

Schoolgirl 221

Chapter 221: Shamelessness Triumphs

Jiang Jiaoxue had the looks. She was not as pretty as Yun Jian, but she had a pair of long and fair legs that men favored.

Nearly 170cm in height, she was tall. Coupled with her beauty, she was already popular among her peers when she was studying.

In addition, she became Professor Su's assistant at a young age due to her excellent academic results.

This was her pride.

One had to admit to her that she was a woman that fitted any man's preference as her figure, looks, and studies were all outstanding.

Jiang Jiaoxue herself did not deign to flirt with men. It was because Si Yi was gorgeous and his skills were exceptional that she took the initiative to talk to him. At the same time, she was curious to know what the four of them had seen upon entering the cave.

It was the reason she winked at Si Yi. She even thought that it was wise to sacrifice her beauty when it was necessary. After all, no ordinary man could resist her charm.

It was a pity that Si Yi was not an ordinary man.

"Scram."

While Jiang Jiaoxue was pleased in thinking that Si Yi would answer her and she would then use it to mock Yun Jian. Si Yi's singular word, however, crushed all her fantasy.

The word was yelled out in front of everyone.

Plain and simple, Si Yi did not care about Jiang Jiaoxue.

"Hah." Yun Jian watched with her arms crossed in front of her chest, expecting this outcome.

Being shouted at, Jiang Jiaoxue was so shocked that she could not comprehend what happened.

Nonetheless, she was no ordinary woman either. Her shamelessness would, truly, put everyone else to shame.

By the time she broke out of her daze, she was going to stick herself close to Si Yi once more. This time, her body leaned to him as well.

"Handsome, don't be so mean. We're colleagues. I'll get frightened if you keep up this fierce look." As she spoke, Jiang Jiaoxue was about to take a large step to attach herself to Si Yi.

She felt humiliated when Si Yi shouted at her in front of so many people, but she refused to believe that a man would be able to resist a woman's soft and supple plea!

Despite Jiang Jiaoxue's academic background, she was a famed socialite among the upper class society. Any man that came to her was easily tackled.

Before she could move even two steps closer to where Si Yi, however, she was frozen in fear by Ya Dang who stood beside Si Yi.

It was not just Jiang Jiaoxue. Everyone on the spot was dumbfounded.

Ya Dang had pulled a Desert Eagle from his hips and pointed the pistol at Jiang Jiaoxue threateningly who was stepping closer. "I'll blow your head up if you dare take one more step closer to our young master."

As he said that, he shot once toward where Jiang Jiaoxue was.

The bullet flew with a swoosh and amidst Jiang Jiaoxue's terrified shriek, it flew past her and catapulted into the mud wall.

He really dared shoot the bullet! Jiang Jiaoxue blanched.

Si Yi's subordinate was already acting so menacingly, she was sure that it was her head the bullet would go through next if she kicked up another fuss.

Jiang Jiaoxue could not help shuddering from the thought.

Si Yi held Yun Jian's hand again, while everyone watched, and left without a word or a pause.

Retracting the Desert Eagle, Ya Dang walked shoulder to shoulder with Mo Sen behind the both of them.

Chapter 222: Exiting The Catacomb With A Bomb

Witnessing that the four of them who had been behind the stone gate were leaving, some of those who had been waiting for a long time thought that there was probably no treasure in there.

If there was something valuable or contained the secret of the sandalwood box, how could Yun Jian and Si Yi leave the cave so soon?

Hence, a portion of people left with them.

The word spread around fast. In the end, there were not many, only a handful left waiting for the stone gate to open.

If the rest of them knew that there was another world behind the stone gate and that the sandalwood box was inside there too, they would probably kill to go in. It was a pity for them that they would not know. Moreover, Yun Jian and others looked exactly like there was nothing behind the stone gate when they came out.

It prompted the mass to believe that it would be futile to keep waiting, so one by one, they all left.

When all of them came to the stairwell where the first mechanism after descending the well was, they were at a loss since the mechanism closed automatically upon entry and the trigger was outside.

"How are we going out?" A man who had stayed here for a long time asked.

"Yun Jian, did you observe any mechanism?" Bo Zhan moved to stand beside Yun Jian and asked.

"No," she answered faintly but she added right after. "But I have a way to go out."

Hearing that she had a solution, people gathered around her.

She held a different impression to them now, being someone who had managed to go through the stone cave and evaded the storm of arrows. Even when Yun Jian looked young, her previous actions had gained her sufficient credibility.

“What is it?” Bo Zhan asked immediately with anticipation coloring his eyes.

From the start, Yun Jian had behaved differently from others. Bo Zhan was an expert grave robber, but he had never met someone like Yun Jian who could find a mechanism with just one glance, so he had high hopes for the girl.

“It’s simple.” Yun Jian wore a slight smirk before she dished out her idea. “If we can’t go out, then we blow it up!”

Her words caused a buzz among the people in the vicinity.

There was a twitch around the corners of Bo Zhan’s lips. Remembering Yun Jian’s earlier feat of blowing up the wall, he felt his heart stutter as well.

Was it not too casual and reckless that Gu Sha people constantly carried bombs and would ignite them at any time?

When Yun Jian revealed the last bomb that she had looted from Bear.Might, however, those who had never seen a bomb before were stupefied.

“Holy sh*t, she brought a bomb coming into the crypt. That’s amazing!” Someone exclaimed earnestly.

“Boom!”

During the person’s appreciation, Yun Jian had already blown up the door of the automatic closing mechanism and went out with Si Yi.

The well was tall and deep but for people like Yun Jian, Si Yi, Ya Dang, and Mo Sen who trained themselves all year round, it was a breezy movement. They swiftly got out of it.

Outside of the dried well, Yu Bufan had been lingering around since his best friends, Bo Zhan and Fu Xin, led Yun Jian and others into the catacomb.

He was worried about his friends not ever coming back again after going into the underground tomb. His anxiety was due to the communication device in his grasp displaying that there was no signal from them.

He paced back and forth restlessly.

“Bufan, don’t you know the truth of the rumor yet? People are basically going on a suicide mission by entering down there one after another! How long has it been, look, has anyone who goes down ever come up? Even if they’re alive, they’ve probably starved to death now!”

Someone tried to talk sense into Yu Bufan, but he suddenly saw the latter staring at the well in shock. Doubtfully following his gaze, the person saw Yun Jian and Si Yi flipping out of the well respectively in a crisp and agile movement.

Chapter 223:

All Are Alive. Returning Home

Yu Bufan's eyes bulged and nearly fell off when he saw how Yun Jian hopped out of the well so easily.

"You – you're actually... How..." The person trying to persuade Yu Bufan just now almost dropped his jaw on the ground.

How was it possible for someone who had entered the crypt to come back alive? It... varied from the rumor greatly.

The person had just finished his words when Ya Dang and Mo Sen sprang out from the well with a plop.

Both of them were skilled and deft, standing behind Si Yi without making a sound after they exited the well.

"You guys came out alive?! This is the catacomb we're talking about!" The person who talked to Yu Bufan just now pointed at the group with a trembling finger.

The first of people who unearthed the crypt and ventured in had been gone for half a year. Within that period of time, there were plenty more who respectively went in, but the tomb was like a black hole.

There was never someone who went in that ever came back out!

Ultimately, all sorts of rumor about the catacomb being haunted or cursed spread. It stopped some of those thinking to enter the tomb.

After all, there weren't many who did not treasure their lives.

What in the world had he seen today?

Someone crawling out of the withered well alive?

This was an international miracle!

"What? We can't be alive?" Yun Jian arched a brow, chuckling at the person easily. There was a relaxed ease and delight that spilled from her.

Knowing that something could have happened to Si Yi frightened her. Now, it eased her heart knowing he was safe.

"Yun Jian, did you see Bo Zhan and Fu Xin?" Yu Bufan went to Yun Jian with his brows knitted together in worry. He was anxious about his best friends.

Now that he saw Yun Jian and her companions exiting the tomb, he heaved a sigh of relief as he asked her.

"They're, climbing their way out." Yun Jian moved aside to show Yu Bufan the well.

There was a pair of hands grabbing on to the rim of the well before the sound of legs stomping and pushing were heard around it. A person then appeared abruptly before them as he climbed out of the dried well with much difficulty.

Bo Zhan swiped at his sweat once he got out of the well and turned to Yun Jian, exclaiming, "Why is this well so deep! I saw you guys getting out of it so easily. If I knew that climbing out of it is so tiring, I'd have asked you guys to make Bufan save us with a rope!"

Yu Bufan and the other man who had been talking to him earlier noticed a keyword.

Bo Zhan said "us". Did it mean there were more people who were alive?

Both men were flabbergasted. With Bo Zhan's help, they found a group of people to save everyone else who was at the bottom of the well.

When their encounter in the crypt was mentioned later, Bo Zhan had only recounted Yun Jian's capability. By the time he looked for her to explain things to everyone, Yun Jian, Si Yi and their men had disappeared. Bear.Might and his men as well.

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At the same time, Yun Jian had looted Bear.Might's SUV and was rushing to the airport to go back to Country Z with Si Yi and his men.

Bear.Might and his men could only lament at their fate as they could not refuse the daylight robbery when they considered Yun Jian's identity.

Ya Dang and Mo Sen were assigned tasks by Si Yi when they got to the airport while the latter took the plane back to Country Z's Longmen City with Yun Jian.

What all of them did not know was that in the following days, what happened in the catacomb would be published in international headlines. It was just that there were only names but no photos on the news.

Chapter 224: Preparing For An Auto Show. By Fortuity

As she was already informed, Qin Yirou and the school were not alarmed during the days Yun Jian was missing.

After settling down, Yun Jian received news from Zhang Zhifan.

The shop's renovation was now completed. What was left was the importation of automobiles.

Yun Jian had already decided on the route to import the vehicles. Once the interior of the shop was furnished, she would send Alluring Demon to contact the relevant personnel. After that, the contacts would be passed to Zhang Zhifan to follow up with the subsequent administration.

It was a car dealership. Despite that, cars did not rake in high sales in 1998. Judging from most of the households during this era, cars were luxurious consumables.

Buying a car meant constantly pumping gas, in addition to the high selling price, national tax, plus necessary procedures related to the purchase. It was not a simple transaction to buy and own a car.

Hence, Yun Jian's target consumers were wealthy and powerful big bosses.

Yun Jian's company, New Cruise, was just established while its reputation in Longmen City was yet to be secured. Some tycoons had not even heard of the company name before, how could they visit the shop to buy a car?

Under such circumstances, Yun Jian planned to organize a large-scale auto show in Longmen City.

An auto show was, quite literally, an exhibition of cars to the public. At the same time, she would invite famous and reputable personages to increase her company's public exposure.

Without a doubt, organizing a car show required sufficient funding but Yun Jian was not worried about it.

As for inviting personages for publicity, Yun Jian had plans as well.

She scheduled the motor show to be held one month later.

Within the month, Zhang Zhifan was tasked to order the cars and import sedans. He was to make sure to prepare everything for the auto show. Yun Jian would take care of the rest of the affairs like VIP invitation to the exhibition and whatnot.

Zhang Zhifan was dutiful toward Yun Jian, nodding in agreement at her arrangement.

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When Yun Jian returned home, she realized that Qin Yirou had long gotten back.

With a smile, she made Yun Jian dinner and sat with her.

"Mom, what is it?" Puzzled, Yun Jian asked.

Qin Yirou used to come home late. Her job as a server in the hotel was not the most tiring, but she was dismissed late. Now that she was home early today, it struck Yun Jian as an odd occurrence.

"Xiao Jian, mommy found a better job. It's easy too, less labor but higher pay! I'll make fifteen hundred yuan a month!"

Qin Yirou had to toil hard in the past to make a few hundred yuan a month, so she was overjoyed today.

Yun Jian was happy when she saw how happy her mother was, asking her, "What job is it, mom?"

"Oh, I'm just going to be a cleaner but they pay well! It's not tough work too. I just have to clean all the floors every morning, noon, and evening!" Qin Yirou chirped.

She continued. "The place I'm going to work in is a company that's just starting new in our area, New Cruise, a car dealership! The boss is starting a big business! I heard that the shop is bought for over ten million Chinese yuan!"

Qin Yirou smiled saying, "I saw that they were hiring cleaners so I went to try it out and they actually hired me! For fifteen hundred yuan a month!"

Chapter 225: Moving – You Can't Leave

When Yun Jian heard from Qin Yirou's own mouth that her new workplace was New Cruise, she felt a flicker on her eyelid.

Her mother's workplace was her company?!

It stunned Yun Jian.

It was not like it was a bad thing. At least she could easily stipend Qin Yirou in the future since she worked there. It would look legitimate.

At the same time, Yun Jian was wondering if she should tell Zhang Zhifan the next time she met him, to increase the pay of the company cleaner.

"Xiao Jian, are you listening?" Qin Yirou waved her hand in front of the girl several times when she caught her dazing out.

"I am," Yun Jian answered with a smile and crescent-shaped eyes at Qin Yirou.

The woman nodded and continued with what she was thinking.

"Xiao Jian, I think that we've disturbed your Auntie Dong plenty now and I always feel bad about it."

"I've been saving a lot these days and I want to look for a rental. We can move out first. When I earn enough money, we can come back and pay Auntie Dong a good visit," said Qin Yirou.

Yun Jian understood where the woman was coming from. She felt that they had overstayed their welcome. It was someone else's house after all, which did not sit right.

"Mom, I have no objections. We'll do what you feel like," said Yun Jian.

She had no further comments. Staying somewhere else, to her, was only switching a place to sleep.

"Xiao Jian, you have no objections?" Qin Yirou was quite surprised.

After all, moving out from the villa meant that their living condition would step several notches back from how they were living now.

Qin Yirou was thinking that she would put the moving on hold first if Yun Jian did not want to move to a poorer living space. When she saved more money with the passing time, they could move out after she could afford to rent a better place.

"Mm. You can decide," Yun Jian encouraged with a nod.

"Okay, we'll tell Auntie Dong when she's here tomorrow." Qin Yirou decided.

She was utterly grateful for Dong Ruan.

When she was at her worst, it was her old time friend who took her entire family in. Now that Qin Yirou had some money with her, however, she thought that she should move, having intruded for so long.

That was all.

Everyone had a home. They were best friends during their youth but they were married now. Although Dong Ruan's husband had passed away, Qin Yirou still found it less than appropriate to have stayed in her place for so long.

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The next day, Dong Ruan was home on a break.

She opposed the idea when Qin Yirou brought the matter up, but somehow she was persuaded afterwards. She had even taken a few days of leave to look for a suitable rental for Qin Yirou.

The latter was going to hunt on her own, but she could not resist her best friend's well-meaning fervor. Shortly, the rental was found and Qin Yirou was moving bags and boxes with Yun Jian early in the morning.

Yun Jian did not have much. She had only a backpack and even that did not carry much.

"Xiao Jian, have you packed everything?" Qin Yirou asked, with her own hands full of belongings.

Dong Ruan had specifically taken leave to help the mother and daughter with the moving as well. Currently, she is also looking at Yun Jian.

"Yup, all done," the teenage girl answered with a nod.

"Let's go then," Qin Yirou announced, pushing suitcases and bags out the door.

"Screech..."

The brake of a car squealed and the door was opened.

Right as Si Yi came through it, he saw Yun Jian and Qin Yirou loaded with bags and moving toward the door.

He frowned and asked, "What are you guys doing?"

"Oh, A-Yi, you're back? We've intruded on you guys for all this while. We're moving out today. Here, Xiao Jian, say goodbye to A-Yi," Qin Yirou spoke to the young man.

Qin Yirou had been addressing him like an elder who was close to him these days, no one stopped her either.

In spite of it, Si Yi's brows narrowed further when he heard Qin Yirou's explanation. He was already headed for Yun Jian, standing in front of her and towering over her.

He grabbed her hand right before Qin Yirou and Dong Ruan, ordering curtly, "You can't leave!"

Chapter 226: Romance Idiot. Match Making

Si Yi's inexplicable action shocked both Qin Yirou and Dong Ruan, while Yun Jian who stood in front of him widened her eyes.

Her heart began thumping uncontrollably against her ribcage.

“A – A-Yi, Xiao Jian and I have already found a rental outside. We’re going to move there today.” Facing a seething Si Yi, Qin Yirou could not help softening her tone.

She did not even realize why she was not bewildered at Si Yi’s action.

In fact, Qin Yirou was someone who had never come across romantic love. She had never liked Yun Jian’s biological father, Yun Gang. Back then with her poor family background, she married him because her family arranged for her to.

Qin Yirou had never experienced the sweet joy and pamper of love, so she was only confused by Si Yi’s inexplicable action.

Dong Ruan was a different story. Stupefied as she caught on immediately after regaining her composure. Her nephew was probably... interested in Yun Jian.

She knew that no woman could ever approach Si Yi despite him being already nineteen years old. Forget approaching, no woman even dared take a few steps closer to him.

Since Si Yi’s mother, Dong Ruan’s elder sister, had passed away, Dong Ruan’s protective maternal instinct had extended to Si Yi. She felt responsible to take care of him since he lost his mother as a child.

The biggest worry for Dong Ruan was Si Yi’s marriage.

Her nephew excelled in everything and his looks were impeccable. He was, however, a black piece of paper in terms of romantic relationships.

Hence, it was like a tidal wave had swept over Dong Ruan when she saw the scene.

She was hopeful for personal reasons but she also quite liked Yun Jian.

Now that she saw Si Yi’s action, she quickly persuaded Qin Yirou on behalf of Si Yi, “Oh, Yirou, see, why are you insisting to move out with two children! Just stay here! Even my nephew is reluctant to have you guys leave!”

As she spoke, she held Qin Yirou’s hand and patted it, saying gently with a slightly fatigued voice, “Yirou, just stay here. I’m alone here with my son too. It’s usually too quiet in this empty villa. My lover passed early. I’m happy that you guys are here. My son is more often than not at school too, so in the past, I had to face a barren house when I got off work, it’s saddening.”

“So, don’t go, Yirou!”

Dong Ruan was sincere. Since her husband passed away in a car accident, she had been living alone with her son. They were well to do but her son studied in a private boarding school and was not often home within a year.

When Qin Yirou and her family moved in, she was genuinely happy.

It was not like Si Yi stayed long in her house either.

While Dong Ruan persuaded Qin Yirou, Si Yi’s grasp on Yun Jian’s hand tightened.

He was not letting her leave.

Pressing her lips together, Yun Jian wanted to say something but nothing came out of her parting lips.

Qin Yirou did not seem to see Si Yi grabbing Yun Jian's hand, a little slow to notice the unspoken feelings. Despite that, she finally nodded at Dong Ruan tearfully upon the latter's ceaseless persuasion. "Okay, we'll stay!"

Yun Jian's cheeks were already flushing. She made a struggle to free her hand but her act was in vain and she gave up the attempt. It was all caught by Dong Ruan.

Thoughtful, the woman had the intention to play cupid.

Chapter 227: Dong Ruan's Thoughtfulness. The Wonton Soup Restaurant

The moment Si Yi heard Qin Yirou saying that they would stay, a charming smile tugged at his lips during an unnoticeable instant.

She was not leaving.

He could see her as long as he stayed here, minus the days Yun Jian would have to board in the school.

Excellent.

Ever since then, Si Yi would only leave to take care of necessary affairs during the weekdays when Yun Jian had to stay in the school. When Yun Jian came back from school for the weekends, she could see him each day. – The girl was incredibly surprised, but all this would be for the future.

By the time Dong Ruan helped Qin Yirou place all her belongings back in the villa's rooms, it was already half past four in the evening.

"Yirou, I don't have to work today and all of us are around. I'll buy dinner tonight, let's go to a restaurant?" Dong Ruan asked Qin Yirou with a glimpse at Yun Jian and Si Yi.

Afraid that the woman would refuse, she struck her memory. Dong Ruan told Qin Yirou, "Remember when we skip class in high school and sneak out to have wontons?"

Dong Ruan searched her memories and smiled ruefully. "That wonton shop is still running. Let's have dinner there tonight, what do you think?"

Dong Ruan had decided to go to a restaurant to create an opportunity for her nephew to spend more time with Yun Jian. Yet, as she spoke, she could not help being absorbed in the memory of the silly things she and Qin Yirou used to do.

They had learned how to play truant like the others, skipping school just to have a bowl of wonton soup.

Qin Yirou was not quite agreeable to going to a restaurant. Perhaps she had too many impoverished days, it was a habit she could not break in the meantime.

In spite of it, she was more or less reminiscent of the place that held significance to both her and Dong Ruan.

"Sure!" she agreed swiftly.

This past memory was unforgettable, even when they had already grown to be adults, gotten married and had children, however, some past events were growing blurrier in their mind.

Some things changed without a warning, like the car accident that Dong Ruan's husband got into, or the failure of a husband, Yun Gang, whom Qin Yirou married.

Only good memories were the most worthy of reminiscence.

"Okay, let us go there then!" Dong Ruan said with a grin.

It was only the four of them.

Dong Ruan's son was studying in a private school while Yun Jian's brother, Yun Yi, studied in a prime high school with a heavy workload, rarely having time for a break.

Dong Ruan's car was a black Audi sports car that could only ride two people at a time.

With Qin Yirou, Yun Jian, Si Yi, and Dong Ruan included, there were a total of four of them.

This meant that they had to drive two cars with two people in each.

"Yirou, come with me. We can talk about our high school days. I miss that era so much," Dong Ruan spoke as she pulled Qin Yirou's hand leading her towards the Audi sports car. She did not forget to comfort Qin Yirou about Yun Jian too. "A-Yi has a driver's license. Two of them teenagers will share a common topic as he drives with Xiao Jian."

Yun Jian who stood at the back and was frozen speechless.

When Dong Ruan drove away with Qin Yirou, it was only then Si Yi walked over. Looking at the girl with a smile, he told her softly, "Let's go."

Yun Jian watched as Si Yi headed for the Lamborghini sports car before she followed after another moment of stupor.

Chapter 228: Old Madam Xu – A Perfect Match

Dong Ruan started the engine and drove away in her Audi without waiting for Yun Jian and Si Yi.

By the time Yun Jian was seated in Si Yi's Lamborghini, the woman had sped off some distance away.

For a moment, Yun Jian felt like she was being deceived into some sort of ploy.

It was not her first time riding in Si Yi's car, but she felt a little bewildered this time round. Even when she turned and saw Si Yi's handsome side profile, she had an irrational impulse to blush.

Luckily, nothing happened during the drive.

Dong Ruan sent her location to Si Yi and the latter found the wonton shop shortly.

It was an antiquated wonton soup shop. The interior was at least ten or twenty years old and was more than outdated for the current time. However, the business had been running fine else it would not have survived to this day.

Many of the older shops around the area were either closed or left to another region, leaving this wonton shop running business alone. There was still an age-old plate hanging above the shop with large words written "Xu's Little Wonton".

The owner of the business was an old lady in her fifties or sixties with the family name Xu.

Old Madam Xu used to run the shop with her husband, but the latter had passed away a few years ago.

When Si Yi parked his car and entered the shop with Yun Jian, Qin Yirou, and Dong Ruan were catching up with Old Madam Xu.

Old Madam Xu actually knew Qin Yirou and Dong Ruan as both women loved frequenting her wonton restaurant when they were young. Back then, Old Madam Xu was only around their current age.

There was once when Dong Ruan and Qin Yirou skipped school only to realize that they had only brought enough money for only one bowl of wonton soup. Old Madam Xu had asked her husband to make an extra bowl, giving it free to the girls.

Both Dong Ruan and Qin Yirou had always remembered the incident, never forgetting their gratitude.

When they were about to be seated, Dong Ruan intentionally tugged Qin Yirou to sit together, causing Yun Jian to have to sit with Si Yi.

Yun Jian pressed her lips tight, while Si Yi who understood his aunt's gesture, wore a rare smile on his charismatic face.

"Here you go, four bowls of wonton soup. It's fresh out of the pot. The fillings are only made this morning. Try it. See if it still tastes as good as since all those years ago!" Old Madam Xu looked exuberant when she served them bowls of her wonton soup.

Yun Jian scooped the wonton to blow at it before eating it with some soup.

The aroma and delectable taste made her eyes squint.

Roaming the world in her past life, she had tried countless delicacies and exotic food, but this was her first time tasting such delicious wontons like this that were flavorful yet not artificial.

It tasted much better than the delicacies she had.

"Yum!"

"It still tastes as good as it used to!"

Qin Yirou and Dong Ruan could not help exclaiming while relishing in the warm dish.

"Have more if it's nice!" Old Madam Xu chuckled with a hand over her mouth.

She had been keeping business up and running in this shop. The wonton shop was her only tie left of her husband since his death. It was the place of their memories.

While Old Madam Xu talked to Qin Yirou and Dong Ruan, she could not help glancing at Yun Jian and Si Yi. She even exclaimed in the end, "These two kids look very pretty! They look quite compatible as husband and wife! They have a bright future ahead of them!"

The uncalled for compliment caused Yun Jian to choke on her wonton, making her hack several times.

“You okay?” Si Yi dropped the spoon in his hand in a jiffy and softly patted Yun Jian’s back, his action stunning the rest of the company.

Chapter 229: Cupid’s Chances. Bumping Into Chu Ning

Old Madam Xu cackled, looking at Si Yi’s actions as if reminiscing her own past. “Ah, it’s great to be young, isn’t it!”

Yun Jian choked even harder when she heard her.

With a loud snap as he pushed his chair back, Si Yi stood up to his full height and went behind Yun Jian to stroke her back.

“Do you feel any discomfort? Eat slower, be careful not to choke.” Si Yi’s tender tone surprised even Dong Ruan who was his aunt.

The woman knew that her nephew had always carried himself with a frosty aura and was usually aloof toward women, but now... Dong Ruan could not help swallowing.

He was committed this time!

She had the urge to give herself a pat on the back. It seemed like she was right in wanting to match Yun Jian to her nephew!

As for Qin Yirou, she should have noticed something by now no matter how insensitive she was about love. Yet, her concern was on Yun Jian, so she did not pay attention to anything else. Standing up, she asked Yun Jian anxiously, “Xiao Jian, how do you feel? Are you alright? Don’t eat the wontons so fast! You have to chew them slowly! Eat slowly...”

Her hand was reaching over to help Si Yi pat Yun Jian’s back as she spoke.

“Yirou, it’s fine! Choking on something is normal. Let A-Yi handle it. He’s good at this. Let him pat her back, she’ll be fine in no time!” Dong Ruan pulled Qin Yirou and told her with a cupped palm, standing on the side while chuckling.

Qin Yirou actually thought that Si Yi had learned some special sort of massage and was completely relieved.

Yun Jian caught her breath swiftly, still looking flustered.

Si Yi’s hand had gone up and down her back just now. She could feel his palm on her skin brush past the straps of her bra. Feeling a hand on where she had never been touched, it gave her goosebumps. Yun Jian quickly waved her hand. “I’m fine, I just got choked accidentally. I’m okay now.”

Si Yi only wore a handsome grin.

Old Madam Xu sang praises again when she saw the interaction, basically going on about how Yun Jian and Si Yi should be together.

It amused Qin Yirou.

In spite of it, she would not think more about it. Si Yi was far too outstanding to her, be it his family background, his character, or his looks. She thought highly of Xiao Jian too, but their family background would not match her up to someone like Si Yi.

Otherwise, Qi Yirou would love to see Si Yi as her son-in-law. Yun Jian was young but according to her mother's view, she would be fit for marriage a few years later if they were in the countryside now that she was fifteen.

After the wonton dinner, Dong Ruan towed Qin Yirou to stroll down the street they used to frequently explore when they were younger.

It was without a doubt that Dong Ruan was creating opportunities for Si Yi to spend time alone with Yun Jian.

No matter how slow Yun Jian was, she could see through Dong Ruan. She blushed but she did not reject Si Yi's initiative. She could feel that she did not dislike spending time with the young man. Anything deeper than that, she did not know.

Yun Jian and Si Yi strode along another busier street, walking shoulder to shoulder.

Si Yi who stood beside Yun Jian had both his hands in his pants pocket wearing a smile, looking quite happy.

Both of them roamed around aimlessly.

The street was in the bustling part of the city, so there was more crowd. Suddenly, a lively person flashed in front of Yun Jian.

When she saw who it was, she was slightly startled. The other person was surprised as well.

"Wow! My Yun Jian Jianer! This is such a delightful coincidence to bump into you here! The person was none other than Chu Ning.

Chu Ning was one year older than Yun Jian and was currently a freshman in senior high school. She came out with her friends today to shop around and had charged here to greet Yun Jian when she saw her unexpectedly.

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"What a coincidence," Yun Jian chorused with crescent eyes.

She was not averse to Chu Ning. In fact, she quite liked her character.

Chu Ning was lively and carefree, so much so that she sometimes acted a little silly. Nonetheless, she would reel in her insouciant side when there was something serious.

After the time they spent together, Chu Ning had already gone from calling Yun Jian by her name to cutely calling her "Yun Jian Jianer" or "Yun Jianer". Undeniably, the addition of the suffix "-er" made them feel closer to each other.

"Wow! Chu Ning, is this handsome young man your friend too?" While Yun Jian and Chu Ning exchanged greetings, a girl who was with Chu Ning came over with a group of people.

The girl glanced at Si Yi with heart eyes, looking infatuated.

“Nope, he’s all Yun Jian Jianer’s!” Chu Ning glared at the girl, seemingly not the friendliest with her.

The girl, Xiao Guizi, was the girlfriend of one of Chu Ning’s good guy friends.

Chu Ning herself was rather boyish, although she was a girl and looked sweet and darling. She grew up playing with a bunch of boys and they called each other brothers. The boys had never taken her as a girl, going rough and boisterous when they played together.

Despite being a girl and being laid back in nature, Chu Ning was actually the most skilled among her friends. This was how she was chosen by Ge Junjian and recruited as one of the candidates for the Advanced Special Forces.

Today, Chu Ning was here with her good guy friends to hang out on the main streets. The other girls were girlfriends of her friends. Like Xiao Guizi, she was the girlfriend of Chu Ning’s best friend.

It explained her annoyance when Xiao Guizi asked about handsome Si Yi right in front of her best friend. Chu Ning showed anger for him! Of all the girls out there, he got someone so flirty as his girlfriend!

That was why she snapped at Xiao Guizi. When Chu Ning stated that Si Yi was all Yun Jian’s, she was warning Xiao Guizi that Si Yi belonged to her friend – he was taken!

“Oh...” Xiao Guizi stood aside after making a response but her eyes lingered on Si Yi.

She had thought that her current boyfriend was handsome, but she was struck with a realization the moment she saw Si Yi. A true charming man was not someone like her current boyfriend.

Xiao Guizi’s boyfriend and Chu Ning’s best friend, Meng Xiyao, was completely unaware that his girlfriend was acting any different.

He was someone friendly, so he happily invited both Yun Jian and Si Yi, “Since we know each other, why don’t we walk around together? We’re no strangers anyway!”

Chu Ning nodded fervently with Meng Xiyao’s words and told Yun Jian, “Yes, Yun Jian Jianer, let’s go! Okay?”

She stuck her tongue out and winked at Yun Jian.

Yun Jian responded to Chu Ning’s anticipation with a nod and smiled before turning to Si Yi. “You can go back first. I’ll hang out with them.”

All she could think of during their stroll was Old Madam Xu’s words, thus making her blush like a peach that looked absolutely dear.

Now that she saw Si Yi, she would blush as well, that was why she wanted him to go back first. Despite that, Si Yi looked at her unwaveringly. “I’ll go with you.”