

## Schoolgirl 461

### Chapter 461: Astounded And Clammed Up

One of the cars that drove in was New Cruise's recent bestseller, Country Z's joint venture Volkswagen. Trailing close behind it was a military jeep.

As both cars cruised along, it was a sight to behold.

Right now, both cars parked themselves at the front door after Si Yi.

"What the heck, what's going on today? Why do cars keep coming here!" someone gasped, unable to help themselves.

Zhang Meihua's front yard was rather narrow. It was already at its limit when Si Yi's Lamborghini was parked earlier, so the two cars had to park some distance away from the door now.

The person who gasped did so because there were usually only a handful of cars in a small place like Xinjiang Town all year round. Today, however, three cars were parked at the door of Zhang Meihua's house and it astounded everyone.

Zhang Zhifan who alighted the Volkswagen felt thrilled like he had succeeded and come home. He and his members were originally from Xinjiang Town too, so their homes were naturally still here.

Another bigger jeep that was parked saw someone opening the door and hopping off it.

Yun Jian blinked before narrowing her eyes slightly, her gaze glowing.

"The... the general manager of New Cruise! Gosh, what's New Cruise's general manager doing here!" Zhu Jie who had been quiet for some time pointed at Zhang Zhifan upon his appearance like he was seeing some hotshot.

Hearing that the man who turned up out of the blue was the general manager of New Cruise, everyone shifted their gaze to him.

As New Cruise built a name for himself in addition to Zhang Zhifan's diligent management, the company was now a household name representing Country Z! There were even overseas businesses that expressed their wish to collaborate with the corporation.

Hence, there was not one person there who did not know about New Cruise.

It was already the epitome of car dealerships nationwide!

These people began to break out in loud whispers at meeting New Cruise's general manager, Zhang Zhifan.

"That's him! This man is the GM of New Cruise!"

"What shocking news!"

Contrary to the group's surprise, Zhang Zhifan did not look arrogant. Nonetheless, he had all the rights to be proud!

“He...Hello...” Qin Li was the first to come up to him. Rubbing his hands, he extended it for a handshake. There was a servile sense in his tone.

“Hi.” Zhang Zhifan did not answer the handshake nor express anything more. After the brief exchange of greeting, he went forward to Yun Jian.

Respectfully, his voice rang, “Sister Jian.”

Before Yun Jian stood Zhang Zhifan who nodded at her.

The sight and his words flummoxed everyone.

They already knew that Zhang Zhifan was New Cruise’s general manager. Logically, someone who warranted a respectful term of address from him would definitely be his superior. It was also word of mouth that the CEO of New Cruise was a very young lady—what she looked like in particular was not mentioned.

However, combining Zhang Zhifan’s term of address and what Yun Jian had said earlier, there was a high chance that she was the famous CEO of New Cruise!

Qin Li and Zhu Jie were stupefied. Those who had mocked Yun Jian that the company she founded must have been a smalltime firm clammed up as well.

#### **Chapter 462: An Advance Pay Of New Year Call And A Total Disregard**

“Mm.” Yun Jian nodded.

During the minutes of astonishment, a man came down from the jeep behind the Volkswagen as well. It was Ge Junjian.

Dressed in proper casual attire, Ge Junjian who had shucked off his military uniform looked better and younger.

Another person alighted the Volkswagen too, hauling with him a large collection of gifts from the car, and came toward the group with Ge Junjian. Ge Junjian did not come empty-handed either, bringing with him a big hamper of precious torrey seeds.

Zhang Zhifan and Ge Junjian had apparently come together and both of them had come on the eve to pay a new year’s blessing to Yun Jian in advance.

The second person who came out from the Volkswagen was Bro Hei, a subordinate who had represented New Cruise when they attended the banquet Zhang Shaofeng’s father hosted previously.

As Bro Hei and Ge Junjian walked over, their hands were full of lavish gifts. Ge Junjian had gotten to know Zhang Zhifan previously through Yun Jian, so they had hit each other up to come to Xinjiang Town in advance to pay a new year’s blessing to Yun Jian.

Since they were both busy people and would not have the time to visit after Lunar New Year, it made sense for them to come earlier for it at Yun Jian’s hometown.

Yun Jian herself had no idea that they were coming.

Both Ge Junjian and Bro Hei placed the pile of gifts at the side of the door arriving at Zhang Meihua's house and everyone else who was present looked toward those presents, noting that everything they had brought here was expensive items.

The bag of torrey seeds in Ge Junjian's hand, for example, was not the most luxurious treat but it was rare for someone to pay a new year's blessing with such a big bag —what was more, this was in 1998.

These visitors must not be ordinary people!

"Sister Jian, the company's going to be quite busy after Lunar New Year, so we're coming today to pay you a new year call in advance," Zhang Zhifan explained to said girl.

"Mm." Yun Jian nodded with a hum.

She understood why Ge Junjian came with Zhang Zhifan as well. While the former knew where Yun Jian was staying, he must not have known that she was currently in Xinjiang Town. Zhang Zhifan was originally from the town and was naturally clearer with the few locations that Yun Jian would be at in the town.

Getting along easily, both of them came together.

Ge Junjian was the head of the Advanced Special Forces. A high rank meant that he was occupied all year round. Even now, he had made time to pay Yun Jian a visit by delegating his task to his subordinates.

Yun Jian was happy to see the men.

"Come in and have a seat," she welcomed her visitors into the house with a smile.

Si Yi stayed by her side, pulling along Yun Zhu.

Although it was Zhang Meihua's house, it seemed more like Yun Jian's venue of receiving her guests now—not that Zhang Meihua had anything to say.

That was New Cruise's general manager! She would die to curry favor with him, how would she be unwilling to welcome them? Making tea for the group, she had even gone to make tea eggs for them.

Qin Li, Zhu Jie, and the rest were totally neglected like they were outsiders.

Not long after they went into the house and Ge Junjian and Zhang Zhifan had just sat down, an astounded voice of a man rang abruptly. "O-officer Ge!"

### **Chapter 463: Wishing Her Happy Lunar New Year With A Medal**

The startled voice came from Zhang Shun.

Who was Zhang Zhifan? Everyone there knew him, the general manager of New Cruise!

In comparison, no one knew who Ge Junjian was, but Zhang Shun's utterly stunned voice grabbed everyone's attention to him.

It was already a prestige when the general manager of New Cruise came to pay Yun Jian a new year's blessing, but the latter was the company's CEO after all, so a subordinate visiting his superior was acceptable.

Zhang Shun was a humble policeman in Xinjiang Town's police station while Ge Junjian was the head of the Advanced Special Forces who was famous nationwide. He was basically Zhang Shun's superior.

While no one there paid attention to Special Forces, Zhang Shun was on a similar career path. He had seen Ge Junjian's photo when he was someone who was that renowned. Hence, when he espied Ge Junjian's face, he paled.

That—that was the country-famous Officer Ge!

No matter how amazing Yun Jian was, she was but an Advanced Special Forces soldier!

Moreover, the overall members of ASF did not make up a small number. Even when this was Lunar New Year, it was impossible that Officer Ge was going house to house to pay his subordinates a new year's blessing.

What would that give him?

Yet, as the Supreme Command, he made time to visit Yun Jian?! Was this a joke!?

Other than extremely outstanding members in the troop, there was no way one could possibly enjoy such special treatment of a higher ranking officer paying one a new year call at home with gifts!

What Zhang Shun could think of was naturally what everyone else managed to deduce. The former had told them about Ge Junjian's status just earlier. He was someone the President would meet, a military prodigy!

Here he was visiting Yun Jian!

The relationship dynamic was easily perceivable.

Qin Li, Qin Huan, Zhu Jie, and others who were disdainful toward Yun Jian were thoroughly dumbfounded.

If they had been shaken by the fact that Yun Jian was a member of the Advanced Special Forces earlier, the amazement that overwhelmed them right now was ineffable.

While everyone was still caught in a daze, Ge Junjian nodded at Zhang Shun amiably and greeted him with a smile, "Hello."

His singular word rushed Zhang Shun with emotions. A military prodigy, the Supreme Command of Advanced Special Forces of Country Z, Officer Ge, greeted him!

Zhang Shun was at a loss for words to reply from how emotional he felt.

Ge Junjian had already looked past him toward Qin Yirou to shower Yun Jian with praises. At the same time, he retrieved the golden eight-point star medal from his pocket and passed it to said girl. "Upon confirmation, the members of Team Monarch unanimously acknowledged that you've single-handedly led everyone in completing the mission of recovering Zhe Province's antique jade pendant that was

stolen by the international thief. I've come with the permission of the superior this time to award this medal to you!"

The eight-point star medal was eye-catching. When Ge Junjian pushed the medal on the table to Yun Jian, she pressed her lips together and accepted it.

"An antique stolen by an international thief? Yun Jian got it back? Wow, that's an international thief... She actually..."

"Has that capability!" was what Qin Li did not finish from his shock.

Qin Huan had been the one who was the most horrified. He had wanted to challenge her on Taekwondo earlier and even tried to defeat her to show off himself. In the end? Yun Jian was someone who recovered a stolen treasure from an internationally infamous thief!

#### **Chapter 464: She's Brilliant. Please Take Care Of Her**

Simultaneous with how flabbergasted Qin Li and others were, Qin Yirou and Yun Yi were taken by surprise too.

They were the closest to her but Yun Jian's change had been gradual. It did not occur to them when their Xiao Jian had become so good! Both Qin Yirou and Yun Yi were floored.

Qin Yirou was at a loss for words. Her daughter was evolving and as a mother, she had no idea of it. Yun Yi, however, looked at Yun Jian with bulging eyes and gasped in disbelief, "Xiao Jian, you..."

"Yun Jian is brilliant! She's gifted in being a Special Forces soldier! Being in the military for decades, I've trained countless youth Special Forces candidates but this is the first time I meet someone as good as her! Incomparable!" Ge Junjian cut Yun Yi's exclamation as he laughed loudly and gave the highest graded remark he had made in life.

Officer Ge had remarked Yun Jian so highly! Everyone else could not help jolting in surprise again. Was Yun Jian really that remarkable?

At everyone's disbelieving gaze, Ge Junjian asked jokingly, "What... Do you guys not believe it? You guys haven't seen her skills aye! I, Ge Junjian, guarantee with my honor that even the veterans in my ASF troop who have gone on decards of missions haven't got one-tenth of her capability!"

Such was the stark contrast!

Ge Junjian had never lied nor wanted to undermine his old members by putting Yun Jian on the pedestal. It was just, Yun Jian was that capable! She had the ability to live up to his compliments!

"Officer Ge, you've flattered me," Yun Jian said with a slight upward quirk of her lips as she looked down.

The others no longer had words to describe the shock they were currently experiencing.

Of course, that did not include Si Yi and little Yun Zhu who were looking around in blissful oblivion.

Since Ge Junjian had spoken up, it certainly meant that Yun Jian was celebrated.

Qin Yirou was alarmed. Both she and Yun Yi knew that Yun Jian was an Advanced Special Forces member now and was under training daily, going on missions sometimes, but each time Yun Jian was deployed, Qin Yirou always told her that safety came first and she must make it back unharmed.

Nonetheless, Qin Yirou had not expected the high risk level of Yun Jian's missions. In addition, she had found out through Ge Junjian that her daughter was intimidatingly capable!

"Mom, I won't risk my safety during the missions. I only strike when it's completely safe. Don't worry about it." Yun Jian naturally saw Qin Yirou's worry when she looked at her.

Qin Yirou had not felt proud of Yun Jian after the initial shock, instead she worried for her safety in carrying out dangerous tasks.

With Yun Jian's assurance, her slight frown smoothed out.

"Rest assured. Each mission I put them on is distributed according to their level of ability. If she's incapable of accomplishing it unscathed, I will not put her on it!" Ge Junjian assured Qin Yirou as well.

Looking up, Qin Yirou glanced at the chivalrous Ge Junjian before nodding, replying in a gentle pleading tone, "Officer Ge, please take care of Xiao Jian..."

This was a mother's worry for her child.

Ge Junjian responded with a firm nod.

Si Yi was indifferent in comparison to Qin Yirou's worry. How could those vermin be able to hurt his girl?

#### **Chapter 465: Stay The Night. Spar With You**

Receiving Ge Junjian's word of assurance, Qin Yirou was considerably relieved. It was then the delight came. She was happy for Yun Jian's outstanding ability.

Being Yun Jian's mother, Qin Yirou was more than proud of her daughter at Ge Junjian's commendation.

As for Qin Li and others who were completely neglected, they excused themselves meekly in succession, no longer having the face to stay here.

Zhang Meihua did not persuade them to stay either, occupied with serving Yun Jian, Ge Junjian, Zhang Zhifan, and others. She did not even have the time to see Qin Li and others off. Zhang Meihua was a realist. She clung to whoever was successful.

Before Ge Junjian and Zhang Zhifan came, Qin Li was undoubtedly the focus of attention working in the bureaucracy with a high rank, so Zhang Meihua had been obsequious to him. Now that she saw Ge Junjian and Zhang Zhifan, as well as Yun Jian, people who were umpteenth times better than Qin Li, Zhang Meihua was not even courteous enough to take out the time and send Qin Li off.

As the guests left, they left behind little mountains of tea eggshells and sunflower seed shells, peanuts, and whatnot which were used to welcome the visitors during Lunar New Year. These people who were visiting were basically considered this as their payment for the Lunar New Year.

Qin Yirou cleaned up the trash on the tables with Zhang Meihua and it was time Ge Junjian and Zhang Zhifan excused themselves.

It was nine o'clock at night, time fleeting past as they chatted.

Needing at least two hours to return to Longmen City from Xinjiang Town, it would be later than eleven by the time Ge Junjian and Zhang Zhifan arrived.

"Why don't you guys stay the night? There are enough rooms in the house to fit everyone." Back in her birth home, this was Qin Yirou asking guests to stay like a host for the first time. If it had been the past, she would never dare say so because Zhang Meihua's house was also Yun Jian's uncle, Qin Laiqian's house.

Zhang Meihua and her late husband, Qin Youfu had kept the house for Qin Laiqian because their daughters were going to be married off once they grew up and they had only one son. It was a matter of course for the house to become Qin Laiqian's property.

Married daughters were like splashed water, lost. Since Qin Yirou was married, there was no reason for her to come back to her maiden home.

Even if she did come back, she would upset her sister-in-law as Qin Laiqian was now a married man. While Zhang Meihua was still around, Qin Yirou can stay for some time in her maiden home after her divorce, but if Zhang Meihua passed later on, it would be awkward if Qin Yirou wanted to come back then.

These were the circumstances of the villagers, thus it was important for a girl to pick her husband properly when she got married. Having an elder brother by blood meant that it was impossible for the girl to go back and stay in her maiden home after a divorce.

It was due to this, and the fact that Qin Yirou did not know where to turn to if she divorced Yun Gang, back then she weathered the man's gambling addiction. Qin Yirou had only picked up the courage and severed ties with Yun Gang when his affair was exposed and her children were supportive of her divorce.

"I still have things to tend to in the company, I'll pass." Zhang Zhifan smiled apologetically at Qin Yirou.

"I'm free. Guess I can stay." Ge Junjian guffawed and turned to Yun Jian. "We're usually busy. Yun Jian, I'd like to spar with you today!"

#### **Chapter 466: Buying Lollipops And Sparring On Her Behalf**

The delight that Ge Junjian wore was the thrill to be able to spar with a respected opponent. In all honesty, he had been thinking of this for a long time. It was not that he wanted to win Yun Jian, he enjoyed the exhilaration of battling a skilled opponent.

It was obvious that it had been a long time since Ge Junjian met a worthy opponent as he had not wanted to pick a match with someone until today for a long time.

Ge Junjian's invitation to fight was of a different nature from Qin Huan's.

Qin Huan kept challenging Yun Jian purely to boast his superiority in front of everyone, while Ge Junjian wanted to spar with her because she was intimidatingly skilled.

To Ge Junjian, the exchange between two strong parties was meaningful.

The biggest difference that set off Ge Junjian and Qin Huan was that even if Ge Junjian ended up losing, he would not find an excuse or hold a grudge.

“Sister Jian, I’ll be leaving with Hei first,” Zhang Zhifan told Yun Jian with a smile.

“Mm.” Nodding at him, she saw both of them off.

Then, Yun Jian turned back to Ge Junjian with a glint in her eyes. “I accept!”

Ge Junjian was also a formidable opponent and Yun Jian would never underestimate an invitation from him.

“Jiejie, jiejie, what’s to spar? Xiao Zhu wants lollipops right now.”

Right after Yun Jian said that, Yun Zhu who stood beside Si Yi pulled her clothes and told her with innocent doe eyes.

“Take Xiao Zhu to buy lollipops.” Si Yi thrust little Yun Zhu’s hand to Yun Jian in front of Ge Junjian and whoever was present, taking advantage of the situation and grabbing the girl’s hand as well.

“I…” Yun Jian was just about to tell him that she was going to spar with Ge Junjian upon accepting his call for a challenge.

It was like Si Yi knew what was on her mind. With his perfectly handsome side profile facing Ge Junjian, his eyes were gleaming unusually as he side-eyed the latter and said, “I’ll spar with you on her behalf.”

Si Yi was not asking for either Yun Jian or Ge Junjian’s opinion. He was merely stating a fact—he was going to spar with Ge Junjian in place of Yun Jian.

Ge Junjian was taken aback when Si Yi suddenly stood up to say he was fighting him instead of Yun Jian. The man more or less had an idea of Yun Jian’s ability but he had no idea of her breaking point.

There was another intention in his challenge to Yun Jian this time—Ge Junjian would like to test where her limit was! He wanted to know how good Yun Jian actually was.

Surprisingly, Si Yi who stood behind Yun Jian holding Yun Zhu’s hand and had not been talking much, came up to say he was sparring with him in place of Yun Jian!

More importantly, Ge Junjian noted the unusual glint in the eyes of this nineteen years old young man.

Ge Junjian dared not guess Si Yi’s identity and the latter did not give him an opportunity to reject.

“Okay, I’ll take Xiao Zhu to get some lollipops.” Yun Jian did not see the gleam in Si Yi’s eyes. When Yun Zhu caught her hand and peered up at her woefully, Yun Jian tugged him along to the sundry shop in Xinjiang Town without hesitation—not before letting Si Yi and Ge Junjian know.

Qin Yirou was not downstairs where they were, so she did not see it. As Ge Junjian and Si Yi were here, she and Zhang Meihua had gone to prepare the sheets for the empty rooms.

It was the winter now after all. While Zhe Province was not the coldest, one would easily catch a cold if they did not blanket themselves properly at night.

## **Chapter 467: A Revisit And A First Encounter**

This meant that Si Yi and Ge Junjian, as well as Yun Yi who stood on the side, were the only ones left in the front yard.

As for Qin Fenger, she was barred to her room by Zhang Meihua after being rude to Yun Jian. Qin Fenger was not scared of anyone except her grandmother—when the latter ordered her, she ran away in a huff. If she had not left, it was actually inevitable that she would be scathed.

Yun Jian might turn a blind eye and not do anything to Qin Fenger as long as she did not do anything that crossed the line. However Si Yi was there, anyone who did his woman dirty was going to end up horribly!

Liu Xiuxiu who had wanted to harm Yun Jian back then, devised a plan to drug Yun Jian so she could humiliate the latter with obscene videos of her and other men. However the former was sold to prostitution by Si Yi's people in the end.

Si Yi was not a kind-hearted man in any way. Those who wished harm upon his girl, even when they were girls themselves, would be killed without mercy.

The saying that gentlemen did not hit women originated from incapable people. If Si Yi had to stand and watch his woman being harassed, he should be called a coward instead of Si Yi.

Yun Jian was not there for whatever happened after that, holding Yun Zhu's hand and going toward the sundry shop in Xinjiang Town.

Shops in Xinjiang Town were usually opened until ten because most of the locals turned in for the night after eight.

This shop had really long business hours for opening until ten but it was an exception since today was Lunar New Year Eve. Other than very young children, everyone else was staying up for the night. Children who were around elementary school age, especially, were the most interested in staying up for red packets.

In addition, it was a trend for people in town to light up fireworks and firecrackers on the dot of Lunar New Year's day.

Before midnight came, people were swarming the shop to buy firecrackers.

Hence, small businesses that knew how to manage themselves would usually stay open until it was past 12am on the eve of Lunar New Year.

General knowledge like this was something Yun Jian had never heard of or experienced in her past life. Living life on the edge and being wary of everyone around her, lest she was killed for putting her guard down, Yun Jian had never lived a peaceful life as a normal girl.

It was why she cherished what she had now.

Yun Jian took Yun Zhu to a shop nearby.

It was the one she had gone to call Gu Sha's Tiger.Leopard when she just got rebirthed.

The owner of the shop was an old man and when Yun Jian had first come to the shop, it was the elder who asked her with a leisure wave of his fan “What would you like to buy?”

When Yun Jian stepped into the shop once more with Yun Zhu today, the shopkeeper could recognize her at first glance, exclaiming, “Hey, aren’t you the young lady who came to my shop to make a phone call a few months ago?”

Yun Jian blinked, entering with Yun Zhu and asking with piqued interest, “Do you know me?”

“Young lady, this old man doesn’t have a good memory but I remember you! Very clearly! I’ve been running this shop for years but that was my first time seeing someone making a call and spilling the language of a foreigner—then hanging up without waiting for a reply! Seriously, it’s the first time I’ve seen your way of talking on the phone!”

### **Chapter 468: Blast Them Up! Whippersnappers**

Yun Jian smiled awkwardly at the elderly shopkeeper’s exaggeration—so that was how he remembered her.

“Oh, right. You wouldn’t be here to make a call again, would you, young lady?” The shopkeeper recovered from his excitement earlier and asked Yun Jian as he sat down.

“No.” Yun Jian shook her head and brought Yun Zhu into the shop before turning back to grin at the old man. “I’m here to buy snacks for my younger brother today.”—Not here to do strange things anymore.

When Yun Jian was just rebirthed, she was unaccustomed to society since she roamed the exclusive part of the world for the later part of her life. She was used to acting her way in her previous life, so she followed how she had been when she was just reborn.

Now that she had lived here for some time, she discovered that it was inappropriate.

“Oh, sure, feel free to look around!” The shopkeeper nodded and said with a loud laugh.

Yun Jian grabbed Yun Zhu’s hand as they circled the shop once.

When people came to buy firecrackers, the shopkeeper went out to attend to them. When the clock struck twelve tonight, the fireworks and firecrackers would be the loudest then.

It was only a little past nine now, so it was the calm before the merry blast of fire and colors. Like the darkness before dawn, the quieter it was currently, the louder and bigger the fireworks would go when it was time.

Yun Jian allowed Yun Zhu to pick out a big bag of snacks, some Lay’s chips, bubblegum, lollipops... Yun Zhu had picked several of those. While he chose them, he muttered, “Strawberry for Si Yi-gege, blueberry for jiejie, lychee for Yun Yi-gege...”

His small hand went around the lollipops that were stabbed erected on a box.

Yun Jian was not someone patient but her patience peaked when it came to Yun Zhu. In the end, she waited until Yun Zhu had gotten all the snacks he liked and paid for them before they walked back to Zhang Meihua’s house.

It was not far from the shop to their grandmother's house but they had to go through several streets. With every house brightly lit, they did not have to walk in the dark.

Bang! Clap!

Firecrackers cackled loudly against the silence.

There were people who fired off fireworks at this timing, scarce but present. Narrowing her eyes, Yun Jian coincidentally passed by a household that was lighting some up when she went down a street holding Yun Zhu's hand.

Before 12am, the majority who lit firecrackers at this time were praying for blessing from the deities for the upcoming year.

People from the countryside were mostly superstitious and Longmen City's locals paid homage to deities with pig's heads, poultry, and similar animals. While they did that, they burned offerings of scripture and sutra.

These were traditions passed from the older generation.

Yun Jian led Yun Zhu in moving forward staying close to the side.

When the impressive firecrackers went out and Yun Jian and little Yun Zhu were about to move past the family, a group of children ran out holding matches and lighters with some smaller firecrackers.

"Look, there are villains who walked past us! Quick, blast them up!" a whippersnapper said pointing at Yun Jian and Yun Zhu.

A boy with a crew cut immediately grabbed a large handful of firecrackers, lit them up swiftly and threw them toward Yun Jian and Yun Zhu.

When the adults of the household saw it, they were terrified, scurrying out to stop the whippersnappers but it was already too late.

#### **Chapter 469: He's Unhappy And He's Possessive**

Just her luck to encounter something like this when she was only out to buy some snacks. Yun Jian's eyes glinted.

"Jiejie..." Little Yunzhu panicked. Gripping Yun Jian's sleeves in fear, however, he put his tiny self in front of her with the intention to block his sister from the firecrackers.

Yun Zhu was young but anyone could sense danger, especially him who had heightened senses due to his previous life's experience. With an impending threat, Yun Zhu's instant reaction was to stop it from harming Yun Jian.

"Xiao Zhu, come here!" Yun Jian called out softly and grabbed Yun Zhu with ease, pulling him aside as she sidestepped as well.

Her agile movement shocked those whippersnappers' parents who were watching the situation from afar anxiously.

Yun Jian had spun and avoided the firecrackers from the side at an extremely fast speed. Those children had thrown the lit firecrackers to her, but she made it look so easy as she moved away from the handful of mini explosives with Yun Zhu.

“Wow, that’s amazing...” The crew cut boy who had lit those firecrackers and thrown them at the sibling pair gaped in astonishment, staring at Yun Jian like he had seen something miraculous.

However, he was swiftly hit with a slap on his head by his parents before he finished his words.

“How do I teach you guys usually? I bought you all firecrackers and all you come up with is mischief?” The mother of the crew cut boy gave him a few hits and confiscated all the firecrackers he had.

“No more playing! Go apologize to the older sister right now!” The mother took away said firecrackers and pushed the bunch of kids to Yun Jian for an apology.

Being reprimanded by their parents, the whippersnappers could only apologize whether they liked it or not.

Yun Jian glanced at them and tugged Yun Zhu along their way without mentioning if she accepted their apology. The mother of the kids did not say more.

By the time the siblings got home to Zhang Meihua’s, there was a small square foldable table set outside of it. Two people sat on the left and right of the table while someone stood beside it.

It was none other than Ge Junjian and Si Yi who sat on the sides while Yun Yi stood by them. Who knew if their sparring had ended but Ge Junjian was currently playing a game of Chinese chess with Si Yi excitedly.

Their sparring probably had come to an end then.

When Yun Jian went over with Yun Zhu, she saw Ge Junjian looking at Si Yi with thrill and respect as he played.

“You’re back?” Si Yi turned to ask Yun Zhu but his gaze was directed at Yun Jian. He was seated on a short stool so he could only look up at her.

“Mm.” Yun Jian nodded.

Si Yi beamed, an infectious smile curving his lips.

“Si Yi-gege, someone threw firecrackers at me and jiejie just now.” Yun Zhu pouted and his emotion was evident from his expression. He was unhappy.

“Hmm?” Si Yi’s attention was withdrawn from the game as he turned to scan Yun Zhu and Yun Jian, relaxing only when he noticed that they were safe.

Ge Junjian who caught the scene could not help chuckling secretly.

If he guessed it correctly, Si Yi had stopped Yun Jian from sparring with him with the worry that he would have body contact with her during the battle. This young man was insanely skilled and possessive!

**Chapter 470: Have Some Chips. Guileful Si Yi**

Little Yun Zhu liked Si Yi-gege because Si Yi would help him and also buy him sweets or toys. Children were innocent, trusting and depending on whoever was nice to them.

Therefore, with a pout, Yun Zhu spilled everything that happened just now. His tone was even tinged with a whine of being bullied.

When Si Yi heard that someone threw lit firecrackers at Yun Zhu and Yun Jian, his long fingers that were moving chess pieces paused. Bringing his hand back, he stood up from the stool and took a long stride to Yun Zhu.

His gaze cast downward at the boy, a gleam of slight anger flashed across his eyes.

“Who threw it at you?” Si Yi spoke up after a few seconds of silence.

Ge Junjian, who picked up a cup of tea since Si Yi had suddenly stopped their game, was blowing at the hot liquid and had almost spit the water out when he heard what Si Yi said.

Once he thought about Si Yi’s intimidating skill then combining it with his current wife-loving maniac face and the words he had just uttered, the atmosphere felt subtle to Ge Junjian.

Somehow, what Si Yi just said did not quite match his earlier formidable skills.

“We aren’t hurt. It’s just a prank from some kids.” Yun Jian thought that Si Yi would probably bring Yun Zhu and barge into those whippersnappers’ houses if she did not explain the situation.

For real, Si Yi was someone like that. He was biased and protective towards his own people, exactly like Yun Jian.

It was Lunar New Year’s Eve today. Families were happily spending time together and staying up for the night. If Si Yi actually made his way to the children’s house, he might alert Qin Yirou and others, subsequently causing a scene.

A good year needed a good and happy start.

As expected, Si Yi’s threatening gaze faded at Yun Jian’s reply.

“Young man, come on! Let’s continue this game! Yun Jian’s so capable, why are you even worrying? Haha!” Ge Junjian waved Si Yi over, his tone teasing.

To the adults, Si Yi and Yun Jian matched each other very well! Come on, both of them were equally terrifying in their abilities! It seemed to Ge Junjian that his aged body was lacking now.

Si Yi ruffled Yun Zhu’s hair and stared at Yun Jian before going back to sit down before Ge Junjian with a smile. Both of them continued their game of Chinese chess.

The night of Lunar New Year’s Eve was long but it was not lonely.

Little Yun Zhu pulled Yun Jian to sit down beside Si Yi and watched him play while his little hand dipped into the bag of Lay’s chips and munched on them noisily. Yun Zhu even pushed a potato chip in front of Yun Jian, telling her, “Jiejie, have one.”

Yun Jian nodded easily at that.

Little Yun Zhu also shared his favorite potato chips with Ge Junjian and Yun Yi before giving some to Si Yi. “Si Yi-gege, have some.”

“I’m playing chess. Xiao Zhu can feed me.” Si Yi wore a smirk. He had a free hand but he was not using it to fetch himself some chips.

Yun Jian was sitting beside him and Yun Zhu who was sitting beside Yun Jian could barely reach the foldable table with his little arms.

“Jiejie, feed Si Yi-gege,” said little Yun Zhu to Yun Jian as he was unable to reach Si Yi, his short arms only enough to reach Yun Jian. He could not even touch Si Yi when he tried.

Ge Junjian who was sitting on the opposite was speechless, so was Yun Yi who stood on the side.

The corner of Yun Jian’s lips twitched.

Oblivious to the situation, Yun Zhu nudged with his stretched arm. “Jiejie, come on. My hand is sore from holding the chips up!”

Yun Jian, who heard Yun Zhu’s complaint picked up the chip and fed it to Si Yi immediately.

Side eyeing her, Si Yi’s lips came in contact with Yun Jian’s hand when he was fed the chip—who knew if he was being intentional. There was a tingle on Yun Jian’s finger and she pulled back swiftly.