship had not come through? Hence, Vice President Xu wanted her to help resolve it together? “Is it because there is a problem with the sponsorship? Or is there anything that requires me to communicate with Gao Yan?”

“No need, no need. Qiao Nan, you have already done very well.” Her attitude was totally different from the first time that she met Qiao Nan in the meeting room. From their first meeting, Xu Shengnan had categorized Qiao Nan as Zou Wenxuan’s type based on the latter’s looks and was prejudiced against Qiao Nan due to that first impression. However, at this moment, Xu Shengnan wanted to give offerings to Qiao Nan as if the latter was Buddha. “Qiao Nan, do you know that we have many new members joining our club recently?”

At the thought of that name list, Xu Shengnan really wished to put her hands on her waist, look at the sky, and give three loud laughs. Goodness gracious, the day she had been waiting for had finally arrived.

The situation of the new English club was basically a vicious cycle. They could not find anyone to join them. There were no sponsorships and the activities were lackluster. As the club was not outstanding, they were not able to attract new members in the coming year.

As a good club, it not only had to secure sponsorships but also, most importantly, needed to have many club members who were outstanding

The club’s membership size was like withered and dead leaves hanging on the branches in late autumn. Not to mention the number of outstanding members, the membership size was already pitifully small. It made people want to shed tears of pity for it.

Nevertheless, at this juncture, the sponsorship had just come in and there was also a huge batch of freshmen who were willing to join the English club. This made the new English club that had a leader without any new members, except for the secretary, became stronger and bigger. How could Xu Shengnan not feel happy?!

Xu Shengnan knew that these changes were brought about by Qiao Nan.

Finally, she could fulfill her wish in her final year of studies. How could Xu Shengnan not like Qiao Nan and give offerings to her like she was Buddha?

“It is way past the deadline to take in new club members. Is it really alright to take in new members at this time?” Qiao Nan, whom Xu Shengnan had asked to sit down, was in a great shock. Those people had really registered for the new English club and they had succeeded.

“Of course! What’s not good about it?!” Tears welled up in Xu Shengnan’s eyes. “Qiao Nan, you don’t know how difficult it is for this club to exist. As we don’t have many club members, it is very difficult to carry out our work and activities. Actually, the school is already starting to have the intention to do away with this club.”

Previously, the former English club was great. Everyone wanted to register to be its club member. Unfortunately, they could only take in a limited number of students each year. Hence, they had rejected many.

Precisely due to that, some of the seniors set up a new English club that was similar but with a new name.

The annoying thing was that in the first year, the new English club had many club members. However, following that, the number of members decreased year after year. There were too few members to carry out activities. Having this club in the school was no different from not having it.

This was the last year that Xu Shengnan would be the vice president in the new English club. It was also highly possible that this was the last year that the new English club would exist.

Xu Shengnan was very eager to get the club activities going. Besides doing herself proud, she also hoped that the new English club could continue its presence in the school.

Before Qiao Nan’s appearance, heaven knew how despaired Xu Shengnan and some of the old committee members felt.

Initially, these old committee members dared not hope for new recruits to join their club. Nevertheless, Qiao Nan was the eccentric one. Clearly, her grades were very good. She did not register for the former English club but came to the new one.

It was also because they really lacked members. In addition, it was hard to come by that Qiao Nan was willing to join the English club on her own accord. As such, she assumed the role of a secretary.

So as to speak, everyone gained something despite all the wrongs.

Xu Shengnan did not expect that such a seemingly heartless junior who came knocking at their door aimlessly really brought the dead English club back to life. It had been an opportunity to get a new lease on life.

No one could understand how emotional and touched Xu Shengnan felt when she saw so many people willing to join the new English club. All of them looked for her to 'open a back door' so that they could join the club.

If Xu Shengnan was not putting up a strong front by enduring and forcefully subduing this gush of emotions, any ordinary person would have cried at the sight of the situation. It was truly not easy.

"It is way past the deadline. Moreover, you're not letting in just one or two students. Notwithstanding anything else, what if others target us because of this?" After all, they were not adhering to the usual procedures.

Other matters were not so worrying. However, the new English club had just secured sponsorship. At this juncture, most likely, many were unhappy and would certainly keep a close watch on the club.

Qiao Nan felt that it did not seem very right to let so many people get in through the back door at the same time. "If someone reports this to the school, it will put our club in a more difficult position."

"It won't." Xu Shengnan sniffed. There was a flash of confidence in her eyes. "In actual fact, the activity this year is our last chance. I was the one who begged for this opportunity. Hence, there is a unique situation in our club. Precisely because too few people joined us, I have reported this to the school's leadership long ago. The teachers support us very much in launching the activities. Hence, there should be no problem."

No one knew how much effort Xu Shengnan had put in for the new English club.

"There is such a matter?" Qiao Nan was very surprised. "The new English club's situation is so terrible?" This meant that if not for Vice President Xu's hard work, the new English club would have ceased to exist this year?

During the day of the registration, Qiao Nan was also muddleheaded. She just picked a club that was unpopular.

“Why do you think you’re the only clueless one that registered to join our new English club then?”

Chapter 969 An Angel-Like Junior

“Since last year, many people had been spreading the news in the school that our new English club is going to be dissolved. Thereafter, the school conducted a meeting to discuss this seriously and decided on it. When I received the news, I rushed over alone!”

She would not concede defeat. She felt unjustified that the new English club could not succeed. She could not take it lying down that the club would cease to exist in this way.

Heaven was fair. In her most difficult times, when the new English club could not continue further, it sent Qiao Nan to her.

“You may not know. You are becoming increasingly famous in Peking University.” Xu Shengnan poured a cup of tea for Qiao Nan. She said it with such complacency as if she and not Qiao Nan was the one who became famous overnight.

“...” Qiao Nan blinked, feeling puzzled. “Why am I becoming increasingly famous? The matter about the thread has already been clarified, right? Have there been more adverse rumors about me recently?” Lü Yan posted false threads about her again, didn’t she?

“Don’t be nervous.” Xu Shengnan shook her head. “I have heard about the matter regarding the thread. That made you infamous. This time, you are famous for the right things. Because of you, the new English club has been saved. How can you not become famous?”

At the thought of the kept woman scandal, Xu Shengnan felt quite guilty.

Judging from Qiao Nan’s appearance, Xu Shengnan had been classifying Qiao Nan as the type of person that was similar to Zou Wenxuan. She thus did not see eye to eye with Qiao Nan.

After the kept woman scandal surfaced, Xu Shengnan was so furious that she had thought of kicking Qiao Nan out of the new English club.

The new English club was already having great difficulty starting out in Peking University. If not for her hard work, it would not even exist this year. The situation of the new English club was already so terrible. With a secretary like Qiao Nan, it would simply aggravate the situation.

Although she did not expect Qiao Nan to give or be of much help to the new English club, Qiao Nan should not cause them trouble either.

Fortunately, the president insisted and told Xu Shengnan calmly that the thread might be untrue. It was highly possible that someone was spreading false rumors.

As third-year students, this was not their first time encountering such matters.

Xu Shengnan should not vent her frustration on Qiao Nan about the impending dissolution of the new English club by the school.

At this point in time, Xu Shengnan was very grateful that fortunately, the club president was very calm and managed to persuade her back then.

Otherwise, she would have pushed away the chance for the new English club to get a new lease on life.

In the past, Xu Shengnan was not too ambitious. She was content to be on par with Zou Wenxuan as both assumed the role of vice president in the respective old and new English clubs.

Now, Xu Shengnan realized that she was not suitable to be the president as she was too quick-tempered and not rational enough.

The corners of Qiao Nan's lips curled. "You must be exaggerating when you said that, right?" She had not thought of saving anyone.

If Vice President Xu had not delegated the duty of securing sponsorships to her, and if the legendary Senior Gao was not Fang Fang's childhood sweetheart, she also could not settle this matter. "I can only say that it is fate. The opportunity for the new English club has

come."

Qiao Nan dared not amplify or take all the credit. “Vice President Xu, now, the sponsorship is not a problem and you have recruited many new club members. Do you have any concrete plans for the events?” If the events were not good, it was useless even if they had the money and manpower.

If the new English club really wished to secure its footing in Peking University, it would depend on how its events developed eventually.

If the events were successful, the new English club would be able to establish itself. It could then gradually take a step at a time and develop steadily. In the time to come, it would be on par with or even surpass the old English club.

“Yes, yes, yes. That’s why I’m looking for you to discuss them.” Xu Shengnan nodded. She had conceived many ideas for the events during the past two years. However, as the club lacked the funds, it was useless even if they had many good ideas.

This year, they finally had the funds. Xu Shengnan was even more enthusiastic. She wished to do an excellent job in organizing the events. She wanted them to be splendid.

Qiao Nan was actually not adept at organizing events. She completely could not be compared to Xu Shengnan.

After reading Xu Shengnan’s proposal, Qiao Nan felt that it was quite good. Anyway, she would not be able to come up with this or give any comments. “Vice President Xu, your proposal is quite good. If they are going to be implemented, it won’t go wrong. However, you also know that although I am a freshman, I am rather busy. These events...” She might not be able to participate in them. She might not be able to help out much either.

“It’s fine. You have already settled the most important task. As for the rest of the matters, I have other arrangements.” Xu Shengnan was smiling complacently.

If Qiao Nan had said this a week ago, Xu Shengnan would certainly not let her off. Although Qiao Nan was busy, she also had to make her squeeze out some time to help with the events.

There was no choice as there were very few club members. As such, one member had to take on the duties of ten members. No one could escape from it. Xu Shengnan would take the lead to be the coolie.

The number of club members had increased. Of course, Xu Shengnan could not possibly order Qiao Nan around anymore. “Fine, go ahead and focus on your other matters. However, on the day of the event, you still have to come. After all, you are the secretary. No matter how busy you are, you have to spend a little time on this. If this event is successful, perhaps our new English club will be able to receive the good progress award this year. When the school term ends, as the secretary of the club, you will be given many merit points too. These points are very useful to you if you wish to compete for scholarships.”

At this moment, Xu Shengnan almost treated Qiao Nan as if she were her biological sister. What to pay attention to, what would benefit Qiao Nan, what would be most effective in college-Xu Shengnan was imparting all the experiences that she had accumulated for the past two years to Qiao Nan so that the latter would not take the long routes.

Qiao Nan’s eyes lit up. Naturally, she understood how precious these words of Xu Shengnan were. Hence, she was conscientiously listening to her. “Vice President Xu, thank you. Don’t worry. I will definitely be there on the day of the event.”

Qiao Nan was not an obliging person. If she had wanted to score beautifully in social practice as well as have excellent grades, it was actually quite difficult, not to mention that Qiao Nan also had her own arrangements.

With Xu Shengnan’s sharing of experience, Qiao Nan could really save some of her time.

“Don’t mention it, Qiao Nan. I look up to you very much. Cheers!” Xu Shengnan patted Qiao Nan’s shoulders. The sunlight was shining on Qiao Nan through windows. It formed a crescent-shaped halo on Qiao Nan’s body. “Qiao Nan, do you know what you look like in my eyes now?”

“What?”

“An angel!”

“...” Qiao Nan was speechless as she raised her eyebrows. “Thank you.” So, the vice president suddenly notified and insisted her to come so that she could give her a round of praises?

When she came out of the meeting room, Qiao Nan felt like she was in a trance.

She thought of her first meeting with Vice President Xu, whereby the latter's attitude toward her was extremely unfriendly albeit not nasty. Qiao Nan nearly regretted registering for the new English club then. She had even considered resigning from the club.

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If the coldness displayed by Vice President Xu at that time was as cold as the harsh winter, then the warmth that she expressed now was hotter than that of the searing summer. She was so affectionate that Qiao Nan nearly could not take it.

"Hahaha, Qiao Nan, you are in great limelight recently." Shi Qing met Qiao Nan in school and was elated. Now, she could hear people talking about Qiao Nan wherever she went. They were talking about how brilliant Qiao Nan was.

As the roommate and a good friend of Qiao Nan, Shi Qing felt especially proud.

To others, it was the legendary Qiao Nan. To her, it was someone that she saw every day.

When Shi Qing shouted Qiao Nan's name, many people turned toward the latter. Qiao Nan was taken aback. She quickly pulled Shi Qing to the side. "Softer!"

Initially, when Xu Shengnan told Qiao Nan that she was famous in the school, Qiao Nan did not take it to heart at all.

However, when Shi Qing shouted her name just now, everyone was either staring at her or turning their heads, seemingly searching for 'Qiao Nan'. Qiao Nan then realized that she was truly quite famous despite being a first-year college freshman. "I feel that the current situation is too exaggerated."

Clearly, she had not done anything.

The kept woman scandal had spread her 'notorious' fame far and wide. Now, she had unknowingly become famous. Qiao Nan was in a trance.

She just wanted to study at Peking University quietly so that she could fulfill her previous life's dream of studying in college. Why did so many things happen?

The most terrible thing was that these things happened within the first month she entered college.

At the thought that the four-year college life had just begun, feelings of despair overcame Qiao Nan. "I hope that life will be smooth and peaceful for me after this. I don't want to experience this kind of strong currents and violent storms anymore."

Qiao Nan was someone that was contented with the status quo. She wished to fulfill her personal dream in a simple way and lead her entire life in a down-to-earth manner.

Qiao Nan really had not thought of becoming a famous personality in school.

"You are lacking courage. Many people want to be a famous personality in school but don't have a chance. The other three people in your dormitory kicked up so much fuss. Wasn't it because they wished for your current life? Why don't you like it?" Shi Qing felt that Qiao Nan was quite strange.

How should she put it?

Qiao Nan was clearly a piece of bright jade that was already shimmering. However, she insisted to cover herself with a layer of sand so that she could hide her shine. She then felt that she was an ordinary rock that did not have any shine.

Qiao Nan smiled bitterly.

She could not help it. She had been vilified and looked down upon by her biological mother for her whole life. Even if she was reborn, she just did not concede defeat and wished to lead her life according to her own wishes. However, she did not feel that the forty-year-old self in her previous life, who was unmarried, had no savings, no house, and no car, was a piece of shimmering gold that was dazzling in this life.

Qiao Nan was very clear that any ordinary person who suffered this kind of bad fortune under her mother would be considered healthy and strong in mind if they did not suffer from low self-esteem. Qiao Nan really did not have the confidence to believe that she was very outstanding

Ding Jiayi's brainwashing ability was extremely strong. Qiao Dongliang had been successfully brainwashed by her. Even the reborn Qiao Nan had not completely walked out of Ding Jiayi's shadow. She did not believe that she was a versatile person who could shine.

During her high school studies, Qiao Nan was also famous in the school. However, at that time, everyone's reaction was not that strong. At most, more people would consult Qiao Nan on their studies. In normal times, more people would look for Qiao Nan, asking her to tutor their children.

However, in college, many people had been staring at and talking about Qiao Nan. Clearly, everyone did not belong to the same faculty or cohort. This kind of situation made Qiao Nan feel much more awkward.

“Sigh, forget it. It's hard to figure out this matter.” Shi Qing saw the difficulty beneath Qiao Nan's eyes. Although she did not really understand Qiao Nan's thoughts, she could roughly guess a little. “It's fine as long as you're happy with your life.”

It did not mean that Qiao Nan would be able to shield the shine of a precious jade when she piled some sand and stones on herself.

Qiao Nan sought an ordinary life. She felt that she was ordinary. However, she was deceiving herself like an ostrich.

Nevertheless, it was still the same old saying. One was responsible for his own life. If Qiao Nan felt comfortable living in that way, then she could do whatever she was comfortable with.

Due to the Feng family's matter, Qiao Nan had been educating her every day recently. Finally, Qiao Nan revealed the weak side of her today. Shi Qing immediately straightened her back and lifted her chin highly.

It was only during this kind of moment that she finally felt that she and Qiao Nan were of the same age, that everyone had some shortcomings.

Otherwise, Qiao Nan, who had been taking care of and taking her in hand, gave her too much pressure.

“Alright. How is the matter regarding your transfer of school?” The school had just commenced. In fact, it was best if Shi Qing wished to transfer to PLA National Defence University at this point in time. If she delayed any further, it would not be that easy to settle the administrative matters when it was too late.

Shi Qing replied with a smile, "It's already in progress. I will be transferred over by the end of the month." With the Zhai family around, it was really not difficult for her to transfer to PLA National Defence University. Moreover, her results for the college entrance exams were not bad. It was good enough for her to enter PLA National Defence University.

"That's great." Qiao Nan nodded. "When you are at PLA National Defence University, just live in the school. Unless there is a need to do so, don't meet people from the Feng family. Fortunately, PLA National Defence University has stricter rules than Peking University. I feel more assured about this."

Shi Qing smiled but she did not reply further.

Shi Qing understood why Qiao Nan was so concerned about whether the rules were stricter at PLA National Defence University.

The stricter the rules were, the fewer the opportunities of her meeting the Feng family. As such, the Feng family would lack the chance to involve her in their plans.

This morning, Shi Qing had already given Feng Cheng a phone call. She made herself clear to Feng Cheng that she was still young and did not wish to be engaged so soon.

Furthermore, it was the 21st century now. Regardless of engagement or marriage, the other party had to be someone that she had chosen and taken a liking to. She wanted the freedom to choose her love.

As for the one that the Feng family had prepared for her, although the Feng family did not have other ladies, they still had other collateral relatives who were young ladies.

Such a good lad-one does not allow benefits created by one's own work to accrue to others. It was good to introduce him to other ladies in the Feng family. Shi Qing would certainly not mind.

When Shi Qing said that, Feng Cheng was stunned. When Feng Cheng tried to persuade her daughter, Shi Qing had already hung up the phone.

"Dad, Qing Qing is not willing to." Feng Cheng sighed. "Dad, is elder brother's matter really so urgent? Furthermore, Qing Qing is not wrong. Even if we want a joint marriage, Qing Qing may not need to be the one. We don't have ladies here but the other families in the Feng family have many."

As the biological mother, Feng Cheng would also be happy if her daughter could find a partner that she liked and was good to her.

Suddenly, a partner for wedding engagement appeared. Notwithstanding her daughter, even Feng Cheng, this mother, felt strange about it.