

Schoolgirl 261

Chapter 261: Taking The Country By Storm And Going On A Trip

The auto show went smoothly. After sending Qin Fangfang and family away, the show came to a successful closing too.

“Girlie, see you next time!” Mayor Gu greeted Yun Jian when he left with Xu Zetian.

As he did, he also told Yun Jian, “If New Cruise has any promotional projects in the future, the government will support it! Come to me if you face any difficulties!”

With Mayor Gu’s offer, Yun Jian smiled gratefully. She did not need his help but his kind gesture was appreciated.

After sending off the show’s guests, the place was left with the crew, Zhang Shaofeng and friends, and Zhang Zhifan and his men.

Looking at her three friends who looked like they were going to blurt out questions yet holding themselves back, Yun Jian grinned and told them, “If you guys want to, you can ask Zhifan for work too.”

Yun Jian was planning to let the three teens join her company.

Three of them came from affluent backgrounds and were used to being pampered in indulgence, not having to do independently.

Yun Jian sounded like she was allowing them to join New Cruise and it was no doubt a chance for them to step away from their families and showcase their independence!

“We want to, of course we want to!” three of them shouted in unison.

Yun Jian hummed with a smile. “Mm.”

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After the auto show, New Cruise put various sports cars, sedans, economical ranged cars on the market. It came as a surprise when they hit 368 units of sale before three full days of official business! It meant that they had sold over a hundred cars a day on average.

The sale consisted of numerous expensive sports cars, the deluxe ones that could reap in profit of millions of yuan per sale.

Of course, it was not just Longmen City’s tycoons that were buying the cars. Business magnates from other regions were coming to purchase their automobiles from hearsay as well.

New Cruise climbed the ladder up swiftly, its net profit reaching thirty million Chinese yuan in that month itself!

The baffling figures topped not just Longmen City’s car dealerships but in the whole country!

In a blink of eyes, the prestige of New Cruise took over the country by storm.

Despite that, the director of the well-known company, Yun Jian, was currently seated in her school's classroom, spinning a black pen between her fair and long fingers, to complete a test paper placed on her desk.

Yun Jian was now in her first semester of ninth grade and would be facing her first major exam, the high school entrance exam, in another half semester.

The teachers had added more homework to their list of assignments, like endless quiz papers.

Yun Jian was doing fine but Zhang Shaofeng and Chen Xinyi were experiencing headaches from all the papers they had to finish.

Yun Jian was invited by Chu Ning and the team out for the weekend. It was said to be a celebration for their successful mission and Ge Junjian had already applied for their rewards from the higher-ups. Other than some monetary reward, all seven of them were upgraded to official Special Forces members effective immediately.

The news unsurprisingly elated the team, so they had decided to travel together this weekend to relax and adjust their state of mind after a discussion.

On Saturday morning, Yun Jian carried her bag stuffed with a dozen boiled eggs that Qin Yirou had prepared for her and went to meet Chu Ning and the others.

"Hey, Yun Jianer, we're here!" Chu Ning was the first to see Yun Jian as she greeted her.

Walking over to them, the seven youths boarded the train that would take them to a famous mountain. The mountain that was their destination was with a high altitude, but the scenery was breathtaking. They planned to hike up there and stay the night.

Chapter 262: Meeting A Group At The Adventure Hotspot

The train came to a place named Jinglian Town.

The famous mountain was called Weiwu Mountain. It had a high altitude with rugged irregular paths that were rough and steep.

Jinglian Town was connected to a historical town at the bottom of Weiwu Mountain.

It was not without reason for the place to be selected as their travel destination.

The Weiwu Mountain had a high altitude and was steep and rugged. It was perfect for thrills and adventures. There was also a known fact about the mountain, that there were many tourists who wanted to hike to the peak throughout the year but only one out of ten was capable of making it to the top.

The rumor thus attracted throngs of hiking fans as everyone wanted to become the one out of ten who was able to climb the mountain peak.

In spite of it, many of them returned in vain. No one stayed in the peak but those who had conquered it mentioned that one could erect a tent and camp there as long as one brought the gear.

When Chu Ning and the team hopped off the train and came to Jinglian town, they were amazed by Weiwu Mountain that was so tall, its pinnacle could not be seen.

Yun Jian squinted, unnoticeably raised her brow when she saw the majestic mountain.

“Wow, this is Weiwu Mountain? Honestly, I’ve been wanting to hike here. I hear that only one out of ten could hike from the bottom to the peak of this mountain! Heh heh!” Chu Xiangnan scanned the surrounding of the base in excitement.

“Let’s go then! Let’s see who runs the fastest!” Chu Ning rubbed her hands in ecstasy and was about to be the first to sprint off.

“Hey... wait!” The early morning sun that sprayed on Yun Jian was blinding. Just as the team was about to embark on their hike, a voice came from the back.

Turning around with narrowed eyes, Yun Jian saw a few young men and girls in their early twenties standing behind.

This group of people carried a rucksack each as well, looking the part of hiking Weiwu Mountain too.

The person who called out to them just now was a sporty young man who grinned, standing in front of the group.

“Hello, I’m Shen Yan. They’re my friends. Are you guys hiking too?” the guy introduced himself with a beam and asked.

“Mm.” Yun Jian stood at the back of her team, making her the first person in front of Shen Yan. She nodded and gave a hum.

“Ah, that’s great. Can we hike together? We’re college students and we came here for a holiday but since we’re not familiar with the place, we plan to find someone to go up the mountain together,” said Shen Yan.

Basked in the sun, the guy looked gorgeous.

“Sure!” Chu Ning, who had been standing in front of the team, ran back like she was enchanted when she espied Shen Yan’s handsome face. She beamed at him and extended her hand to introduce herself, “I’m Chu Ning. Let’s go together then.”

“Mm, that’ll be wonderful!” Shen Yan let out a breath but his gaze was trained on Yun Jian who had both hands in her pants pockets.

There was no doubt that Yun Jian was attractive. Even when she stood a distance away quietly, there was an aloof sense of beauty that appealing alongside her silence.

“Brother Yan, why are we going with them!? Humph, I disagree!” A pretty girl with two ponytails who stood behind Shen Yan voiced out.

She was not older than nineteen or twenty years old. As if noticing Shen Yan’s gaze on Yun Jian, her face was scrunched up together in disdain.

She hissed, “Brother Yan, let’s go on our own? They all look tiny and frail. Who knows if they’ll drag us down! Let’s go our way!”

Chapter 263: A Boy Fell Off The Cliff!

“Yes, Shen Yan, I think Xiao Feng is right. Why should we group up when we can go our own merry way!”

“Look at how paper thin and frail all of them are. They’ll probably head down before they even reach halfway up the mountain. We can’t stall our progress for people who have nothing to do with us!”

Standing beside the girl who was called Xiao Feng, a big guy who weighed more than seventy-five kilograms told Shen Yan, not sounding polite at all.

The overbearing girl was named Wang Fengfeng, the most popular girl in their college’s accounting course, while the big guy who was on her side was her admirer, Wu Hang.

Wang Fengfeng and Wu Hang’s tone was laced with confidence, which was unsurprising as the group of college students led by Shen Yan to hike Weiwu Mountain had all learned martial arts before and they were members of the Taekwondo club of their campus.

They had participated multiple times in Taekwondo, Wushu, and competitions of other combat sports, defeating opponents and clinching victories.

Hence, they talked with an imperious air, their self-pride overflowing in their tone.

Wang Fengfeng also admired Shen Yan, so she was annoyed when she saw how Shen Yan was staring at Yun Jian.

In addition, Yun Jian and her team members did look frail and thin. The intensive training in the military camp had caused even Chu Ning who had a little baby fat and a small pouch to lose weight. All seven of them looked exactly as described, bony, and weak.

This was how Wang Fengfeng and Wu Hang had the ammunition to keep calling them weak.

“As if we’re eager to hike with you guys, please! We can go our own way!” No one would be happy to hear the jab. Chu Xiangnan was the first to counter the university students before turning to leave.

“Uh...” Chu Ning was at a loss when she heard what Wang Fengfeng and Wu Hang said.

“Seems like your friends don’t really welcome us. Goodbye then.” In comparison to the agitation of her companions, Yun Jian was incredibly nonchalant.

She told Shen Yan indifferently and turned to head for the bottom of Weiwu Mountain. She had never been one to find trouble if trouble was not going for her.

With Yun Jian’s declaration of their stance, the rest of the team followed.

Chu Ning who stood beside Shen Yan could not help taking several glances at him before she said goodbye and caught up with Yun Jian and her friends.

The early morning sun cast a diffused radiance on the girl who was trekking to the mountain, wrapping Yun Jian with a blanket of light.

Shen Yan was captivated the moment he saw the girl who seemed to be born with elegance and a sense of divinity. Now, he kept his eyes on her, unable to peel his gaze away.

“Brother Yan? Brother Yan? Brother Yan!” Wang Fengfeng waved her hands in front of Shen Yan for a few times before she snapped him out of his enchantment.

It angered Wang Fengfeng even more. Why was that girl so annoying!

Yun Jian and her friends had already hiked their way up along the cement path and they could feel the path getting steeper and their trek becoming harder.

They took some breaks along their expedition since they had bountiful snacks in their rucksacks, taking sips of water while making stops.

“Help... Help! Save my son! Save him please!” When Yun Jian and the team were at the higher part of the mountain base, they heard a woman’s cries coming from the bottom.

Meeting eyes, they packed up and walked back where they came from. After going down several slopes, they saw a woman looking down from the edge of the mountain. She was pale as a sheet from the fright and almost shouted herself hoarse.

Yun Jian walked over to take a look, a boy who was seven or eight was hung on a tree that grew by the wall under the cliff.

The boy was suspended in the air, saved by his shirt that was caught by the branch and was swaying slowly.

If the branch ripped through the boy’s shirt, the kid would be facing a crushing fall where the end could not even be seen from where they all stood.

“Ah! There’s a – a boy is hanging on the tree! It’s a cliff!” Right as Yun Jian and her companions made their way to the edge, they saw a group of people coming up.

It was none other than Shen Yan and his friends. Wang Fengfeng who stood in front was shrieking in fear pointing below the cliff.

Chapter 264: Shen Yan’s Hesitation. The Cliff Rescue

Shen Yan immediately saw Yun Jian who came back.

Her skin without a blemish, powder or rouge was glowing and soft. There was a natural beauty to Yun Jian. Her lips that were pressed together into a slight upward curl was bewitching, commanding one’s attention and not letting it go.

Shen Yan thought that this must be love at first sight!

When Shen Yan had suggested hiking together earlier, he did not even ask the opinion of his group members. He just wanted to get to know Yun Jian.

Now, perhaps he wanted to put on the hero cape in front of Yun Jian, he took off his black jacket and gave it to Wang Fengfeng.

“Hold it,” he said before walking toward the boy who was hung on the tree by the cliff.

The boy’s mother was still crying for help on the side. It was easy to guess that it was probably due to a slight distraction of hers that the little boy had tripped and slipped off from the metal railing as he was so small.

If it were not for the rows of tree branches growing on the side of the cliff that the locals had planted to prevent someone from falling off the edge, the boy would probably have fallen deep down with broken bones.

“Brother Yan, no!” Shen Yan who was going to save the boy was pulled back by Wang Fengfeng on his sleeve.

“The cliff is so tall! And it’s so steep! What if something happens to you!” Wang Fengfeng’s worried gaze roamed all over Shen Yan with fear.

Then, it changed to abhorrence when she looked toward the boy’s mother who stood by the ridge crying for help in despair.

“She’s the one who didn’t look after her child properly. Why must others save her kid for her? she deserves it!”

The moment that Wang Fengfeng stopped Shen Yan, he hesitated.

It was true that he wanted to act heroically in front of Yun Jian, but the little boy was hanging on a branch by the cliff!

There were no tools here for the rescue either. What if he fell instead when he saved him?

With that in mind, fear trickled into Shen Yan’s handsome face.

The expression was caught by Yun Jian. She scoffed and slid her backpack off her shoulders. Pulling the zipper with her fair hand, she fished out something from her bag instantly.

It was a grappling hook!

“Yun Jianer, you actually thought of bringing this?” Chu Ning cried in delightful surprise when she saw Yun Jian brandishing the device, having just been worried about the boy who was hanging and swaying from the ridge.

A military standard grappling hook! As long as they secured it well, someone could go down with the rope to save the boy.

“Mm.” Yun Jian nodded and tossed the grappling hook. The claw grasped onto a secure point by the cliff and Yun Jian hopped off the cliff swiftly.

Shen Yan and friends who saw the scene felt their eyes twitch. All of them were shocked, especially when Yun Jian took out the grappling hook.

Who were these people? Why did they bring a device like the grappling hook that only Special Forces carried around when they were out traveling?

As they thought about it, they were stunned again.

Yun Jian pushed off at a perfect angle and approached the boy with the help of the grappling hook. With an arm carrying the boy, she retracted the grappling hook and stomped on a protruding part of the cliff before she sprang up dexterously with the kid in her arm.

While everyone's heart stilled at the suspense, Yun Jian had already come up to safety with the boy.

Shen Yan and his friends were baffled.

Why did Yun Jian who looked so frail possess such speed and agility! It did not make sense!

Blood drained from Wang Fengfeng and Wu Hang who had spoken illy about Yun Jian and her friends.

Yun Jian had rescued the boy and placed him down on solid ground and finally had a proper look at him.

The little boy was adorable. He had supple skin with pink cheeks, looking like he did not realize he had just been through a life or death crisis.

Yun Jian was frozen at the sight. Her eyes widened before she stared unblinking at the boy, engulfed in a tide of emotions.

The boy looked exactly like her baby brother in her previous life!

Chapter 265: Yun Zhu... Is It A Coincidence?

Yun Jian kept staring at the boy, taking in the reflection of her baby brother, and fell into the memory of her brother's exuberant smile when she met him for the first time in her past life.

Then, she remembered the dried tear tracks on the corners of his eyes when he was cruelly killed.

"Xiao Zhu...?" Yun Jian stretched her hand out, a quiver in her voice despite her usual fierce and poised demeanor.

Her baby brother's name was Yun Zhu.

She could still remember the first time her younger brother met her. His large inky orbs were trained on her, his cheeks a dusty pink, and his teeth shiny white against his rosy lips. He enunciated his words clearly as he blinked up at her, "You're my big sister?"

Then, he happily grabbed onto her larger hand with his short and cold little fingers, exploding in joy. "Yay! Xiao Zhu has a big sister now! Xiao Zhu has family too!"

Yun Jian and Yun Zhu's biological parents passed away in a car accident when Yun Zhu was four years old. When Yun Jian was abducted by the organization at a young age, her parents had looked for her high and low for over ten years. Ultimately, both of them died in an accident when they were on another search.

Yun Zhu grew up in an orphanage.

All these years, Yun Jian was trained to be a secret agent in An Hun Group. By the time she was sufficiently capable to look for her family before her abduction, she was only left with her younger brother.

Her younger brother was later used against her as a threat before he was brutally murdered. Yun Jian's heart was not made of steel. She felt wrath, she hated a world like this.

The boy in front of her shrunk, alarmed by her sudden raise of a hand.

"Zhuer!" The little boy's mother rushed to them in tears, scooping the boy into her arms. Her fear just moments ago was indescribable.

"Mom, this sister here seems to know my name." The boy pointed at Yun Jian and told the woman innocently; his eyes did not seem to contain life.

"Yeah, Yun Jianer, are you okay..." Everyone else was surprised by Yun Jian's reaction too and Chu Ning was the first to ask.

This boy was also Yun Zhu, just like her baby brother.

"I'm fine." Yun Jian closed her eyes, wearing a half smile.

Whether this boy was her younger brother or not, since he looked exactly like him and shared the same name, it at least gave her some comfort in wishing that perhaps her baby brother was still alive, just through another way.

"Miss, thank you so much! Thank you for saving my son! Thank you!" Yun Zhu's mother came to thank Yun Jian after consoling her boy. She was sincerely grateful, nearly kneeling down to thank Yun Jian, but the girl stopped her.

Shen Yan and his friends who stood at the side were embarrassed. All of them had initially thought that Yun Jian and her friends were weaklings and had ridiculed them mercilessly. Now? A teenage girl like her had rescued a little boy hanging by the cliff!

Yun Jian got to know Yun Zhu's mother.

She was Yun Hailan, a single mother, so Yun Zhu took her surname.

They had come to hike Weiwu Mountain as the boy's training.

According to Yun Hailan, Yun Zhu was unlike himself ever since he fell seriously ill a few months ago. His eyes became dull and he got reticent. During his fits of nightmares, he would even shout things like "No, don't kill me! Please, don't kill me".

He became incredibly timid. He was already eight but now he dared not go to the toilet on his own if he got up in the middle of the night.

Yun Hailan thus brought Yun Zhu to Weiwu Mountain to try and train his courage, not expecting an accident to happen. She did not foresee Yun Zhu falling off the edge in a blink of her inattentiveness.

Yun Jian was dumbfounded when she heard her.

A few months ago... Was that not when she was rebirthed?

Was everything just a coincidence?

Chapter 266: Going Home With Her And A Protection Racket Collection

Was her younger brother rebirthed too?

Yun Jian suppressed her thrill. She was aware of something else.

Even if this boy in front of her was her younger brother, he did not remember her.

Yun Jian knew that her baby brother had gone through too much shock in his previous life. He was only seven or eight yet his head was hacked off.

When he died, there were tears hanging on his innocent face.

“Mom, go home.” Yun Zhu stretched his arms toward Yun Hailan. There was still no expression from him as he spoke blankly.

“Okay, okay, let’s go home.” Yun Hailan picked the boy up and told Yun Jian apologetically, “Zhuer is asking to go home. I’ll take him home first.”

“I didn’t expect something like this to happen today. I won’t take him to dangerous places like this in the future anymore too.”

“Oh, my house is nearby. If it’s convenient, you guys can stay over at my house. Weiwu Mountain isn’t the easiest hike and people usually come down after a while because the closer it gets to the peak, the steeper the road gets. It’s possibly life threatening at any time, so people don’t usually hike to the top as they are risking their lives.”

“Mm.” Yun Jian nodded, keeping her eyes on Yun Zhu, and decided easily. “I won’t be hiking up the top. Looks like I’ll have to trouble you for a few nights.”

She was going to get to the bottom of what happened to her baby brother.

“Huh, Yun Jian, you’re not continuing the hike?” Chu Xiangnan who did not know a thing gasped aloud.

“Yeah, I won’t be going.” It did not matter much to Yun Jian whether she hiked the mountain or not, so she nodded and replied Chu Xiangnan.

“Go ahead, you guys,” she told Chu Ning and the rest of the team.

Then, she followed Yun Hailan down the mountain.

Shen Yan who watched Yun Jian leave wanted to speak up but in the end, he proceeded with the hike with Wang Fengfeng and his friends.

Yun Jian came to Yun Hailan’s house alone.

Her house was shabby. She was a single mother but she was faring much worse than Yun Gang’s house. The rooms here were sectioned with planks that were not going to last and could barely house occupants.

“You guys are staying here?” Yun Jian frowned slightly.

“Mm, I hope you don’t mind.” Yun Hailan smiled at Yun Jian, apologetic.

“I don’t.” Yun Jian followed her into the house that was practically built out of wooden planks.

Despite entering the house, Yun Jian could still feel wisps of winter breeze outside caressing those in the house through the thin wooden boards.

“Sorry, my house is pretty run down. Have a seat,” Yun Hailan told Yun Jian.

Without being too courteous, Yun Jian sat herself down. While she and Yun Zhu tried to make a conversation flow, Yun Hailan busied herself with handiworks.

Yun Hailan was poor and could only make money through completing handiwork that cost a few cents each.

“Mom, I’m cold,” Yun Zhu who wore thin layers shrunk a little and called out.

Yun Hailan clenched her jaw. “Zhuer, be good. Mommy will buy you a jacket when I get my salary in a few days.”

They were so penniless that they could hardly get food, even feeding themselves was an issue.

Jinglian Town’s general state of living was quite poor and Yun Hailan had no working experience. In addition to having to feed a child, she was even more poverty-stricken. She did not even have the money to take her boy to the hospital when Yun Zhu was acting weird in recent months.

Yun Jian took off her thick down jacket to drape it on Yun Zhu immediately when she heard the boy.

“Ah, this can’t do...” Yun Hailan made a gesture to reject seeing what Yun Jian was doing.

“He’s still growing. He needs the warmth,” Yun Jian explained briefly.

There were several seconds of silence from Yun Hailan before she gazed at Yun Jian in gratitude and said through teary eyes, “Thank you...”

Someone rapped hard at the door then, sounding like the slaps would break the thin board apart. “Open up, Yun Hailan you wretched woman, open the door. You haven’t paid the protection racket for this month! I know you’re in there. I’ll crush your door if you don’t come out!”

Chapter 267: Disorder. Try Me

When Yun Hailan heard the aggressive door knocking, the needle she held in her hand pierced her fingertip amidst her fear. Uncaring of the blood that was slowly oozing from it, she quickly got up to push Yun Jian.

“Miss, hide in the house first! Quick!” Yun Hailan shoved Yun Jian to make her go inside.

With a frown, Yun Jian shook her head.

Those people outside obviously came with ill intentions. How could she abandon Yun Hailan and hide on her own?

“Zhuer, take her to play inside,” Yun Hailan said, quick to pull Yun Zhu who was sitting on a stool up since she could not persuade Yun Jian.

Yun Zhu mostly kept to himself but he also listened to his mother well. He went over to hold Yun Jian’s bigger hand and led them inside the house.

Yun Jian followed him in because she saw Yun Hailan whispering to her, "I'll be fine. Miss, take care of Zhuer for me."

Once Yun Jian and Yun Zhu hid inside, Yun Hailan turned to open the door.

With a squeak, the thin board of a door was opened and Yun Jian could see what was happening through the narrow gap of the room's door that she was in.

A tall burly man stood outside of the door, thick and muscular with a bulging beer belly.

Jinglian Town was not the safest town there was because the people living here were different compared to Longmen City. The standard of living here was several notches worse than Longmen City and it was not as safe and peaceful.

For example, protection rackets were collected by force from citizens here. It was common, even the police were unable to do anything to them because these people were from the gangs, wielding knives and guns.

Mainly, it was because these people had someone high in ranking covering for them, so the police could only watch helplessly.

A group of people stood behind the man at the door, definitely not harboring kind intentions either, welding metal bars and similar weapons.

The tall burly man who stood front and foremost extended his fat palm, his fleshy body shook with the movement, as he looked at Yun Hailan with a scowl and a straw perched between his lips.

"Hmm? Where's my money?"

Yun Hailan looked scared but she forced herself to face them calmly.

"Brother Niu, we're trying to make ends meet recently. Can you give me a few more days? When I'm done rushing these crafts, I'll pay you once I get my salary, is that okay?" Yun Hailan pleaded.

She truly had no more money.

If she had even a little bit extra, her boy did not have to wait to go to the hospital with his abnormal temperament right now.

"F*ck, who are you f*cking bluffing! Everyone else paid the protection racket, you're the only one stalling. Bros, don't even bother bullsh*tting with this woman. Wreck her house and see if she pays!"

The man called Brother Niu waved his metal bar and was going to make a blow at Yun Hailan's defenseless self. The latter was already prepared to be beaten up.

Brother Niu and his lackeys were unreasonable. They belonged to a gang, and despite the ruckus and terror they caused usually, the police were not able to take them down as they had the support of someone with a substantial background.

It was not uncommon for Yun Hailan to get beaten up, but she usually locked Yun Zhu in the room securely before that so the boy would not have to witness it.

The reason she hid Yun Jian as well was that she was pretty.

Not only did Brother Niu and his people love money, but they also forced pretty girls their way as well. Many innocent ladies in the town were abused by these people so easily.

Yun Hailan made them hide and kept quiet first as she was not going to watch Yun Jian being harassed when she had helped her.

Just as the metal bar was going to hit Yun Hailan, a pair of fair arms held it in place abruptly.

In the blink of an eye, Yun Jian had slipped out of the room.

When Brother Niu and his men saw her, their eyes glowed. What a beauty!

Yun Jian, on the other hand, declared with her eyes set on the men. "Try laying a finger here with me around!"

Chapter 268: Her Miscalculation. You Guys Are Dead

Yun Jian's appearance stunned Brother Niu and the gang, but it also added a lecherous tint to their eyes.

"Oh, Yun Hailan, since when have you hidden such a pretty girl in your house?" Brother Niu's tone softened immediately, not sounding as aggressive as he was earlier.

"Why have you come out? Leave, go right now, you have nothing to do here!" Yun Hailan was shocked seeing that Yun Jian had come out and moved to push her out of the house.

She just wanted to protect her.

"Still thinking of leaving when you're here? Hah!" Brother Niu and his men blocked the way, their thirsty gazes attached to Yun Jian.

"Yun Hailan, let's make a deal. Let this young girl be our company and we can forget about this month's protection racket. What do you think, hmm?" Brother Niu stroked his chin while he scanned Yun Jian, speaking to Yun Hailan with a smirk as if the latter was gaining an advantage from this deal.

"Dream on!" Yun Hailan gritted her teeth and suddenly picked up her courage to shout at the men.

Yun Jian had saved her son's life. Yun Hailan did not even expect Brother Niu to come to collect the protection racket at this time, nor thought that Yun Jian would run out to stand up for her without heeding her advice. She would never let Yun Jian fall into the claws of these bastards.

"Heck, you're growing bold now? Huh? I'm being nice and giving you a chance to skip on the monthly protection racket, yet you don't know what's good for you!"

Brother Niu threatened and swung his metal bar against the door in a huff.

Yun Jian chuckled at that.

"Do you guys know what the consequences of bearding the lion in his den are?" Yun Jian raised her brows and suddenly smirked at Brother Niu.

“Ho, pretty girl, I won’t be able to guess such a profound riddle but I do know that you’re going to be mine soon,” Brother Niu said squinting at Yun Jian and with his hand out, he was going to pounce on her.

Acting on his thoughts, Brother Niu sprang onto Yun Jian but before he could reach her, Yun Hailan stood in the way.

She blocked Brother Niu and his lackeys with her thin frame and shouted at Yun Jian with all her might, “Take Zhuer and run! Jump out from the window at the back! Don’t turn back! Leave, right now!”

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes.

Run? There was no such word in Yun Jian’s vocabulary.

Just when she was ready to kick the men to their demise, Yun Zhu’s voice came from the house.

“Mom...” He was already outside and cried out when he saw the scene.

Especially when he saw his mother blocking the men with her body to stop them from coming over and the various knives and weapons that Brother Niu and his men were holding, a petrifying scene suddenly flashed in Yun Zhu’s mind.

“Ah, a knife, they’re killing – No, don’t kill me...” Yun Zhu suddenly hugged his head, as if recalling something and squatted down in pain.

“Xiao Zhu...” Yun Jian was distracted by Yun Zhu’s action. Pausing her attack, she anxiously went toward the boy.

“Xiao Zhu, what’s wrong?” Yun Jian would only lose her composure when something happened to her younger brother. She bent down, about to check the boy’s state.

At the same time, Brother Niu who Yun Hailan had stopped at the door blinked and pulled out a dagger before stabbing it right into the woman’s stomach.

“Ah...” Yun Jian reacted only when Yun Hailan’s pained cry sounded while Brother Niu twisted the dagger stabbed into the woman’s stomach a few times before he pushed her onto the floor.

Damn it!

Yun Jian’s gaze sharpened immediately as her eyes reddened.

She had been so worried about Yun Zhu just now that she forgot about Yun Hailan, not expecting Brother Niu to actually stab her!

Yun Zhu fell into a deeper pain when he saw the scene in addition to the scene that replayed in his mind just now.

Yun Jian had gotten up from Yun Zhu then, her piercing gaze burning with rage.

She was furious.

With a flick of a wrist, Yun Jian held the butterfly knife in her palm. Her gaze toward Brother Niu and the gang was brimming with murder. “You guys are dead!”

Chapter 269: Killing Brother Niu. Feeling It

Brother Niu and his lackeys did not even see Yun Jian as a threat. After all, she was so young. No matter how skilled she was, she was only a little girl. What havoc could she possibly wreak?

It was until Yun Jian brandished the butterfly knife that these men felt their eyes twitching.

“Holy f*ck, you’re for real? This pretty girl has a weapon on her?!” Brother Niu yelled.

“Even if you have a weapon, little girl, do you think you can fight all of us...”

“Swoop!”

Brother Niu watched Yun Jian walk toward them holding the butterfly knife. Just as he snorted, the girl attacked. The butterfly knife came to life between her fingers before it penetrated Brother Niu’s stomach at an eerie angle.

With widened eyes, Brother Niu did not get to react as he was swiftly stabbed by the seemingly harmless girl.

“You – you...” That was all he could make out.

‘You’re not human! You’re not! How could a little girl display such speed!’

Brother Niu did not get to finish his words.

The moment Yun Jian retracted her blade, Brother Niu passed out. Falling down with a dull thud, he died in the next second.

“He’s dead! Dead! Brother Niu’s dead!”

Brother Niu’s underlings freaked out when they saw him killed by Yun Jian’s frightening speed and technique. Then, they raced to their escape. No one cared about Brother Niu.

If this girl could kill someone! She could kill anyone!

Looking at the fleeing bunch, Yun Jian did not chase after them. After all, the person who stabbed Yun Hailan just now, Brother Niu, was dead.

Yun Jian went to check on Yun Hailan who collapsed on the floor from Brother Niu’s assault. She was put at ease when she placed her finger under Yun Hailan’s nose. Luckily she was still alive. Yun Jian then pressed around her wound and found that the stab wound was not deep.

In spite of it, she would still die of blood loss if this was to drag on.

There were no complete utensils. Yun Jian could operate on Yun Hailan but it was easy for the wound to get infected without proper equipment.

Yun Jian decided to stop her bleeding first, fishing out the hemostatic drug she was always equipped with after her rebirth that she had asked to be bought through her connection.

Then, Yun Jian ran out to stop a car. She was not familiar with the area, not even knowing where the nearest hospital was. Yun Hailan's wound did not allow her to be carried by Yun Jian, who was in search of a hospital.

Fortunately, Yun Jian managed to stop an Audi sports car driven by a kind man by the door shortly.

The owner was a middle-aged man and he quickly helped Yun Jian to carry Yun Hailan into his car to send them to the hospital once he heard that someone was injured.

Yun Jian picked Yun Zhu up as well to go together.

Yun Zhu did not speak during the drive but his blank gaze seemed to turn much clearer.

Yun Jian had only stopped for a breather after she made sure Yun Hailan was wheeled into the hospital's operation theater.

She knew that this hospital was capable of treating Yun Hailan's wound.

The middle-aged man with the Audi had never met a young girl like Yun Jian who could maintain her cool despite facing such a dire situation, so he waited until Yun Hailan was announced to be out of crisis before he left.

Yun Jian thanked the man and sent him off personally while Yun Hailan who had just gone through surgery was moved to a ward, still unconscious.

When Yun Jian settled the procedures, she then held Yun Zhu's hand and walked to the hospital ward.

"Sis," Yun Zhu who had been quiet all this while suddenly called out.

Walking in the hospital's muted hallway, Yun Jian's hand that held Yun Zhu's stiffened abruptly.

Yun Zhu's next words almost made Yun Jian tear up, despite her being used to putting up a tough front. "You're my sister, right? Xiao Zhu knows that you're my elder sister."

"Xiao Zhu can feel it here." Yun Zhu patted his chest, looking up hopefully at Yun Jian with his round eyes.

Chapter 270: Yun Zhu Goes Home

Yun Zhu's round cheeks were adorable, a hint of maturity hidden in his innocence. He was very young but it was easily noticeable that this was a good looking boy and would definitely become a charismatic young man when he grew up.

Related by blood in their previous life, even when Yun Jian and Yun Zhu were in different bodies now, they could still feel their bond.

Yun Jian smiled, tears brimming her eyes but none dropped.

She opened her mouth to speak but nothing came out. Instead, she squatted down and took Yun Zhu into her arms. Her chin perched on his shoulder as she nodded softly.

Yun Zhu looked up and his hands grabbed Yun Jian's clothes in a grip, a smile spreading on his face.

“Jiejie...” (Mandarin for elder sister)

“Mn.” Yun Jian carded her hand through Yun Zhu’s hair.

All her resentment, remorse, guilt, and pain seemed to crumble and dissolve in that moment. The feeling of recovering what she had lost could not even be put into words.

Her baby brother’s death had always been something she could not overcome. Now that her younger brother was rebirthed like her, her burdened heart was finally unfettered.

In spite of it, she was still taking revenge for what happened in the past life.

Her baby brother being alive was the heaven’s gift to her, but the terror and pain her brother had gone through were palpable and tangible.

Yun Jian swore that she was going to let Inferno Ring taste the consequences of infuriating her in the future...once she had the chance.

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Yun Hailan’s injury was not serious, Yun Jian thought. Perhaps it was because of her past life experience, Yun Jian did not think of an injury to be severe as long as it was not fatal.

Despite that, Yun Hailan was considered to be gravely wounded to any ordinary person.

With a stab to her abdomen and the twists that mangled her wound, it was required for Yun Hailan to be bedridden for half a year in order to go through a slow recovery.

All in all, she had to take her time in recuperation to be able to heal herself and return to her pre-injured state.

Yun Jian sent her abroad for the recovery process and told Yun Hailan that she would take good care of Yun Zhu.

The woman was too embarrassed to agree. After all, Yun Jian had paid for the hospitalization and medical fee and it was not her place to ask Yun Jian to take care of her son as well. It was after Yun Zhu expressed that he would be happy to go with Yun Jian that Yun Hailan conceded.

Before Yun Hailan was sent off to her recuperation, she was teary in gratitude toward Yun Jian and asked Yun Zhu to listen to the girl.

Yun Jian contacted the best hospital abroad and when she was done with the arrangement and successfully sent Yun Hailan there, it was already the next afternoon.

This next day, Yun Jian was beaming all the way as she held Yun Zhu and waited under the sun for Chu Ning and others who were descending Weiwu Mountain.

The group had arrived at the peak and stayed the night there before they came down. They communicated these through text messages.

For what happened, Yun Jian did not see Shen Yan and his friends again.

When the group took the train back to Longmen City, Chu Xiangnan teased Yun Jian with a laugh, “Oh ho, Yun Jian, I didn’t expect you to have it in you to trick a little boy away from home. I see your plan now for not following us up the mountain.”

Chu Xiangnan glanced at Yun Zhu as he spoke and the latter shrunk into Yun Jian bashfully.

“Nobody will think that you’re mute if you don’t speak, you know?” Chu Ning told Chu Xiangnan with a grin.

“Or do you want me to make you mute?” Yun Jian played with her butterfly knife with a genuine grin.

“No, no, no – no thanks!” Chu Xiangnan waved his hands in dismissal at once.

The team engaged in a merry chatter. Jiang Weiwei who usually did not like mingling with them was gradually blending in with the crowd. Her subtle change had only begun recently.

The train returned to Longmen City at night.

After splitting up with her friends, Yun Jian held Yun Zhu’s hand all the way back home. As she stepped into the villa with a smile and with Yun Zhu in her hand, she saw the tall and lean silhouette sitting on the couch.

It was Si Yi.

Stunned, she took Yun Zhu into the house nonetheless.

“Jiejie, are we staying here from now on?” Yun Zhu turned to ask Yun Jian as Si Yi turned to look at them.

“Yes. Jiejie will introduce my family to you too.” Yun Jian could not help stroking her brother’s head with a beam.

Si Yi was already making his way to them with his long legs by now.

He wore a slight frown. Since Yun Jian entered with this kid, she had never given him even a glimpse.

“Oh.” Yun Zhu pressed his lips together and nodded before he scanned the house and continued asking Yun Jian, “Jiejie, can I sleep with you tonight?”

“Of course.”

“No way!”

When Yun Zhu’s question left his lips, two voices sounded simultaneously. The first one was from Yun Jian while the latter was from Si Yi who was scowling.