

## RTAMM 991

### Chapter 991 Public Display of Affection

Was there anyone else who would be better than Brother Zhai in this world?

She did not believe so.

There was a saying that humans were, in fact, not afraid of losing something. They were only afraid that they could not find anything better thereafter.

If the best thing in the world already belonged to her, why would there be a 'what if'?

The few male seniors who had just made up their mind to woo Qiao Nan had fallen out of love before they could even strike. Before they could experience the first feelings of being out of love, Qiao Nan had 'force-fed' them with so much public display of affection that they almost died of choking.

What an outstanding girlfriend who was so faithful to her boyfriend. In her eyes, her boyfriend was the best Prince Charming in the world. They wished to have such a girlfriend too.

When Qiao Nan was still a high school student, he had forcefully plucked away this small and tender flower. No matter what, that man was shameless!!

Xu Shengnan was also stunned by the public display of affection. "You... Well, as long as you're happy."

"Vice President Xu, take your time to have your supper then. I will make my way home first." It seemed that Tang Jiayun was not that much of a big-mouth. Of course, it was also possible that there were too many students in Peking University and Tang Jiayun's publicizing skills were limited. That was why this kind of embarrassing situation today would occur.

"Does the one in your family keep a very tight rein on you?" Xu Shengnan asked as this suddenly came to her mind.

Everyone was youngsters. At this young age, Qiao Nan's temperament could not be clear-minded to this extent.

The only explanation was that Qiao Nan's fiancé kept a very strict rein on Qiao Nan. He disliked Qiao Nan for being too close to other people, especially other men. "Qiao Nan, you have to remember. You can't pamper a man. In particular, when a man makes unreasonable requests, you have to decline him in a very serious manner. Otherwise, you will suffer a lot in the future!"

The outcome of a woman's good temper was that she would spoil her man rotten. He would become as pampered as a big boss. This would downgrade the woman's status to that of a nanny.

As she was aware that Xu Shengnan had her interests at heart, Qiao Nan did not blame Xu Shengnan for what she said. "Vice President Xu, you have misunderstood. Nevertheless, it is normal for men to be a little petty and jealous. It's normal. I am not joining the celebration party because I never have the habit of having supper. I'm afraid that I will feel too full and uncomfortable. Moreover, I really feel a little tired recently."

She was a new member of the new English club. However, her responsibilities were not any less than others.

Compared to most of the freshmen, Qiao Nan was the busiest one.

In the past, when she was in junior and senior high school, Qiao Nan had not come into contact with such matters. She had not worked so hard before. This was the first time. Hence, Qiao Nan's fatigue was certainly more than that of Xu Shengnan and the rest.

"Alright." She could tell that Qiao Nan really did not wish to go. It was also obvious that she looked tired. Xu Shengnan did not continue to make things difficult for Qiao Nan then. "Why don't I send you back first? You all can order the food first. I will come back soon."

It was quite late now. Xu Shengnan was a little worried letting Qiao Nan go home alone.

"No need, Vice President Xu. Go ahead and have fun with them. It is quite bustling along the way to my home. It is quite safe." Her master's house wasn't located in those bad areas with complex characters.

The location was too good. That was why Qiao Nan did not want Xu Shengnan to send her home. She was afraid that she would not be able to explain thereafter.

Although there were no rumors, Qiao Nan could guess that some people had misunderstood that she had been staying at a place provided by Shi Qing, that she was enjoying free lodging and food.

Of course, the first few people who would have such a misunderstanding were the three former dormitory mates of Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan did not have any relatives or good friends in the capital. Shi Qing had the Feng family as relatives and they were officials and businessmen. In the eyes of a normal person, she was the one who basked in Shi Qing's glory, and in no way would Shi Qing benefit from her.

“Okay then.” Xu Shengnan was not overly courteous with Qiao Nan either. After knowing Qiao Nan for some time, Xu Shengnan knew that Qiao Nan was not the type of person who liked to put on a strong front for the sake of face. “Alright. When you have arrived home, remember to send me a text message.”

Since Qiao Nan picked up the Feng family's call in front of Xu Shengnan and Zou Wenxuan, regardless of Xu Shengnan or Zou Wenxuan, both requested for her contact number immediately.

“Okay, Vice President Xu.” Qiao Nan nodded. She left the school together with the members of the new English club.

The others were running toward supper while Qiao Nan was heading back home.

It was ‘fated’ that the two batches of people were heading in the same initial direction.

Xu Shengnan blinked in disbelief. “Qiao Nan, you... you stay in that area?”

“...” Qiao Nan felt her teeth hurt a little. Could she not admit it?

Qiao Nan did not open her mouth to admit, but neither did she deny it. That meant that she had quietly admitted it.

Xu Shengnan let out a breath of cold air. “Qiao Nan, don’t tell me that you are an outstanding beauty with looks, money, and background!” That line of houses—could any Tom, Dick, or Harry live in one of them?

Not to mention Xu Shengnan, all of the club members were shocked. The gentle and nice junior standing before them had such a strong family background.

Qiao Nan smiled wryly. “Vice President Xu, you are overthinking. I’m not an outstanding beauty with looks, money, and background. I’m just a poor suspender. What kind of place is the capital? The property prices are shockingly expensive. That house doesn’t belong to me. It belongs to my master. He doesn’t stay in the capital. After knowing that I became a student of Peking University, he passed the house keys to me, lending it to me for four years.”

At this time, although the property prices in the capital were not that ridiculous yet, it was still much pricier than the other places in general.

She did not even have a place that belonged to her in Ping Cheng. Wrong, she had one. However, she did not earn it herself. That was a gift.

In short, she could not even afford a house in Ping Cheng. How could she yearn to have a place of her own at a place like this?

If she really had so many houses, she could become an outstanding lady with looks, money, and background.

“...” Qiao Nan’s explanation did not alleviate Xu Shengnan’s concern. Instead, it aggravated them further. “Where did your master come from? Is the other party a male or female? How old are they?”

As Xu Shengnan listened, her thoughts went astray.

This person even had an unoccupied house in the capital. He must be the wealthier of the wealthy ones.

Qiao Nan tugged the corners of her lips. “Vice President Xu, you are overthinking. If you see my master in the future, don’t say this kind of thing. My master is very old and he has become pettier.” Master was master. Could Vice President Xu be mixing up master with ‘sugar daddy’?

Xu Shengnan laughed in embarrassment. “Don’t mind me. I’m just afraid that you are too young. You have to remember. Society is very complex. You don’t have such thoughts but that doesn’t mean that others don’t. Does your fiancé know that you are staying in the house of your master?”

Master?

He had let someone who was unrelated by blood stay in his unoccupied house. Damn, he was better than a biological father.

Qiao Nan refuted Xu Shengnan. “My master is quite capable. There are many people who wish to acknowledge him as their master. As you can imagine, my master is quite classy.”

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“Without my fiancé, how would a small fly like me get to know that kind of classy character like my master?”

Brother Zhai was aware. Without Brother Zhai, how could she possibly have a master?

“Oh... I feel more assured then.” Xu Shengnan heaved a sigh of relief. She was afraid that her junior was too young and did not know that people nowadays were not as honest as they used to be. She was fearful that she would be cheated by others.

Although Xu Shengnan was aware that the kept woman scandal previously was completely untrue, she had to take precautions for some matters.

She could tell that Qiao Nan, her junior, was a very abiding person who was not very ambitious.

Clearly, her junior could take the opportunity of this event to gather power in the club. The problem was that the party concerned completely did not harbor such a wish or intention.

If she had not forced Qiao Nan to work and pull her along to familiarize herself with various events and its contents, Qiao Nan would have been happier to stay by the side and slack.

This was such a simple and unambitious person. Xu Shengnan felt that it was unnecessary for Qiao Nan to come into contact with high-status individuals. She could lead a simple and honest life on her own. Someone who was easily contented would definitely be much happier than the average person.

At the thought of this, Xu Shengnan felt very sullen. Was she treating Qiao Nan as her own daughter? She was worried about so many things and even wanted to help her take precautions.

“Sure, quickly go home. See you at school tomorrow.”

“Okay. Goodbye, everyone.” Qiao Nan sensibly waved goodbye to everyone. She then walked toward her own home, leaving behind a group of seniors who were stunned.

At that moment, someone said softly, “Is there any more of such masters around? I don’t need a dozen. Give me half a dozen. That will do.”

Xu Shengnan turned back and rolled her eyes. “You are thinking too much. It’s faster if you dream of such matters.” Damn, it had gone haywire. Initially, she wanted to ask Qiao Nan the name of the English song that the latter sang on stage today and who was the original singer.

Forget it. She could ask about it tomorrow.

After Qiao Nan arrived home, she quickly did a combat bath.

She had been forced up the stage to perform today. As there was not enough time, sadly, Xu Shengnan had forced some makeup on Qiao Nan before she went on stage.

This was because one’s features, without makeup, would look unflattering under the strong spotlights.

Qiao Nan had been arranged to perform at the last minute. Xu Shengnan did not have any expectations on the quality of the performance. However, Xu Shengnan also said that they would do their best on the things within their control. They would not slack and would do everything to the best of their ability.

Qiao Nan, who had not done any makeup in two lifetimes, had her first makeup done in such a chaotic manner. She did not feel that it was a beautiful experience.

As such, Qiao Nan, who was not used to having so many things applied on her face, had been tolerating for a long time. When the show ended, she had already dabbed the tissue paper with water and continuously rubbed the makeup off her face. However, she still did not feel comfortable.

Qiao Nan could not care if it would hurt her skin. She simply used the sulfur soap to wash her face.

It was only when she confirmed that her face felt fresh and comfortable that she felt more at ease.

After she finished bathing and washing her face, her skin felt dry. She took out a big bottle of moisturizer. She did not mind the trouble as she started applying the cream, starting from her face to her legs.

After finishing all these, Qiao Nan yawned and lay on the bed. She fell asleep soundly thereafter.

The next day, when Qiao Nan was carrying her schoolbag and running to her classroom, she felt some schoolmates whom she did not know smiling at her from time to time. The smiles made Qiao Nan have goose bumps all over.

The good thing was that Qiao Nan was quite big-hearted. Since people were willing to look at her, she would let them do so. She would not lose a piece of flesh anyway. It would not affect her much.

Putting aside this matter, Qiao Nan followed her usual routine and returned to her previous life. She continued to focus on three areas.

Initially, after the event of the new English club had ended, Qiao Nan simply cast this matter aside and ignored it. However, very soon, Qiao Nan began to understand that after she became the secretary of the new English club, she benefited more than she could imagine. It was not as if she could wash her hands off everything after the event had ended and after she had done her part.

“The club has given me this place?” When she received the news, Qiao Nan was quite surprised. She had thought that she would be eligible for this only when she was in her second year and had made some achievements.

As a student, Qiao Nan was very clear about a certain process. One would join the communist youth league in junior high school and the party in college.

When she was in junior high school, Qiao Nan's results were good and she was also a class committee member. As such, she was the first batch of students to join the league. However, when she attended Peking University that was filled with talents, Qiao Nan did not think much about this. She intended to do well for a couple of semesters before she would look for a chance to join the party.

Unexpectedly, Qiao Nan was given the opportunity when she was in her first year of college studies.

"Right, it has been given to you." Xu Shengnan smiled. "Of course, it is also your luck. It is a situation of reciprocity and mutual benefit. We have very few club members. If we did not secure sponsorships and receive the school's approval to take in a group of new members, you would be the only new member in the club. Also, everyone can see your contribution to this round of events. In addition, the other members just joined us. As such, you can say that I am giving this place to you. You can also say that no one is qualified to compete with you for this place."

"Woo..." Qiao Nan was overjoyed. Her efforts were not wasted. She had been associated with this good matter.

To Qiao Nan, who preferred soldier attire to feminine one, besides her liking for soldiers, she was also passionate about joining the party.

In her previous life, Qiao Nan did not graduate from high school. She was only a league member until her death. She did not even have a chance to become a party member.

The other passion that she had in her two lifetimes had been gifted to her at no cost by Xu Shengnan today, so how could Qiao Nan not feel elated? "When are the classes starting?" This was only the first year of her college studies and she could already join the class. She would then write to apply to join the party thereafter.

Hahaha, perhaps she could become a party member before she graduated.

"There is no hurry in this. If there are really classes starting, the school will notify everyone together. You just have to keep a lookout during normal times." Qiao Nan was not affected by many things. Even at the major event yesterday, Qiao Nan was so nonchalant that she did not even have



the self-awareness of a famous personality in the school. At the sight of Qiao Nan being so emotional and elated, Xu Shengnan felt that it was hard to come by. “You’re so happy? You really wish to join the party?”

“Happy!” Qiao Nan nodded with might. “I wish to join the party very much!”

Xu Shengnan felt that this was getting interesting. “Why do you wish to join the party?”

She was aware that people from the 1950s and 1960s wished to join the party very much. They especially respected Chairman Mao. However, people of Qiao Nan’s age were not so enthusiastic about joining the party. This was rare.

“When my dad was young, he was a soldier. My grandpa carried guns and went to the battlefield to fight with the Japanese before.” Qiao Nan’s eyes were shimmering brightly. Although she had never seen her own grandfather before, her father would often carry her and tell her stories of her grandfather when the latter was alive.

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She heard that her grandfather told the stories to her father, and her father told her.

Of course, as Qiao Dongliang’s daughter, Qiao Zijin also heard about the stories that Qiao Nan had heard of.

The difference was that Qiao Nan had listened to Qiao Dongliang’s words and took them to heart. On the contrary, Qiao Zijin’s character resembled more of that of Ding Jiayi. She was very realistic.

Xu Shengnan was very shocked. “The situation of your family... can it be considered having a very long history?” Her grandfather had fought with the Japanese before. He could be considered one of the heroes of the war then. “Qiao Nan, are you considered as the offspring of veteran revolutionaries? Actually, you are a rich and wealthy woman with a good family background, right?”

“Vice President Xu, you have been thinking too much. It’s not that complicated. There are a lot of people from my grandfather’s generation who had been to the battlefield and fought with the Japanese.”

Offspring of veteran revolutionaries?

She was considered as one.

However, there were also differences among the offspring of veteran revolutionaries.

In her previous life, she was the offspring of veteran revolutionaries, and so was Brother Zhai. Hence, they lived in the same quad. She then had the opportunity to become Brother Zhai's neighbor.

However, the relationship between the offspring of veteran revolutionaries was only as such.

Sometimes, Qiao Nan would think back. If she had not been cornered to her edge, escaped from her house, coincidentally bumped into Zhai Sheng whereby he brought her home and fed her some fever medicine that day, would she and Zhai Sheng be like her previous life? In her previous life, when she was almost forty years old, she barely heard of Zhai Sheng's news. Naturally, they did not even see each other.

At the thought of this, unknowingly, Qiao Nan felt guilty in her heart.

Given Brother Zhai's status and family background, it was impossible for him to be like her, unmarried when he was already old and still childless.

In this lifetime, she made a sudden appearance. She was not only engaged with Brother Zhai but also going to collect their marriage certificate next year. Would she have snatched away the happy life that originally belonged to another woman?

If Brother Zhai actually loved that woman more than her, the only thing was that that woman had not appeared.

When that woman appeared but she and Brother Zhai were already married, would Brother Zhai feel that that woman was whom he truly loved? Would she then become his responsibility?

Qiao Nan's heart ached and she felt jealous at the thought of it.

She certainly believed that Zhai Sheng would not be like other scum, who would dump their wife and children and focus on chasing romance, when they discovered after getting married that their soulmate was, in fact, someone else and not their wife.

The problem was that when that woman really appeared, would she be able to accept a man that did not love her and whose heart was not with her anymore?

Qiao Nan was never a hard-hearted woman. On the contrary, she had a very soft heart. It was not any harder than a ball of flour.

At the thought that her current happiness was the result of her possibly taking away an innocent woman's happiness, she did not feel at ease no matter how she thought about it.

If she had known that such a day would come, she should have been more concerned about the rest of the people of her age in the quad in her previous life.

In that case, she would be able to know whom Brother Zhai had married in her previous life and whether the couple's marriage life was happy, blissful.

"Qiao Nan, what are you thinking about? I have been talking to you for so long but you don't have any reaction." Xu Shengnan gave Qiao Nan a push. "You don't seem to look well. Are you feeling unwell?"

Just a while ago, Qiao Nan was overjoyed when she told her that she could join the party. Why was it that in the blink of an eye, that pinkish face of Qiao Nan had immediately turned as white as a sheet?

"I'm fine. Perhaps I have been too busy. I have a weak body constitution since I was a child. I have been malnourished before when I was young. I only started to nourish my health in the recent few years. Recently, my life has been very dynamic. I've not experienced this before. I am probably a little not used to it."

Qiao Nan was not lying. She had been standing on one's heels because of the club events.

Besides Xu Shengnan, Qiao Nan was the other one who had been the busiest in the club.

Xu Shengnan had two years of experience but Qiao Nan was a complete newbie.

“Your health was so poor when you were young? No wonder you’re so skinny. I really suspect if the typhoon will simply blow you away one day.” Xu Shengnan had a look of concern on her face.

As women, one would hope that they could be slimmer. The problem was that Qiao Nan was a little too thin. “Do you only have bones and no meat on your body?”

Qiao Nan slapped away the hands that Xu Shengnan placed on her body and even started to move toward her breast. “Vice President Xu, you don’t have to worry. No matter whether I have more meat or bones, it’s fine as long as the one in my family likes it.”

After saying that, Qiao Nan’s face turned red.

It was Brother Zhai’s fault for leading her astray previously. Now, she actually said something like that in front of Vice President Xu.

Xu Shengnan was first stunned, and then she laughed out loud. “Right, right, right. Whether you have more bones or meat on your body, I’m not the one hugging you to sleep in the future. It’ll be fine as long as the one in your family likes it. Judging from your reaction, he seems to be quite satisfied with your figure. That’s right. Both of you are already engaged. Junior, would you mind telling your senior whether the two of you have done the vilest thing? Is my junior not pure anymore?”

Xu Shengnan was not blind. Qiao Nan’s face was very attractive. Not to mention a man, she also liked it when she saw it.

As for Qiao Nan’s figure, her arms and legs were thin but they were proportionate and slender.

Besides her limbs, Xu Shengnan could not see anywhere else. Nevertheless, the curvaceous figure before Qiao Nan’s chest could not lie. “Qiao Nan, I really want to ask you. What did you eat when you grow up? Clearly, your arms and legs are so slim that women are jealous, envious, and hateful of you. Why is there so much meat on the two lumps in front of your chest? It should be C cup or above, no?”

Damn, that partner of Qiao Nan would be so fortunate in the future.

Qiao Nan's face turned red. "Vice President Xu, although yours is A cup, I won't look down on you."

Qiao Nan also did not know how she grew to become like that.

Clearly, when she was in junior high school, she was very skinny and shriveled. There was not much difference between her front and back.

However, after she attended senior high school, she had been eating and drinking well. She was also in a good mood. She not only grew in height, but the two lumps on her breast became increasingly heavier as well.

When she was in high school, Tang Mengran often teased Qiao Nan. "Qiao Nan, we have been eating, drinking, and sleeping together every day. You eat quite a lot. Why don't I see flesh growing on other parts of your body? Why did all the flesh go to this part?"

The body part that Tang Mengran was referring to was Qiao Nan's chest.

"Ugh..." Xu Shengnan felt like vomiting blood. As a senior, she was flat-chested. "Your words deeply pierced my lungs. I won't bother with you anymore."

After leaving behind these words, Xu Shengnan ran off, lest Qiao Nan say something else that would drive her to her grave.

## Chapter 994 Not Owing It to Anyone

"Hahaha..." At the sight of Xu Shengnan fleeing, Qiao Nan was pleased and smiling. Everyone had a time whereby they went rogue. As long as she was more rogue than the other party, she would not be the one running away.

Of course, most of the time, this method would only work well on the members of the same gender. If you were to use it on the opposite gender, you would be playing with fire.

After settling the paperwork, Qiao Nan's excited mood did not subside immediately.

Vice President Xu had mentioned that the first class for joining the party was most likely going to start soon!

Qiao Nan pinched her thigh with all her might. It was so painful that she continuously gasped for cold air thereafter. "I'm really the first of my cohort to become a party member?"

After confirming that it was real and not a dream, looking up at the sky, Qiao Nan laughed loudly three times.

After she let out the steam, Qiao Nan tidied up her slightly messy hair. She even straightened her shirt and held her head up and chest high before heading to the library.

After Qiao Nan left, Feng Meng walked out from behind a big tree with a bizarre expression. He was staring straight at the back of Qiao Nan, who was leaving.

At the thought of what he just saw, the look in Feng Meng's eyes kept changing.

Although he had not interacted much with Qiao Nan, that comical, ridiculous, and slightly moronic behavior surprised him. Nevertheless, he felt that it was very... refreshing and special.

Each time the Feng family requested Shi Qing to invite Qiao Nan to the house of the Feng family, Qiao Nan never appeared. She declined the invitations flatly.

Every time he thought of this behavior of Qiao Nan, Feng Meng had always believed that Qiao Nan would have a very haughty and snobbish image.

In Feng Meng's social circle, he had seen many rich men's daughters with such character. To Feng Meng, this sort was the most annoying.

He was very clear that they were not truly high and mighty. They deliberately raised their own worth as they felt that the people that they came into contact with could not give them what they wanted at all.

However, if they were to meet someone that had what they wanted, no matter how haughty they were, they would become gentle and accommodating little women who would restrain their tempers.

This kind of high and mighty behavior was not only pretentious but also disgusting.

Feng Meng had seen too many of such pretentious women.

Feng Meng had never met or interacted with a woman like Qiao Nan, who cared little about her own image. She was so 'genuine' that she was a little 'ugly'.

As he thought about his observation of Qiao Nan from the past few days and also other people's opinions of Qiao Nan, the look in Feng Meng's eyes as he glanced in Qiao Nan's direction became very strange and complex.

So as to speak, Qiao Nan's bad, cold, and aloof temper was purely targeted at the Feng family.

In front of other ordinary people, Qiao Nan was, in fact, an ordinary young lady who was very easy-going albeit rather chatty.

What was the reason?

Feng Meng could not figure this out. Qiao Nan was considered quite easy-going when she was with others. Why did her attitude become so stubborn when it came to the Feng family? There was no room for negotiations at all.

Could it be that Qiao Nan's disregard of other people's faces was specially used to deal with and boycott the Feng family?

After a long time, Feng Meng, who placed great importance on both business and interests, still could not figure out why Qiao Nan was so friendly to these students who would not be of any help to her future. On the other hand, she treated the Feng family so coldly. What would Qiao Nan gain from doing this?

What was Qiao Nan's reason for doing such a ridiculous thing?

This was the first time that Feng Meng, whose brains were currently in knots, discovered that understanding a woman's thoughts was more difficult than negotiating for a major business project and earning a big sum of money.

"Hello." Feng Meng's cell phone rang and he picked it up.

"It's me."

"Uncle."

"Yes. How's your interaction with Qiao Nan? Do you know where Qing Qing is?" Feng Liang was looking impatiently at the files in front of him. He was pulling an extremely long face.

The Zhai family of three had left but the impact that they had brought did not completely disappear.

Feng Liang, who had already received the Zhai family's warning, was in a very bad mood. The Zhai family was really so protective of their calf.

The Feng family had not even done anything to Qiao Nan, yet the Zhai family was so domineering. They were settling scores with them without giving any reason.

If the Zhai family were to do that openly, Feng Liang still had a chance to resolve the trouble that the Zhai family caused to him. Unfortunately, Zhai Sheng was very subtle in this.

Feng Liang, who could not avoid the problem, could only find ways to minimize the harm and losses.

The Feng family had been completely stuck in the problem that Zhai Sheng had created for them. When they finally had the time and mood to think of other things, Feng Cheng could no longer reach Shi Qing when she wanted to do so.

When Shi Qing finally picked up the phone call, without further ado, Shi Qing's opening speech was, "Mom, you don't need to keep calling the small courtyard of Elder Lin anymore. I am no longer staying there."



“Where are you staying then? Qiao Nan actually chased you out!” Feng Cheng raised her voice. That annoying tone seemed as if she could not wait to look for Qiao Nan and fight with her so that she could help her daughter deal with Qiao Nan.

“How is that possible? Qiao Nan is very good to me. Why would she chase me away?”

“Then, why are you no longer staying at the small courtyard of Elder Lin? Regardless of whether Qiao Nan chased you away, you should stay put in the house with ease. That is the small courtyard of Elder Lin. It doesn’t belong to Qiao Nan alone. If you can no longer stay there, why don’t you come back and stay here?”

She did not believe that Qing Qing would move out of the Elder Lin’s courtyard if she did not have any conflict with Qiao Nan.

“Mom, aren’t you amusing? That is Elder Lin’s small courtyard, not mine. On what basis should I stay there with ease? Not to mention that right from the beginning, Elder Lin only wanted to lend the small courtyard to Qiao Nan, his little disciple. It’s all thanks to Qiao Nan that I could stay there.” Her mother had been taking it for granted.

“You don’t need to rely on her. Come back and stay at the house of the Feng family. It’s not as if our house doesn’t have a car or chauffeur. Next time, I can get our family chauffeur to send you to and from school every day.” It was fine if Qing Qing did not stay there. It was just a small courtyard. She did not care. “Qing Qing, listen to Mom. Quickly move back home. That small courtyard of Elder Lin is located near Peking University but our family has a chauffeur. It is not an issue if our house is located further. If you are afraid that you need to wake up early, you can sleep in the car after you board it when the chauffeur is driving. You will be able to make up for some sleep.”

Feng Cheng knew a little about that small courtyard of Elder Lin.

Before Elder Lin had retired completely, he had once been engaged by Peking University. He had been the university’s lecturer for a few years.

As such, many disciples of Elder Lin graduated from Peking University.

Regarding that house, instead of saying that the country had given it to Elder Lin, it should be said that Peking University had also contributed much.

In order to make it convenient for Elder Lin to teach at Peking University from time to time, the location of the house was certainly very close to Peking University. It was most suitable for students such as Qiao Nan and Shi Qing.

The Feng family always felt that they had some status in the capital. However, they did not have the capability to get a house located in that area, such as the small courtyard of the Lin family.

Naturally, neither the Feng family nor the Zhai family had such a house. Only this master of Qiao Nan did.

### Chapter 995 Resolve One's Own Family Matters

“Qing Qing, listen to me.” Feng Cheng was well aware of this. That was why she felt even more annoyed with Qiao Nan.

It was no wonder that Qiao Nan dared to fight with Qing Qing for man. She had such a formidable master.

She was young but she had a lot of means. She not only seduced a young one but also made Elder Lin acknowledge her as his last disciple. No matter how Feng Cheng thought about it, she felt that Qiao Nan, this young lady, was too scary.

Her own daughter was so pure and simple. If she were to mix around with such a scheming woman, she would certainly suffer badly.

Earlier on, Feng Cheng had been persuading Shi Qing to move out and return to the house of the Feng family to stay.

The small courtyard of the Lin family was lent to Qiao Nan by Elder Lin. If Shi Qing went over to stay, she would certainly not feel as carefree as staying at the house of the Feng family.

At that time, Shi Qing refused to agree.

Today, when Feng Cheng heard that her daughter had moved out of the small courtyard of the Lin family, Feng Cheng spoke about this matter again as the idea surfaced once more.

“Mom, if I really stay at the house of the Feng family, let alone having a car send me, I will be late every day unless I board a plane!” Shi Qing was amused. “Mom, I have moved out of the small courtyard of the Lin family. Moreover, I am no longer a student of Peking University. I have changed my school.”

“Changed your school? Which school do you attend now?!” Feng Cheng was taken aback. “You’re such a stubborn child. You are so daring. Why didn’t you mention changing school to me before? Does your dad know? Which school do you attend exactly?! Do you know how good Peking University is? Why are you so foolish to change school? If you change your school at this point in time, no matter how good your results are, will you still be able to go to a better school? Silly child!”

Feng Cheng was enraged. “Tell Mom. Who was the one who gave you this lame idea? If no one had been talking to you, you wouldn’t have done such a foolish thing. Tell me, did Qiao Nan teach you to do this?”

After being bombarded by Feng Cheng, Shi Qing moved the phone further away from her. When she heard that the noise in the phone receiver was not so loud anymore, she then placed it back on her ears. “Mom, you are overthinking. This matter did not have anything to do with Qiao Nan. I’m not a three-year-old child who will listen to anything that other people tell me. As to where I am studying, I won’t tell you now. I have just arrived at the school and have to settle the paperwork. Don’t worry about Dad. I can settle that on my own. Mom, you have been asking me where I am studying now. I would like you to guess. Where am I studying?”

Would her mother understand and know her well? Did she know that she had always dreamed about being a soldier all this while?

“This wretched child. How will I know?!” Without thinking, Feng Cheng declined to answer. “I don’t care which school you attend now. If I had long known that you had such thoughts, would I have let you run away?!”

Peking University was one of the top schools in China. Unless Qing Qing switched to Tsinghua University, she would be shortchanged regardless of which school she went to.

She still claimed that she was not a three-year-old child. She was truly a silly child!

After being reprimanded by Feng Cheng over the phone, Shi Qing sighed in disappointment. “Mom, I have already grown up. I’m an adult now. You should trust me. Alright, I just wanted to inform you about my whereabouts. This is in case you call the small courtyard of the Lin family and discover that I am not around. You would then misunderstand that Qiao Nan had sold me out. Besides, I have just arrived at my new school. My studies load is heavier. After I make the call today, I most likely won’t be able to contact you for a long time. Mom, please don’t worry about me. I am not missing.”

After finishing her words, Shi Qing hung up the phone before Feng Cheng could say anything else.

Due to this notification phone call of Shi Qing with neither head nor tail, Feng Cheng and the Feng family felt especially nervous.

Why was Shi Qing no longer studying at Peking University without an apparent reason?

To be honest, the changing of school was not something that was extremely grave.

Furthermore, even if it was a very serious matter, Shi Qing had already changed to another school. The Feng family could not change this even if they wanted to do so.

However, what Feng Cheng was most concerned about was that aside from Shi Qing not studying at Peking University and changing school, she also said that she would be busy with studies and would not be able to contact Feng Cheng for a long time. This made Feng Cheng feel especially worried.

Because of this phone call, Feng Cheng did not feel more at ease. Instead, she became more worried. She was worried that her own foolish daughter would be cheated or betrayed by others.

Shi Qing had used a public phone to contact Feng Cheng. Even if Feng Cheng dialed back the number, Shi Qing would not be the one picking up the call. Hence, she could not rely on this phone number to find Shi Qing.

In short, if Shi Qing did not contact Feng Cheng, Feng Cheng completely did not have a way to find her daughter.

This was her only biological daughter. Regardless of how strong-tempered and muddleheaded she was, Feng Cheng cared very much about her. She was also very anxious about her.

Left with no alternative, Feng Cheng could only request the Feng family to spend more time and effort to find Shi Qing's whereabouts quickly and confirm whether Shi Qing was really safe.

Shi Qing left so suddenly. She did not even notify the Feng family. Although the Feng family wanted to look for Shi Qing, they did not have an avenue to do so.

The Feng family was thus compelled to set their eyes on Qiao Nan again.

If that was not the case, Feng Meng would not have left his big company and major contract to his biological father and came to Peking University to keep a watch on Qiao Nan.

The Feng family was not clear about Shi Qing's whereabouts but he did not believe that Qiao Nan did not know.

As long as Qiao Nan contacted or met Shi Qing, they would eventually be able to find Shi Qing if Feng Meng or the Feng family was able to tail Qiao Nan closely.

After observing Qiao Nan for two to three days, Feng Meng did not find out any news of Shi Qing from Qiao Nan. On the contrary, he had seen a Qiao Nan who was completely different from his impression—or rather, his perceived impression of her.

The quiet Qiao Nan seemed to be the common weed seen by the roadside, which did not have any sense of presence. Nevertheless, once she performed, she was like the most inconspicuous weed that quietly bloomed into a beautiful, small, and pure white flower. She even exuded a faint and alluring fragrance that was refreshing to one's mind.

Feng Meng observed that he had become a little strange upon this discovery.

At the very least, when he saw Qiao Nan now, his despise and revulsion to her was obviously not as strong as before.

At this moment, Qiao Nan's situation was not important. The most important matters were which Shi Qing had transferred to and whether she was safe.

“Uncle, I still think that auntie should give a call to uncle-in-law. Qing Qing refused to tell auntie which school she attends. I feel that uncle-in-law would know.”

Qing Qing was not an extremely stubborn child. Although she had done something so willful, she must have her reasons for doing so.

“Uncle, it has been such a long time. What are Qing Qing’s hobbies? When she was a child, did she ever mention her ambitions? Auntie really can’t recall that?” Both Qing Qing’s grades and family background were good.

Regardless of Qing Qing’s childhood dream, Qing Qing could choose a university that was aligned with her dream and progress from there.

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As long as they could clarify this, he believed that they could definitely find out which school Qing Qing had been transferred to.

Feng Liang was so furious that he smashed the teacup. “Don’t talk about your auntie anymore. She has been spoiled by the maternal family. After her marriage, she has also been spoiled by your uncle-in-law.”

All this while, Feng Liang was aware of why Old Master Feng raised up Feng Cheng to be so naive. It was nonetheless because Feng Cheng would be akin to spilled water after she was married. He did not want Feng Cheng to spare too much thought for her husband’s family and then prod all the benefits to the Shi family.

If Feng Cheng was not that clear-minded to focus on her immediate family, she would definitely take care of the Feng family, which was her maternal family.

Feng Liang felt angriest about one matter. Twenty years had passed. Given Shi Peng’s intelligence, he must have seen through this arrangement and intention of the Feng family.

As a husband, he had not caused any change in his wife’s temperament during the past twenty years. What was Shi Peng thinking? Only Shi Peng would know.

Feng Liang was furious because the Feng family had raised Feng Cheng to be like that. After she was married into the Shi family, Shi Peng did not change her character at all. As a result, despite the fact that she could almost be a grandmother soon, Feng Cheng's character and intellect remained exactly the same as when she was a lady in her maternal home. She was of no help to the Shi family. Similarly, she was unable to help the Feng family either. Feng Liang was very upset and worried about this.

At this point in time, if Feng Cheng was able to help even a little, Feng Liang would not have felt so depressed and angry.

During the National Day central authorities meeting this year, although Shi Peng did not come to the capital to participate, the chairman mentioned and praised him during the meeting.

Judging from this situation, Feng Liang knew that Shi Peng could definitely rise in the ranks.

Many years ago, Shi Peng had done very well in the army. He was even the strongest opponent of Zhai Yaohui at the time when the latter was promoted to chief.

Unexpectedly, Shi Peng's performance would still be so eye-catching and outstanding after he left the army and fully took on a political role.

The Feng family definitely did not find a wrong uncle-in-law.

The problem was how could the Feng family make Shi Peng, this uncle-in-law, side with and help them more?

“Are we going to ask auntie now so that she can check with uncle-in-law? I feel that Qing Qing is quite close with uncle-in-law. Although auntie doesn't know, it doesn't mean that uncle-in-law doesn't.”

Feng Meng felt that his family's actions were too strange. Clearly, this was a family matter. Why did he have to tail Qiao Nan and observe her in order to find out Shi Qing's whereabouts?

The sequence had been reversed, hadn't it?

“Fine.” Feng Liang could not help but admit that Feng Meng’s words made sense. “I have also been muddled by your auntie to have made such a huge mistake.”

They were the initiators of this. They told Feng Cheng that Qiao Nan might be a very scheming young lady and Qing Qing was completely not Qiao Nan’s match.

It was true that they had spoken about this too much. They caused Feng Cheng to believe them. Even they, themselves, had forgotten that they actually had not interacted much with Qiao Nan. As such, they were not certain whether Qiao Nan was really so evil.

As Feng Cheng was muddled by the Feng family, her most immediate reaction when her daughter went missing was to blame it on Qiao Nan, thinking that Qiao Nan must have been the one who had hidden her daughter and wanted to harm her.

“Uncle, since that is the case, I shall return to the office directly. There are more projects that are under discussion recently. My dad will not be able to cope alone.”

“Fine, go back then.” If Feng Liang wished to progress further, he still had to rely on his second brother to give him financial support.

Qiao Nan gradually calmed down from the excitement of being the first one of her cohort to join the party. She was oblivious to what had happened. She also did not know that Feng Meng’s impression of her was quietly changing.

She only knew that this opportunity was hard to come by. Now, step by step and bit by bit, she had the chance to fulfill the wish of her previous life. At this time, what she needed to do most was to study well and use actions to prove her capability.

Qiao Nan took out the textbooks for the college entrance examination and studied continuously. She had been immersed in the library every day. Besides being missing in action during weekends and participating in some club activities from Monday to Friday, Qiao Nan was attending classes, in the library, or on the way to the library.

To those who knew her, Qiao Nan’s motivation to learn was extremely pressurizing.

“Damn, Qiao Nan is already a famous personality in the school. Look at the way she studies. I feel so ashamed for slacking.”



“Where is the promised happy college life?”

“I attended a social event yesterday. I feel so guilty.”

“I went clubbing yesterday. I feel so guilty.”

“I had lots of fun. Now, I’m so guilty. I totally agree.”

In the school, a good student that abided by the rules was always the teachers’ favorite.

Most importantly, after the kept woman scandal, the teachers did not know who Qiao Nan was but the principal did!

At the thought that Chief Zhai’s future daughter-in-law was currently a student of his school, the principal of Peking University felt quite stressed as well.

It was not that he wanted to provide Qiao Nan with special treatment to curry favor with the Zhai family and Chief Zhai.

If the principal of Peking University really did that, Qiao Nan would have long become the class committee member, student union member, or been nominated by the class to join the party.

The principal did not do any of these things.

There were so many teachers and students in Peking University. The principal really could not say for sure that no problems existed in the school, that everyone had a good character, proper outlook, and value in life and morals and was honest and fair in managing matters.

The kept woman scandal involving Qiao Nan was untrue. It was a misunderstanding. However, no one could guarantee that this kind of problem completely did not exist in Peking University.

It was probable that Qiao Nan might see one or two more of such scandals occurring again in the school.

If Qiao Nan told Chief Zhai about this, how would Chief Zhai view Peking University in the future?

Qiao Nan was supposed to be a student of the school. However, in the eyes of the principal, she was akin to a prosecutor. He was under great pressure.

He could only blame it on the fact that Zhai Yaohui was a very formidable figure. However, he was not based in the capital. If anything were to happen, the principal could not contact him to clear the misunderstanding even if he wanted to. It would be very difficult to do so.

The principal of Peking University had considered this matter for a long time. No matter what, he would not bestow special care or favor to Qiao Nan. He disliked this kind of behavior.

Naturally, the school would treat every student fairly and give them equal opportunities. Qiao Nan would thus have to depend on her own capability.

Nevertheless, aside from this, the principal felt that it was not a serious problem to request the teachers to pay more attention to Qiao Nan's studies.

Qiao Nan had thus received care from the top figures. True enough, the few teachers and professors who were teaching Qiao Nan paid a little more attention and care to her.

## Chapter 997 Something Terrible Had Happened

Take for instance the probability of calling a different person each time to answer a question in a big class like this was quite high.

Under such circumstances, the probability of calling upon Qiao Nan to answer the question was as high as fifty percent.

Actually, everyone wanted to avoid being called upon to answer questions. But the interesting thing was, whenever Qiao Nan was called by the professors, she would get the question correct and the professors were very satisfied with her answers.

Many professors felt that Qiao Nan was a good student who was very serious in classes and paid attention to the lessons. They thought that the reason why the principal thought highly of her and wanted the professors to pay more attention to her studies was that she was smart and studious.

They never managed to clear up the misunderstanding.

School had started for half a semester. Qiao Nan was the student that all the teachers wanted to call to answer questions. Other students also regarded her as a good classmate.

After all, as long as Qiao Nan was around, there was a higher probability that she would be called to answer a question as compared to other students.

It was hard to find such a good classmate in China.

Qiao Nan never thought of becoming a famous star on campus. However, without her knowing, she had become fairly well-known in Peking University.

Qiao Nan could not help but sneeze. It was December. Qiao Nan caught a slight cold because of the drizzle yesterday. Her voice had turned hoarse.

Seeing that she had yet to recover from her cold, Qiao Nan gulped down lots of water so as to recover quickly.

Qiao Nan glanced at the box in the living room that was full of letters. She could not help but sigh. "Wei De is really determined."

Since the start of the summer break until now, Wei De had not given up sending letters to Zhai Hua in the past half a year.

Sister Zhai Hua never met up with Wei De, talked to him, or contacted him during the past six months.

Despite being ignored by Zhai Hua, Wei De still persisted in writing her letters and sending photos to her for half a year. As a woman, Qiao Nan had to admit that Wei De was not totally without any positive traits.

Could it be that her sixth sense was wrong and Wei De was serious about Sister Zhai Hua?

It was such a pity that despite having true feelings for Sister Zhai Hua, Wei De had other hidden agendas as well.

Qiao Nan was in a difficult position as to what to do with the box of letters.

In his letters to Sister Zhai Hua, Wei De only talked about three topics: him missing Zhai Hua, Wei Wei being very adorable and sensible, and when Zhai Hua intended to go back and contact him, implying that he would never give up on her.

These were the only three topics that he talked about in his letters. Even though Qiao Nan was careful and sensitive, she was not able to spot any flaws in his letters.

The letters were written by Wei De to Zhai Hua. It could fill up an entire box. It was inconvenient for Qiao Nan to keep them. She wondered if she should call Zhai Hua to ask her what she intended to do with the letters.

Unfortunately, it was not common to send things through courier these days. Otherwise, she could send the letters to Zhai Hua by courier.

While Qiao Nan was pondering about the letters, the phone at her house rang. "Hello, I am Qiao Nan."

"Qiao Nan, it's me."

"Sister Zhai Hua!" Speak of the devil. "Sister Zhai Hua..."

"Qiao Nan, burn all those letters and photos for me and throw them away!"

"..." Sister Zhai Hua broached the topic of the letters before she had a chance to talk about it.

There was something odd about Zhai Hua's tone. Qiao Nan asked lightly, "Sister Zhai Hua, what's wrong?"

“I feel like killing someone!” The voice from the other side of the phone was ominous and stifling. It made her very uncomfortable.

Qiao Nan’s heart skipped a beat. “Sister Zhai Hua, stop scaring me. This is a lawful society. If you kill someone, you have to pay a life for a life. It’s not worth it. You must remember that your own life is more important than anyone else’s life. What is wrong? Do you want to talk about it?”

She had known Zhai Hua for a very long time. Regardless of whether she was happy or angry, she had never spoken of killing someone in that tone of hers. Qiao Nan knew that she was serious about it and she had the intention of doing it.

Since she knew her well, she was particularly worried and scared.

Something terrible must have happened to Sister Zhai Hua for her to have such radical thoughts.

Zhai Hua was overcome by rage and had lost her senses. She broke into tears at Qiao Nan’s gentle words of comfort.

Thereafter, she burst into loud sobs.

Even though she was on the other end of the phone, Qiao Nan could tell that Zhai Hua must be heartbroken and had given up all hopes.

For a moment, Qiao Nan opened her mouth but no words came out. She held the phone to her ear and listened to Zhai Hua’s heart-wrenching sobs on the other end of the phone.

“I... I am so stupid. He lied to me. I hate him to the core. I want him dead!” Since a young age, nobody dared to deceive her or bully her.

She always thought that Wei De could give her the love that she could not get from her family. She thought that in this world, he was the one person most suited for her, that he treated her best.

But it turned out that she was wrong. She was terribly wrong.

Everyone could tell the truth except for her.

Qiao Nan was worried sick. “Did the entire information end up with you?!”

Qiao Nan remembered that she asked Zhai Sheng to get someone to investigate Wei De three months ago.

A season had passed, but this matter had to be taken slowly. Qiao Nan was not in a hurry to know the results. She did not hurry Zhai Sheng but waited for the person that he hired to get to the bottom of the matter. She would not allow Wei De to hide anything from Zhai Hua and she would not accuse him of anything as well.

Since she wanted to investigate Wei De, she had to make sure that she was fair and objective. She would not be subjective or mix truths with lies.

Qiao Nan might not be anxious. However, she did not expect that the information would be handed to Zhai Hua directly.

This was taboo and could result in serious trouble.

Right now, something serious had indeed happened.

If the results of the investigation were not something that Zhai Hua could accept, there would be two possible scenarios when Zhai Hua saw the results.

One of the scenarios was that she refused to believe the results.

Zhai Hua would feel that the results were fabricated so that she would break up with Wei De.

The other scenario was exactly like how Zhai Hua behaved right now— she lost her sanity and acted irrationally, having radical thoughts.

Qiao Nan rubbed her stomach. Why did the person that Brother Zhai hired turn out to be such a greenhorn? He did not even know such basic rules.

It was alright if he did not know.

Brother Zhai ordered him to do the investigation. After completing the investigation, he should have reported to Brother Zhai right away and handed the results to him.

#### Chapter 998 Full of Hatred That She Felt Like Killing Him

Even if Brother Zhai was busy and could not get back to him right away, he should have kept the information with him and waited until a later time to pass them to him.

They should have hired a private investigator to do the job. They would be much more professional.

“Yes, I have them with me.” Zhai Hua wiped her face with her hand. Wei De was such a scumbag. Shedding tears over him was not worth it. But she felt sorry for herself and hated herself for being so foolish and retarded. “Qiao Nan, I have to thank you for being there for me all this while. If not for you, I might have done more foolish deeds which would make me despise myself even further.”

Qiao Nan was worried stiff. What did she mean by thanking her for being with her all this while? This sounded ominous. “Sister Zhai Hua, don’t say that. We are one family. Your parents, Brother Zhai, and all of us are very concerned about you. If there is anything, we can sit down and have a discussion. Don’t blame yourself for everything that has happened. Don’t be so hard on yourself. Things are not as serious as you think. Everyone is bound to run into one or two scumbags in one’s life. It is not a big deal.”

Qiao Nan did not know what the final results of the investigation were. She had no idea what Wei De had done to make Zhai Hua lose her sanity and hate him so much that she felt like killing him.

Qiao Nan was worried that she might further agitate Zhai Hua, so she dared not make guesses or sound her out.

“No, I know my temper.” Zhai Hua seemed to have stopped crying, but her voice sounded even more gloomy and depressed. “I never have a good temper. You are right. The elders at home treat me much better than Zhai Sheng. Since young, he has a harder time than me, but I always feel that that is because the elders think highly of him. The reason why I am not given the same treatment is that I am a girl while he is a boy.”

“I am very obstinate. Once I have such an idea, regardless of what grandpa and the rest tell me, I will not listen to them. Among everyone around me, you are the only one who is objective and different from them, and that is why I will listen to what you say. If my parents keep persuading me to leave Wei De—even if I really feel that there is something wrong with him—I will not leave him and I will marry him in a fit of pique. They did not care about me when I was young. Now that I have grown up, I have my own judgment and I will prove them wrong and lead a good life with Wei De.”

If that had been the case, her life would have been ruined.

Zhai Hua did not say it but Qiao Nan could tell what she was going to say. “Sister Zhai Hua, I am not trying to scare you. Right now, you must calm down. You have just stopped yourself from making a huge mistake, so you must not go down another wrong path. We will definitely stand on your side. There is no doubt about it. Since you cherish your life, you must not do anything rash. Remember, your life is precious. You must not be rash!”

Did Sister Zhai Hua believe that Wei De was a scumbag and want to finish him off?

Even though her father was the chief, it was a crime to kill someone. Even if Sister Zhai Hua could escape the death penalty, she would have to be punished for her crime.

It was not worth it for Sister Zhai Hua to spend the rest of her life behind bars all because of Wei De.

“But if I don’t do this, I can’t take it lying down. Even if I won’t have to pay a life for a life, I will still die out of frustration!” Why was it that Wei De could lead his life as usual after he deceived and toyed with her while she had to suffer in pain?

Since Wei De dared to do this to her, she would do anything to make sure that he suffered even if it might cost her life.

“Sister Zhai Hua...”

Beep! Beep! Beep!

“Sister Zhai Hua! Sister Zhai Hua! Hello? Hello?!”



Qiao Nan turned pale in fright at the dial tone on the other end of the phone.

Qiao Nan was about to make a phone call to the Zhai family when the phone rang. "Is this Sister Zhai Hua? Sister Zhai Hua, listen to me..."

"Nan Nan, it's me."

"Brother Zhai!" Qiao Nan burst into tears upon hearing Zhai Sheng's voice. Tears rolled down her cheeks. "Brother Zhai, something terrible has happened. Sister Zhai Hua seems to be after Wei De."

"Your phone had been engaged all this while. Were you talking to Zhai Hua just now?" Zhai Sheng drove the car while talking on the phone. He kept a check on the road with half-lidded eyes and used the fastest speed to overtake other cars, speeding to his destination.

"Yes." Qiao Nan sniffed. "Why would Sister Zhai Hua have a hold on the information regarding Wei De?" Who was so retarded to do such foolish things!?

"This is not important anymore." Zhai Sheng looked slightly better after getting an affirmative answer from Qiao Nan. "The information was sent to the camp, to my office precisely. The information ended up in Zhai Hua's hand out of coincidence. She was supposed to bring it back for me. However, she opened the package out of curiosity."

When he knew that the investigation results were sent through postal service to the camp, Zhai Sheng, who had completed his mission and was finally contactable, knew that something was wrong. He made a phone call immediately to the reception room in the army camp to ask about the package.

Zhai Sheng had thought that as long as he made it clear that the package must be sent to his office and that no one was to open it, particularly Zhai Hua, things would not be too serious.

However, Zhai Sheng was too late.

The soldier from the guardhouse told Zhai Sheng that the camp had indeed received a package.

Zhai Hua happened to pass by and saw that it was for Zhai Sheng.

Everyone in the camp knew that Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua were siblings. Since Zhai Hua offered to take it on Zhai Sheng's behalf, the other party agreed right away and passed the package to Zhai Hua.

If not for Zhai Sheng's phone call, no one would have taken extra notice.

"Don't panic and don't be afraid. At least for now, things are not beyond our control. The package was sent to me. Zhai Hua would only read it after she reached my office. Nan Nan, listen to me. I want you to check from where Zhai Hua made a phone call to you."

Qiao Nan recollected. "It seems to be the telephone from your office!"

It had been ages since she talked to Zhai Sheng on the phone. She was busy with her school work and other activities.

When the phone rang, Qiao Nan took a glance at the caller ID display. Seeing that it was a familiar number, she picked it up to answer the call.

Now that Qiao Nan thought about it, the familiar number was the number from Zhai Sheng's office.

"Very good." Zhai Sheng could not help but heave a sigh of relief upon knowing this. "Nan Nan, you have done a good job. Don't worry. I won't let anything happen to Zhai Hua. I will end the call." Hopefully, they could stall her for as long as possible.

Chapter 999 Teacher, I Want to Apply for Leave

Zhai Hua was at Zhai Sheng's office when she found out about Wei De. She also used the telephone at Zhai Sheng's office to make a phone call to Qiao Nan.

Since the information might be with Zhai Hua, Zhai Sheng had to think of the worst-case scenario—Zhai Hua had read the information.

He was not worried that Zhai Hua might not believe the information. On the contrary, he was worried that she believed it and would act rashly.

Zhai Sheng kept calling Qiao Nan along the way, trying to contact her.

With regard to Wei De, Zhai Hua refused to listen to anyone except Qiao Nan.

Therefore, Zhai Sheng wanted to contact Qiao Nan to remind her to stall for time.

In the event that Zhai Hua contacted Qiao Nan, Qiao Nan must take the opportunity to persuade Zhai Hua. It did not matter that she did not manage to make Zhai Hua listen to her. What was important was that Qiao Nan stalled for time and talked to Zhai Hua so that Zhai Sheng could make his way back to Ping Cheng as soon as possible and bring Wei De to another place before Zhai Hua got to him.

That was why Zhai Sheng kept trying to call Qiao Nan just now. However, he could not get through.

But from his judgment, Zhai Hua was still at the camp; at least she was until she finished talking to Qiao Nan.

“Okay.” Qiao Nan shivered slightly and hung up the phone.

She knew that this was a race against time. They had to have the situation in control before Zhai Hua acted rashly.

After ending the phone call with Qiao Nan, Zhai Sheng made another call to the camp. “It’s me. Is Zhai Hua still at the camp? Remember, no matter what, you must not allow Zhai Hua to leave the camp!”

The soldier almost broke out in tears at Zhai Sheng’s phone call.

In his first phone call to the camp, Zhai Sheng wanted to know whether Zhai Hua was at the camp.

Everyone in the army knew that Madam Zhai was unwell these few days and Zhai Hua, the deputy battalion commander, wanted to go back home to check on her.

It was such a coincidence that she chose to go back today.

The soldier was dumbfounded and did not know how to answer Zhai Sheng's question. "The deputy battalion commander is going back to visit her mother today. The dispatch delivery car has just come back. There were several cars that entered and left the camp. Deputy Battalion Commander Zhai might have left."

The soldier had the impression that Zhai Hua had left the camp.

It was not until five seconds ago that he realized that she was still at the camp.

The soldier felt like weeping but had no tears. He watched as Zhai Hua drove off, leaving a gust of exhaust fumes in her trail. "Reporting to regiment commander, Deputy Battalion Commander Zhai drove a car and left the camp by force."

"..." Zhai Sheng felt like swearing.

His first phone call was for the people in the camp to stop Zhai Hua from leaving.

As long as Zhai Hua stayed in the camp, regardless of how furious she was, at the very least, she would not do anything to Wei De.

Wei De had let Zhai Hua down. Even if the Zhai family did not take his life, they would not let him off.

But that did not mean that the Zhai family would behave rashly because of a scumbag like Wei De or go against the law then go into hiding for the rest of one's life.

"I understand!" Zhai Sheng threw the cell phone to a side after hanging up the phone. He stepped on the accelerator and sped on.

The camp was known for its discipline, yet they made a blunder today.

After ending the phone call with Zhai Sheng, Qiao Nan could not be rest assured.

She thought hard about it and could not feel reassured. She ran toward the school. She wanted to apply for ten days of leave.

Qiao Nan's teacher was shocked upon hearing that she wanted to apply for ten days of leave. "Qiao Nan, do you know that it is already mid-December? By the time you come back from your ten-day leave, New Year's Day would have passed. By then, the school would have completed the revision. Are you sure you want to take such a long break at this time?"

New Year's Day was coming. In other words, by the time Qiao Nan came back from her leave, it would not be long before the final term exams started.

"Qiao Nan, as far as I know, you have been studious and conscientious in your lessons. Although you are not the only student to maintain a positive learning attitude after advancing from high school to college, you are one of the few to do that. You have been doing well in your studies, and the teachers recognized your efforts. You have done very well for your social practice as well. You should know that you are among the few possible students who might be awarded a scholarship. Qiao Nan, as long as you do well in the final term exam, you have a high possibility of getting the first-prize scholarship."

The teacher felt that it was a pity to miss out on this scholarship.

"Teacher, thank you. I understand. But something has cropped up at home. Something very serious has happened." Qiao Nan was very touched by the teacher's words and affirmation.

Yes, she also wanted to compete for the first-prize scholarship. She hoped to get the level-based scholarship as well as the school-based scholarship.

But she had to prioritize. Sister Zhai Hua was in serious trouble. If they did not handle it well, it might cost a life.

Wei De was an adult and had spent years at the camp. Qiao Nan was not worried that something would happen to him. Instead, she was worried that Wei Wei would be injured.

The person whom Wei De hurt deeply was Sister Zhai Hua, and Sister Zhai Hua would not let Wei De off.

What if Wei Wei ended up getting injured and the culprit, Wei De, escaped unscathed, while Sister Zhai Hua had to go behind bars for it? It would be downright unfortunate.

Since Zhai Hua would listen to her advice, she felt that she had to make a trip to Ping Cheng.

“Teacher, I know my learning progress very well. You can rest assured that I will not put my results at stake. I will definitely work hard. However, there are many important matters and people in one’s life. One’s results are not the only thing that matters, right? Teacher, can you make a phone call to the principal to ask for advice?”

Qiao Nan was left with no choice.

The teacher refused to approve her leave as the teacher was worried about her studies. Qiao Nan understood the teacher’s kind intentions. It was impossible for her to lose her temper at her teacher. Furthermore, she did not have the habit of losing temper at others.

The teacher would not accept her reasons.

She had no other choice but to use other means to apply for leave.

The teacher was reluctant to make the phone call.

Their principal was very busy and there were so many students in the school. If other students applied for a long leave, their leaves would not be approved as well. There was no need to check with the principal.

However, the teacher remembered that among all the freshmen this year, Qiao Nan was the only student whom the principal had taken special note of. Therefore, the teacher called the principal in the end.

The teacher spoke to the principal for a while before passing the phone to Qiao Nan. “The principal wants to speak to you.”

“Okay, thank you, teacher.” Qiao Nan took the phone with gratitude.

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“Yes, principal, it is me. Yes, it is very important... Yes, it is their family’s business. Principal, I can assure you that I will never fall behind in my studies. In fact, I have already started my revision.”

The principal knew about Qiao Nan’s family situation.

Unless someone passed away, the adults in the Qiao family could settle anything that happened in the family. There was no need for Qiao Nan, who was still a child, to help out.

The principal thought about it and asked Qiao Nan over the phone whether it had to do with the Zhai family.

The principal hesitated slightly after Qiao Nan’s affirmative answer. He could not decide if he should approve Qiao Nan’s long leave or not.

If something happened to the Zhai family and Qiao Nan was needed, Chief Zhai should have given him a call to notify him.

But the principal was reminded of Qiao Nan’s good performance at school. He believed that she would not misbehave and she had assured him that she would not fall behind in her studies, and that she had already started her revision.

After careful consideration, the principal nodded. “Alright, pass the phone to your teacher.”

“Sure, thank you, principal.”

Qiao Nan quickly returned the phone to the teacher. The teacher kept nodding and agreed with the principal. Seeing that her leave was approved, Qiao Nan heaved a sigh of relief.

Qiao Nan’s ten-day leave was finally approved in three minutes’ time. “Qiao Nan, as a teacher, I still have to remind you that even if you are a good student, you must be serious in your studies. I won’t remind you to be hardworking or studious. You are an adult. You should know to plan for your future and take it seriously.”

Peking University was full of talented students.

There were many other good students like Qiao Nan.

Studying was akin to sailing against the currents. If one did not improve, one would fall behind.

Even if Qiao Nan did not fall behind, it was likely that someone would overtake her and her rankings would drop.

“Teacher, thank you. I will remember your words. I will definitely work hard.” Qiao Nan bowed to the teacher.

Qiao Nan was full of respect for teachers who were responsible and guided the students selflessly.

Initially, the teacher felt quite angry. Even though the principal approved the leave personally, he was unhappy that Qiao Nan applied for a long leave just when exams were coming. Even if she had good results, it would affect her performance regardless.

However, Qiao Nan had a very good attitude. The teacher could not stay angry with her for long.

If Qiao Nan was arrogant and full of herself, thinking that since she had good results, it would not affect her performance to take leave, it would definitely leave a bad impression on the teacher who used to think highly of her.

The teacher had seen many such cases and therefore did not like such students.

One thing that the teacher felt odd was that Qiao Nan kept saying that she had important family matters to deal with. However, she refused to say what exactly it was.

Now that the leave was approved, Qiao Nan did not seem the least bit happy at all. In fact, she seemed apologetic and was grateful to the teacher.

The teacher could tell that Qiao Nan was sincere. “Alright, didn’t you say that you are in a rush? You should hurry along. Remember, even though you have applied for a ten-day leave, you must come back as early as possible.”



“Sure. Thank you, teacher, I will definitely do so. Once the matters are resolved, I will come back as soon as possible.” Qiao Nan had no idea how long it would take for things between Zhai Hua and Wei De to be under control. Therefore, she applied for ten days of leave first.

If it was solved within ten days, Qiao Nan would not waste her time at Ping Cheng but rushed back to Peking University as soon as possible to prepare for her revision. This was the first major exam since she entered college.

After leaving school, Qiao Nan hailed a taxi and asked the driver to send her to the airport.

Qiao Nan took out her identity card and went to collect her boarding pass.

“Hello, master. Yes, I have already collected the plane ticket.” Qiao Nan panted while she checked the time. “I have to go through the security check now. The plane will take off in twenty minutes. Don’t worry. The queue is quite short. I will make it in time. I won’t miss the flight.”

If she wanted to reach Ping Cheng as soon as possible, her only option was to take the plane.

As a poor student, Qiao Nan might have thought of taking the plane, but she did not have the money. At this time, the only person she could think of was her master, Lin Yuankang.

Lin Yuankang did not have any children, but he had many disciples.

Qiao Nan was his favorite and smartest disciple. However, among all his disciples, she was the only one who did not like to trouble him as she had very high self-esteem.

No one in the world would like others to take their help for granted. Qiao Nan had no wish to trouble Lin Yuankang, but she was grateful that he took great care of her.

Lin Yuankang knew Qiao Nan’s intentions and he doted on her even more.

Since Qiao Nan rarely asked him for help, there was no way that he would refuse to help her. It was an easy feat for him to get a plane ticket for her.

Besides, Qiao Nan went back to Ping Cheng because of the Zhai family.

Lin Yuankang was on close terms with the Zhai family. It was because of the Zhai family that Lin Yuankang was willing to talk to Qiao Nan and test her ability when Zhai Sheng brought her with him to Lin Yuankang's house back then.

Taking the plane was indeed the fastest route. One would need to take more than ten hours to reach Ping Cheng by train, but it would only take three to four hours by plane.

Once Qiao Nan reached Ping Cheng, she switched on her phone to make a call back home, telling Qiao Dongliang that she was back at Ping Cheng.

However, the phone rang for a long while and nobody answered the call.

Qiao Nan had no other choice but to call Zhai Sheng. "Hello, Brother Zhai. I am in Ping Cheng. Where are you? I will take a taxi to go there."

"I am at home. You can come over right away." Zhai Sheng sounded different and it was very noisy on the other end of the phone.

"Okay, I will be there shortly." After confirming the location, Qiao Nan took a taxi and arrived at the Zhai family's residence.

Qiao Nan felt upset that there was a huge crowd outside the Zhai family's residence.

"Nan Nan, you are back!"

"Old Qiao, Nan Nan is back!"

After all, Qiao Nan lived in the quad for more than ten years. She only left to stay elsewhere for two to three years. Furthermore, Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng held their engagement ceremony in the quad. Apart from Zhai Sheng, she was the most capable child in the quad. Everyone knew her.

"Nan Nan, you are back!?" Initially, Qiao Dongliang thought that he had heard it wrongly. Nan Nan was studying in the capital. How could she be in the quad right now?

Qiao Dongliang was surprised and happy upon seeing his daughter standing at the doorway. “Why did you come back at this time? Forget it. It’s good that you are back. There is no harm for you to know about this.”

Qiao Dongliang did not expect that such things would happen to the Zhai family.

At the same time, he was amazed by his daughter’s ability.