

Schoolgirl 381

Chapter 381: Village Spotted. Fish Spearing

Listening to Yun Jian's analysis, the team thought that they had learned something valuable.

There was an assortment of maps for the nearby scenic areas in the car rental but no one else, except for Yun Jian, paid attention to it. No one had thought of taking a map to study it.

The map was universal. Although Liu Shiyun and the others did not understand the text printed on it, they were able to distinguish the icons. Besides, the maps were usually accompanied by English prints.

As for Yun Jian, she had taken a map once they got to the car rental and understood the geography. She also analyzed the geography and finally came to the conclusion.

In fact, there were a lot of things that no one could not find answers to, but one could find from the available environment.

Like the art thief, they would go to where there were signs of life unless he was suicidal.

There was no doubt that the direction hinting at a population was the south. It was obvious from the map that any other direction would bring a traveler to the borderless desert.

"Since we know where to go now, drive faster, Fang Xiaoran!" Chu Xiangnan added in delight.

"No need." Yun Jian countered immediately.

She pressed her lips together before saying, "Drive slowly, no hurry. We don't have to alert anyone. Right now, we're just a bunch of tourists on our holiday in the Tiandi Canyon from the eyes of this thief."

Yun Jian squinted at them after that. All of them understood what she meant.

She was saying that before they could determine who the art thief was, all of them were to pretend as students who came to the Tiandi Canyon for a vacation.

Fang Xiaoran drove the jeep and as instructed, he drove slowly.

After about an hour, the scenery in front of them changed when Yun Jian looked outside the window.

It was no longer barren land without a sprout of green or large pieces of oddly shaped rocks. There was a river and a large village on the opposite of it.

The group was delighted. Fang Xiaoran did not turn around but he asked Yun Jian, "Yun Jian, are we going into the village?"

"Yes. Let's find a place to stay and rest," Yun Jian replied with a nod.

The team then entered the village.

Men in Country A were used to wrap a turban around the top of their head while women covered their entire head other than their face with a scarf like they were wearing a hat. This was part of the culture of the nation.

As they alighted the jeep, Yun Jian asked for shelter from the village head on behalf of her squad.

The village chief and the villagers welcomed them warmly, receiving travelers abroad with passion. The chief ultimately separated the seven-member squad into four groups and sent them to stay with four different families in the village.

Yun Jian was arranged to stay alone with an impoverished family. The family was hospitable. The woman, Adiya, was in her forties while her daughter, Meiboba, was two years younger than Yun Jian.

Adiya's husband had already passed away, so life was hard for Adiya to bring up her child, Meiboba, alone. In spite of it, she genuinely welcomed Yun Jian.

It took less than half a day when Meiboba got close to Yun Jian. In addition, the latter had no language barrier with people in Country A, so Meiboba seemed to like her as an elder sister very much.

"Big sister, can you go to the river with me to catch fish?" Meiboba shook Yun Jian's arm, asking her with an anticipating gaze.

Yun Jian quite liked this little sister who was two years younger than her as well and nodded, following Meiboba to the river in the village.

There were already kids who were around Meiboba's age by the riverbank. All of them were catching fish with the most primitive method, spearing the swimming fish in the shallow and clear river with a long bamboo stick that was shaved to a prickly point.

Just as Meiboba came to the riverside holding Yun Jian's hand, they were surrounded by a group of rowdy boys.

"Meiboba, skinny and scrawny, without a daddy. She brought a foreigner to spear fish, hehehe!" The boys encircled Meiboba and taunted her with a rhyme they made up.

Chapter 382: Do As The Romans Do—A Fish-Spearing Match

As her father had passed away, Meiboba was bullied by these children since she was a young girl.

Initially, she was already numb from their treatment, but when she was taunted and mocked by a circle of people in front of the big sister she had just gotten to know, Meiboba blanched.

"We're here to catch some fish, don't be like that..." Meiboba was pale as a sheet, talking to the boys with a pleading gaze as she was afraid that Yun Jian would ignore her because she was bullied together with her by these boys.

There was a gleam in Yun Jian's eyes.

Meiboba had been bullied since she was little just because she had no father. These rambunctious children around her made fun of her and even made rhymes about her background.

Meiboba did not use to be alone and alienated like she was now. She used to have friends but they were scared away by these boys soon later and no longer wanted to play with her.

When Yun Jian moved into Meiboba's house, the latter was both surprised and delighted, especially when Yun Jian was not opposed to becoming her friend. It felt like joy was poured all over Meiboba.

What the boys did now, however, frightened Meiboba. She was scared that this big sister whom she had just gotten to be friends with would unfriend her because of them.

“Catch some fish? Haha, just the two of you?” A voice that was laced with heavy sarcasm sounded.

A dark-skinned boy about sixteen or seventeen years old who looked quite decent came to stand in front of Meiboba and Yun Jian after separating the crowd. This teenager seemed to be the leader of these boys as the others made way for him cheering once he appeared.

“Jiliheng!” Meiboba could not help gasping as she looked timidly at the teenager.

The boy who was called Jiliheng stretched his arm with a raised head and hooked a finger at Yun Jian, talking arrogantly, “I heard that you’re a foreigner and a new friend of Meiboba? How dare you be friends with her without my permission?”

Jiliheng’s tone was uncompromising like he was the dictator in this. It made Yun Jian squint.

“Why don’t I dare?” Yun Jian arched a brow and replied fluently in the local language.

“Big sister, don’t. Let’s just go. He’s Jiliheng, the domineering king in our village. No one can challenge his status. Let’s go...” Meiboba said meekly with a tug at Yun Jian’s clothes.

Looking down, Yun Jian reeled in her gaze, not planning to escalate the matter.

She was here for a mission and the thief could be around anytime. If she was careless or showed too much of her skill, it would alarm her target.

Before Yun Jian and Meiboba took two steps away turning around, Jiliheng’s voice drifted behind them, “Hey, are you guys really leaving?”

Yun Jian paid no mind to him, phasing Jiliheng. It was rare that he met a girl who was unafraid of him.

Purely out of curiosity, he wanted to stop Yun Jian from leaving but she did not even care. Jiliheng shouted again, “Stand there, stop! Let’s have a fish-spearing match, see who’ll catch more fish within ten minutes. If you win, I won’t bully Meiboba anymore. What about it? And I guarantee that no one will bully her in the future too!”

“Really?” Yun Jian paused at once and turned to confirm with Jiliheng.

“Of course. I, Jiliheng, am a man. I’ve never not kept my word!” Jiliheng assured with a pat on his stomach.

“Let’s begin then.” The speed at which Yun Jian changed her mind was boggling.

Jiliheng was a little thrown but he did not dwell on it when he thought that she was only a girl younger than him.

Consequently, Jiliheng asked for two bamboo sticks for himself and Yun Jian respectively.

When Liushiyun and others met up leaving their lodging to find Yun Jian passing by the river, they spotted Yun Jian who was holding the bamboo stick and preparing to contest Jiliheng on fish-spearing.

“My god, Yun Jian’s doing as the Romans do huh?” Chu Xiangnan hurried over and could not help teasing.

Chapter 383: Grand Thief Mr. Pete

Yun Jian was unbothered by Liu Shiyun and Chu Xiangnan’s appearance. She was currently standing in the river with a slow stream with Jiliheng.

The river water in winter was usually icy to the point of prickling pain, but this river was not even cold. Instead, it felt kind of warm to stand in the water.

“And start,” Jiliheng told Yun Jian with a glimpse at her holding the bamboo.

“Mm.” Yun Jian nodded at Jiliheng with a squint as she also held the sharp bamboo that could spear and kill a fish.

“Go, Yun Jian’er!” Chu Ning and others did not understand the shouts of the locals but the former waved her hand at Yun Jian and cheered for her.

Yun Jian kept her squint as her deep eyes were set on the bamboo in her grasp.

“Go, big sister!” Meiboba looked at Yun Jian gratefully and cheered for her loudly in her local language.

“Hah.” Jiliheng suddenly let out a light chuckle and a smirk that did not match his age crept up to his curling lips.

Tss! Jiliheng stabbed his bamboo into the river and penetrated a fish that had been swimming.

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes and stabbed her bamboo into the river as well.

“Missed? Hahaha! She missed!” Jiliheng’s friends cackled at Yun Jian.

Yun Jian’s aim was off and her attack caught nothing.

Chu Ning and the other team members were sullen as well.

In spite of it, Yun Jian was in no hurry. There was no readable expression on her as she hung her head low.

“Heh heh!” Jiliheng laughed recklessly as he impaled his bamboo into the water several times more.

Tss, tss, tss, tss, tss! Each time he brought his bamboo down, for five consecutive times, there was a fish speared by Jiliheng. Never once did he miss.

As for Yun Jian, she made several attempts too but none caught her target.

Jiliheng’s friends were spurred by this, cheering in grandiose, “Jiliheng! Jiliheng! Jiliheng!”

“What’s up with Yun Jian!” Chu Xiangnan frowned, grumbling like he was going to replace Yun Jian and win in the next moment.

“Shut up!” Jiang Weiwei who had been quiet suddenly kicked the young man as she growled at him.

The others were shocked by her seriousness but there was a frown as they were also confused.

Jiang Weiwei was also frowning as she silently watched Yun Jian act like she was spearing the fish with all her might yet kept missing. She was doing it on purpose but why?

Not too long later, there was already a stick of fish skewered on the bamboo in Jiliheng's grip.

Tss! Jiliheng was engrossed in fish-spearing, standing with his back facing Yun Jian and collecting another fish smoothly.

With another squint, Yun Jian retrieved her butterfly knife from her pocket when Jiliheng was completely unguarded, sneaking to his back in a flash and landing a kick on his back to fling him to the riverbank.

While everyone witnessed the sudden change in panic, Yun Jian was already in front of Jiliheng, perching her butterfly knife against his neck before he could react.

"Foreign one, what are you doing! You can't win the fish-spearing contest. What do you want to do to Jiliheng!" The boys yelled immediately.

Chu Xiangnan and the rest of the squad were also befuddled.

"Yun Jian, what are you doing? We'll admit defeat if we lose. It's not like we can't afford to..." Chu Xiangnan commented.

Yun Jian paid no heed to them.

She maintained her original position with narrowing eyes, pushing the butterfly knife a little closer to Jiliheng's neck.

"Do you think I can't recognize you with this disguise? Our infamous Grand Thief Mr. Pete!" Yun Jian said grinning, looking at Jiliheng.

Jiliheng felt his heart stutter at that.

Chapter 384: I'm Your Liege Lord. The Scary Woman

Yun Jian was speaking in Mandarin. Other than Chu Xiangnan and the team members who were dumbstruck, the boys of Country A including Meiboba were unable to understand her.

This did not include 'Jiliheng', Grand Thief Mr. Pete, who was lying on the ground, however.

Caught red handed, Pete gave up his disguise. He was not angered, nor was he jumping on his feet because he was exposed by Yun Jian. Instead, he pushed Yun Jian's butterfly knife away and stood up.

Nonetheless, Pete was still shocked when he was recognized.

After he impersonated Jiliheng, even Jiliheng's mother did not notice anything wrong. How did this young teenage girl in front of him see through his disguise?

"Who are you?"

Since he was not covering up anymore, Pete yanked the human skin mask off from his face as he asked looking at Yun Jian.

Under the mask was a face that was completely different from Jiliheng's.

He looked like he was in his twenties and was very fair. He looked handsome with a tall straight nose, appearing a little like he was of mixed blood.

"Your liege lord!" Yun Jian ceased threatening him with her butterfly knife too and answered Pete with a grin.

"Holy sh*t, no way you are..." Pete could not help it when he heard the familiar answer, shouting with a finger at Yun Jian.

There was no one who could stand in front of him calling herself his liege lord except for the terrifying woman!

"You... Why do you look totally different?" Pete stared at Yun Jian dumbly before he gestured at her and asked in a startle.

"Guess." Yun Jian crossed her arms in front of her and smirked without looking back at Pete.

She did not recognize him initially, but Pete's impersonation of Jiliheng had too many loopholes.

First, Yun Jian could see it from Pete's face. There was a folded line around his ears. As for Pete's identity, it was not an easy feat to steal an antique that Zhe Province had emphasized protection on. It was something only an international thief could do.

Yun Jian knew someone like this in her past, who was world-class in his skill of stealing, that was Pete.

Pete also had a distinguishing feature. He was immensely playful. Like just now, he was unstoppable once he got into the fish-spearing match.

It was a coincidence that Pete was completely off guard and Yun Jian was able to make a move.

While Pete and Yun Jian happily recognizing each other and began chatting, the boys beside them broke into wails as they ran back home asking for their mothers out of fright when they saw Pete who tore his skin mask and changed his appearance.

Liu Shiyun, Chu Xiangnan, and the others were frozen on the spot.

All of them had heard Yun Jian calling Pete the Grand Thief. This meant that Pete who was suddenly Pete in front of them was the thief they had been looking for!

Judging by the situation, however, did Yun Jian know him?

All of them were alarmed but no one said anything.

Yun Jian actually did know Pete, this happened in her past life.

Pete was really an infamous thief in the world. It was said that he had never missed anything he set his eyes on stealing. The fact, however, was that he did fail once.

It was because what he wanted to steal was also A target of Yun Jian's mission.

When both of them met, Yun Jian won with her martial prowess in a flash. Before Yun Jian fled with the item, Pete had shouted at her, “For f*ck’s sake, who are you! How dare you snatch what I want!”

“Your liege lord!” That was what Yun Jian replied.

All in all, Pete was skilled but it was his first time losing to a woman, so his impression of Yun Jian was especially deep. In spite of it, he did not know of her other identities, only knowing that this woman was menacingly skilled!

Back then, he had acquired what he was stealing and even had it in his grasp, only for Yun Jian to snatch it away in the end.

Moreover, he had fought her personally and he could not describe her skill—more like, he had no words to describe it.

Chapter 385: Mission Accomplished. Pack Up To Return

“Goodness, my dear liege lord, I was just wondering why have my eyes been twitching since this morning! Why are you here for me this time? Oh my god! You aren’t thinking of taking away the gem I’ve painstakingly stolen, are you?”

Back to the current reality, Pete put a hand over his heart dramatically as he cried out at Yun Jian, looking at her like he was looking at the devil.

Liu Shiyun and others were even more amazed at that. From how both of them talked and acted around each other, they seemed close?

Yet, Yun Jian smiled and stretched her arm forward. “You’re right. Be nice and hand it over.”

Pete’s hands shrunk back a little as he looked like he was going to die with a hand grabbing his pocket. “You really want it? No room for discussion?”

“None,” Yun Jian said with finality as she blinked her deep eyes.

“Alright then...” Pete could only dig around his pocket and reluctantly retrieved an emerald jade pendant before unwillingly passing it to Yun Jian.

The emerald jade pendant was exactly the piece that the Zhe Province museum lost.

Before they came, Ge Junjian had already shown them the photo of the lost antique.

It was this one. It would seem like it was just an average jade pendant, but it was something left by a famous scholar from the Tang Dynasty, accumulating some years to itself by now.

There was no doubt that it held a high value.

“That’s it? We accomplished the mission?” Chu Xiangnan and others were still rooted where they stood as they watched Pete hand the jade pendant over to Yun Jian without resistance. All of them were flabbergasted.

Pete was the world-class Grand Thief, right? Did he just give the antique jade pendant to Yun Jian like that?

Their mission was completed without any hiccup!

Where was the mentioned danger involved in the mission? Why was the Grand Thief handing over the item once Yun Jian appeared? What even divinity was Yun Jian!

If Pete were to hear the squad members commenting about how he obediently passed the antique jade pendant to Yun Jian, though, he was going to shout at them with his hands on his hips in slight petulance that both his arms were broken by her the last time he met Yun Jian! If he had not avoided her fast enough, he was probably going to be wrung into broken bones by her!

Pete did not ever want to meet a scary woman like this in his life anymore!

Somehow, it was just his luck to run into her again this time...

“Alright, you can go now,” Yun Jian said with a grin looking at Pete.

Said man wanted to cry. Quickly packing up his things, he fled—even faster than a speeding car. Pete was not a bad man. He released the real Jiliheng not too long later after he left.

Having a taste of being bullied, the real Jiliheng reflected and stopped bullying weaker ones like Meiboba.

Yun Jian and the rest stayed the night with the warm hospitality of the villagers. The next day, they left in the jeep with Fang Xiaoran driving.

Meiboba sent them off to the village entrance until she could no longer see them. Their encounter was like one of many in one’s transient life, parting this time was parting for life.

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Leaving the village and returning the same route they came, they returned to the populated land and bumped into Yu Fengcheng and others who had returned futile after rounding up the Tiandi Canyon fruitlessly.

“Good job, guys! Leaving without a word! Do you know what it’s called? It’s abandoning your partners! Selfish! What can you amount to being like that? Thinking to complete the mission on your own? I think you guys are all dreaming...”

Due to the language barrier, Yu Fengcheng and others could not even rent a car and had been walking since the last morning, thoroughly exhausted.

Now that they saw the youngsters, Yu Fengcheng was the first to come over and reproached them like the adult he was. In actuality, he was resenting the fact that Yun Jian could speak Country A’s language and did not team up with them.

Before Yu Fengcheng finished his reprimand, he was cut off by Yun Jian. “Team Monarch’s completed the mission. Pack up to return to the country.”

Chapter 386: They Don’t Believe Me. Still In Country A

“Pack up? Return to the country? Hold on! Mission... accomplished?” Yu Fengcheng was going to censure Yun Jian parting his lips but two lines into it, he caught on Yun Jian’s word suddenly and stopped yapping. Shock engulfed him in the next second.

To Yu Fengcheng, no matter how skilled Yun Jian was, she was not going to lead Team Monarch into completing the mission so smoothly. It was not just him. Everyone from Champ Squad and Flying Dragons thought the same.

The level of difficulty in this mission was highly emphasized by their superior!

Ge Junjian’s regard for this task could be seen from how he had deployed three of the best squads in the military to complete the mission together.

There was no doubt that the art thief could not be found, not even a hint of his whereabouts, even when the Champ Squad and Flying Dragons were working hand in hand.

How long had it been and Yun Jian here was saying that Team Monarch had completed the mission?

“Little girl, what joke are you cracking here?” A man who looked rugged from Champ Squad barked at Yun Jian. His tone was brimming with disbelief.

“Hah, I think... these newbies from Team Monarch didn’t learn anything but boast! If this mission is so easy, why would Officer Ge send three squads here for? To play a fool?”

Due to his earlier dispute with Chu Xiangnan, Shao Weiming was unhappy with the whole Team Monarch.

Listening to what his team members said, Yu Fengcheng agreed instantly.

“Young ones, it’s good that you’re all eager to succeed but you must speak the truth in things.”

“This mission isn’t an easy one. I see that you guys have gone into the Tiandi Canyon too, didn’t find anything huh? I told you, we need to work together and make the best out of our teamwork...”

Yu Fengcheng went on nagging incessantly.

What they meant was obvious. They did not believe anything Yun Jian said about Team Monarch finding the antique.

“Hey, you guys...” Chu Xiangnan was peeved by what they said and was going to retort when Yun Jian stopped him.

“Since you guys plan to go into the Tiandi Canyon, go ahead. We won’t be joining.” That was what Yun Jian said before she led her team away.

Yu Fengcheng and the other men’s attitude put off Yun Jian severely. She did not even want to talk more as she asked Liu Shiyun and the rest of her squad members to leave with her directly.

Watching them leave, Yu Fengcheng stomped in anger and bellowed at the teenagers, “Young and arrogant! You don’t know what’s good for you! Humph, in that case, we’ll go our own way...”

Yu Fengcheng cursed at them lowly before leading the men into Tiandi Canyon.

When Yun Jian and the team returned to their home country, they took the bus. After a long tiring and bumpy ride, they finally got back to Longmen City.

After passing the jade pendant to Ge Junjian, the mission was declared to be completed successfully.

Ge Junjian was in shock, not anticipating Yun Jian and the team to be back so soon. After receiving the antique pendant, he stared at Yun Jian dumbly and asked, "Mission accomplished? What about the other two teams then?"

"They didn't believe me, so they're still in Country A right now," Yun Jian replied with crescent eyes.

It was a moment later that Ge Junjian pressed his lips together but did not say anything to that ultimately.

He realized something with stark clarity now.

Whether it was the time taken by Team Monarch to complete the mission last time or this time, both were indicating to Ge Junjian that this squad had a promising future!

Yun Jian's future accomplishment would not be limited to a mere Special Forces troop!

As for Yu Fengcheng and his comrades, they spent half a month in Tiandi Canyon and turned Country A upside down but they found no clue regarding Grand Thief Pete.

It was until later when Ge Junjian sent someone to bring them back that he told the men that Yun Jian had brought back the antique jade pendant half a month ago.

Yu Fengcheng and others nearly spat blood from the indignation but these were all later happenings...

Chapter 387: Xiangnan's Treat And Meeting Mayor Gu

Expecting Yun Jian and her comrades to take at least weeks or half a month for the mission, plus the possibility they might not even make it back for Lunar New Year, Qin Yirou breathed in relief when her daughter returned home not even two days later. Any mission they went on posed a risk after all!

Winter break had just started and Lunar New Year was still some time away.

The next evening, Qin Yirou did some Lunar New Year shopping at the mall after she got off work. She had some savings now. Since she worked in New Cruise, they had moved past the days where she tried to make ends meet.

Therefore, she made some extra purchases when she did her shopping.

"Mom, I'm not having dinner at home tonight. You don't have to make my serving," Yun Jian informed Qin Yirou, standing at the door wearing a pair of white canvas shoes and a scarf wrapped around her neck, before turning to open the front door.

"Okay!" Qin Yirou agreed easily.

Pulling the front door open, Yun Jian headed out bracing the piercing cold of the wintry wind.

She wore a long down jacket today that reached past her knees. Tying her hair into a high ponytail, she wrapped everywhere under her neck into the scarf. She was dressed simply for her bottoms, only a pair of thermal leggings that kept her warm.

After a successful mission yesterday, Chu Xiangnan was treating them to a meal to celebrate. He invited all of them in Team Monarch and planned to host a dinner. They were saying that they would go to the karaoke after dinner too.

Putting aside their identities as the Special Forces, Chu Xiangnan was actually born with a silver spoon. Having never been poor, he was used to being pampered in luxury since he was a child. He was usually easy going too.

Actually, Chu Xiangnan performed the worst in Team Monarch. The reason he was selected into the team was that his father had forcefully admitted him there, citing that he wanted him to suffer a little in the military and shave some edge of his initial staunch pride.

Before Chu Xiangnan joined the Special Forces, he was the average delinquent who mingled with bad influences he called friends all day, frequently staying the night out too.

Infuriated, his father took to some connection and thrust him into the Special Forces training. He even told the boy that he would break his leg if he dared come home without picking up some skills.

These were recounted to the team by Chu Xiangnan himself as a joke later on.

Bracing the icy wind, Yun Jian made a few turns into an alley after leaving home where Chu Xiangnan and others were waiting for her shivering and stomping around for heat.

When he saw her, Chu Xiangnan waved quickly. "Yun Jian, you're finally here. Quick! Here, come on now. I'm freezing!"

Yun Jian went toward them as told.

"I'll buy all of you a good meal today! Heh heh!" Chu Xiangnan puffed some warm air into his palms and told his team members.

"Quit it! What time is it even? Come on, I'm starving!" Chu Ning hopped up to clap a palm on his head and ordered him bossily.

"Alright, alright, let's go!" Walking in front, Chu Xiangnan led the rest to the location where he said he would buy them a good meal.

Yun Jian was situated at the back of the group. Pressing her lips together, her pretty little face was reddened from the cold.

The destination of Chu Xiangnan's good meal was a new hotel. It was not rated in stars but the prices were incredibly high. The hotel was a branch from abroad and it was said that the owner was a foreigner.

Chu Xiangnan led all of them inside.

The light at the entrance was glitzy with a huge chandelier hanging.

There were guests at the tables on the first floor and it seemed like the place was booked like someone was hosting a banquet.

Just as Yun Jian followed Chu Xiangnan and others in moving to the second floor, a deep strong voice of a man called out to Yun Jian in delight, "Girlie?"

Chapter 388: The Mayor's Invitation And The Worst Cow

When Yun Jian heard the familiar voice that she had not heard for some time, she snapped her head around and saw Mayor Gu's beaming mature face.

Yun Jian nodded in return.

Mayor Gu was quite surprised to see her here as well. He had only managed to glance at Yun Jian twice when an equally surprised voice cut in. "Uncle Gu?"

It was Chu Xiangnan who was also looking at Mayor Gu in astonishment now. He had already stepped on the staircase and was turning his head to gaze at the man in shock.

Mayor Gu then shifted his gaze from Yun Jian to Chu Xiangnan and others behind her before asking the former, "You know each other?"

"Yes! Uncle Gu, you're..." Chu Xiangnan nodded in reply that he did know Yun Jian and threw a question back at the man.

"I have a booking here, that's why I came over," he answered Chu Xiangnan amiably.

The reason Mayor Gu knew Chu Xiangnan was because the latter's father and he were sworn brothers.

"Xiangnan, I didn't expect you to know this young girlie here too. Haha, I'm not boasting, you know, but it's your luck to be able to mix with this young lady!" Mayor Gu lavished Yun Jian with praises once he opened his mouth.

Hearing how highly Mayor Gu regarded a young girl, those who were pandering Mayor Gu just now looked over.

"You've flattered me," Yun Jian replied with crescent eyes, not shying away despite the crowd.

"Girlie, you guys are here for dinner too, right? We have a free table here. If you don't mind, come and join us?" Mayor Gu invited looking at the squad.

"Sure! Let's go, let's go, we'll take a table!" Before Yun Jian and other members said anything, Chu Xiangnan was already nudging all of them there.

They then sat near a table of dishes at the side of the first floor, sitting around one after another.

This banquet was actually hosted by a businessman to treat Mayor Gu. Since the former had a favor to ask from him, Mayor Gu took the liberty to invite Yun Jian and friends along immediately.

There were about twenty over tables on the first floor. The businessman had hosted a dinner today because his daughter had given birth to a son and the baby turned one.

With the cause, the businessman invited his relatives and leveraged on the chance to garner some connections by inviting Mayor Gu.

Since everyone there was the businessman's relatives, some of them were upset now that the seven of Yun Jian took a table to themselves out of the blue.

After Mayor Gu dragged the teenagers into the dinner, he went away occupied while drinking with various people.

The seven of Yun Jian sat around a table and the table beside them was also taken by teenagers about their age. It was probably the adult's arrangement to let the kids sit together.

Since the squad had sat down, the teenagers at the table beside theirs had been checking them out and whispering to each other on and off.

In the end, a boy who looked around seventeen or eighteen years old stood up from that table to walk toward Yun Jian.

"Hey, how old are you?" Coming to Yun Jian, the young man spoke to her in an arrogant tone.

Narrowing her eyes, Yun Jian ignored him. He looked like he was here to find fault, that much was obvious. More importantly, she had spotted a familiar someone in that table of teenagers.

A very familiar someone, that was. She had met her right after she was rebirthed, causing Yun Jian to remember her until now.

It was Lin Mengyu, the culprit who killed the owner of her body.

When Yun Jian came here just now, she had already felt a burning gaze boring into her, but she feigned indifference. She had seen it, however, the owner of the burning gaze who was studying her and avoiding her, hiding from being discovered.

If Yun Jian had guessed it right, this boy who was here to pick a fight was sent over by Lin Mengyu.

Chapter 389: Go Out For A Walk. Game On

Hiding behind the teenagers, it was unmistakably Lin Mengyu who caused the original owner of Yun Jian's current body to die.

The hosting businessman was actually Lin Mengyu's relative.

Since being seriously injured by Yun Jian the last time, Lin Mengyu had commanded her father to expel Yun Jian, yet she was slapped by her father instead, from Yun Jian's few words that did not make sense. She later grabbed a pen to stab Yun Jian in hysterics only to be sent flying from a kick and caused her injury to relapse.

Lin Mengyu's boyfriend, Yuan Yingjun, had broken up with her for Yun Jian too.

Since then, Lin Mengyu was thoroughly afraid of Yun Jian.

After being hospitalized again due to her relapsed injury, Lin Mengyu planned revenge when she went back, but Yun Jian had already transferred schools to Longmen City.

Her relative was celebrating an auspicious occasion today and was hosting dinner at an excellent hotel in Longmen City. That was why Lin Mengyu insisted to come... only for her to see Yun Jian and her friends coming in not long after she sat down.

Panicking, she quickly hid. She had assumed that Yun Jian and her friends would head upstairs swiftly yet they were called by Mayor Gu and were even seated down beside her table.

Lin Mengyu then suddenly remembered that the peers she sat sitting around her now were capable people!

She had wanted to get her relative to take revenge for her, not expecting Yun Jian to send herself straight to her. This was Yun Jian asking for it.

Therefore, Lin Mengyu quietly called for the boy to ask him to strike up a conversation with Yun Jian, best if he could lure Yun Jian out so she could find people to beat the latter up!

While Lin Mengyu hid behind her peers and felt lucky for not being discovered, she had no idea that Yun Jian had long noticed her.

The boy who wanted to talk to Yun Jian was Zhou Yuhao.

He realized that she was incredibly pretty when he came close to her and could not help gasping.

He had come over to Yun Jian just now purely because Lin Mengyu had asked him to but when he saw Yun Jian's appearance so clearly now, he had other thoughts.

Seeing that Yun Jian was ignoring him, Zhou Yuhao pressed his lips together and went a little closer to her only to be blocked by Chu Xiangnan from his seat.

Zhou Yuhao was not ruffled. He looked at Yun Jian with a chuckle and continued to flirt, "Pretty, I don't mean harm. I just want to ask you out for a walk after dinner."

Anyone with eyes could see that Zhou Yuhao did not have good intentions in asking Yun Jian out.

"She's not going! We're going to karaoke later!" Chu Xiangnan held Zhou Yuhao back, stopping him from approaching Yun Jian, and even helped her to wave a hand of rejection at the boy.

"F*ck, who are you to her? Why do you have so much to say?" Stopped by Chu Xiangnan, Zhou Yuhao thought that he was being embarrassed. Especially when it was in front of so many other people, he felt humiliated.

"That's what I'm doing, got a problem?" Chu Xiangnan used to be a rebellious youth too, although he was a lot more tamed after training in the military for so long. He had acted out of kindness to help Yun Jian when they came face to face with someone like Zhou Yuhao.

"Hmph, such a busybody when you're her nobody! Do you know who I am? I'm already a Taekwondo black belt. Are you fighting me?" Zhou Yuhao shouted with a finger at Chu Xiangnan.

His loud voice attracted the attention of others too but he was preening. He even felt Yun Jian's attention and tipped his chin in further self-satisfaction, like he was amazing because he could fight Taekwondo.

“Heh...” Chu Xiangnan stood up with a slap on the table as well.

He was planning to fight it out with Zhou Yuhao when he was pulled by Yun Jian behind him.

“Yun Jian, you?” Chu Xiangnan, as well as Chu Ning and others, looked at Yun Jian in surprise, not understanding what she meant.

Yun Jian stopped Chu Xiangnan and told Zhou Yuhao, “Sure, let’s go out for a walk after dinner.”

Zhou Yuhao grinned at that before glaring at Chu Xiangnan challengingly. He thought that Yun Jian was captured by his charisma.

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“Uh... no way? Yun Jian, are you really going out with him later? What about karaoke?” Chu Xiangnan was stunned when Yun Jian actually agreed to the obviously dodgy invitation from Zhou Yuhao before he hissed and asked Yun Jian.

“Of course. It’s not like I know how to sing. I’ll pass on karaoke.” Yun Jian smiled with her eyes. The slight lifting angle of her lips caused Zhou Yuhao to be amazed by her beauty once more when he saw it.

Yun Jian had looked quiet and darling. There was a natural beauty to her that when she squinted her eyes slightly, it felt indescribably striking.

Chu Xiangnan wanted to say something more but he suddenly paused, recalling the scene when Yun Jian went against Pete—she wore a small smile with squinting eyes back then too, just like she was now.

Was Yun Jian...

Chu Xiangnan was struck with the possibility and kept quiet.

The others pretended like they knew nothing since Chu Xiangnan did not make another sound.

Lin Mengyu had been hiding behind her friends where it was just shy of Yun Jian’s field of vision. When she heard Yun Jian agreeing to Zhou Yuhao’s invitation, the smirk on her face grew.

After dinner, Mayor Gu came over to bid goodbye to Yun Jian, laughing as he invited Yun Jian to visit his place the next time and even patting Chu Xiangnan’s shoulder to make him promise to take Yun Jian there.

Once Mayor Gu left, Zhou Yuhao came over instantly to talk to Yun Jian, “Hey pretty, you promised to walk around with me just now. Shall we?”

As he spoke, he glared at Chu Xiangnan as if boasting his charisma.

‘Pft,’ Chu Xiangnan snorted at Zhou Yuhao in his mind but he also thought to scowl at him, he could just wait to cry now.

“Let’s go.” Yun Jian deposited both her hands into her long down jacket’s pockets and pressed her lips into a small smile.

“Heh heh, let’s go then.” Zhou Yuhao gave Chu Xiangnan one last dirty look before walking forward following Yun Jian.

As they watched Yun Jian and Zhou Yuhao moved farther from them, Chu Xiangnan, Chu Ning, and others could see Zhou Yuhao trying to put his claws on Yun Jian's hand only for Yun Jian to avoid him, not even the hem of her clothes was touched.

"My god, what's up with Yun Jian?" Chu Xiangnan could not help grumbling as he watched said girl walk farther away.

"Shh." Chu Ning suddenly put a finger on her lips, shushing the boy.

"What?" Chu Xiangnan was thrown off, lost.

At that moment, another group of people left the hotel. These were the teenagers who had sat at the table beside theirs just now. After they came out, they carefully went after the direction Yun Jian and Zhou Yuhao had gone to.

It was only when these teenagers disappeared that Chu Xiangnan patted his head and gritted, "Sh*t, they planned it! So many against one huh—let's go! We'll help Yun Jian get rid of them!"

Chu Xiangnan had an endless bout of energy and was especially righteous. When he saw so many people going toward where Yun Jian had left with Zhou Yuhao, he knew that things were not right and quickly ran over with the team.

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Back to Yun Jian.

As she walked side by side to Zhou Yuhao, she kept a two-meter distance with him the whole way.

"Let's walk around the street on the opposite through this alley?" Zhou Yuhao led Yun Jian to the designated deserted area.

"As you wish." Yun Jian's eyes were cast down as she blinked, her long eyelashes fluttering.

"Come on." When Zhou Yuhao saw Yun Jian walking into the empty alley first, he smirked before hurrying after her.

When Lin Mengyu and pals came to the alley, Yun Jian and Zhou Yuhao were nowhere to be seen.

"Keep up, don't let her get away!" Lin Mengyu said in a low tone and led the group inside.

They were almost reaching the street on the other end but they had yet to see the pair.

"What's up with Zhou Yuhao? Where's she? Where did he take her to?" shouted Lin Mengyu in frustration.

She thought that it was more than enough to take care of Yun Jian when Zhou Yuhao was a Taekwondo black belt.

"Are you guys looking for me?" An airy voice of a girl came from behind them.

As the group turned around in terror, they saw Yun Jian clapping her hands like she was slapping dust away, the girl had already stood behind them without a sound.

There was also Zhou Yuhao behind Yun Jian who was now being tied up by a rope with a rag gagging him.

The group felt chills running down their back, horrified by the sight.