

Schoolgirl 861

Chapter 861: My Parents Will Be Here To Cheer For Me

Xu Haozhe grinned as he walked over.

Meeting eyes with him, Yun Jian replied with an equally polite smile, "Mn, I'm here to look for my brother."

There was a beat of pause before she asked, "Where's my brother?"

Yun Jian was a firm believer that Yun Yi was definitely together with Xu Haozhe.

"Yi went to the washroom. I'm waiting for him here. The competition's about to start later," Xu Haozhe told Yun Jian briefly.

"Mn." Yun Jian nodded.

Xu Haozhe was Xu Zetian's son and the latter was currently managing Falcon Hall on behalf of Yun Jian. Previously, Xu Zetian passed Falcon Hall to Duan Lei's attention after he had gotten seriously injured.

Thinking about that, Yun Jian asked Xu Haozhe again, "How's the recovery of your father's injury?"

The fact that Yun Yi's younger sister knew about his father's severe gunshot wound surprised Xu Haozhe. He was Xu Zetian's biological son and knew that his father's Dragon Head Gang was already taken over by a woman named Slaying Luo and was renamed to Falcon Hall, but he had never heard Xu Zetian mentioning who the current boss of Falcon Hall was.

It was further impossible that Xu Haozhe would know that Yun Jian was Falcon Hall's current boss since Xu Zetian did not reveal anything to his son.

Hence, when he heard Yun Jian asking about his father's condition, he was stunned for a long moment. Despite that, he nodded blearily. "Mn, dad is doing much better. He's almost recovering fully now..."

Given how stunned Xu Haozhe was, Ning Lanlan and others were even more so. Which teenage girl would ask about the condition of a familiar friend's father when she met said friend? It went without saying that Yun Jian's action was basically raising eyebrows.

Nonetheless, the girl did not care about it. Instead, she pointed at Ning Lanlan to introduce her to Xu Haozhe. "She's my friend, Ning Lanlan."

Then, the group of teenagers got to know each other—even though the fact that Yun Jian asked about the injury of Xu Haozhe's father remained in the mind of Ning Lanlan and even Xiao Zhiming and Shan Zihao.

Shan Zihao nearly asked about it aloud. Why would Yun Jian be asking about someone's father in concern? He held it back ultimately. His first impression of Yun Jian was great but he could not help being skeptical at what he heard just now. Did Yun Jian have an affair with Xu Haozhe's father?

That was all Shan Zihao could think about when a voice Yun Jian was familiar with rang. "Xiao Jian?"

When they realized it, Yun Yi was already walking over from the washroom.

“Ge.” Yun Jian beamed and introduced him to Ning Lanlan and others.

It was after the group got acquainted with each other that they strolled to the center of the competition venue.

Yun Jian could not help whispering to Yun Yi when she saw him, that Qing You was coming back soon. Once the latter heard that, there was a sparkle flashing in his deep eyes. He was ecstatic.

Qing You had been home spending time with her family all this while, so Yun Yi was thrilled since it was rare that she was making her way back.

“Yi, my parents are coming to cheer for me.” Xu Haozhe who went away to answer a call walked back in excitement.

To someone who was about to enter a competition, there was no doubt that the company of their family would be the greatest joy to have.

Shan Zihao’s eyes darted to Yun Jian once he heard that Xu Haozhe’s parents were coming. He had thought that Yun Jian might have an affair with the guy’s father since it did not sound quite reasonable for a young lady to be asking if someone’s father was doing fine.

However, Yun Jian looked nonchalant at the news, so that confused Shan Zihao as he could not figure her out.

Chapter 862: Suspicion Raised And Cancelled

In comparison, Xu Haozhe’s current mood could not even be described as thrilled.

Back when Xu Zetian was the boss of Longmen City’s top gang, Xu Haozhe had never dared disclose the truth to his friends. When Yun Yi discovered it later, not only did he not keep a distance from him, he treated him like a best friend. It was impossible that Xu Haozhe was not moved.

Actually, what the outsiders did not know was that Xu Haozhe yearned for his father’s love and care.

From a young age, he knew that his father would not appear in public places and later, even his birthday party became a banquet for his father to network and build connections. What was more, the usual time?

Xu Haozhe scored excellent academically. Although he had the support to take the backdoor, he had gotten into Di Yi Senior High School based on his own ability just like Yun Yi. Xu Haozhe did not want to utilize his father’s status as Longmen City’s boss.

Nevertheless, everything seemed to have changed when Dragon Head Gang was taken over by the woman named Slaying Luo.

Even though his father still had a position akin to a boss in Falcon Hall, he was now countless times freer than he used to be. Especially recently when his father got injured pretty badly, Falcon Hall’s boss, Slaying Luo, had let the man go on a long break.

Xu Haozhe was blissful and content right now because his wish had always been for his parents to spend time with him. Now, they could take time off to see him!

Feeling thankful to Falcon Hall's Slaying Luo, Xu Haozhe vowed that he would thank her profusely if she were to stand in front of him now.

"That's great, isn't it? Haha!" Yun Yi shared his friend's joy as he happily clasped an arm around Xu Haozhe's shoulder.

"Mn!" Looking at his best friend who he confided everything in, Xu Haozhe gave a firm nod.

Yun Jian smiled softly standing next to them. Once she did, it was like the surrounding brightened up in radiance for her.

Shan Zihao could not help being mesmerized but his eyes dimmed a little when he thought that Yun Jian could possibly have an affair with Xu Haozhe's father.

He was going to see how the guy's father was!

"They're here! They came!" Xu Haozhe told Yun Yi in thrill with his phone in hand.

"Zhe'er!" A mature woman's voice rang just when Xu Haozhe planned to look around.

Yun Jian, Xu Haozhe, and the rest of the group turned to their right in unison and saw Xu Zetian slowly making his way over with his wife, Lin Wanru, supporting him. The man had recovered significantly now and would be completely healed before long.

"Dad! Mom!" Xu Haozhe called them like an excited little boy when he saw Xu Zetian and Lin Wanru.

In the blink of an eye, the couple had come in front of the group. Xu Zetian nodded at Xu Haozhe while Lin Wanru patted the boy's head with motherly love.

When Xu Zetian saw Yun Jian, however, he froze with a jolt. It was caught by Shan Zihao who stood aside and the young man flinched in awareness. This man was Xu Haozhe's father? Shan Zihao could not help suspecting them when he saw how Xu Zetian jolted at the sight of Yun Jian.

Just as he thought about it, Xu Zetian greeted Yun Jian in a surprised tone, "Sister Jian? Why are you here?"

His term of address, "Sister Jian", baffled everyone there.

Chapter 863:

Meeting Pete Again. So Many Familiar Faces

Once "Sister Jian" left Xu Zetian's lips, Lin Wanru who had an arm holding the man turned around. She was an amazing wife who was loving and dutiful. Back when she heard of the accident that happened to Xu Zetian, she nearly got scared witless.

It was fortunate that Yun Jian managed to save Xu Zetian after that, so Lin Wanru was immensely grateful to the girl.

Xu Haozhe's father called Yun Jian "Sister Jian"? He was referring to her as "sister"—why was that? After Shan Zihao tossed his ridiculous thought from just now out of his head, he was dumbfounded. He even felt like giving himself a slap.

How could Xu Haozhe's father share an unchaste relationship with Yun Jian when he was calling her "Sister Jian" so reverently? Moreover, what Lin Wanru did after this proved the point too. Xu Zetian could already walk without help, so when Lin Wanru saw Yun Jian, she let go of Xu Zetian's arm and went to the girl.

Looking at Yun Jian, she asked her in a very respectful tone, "It's you? Do you know my son, Zhe'er?"

Before Yun Jian could answer, Xu Haozhe was already asking Lin Wanru with confusion in his expression, "Mom, she's my friend's younger sister."

The woman had brought Yun Jian's hand into hers in a kind manner and told her amiably, "I see. Thank you so much for what you did back then. It's a wonderful surprise that you're the younger sister of Zhe'er's friend..."

Lin Wanru rattled on thanking Yun Jian but other than Xu Zetian, everyone there was at a loss about the exchange. They had no idea what was happening. Despite that, they could make out the general picture; Yun Jian had most probably helped Lin Wanru and Xu Zetian big time.

No matter what they guessed, however, no one in the group would have guessed that Yun Jian was Xu Zetian's boss and she had saved him from the brink of death back when he was deadly injured. That was a life-saving favor!

Lin Wanru held Yun Jian's hand as she continued thanking her. Yun Jian nodded rather coolly until there was an announcement from the PA system.

"Students, please make your way to the competition venue. The foreign languages competition is about to begin!"

Yun Yi and Xu Haozhe quickly went to the competition area once they heard that the contest was starting.

"Dad, mom, Yun Jian, come with us. The competition will start a while later. You can watch us compete," Xu Haozhe explained before he and Yun Yi led the way toward the competition area. Yun Jian went along.

The crowd at the competition area was smaller compared to the junior high school crowd but there were still a lot of people moving around.

Not too long after Yun Jian stood at the new spot, she caught another familiar face as she raked her eyes through the area. Mr. Pete?

From a distance away, Pete seemed to be walking alongside Principal Zhang of Foreign Languages High School as they talked. Principal Zhang looked deferent toward Pete while the latter had his hands behind him. Pete had a supple complexion and looked faintly charming with his tall, straight nose, looking like a biracial person.

Mr. Pete was the Grand Thief who had stolen the antique from Zhe Province the last time. What was the situation? Was he stealing his way to the school?

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes.

Pete was still walking next to Principal Zhang with a serious mien. It was right after making a turn that he caught sight of Yun Jian who was squinting at him. Taking a large step while he spotted Yun Jian, Pete tripped over the air and twisted his left foot.

Good gracious! What kind of coincidence was this? Why was this girl here as well?

Chapter 864: Deplorable. Pleading Mournfully

Pete was just having a completely decent conversation with the principal of Foreign Languages High School, Principal Zhang, and was being showered praises by the latter when his basking moment was shattered the second he saw Yun Jian.

Despite twisting his ankle, Pete could care less about the pain. His gaze on Yun Jian was fearful like he was scared of the girl coming for him.

At the same time, he told Principal Zhang, "P-principal Zhang, I'll have to take my leave. Let's talk about this another time."

"Huh, Mr. Pete..." Principal Zhang started saying but Pete was already turning and running to the classroom building. Surprised, he was also suspicious when he saw Pete making his way there.

Why was Mr. Pete running to the teaching building when he was going to leave? Should he not be going for the school gate like where he had come from?

While Principal Zhang thought so, a teenage girl about 16 years old put herself in front of him suddenly and shouted at Pete's retreating back despite the public, "Pete, where do you think you're going?"

Yun Yi and Xu Haozhe who had yet to assemble at the competition area were surprised, Shan Zihao and Xiao Zhiming who left their basketball game were dumbfounded, Ning Lanlan was completely frozen, while Xu Zetian and his wife, Lin Wanru watched Yun Jian who went for Pete with raised brows.

The group stared in stupefaction as Yun Jian shouted for Pete. Why was she shouting for him? Did the man know her?

They were astounded because they were uncertain.

Shan Zihao squinted his eyes further when he saw Yun Jian going away to stop Pete. What did she want? Regardless, Shan Zihao thought that his interest in her was growing!

All the group saw was Pete, who was some distance away, halting his steps.

Pete stopped in his tracks abruptly. He had wanted to flee but Yun Jian had called for him. He knew that if he were to continue walking away, Yun Jian could probably come for him directly based on how skilled she was.

As the international Grand Thief, Pete was fearless—Yun Jian was his only fear. The last time when he had stolen an antique from Zhe Province, it was Yun Jian who got it back from him. What the heck? Why was she everywhere?

Pete turned back slowly and cracked a grin that looked more like a wince at Yun Jian.

"Ah, hey... how timely... we meet again..." Pete grimaced looking at Yun Jian.

God, if he knew that Yun Jian would be here today, he would not come even if it cost his life!

“Not timely. It’s just a coincidence,” said Yun Jian as she went to Pete.

The others who watched her farther away were skeptical. Did Yun Jian know the man? That was what Yun Yi, Xu Haozhe, Xu Zetian, Shan Zihao, and others thought. Even Principal Zhang was confused when Pete, who seemed to have a prideful air just now, was currently talking to Yun Jian in such an intimidated tone.

Switching his mannerism suddenly, Pete put his hands together like he was making a prayer, telling Yun Jian pleadingly yet hilariously due to his towering height, “Oh my, my liege lord, please just let me go. The item you asked for the last time took me so much effort and I’ve given it to you. I really have nothing on me now. Just let me go, huh? My liege lord, I’m nearly begging on the streets now because of you!”

When a grown man like Pete began to plead Yun Jian deplorably, everyone who watched them was bewildered. Who was Yun Jian? How did she make a man plead her so mournfully?

Chapter 865: Pete’s Kind Deed. A Charity

As the international Grand Thief, Pete was terrifically skilled in stealing. His agility and stealth were the best there was in the world. Since his debut, he had actually only failed twice in his attempts—and both of those flops were because of Yun Jian!

The first time it happened was during Yun Jian’s past life. The second time was the lost antique of Zhe Province not too long ago. Both times, Yun Jian managed to seize the stolen items from him.

Since Pete had promised his clients that he would definitely be able to steal the wanted items and the clients had paid him the deposit, Pete had to recompense ten times the penalty for a breach of contract when he failed to accomplish his missions—twice—because Yun Jian intercepted him.

Ten times the penalty for contract breaching amounted to over a few hundred million US dollars!

Therefore, the most terrifying thing in life, to Pete, right now was not seeing ghosts but Yun Jian. That was why he wanted to flee as soon as he spotted her. Never in his dream would he think of running into Yun Jian here—it basically felt worse than to have been caught by one’s teacher for not paying attention in class.

“Are you up to no good again?” Yun Jian squinted at Pete with her arms crossed in front of her. Her relaxed and laidback attitude, however, unsettled Pete.

“No! How’s that possible? Would I even dare do it?” Pete spoke Chinese fluently even though it was obvious that he was a biracial person. One of his parents was probably from Country Z.

“My dear liege lord, let me go. I have my old folks and myself to take care of and I really didn’t do anything bad this time. Be an angel and stop going after me, please?”

Pete’s fear for Yun Jian had ascended to a substantial level while Yun Jian was bewildered from him calling her liege lord left and right.

Truth be told, Yun Jian was not picking on Pete at all. She was just surprised to see Pete here and wanted to greet him only for said man to avoid her like a plague, so she felt playful and shouted for him.

"Xiao Jian, this is?" Yun Yi and others came to where Yun Jian was, astonished to watch the scene that unfolded before their eyes.

"An old friend," Yun Jian replied easily.

"Oh my goodness, my liege lord, I wouldn't dare be your friend!" Pete retorted without a brain-to-mouth filter as he gestured dramatically and looked amusing with how he looked so scared of Yun Jian.

How was he so scared of Yun Jian? It was not like she was a monster.

Yun Yi, Xu Haozhe, and others were not the only ones who were surprised. Ning Lanlan, Xiao Zhiming, and especially Shan Zihao were flabbergasted. If Yun Jian did seem so terrifying, then...

While they thought about it, the principal was seen stepping toward Yun Jian and speaking to her after a slight hesitation, "Miss, I don't know which school you're from but there's one thing I can assure you. Mr. Pete is really not a bad guy."

"I'm the principal of Foreign Languages High School and the director of Longmen Charity, as well as the director of Hui En Children's Welfare Home."

"There are too many children in this world who are suffering in despair and pain. They're orphans without anyone to depend on. Some don't even get to have three warm meals a day."

"Hui En Children's Welfare Home has taken in a lot of children like these. They have no way of generating income, so staying fed and clothed has always been an issue."

"In recent years, though, Mr. Pete has donated a large sum to our home each month and that helps our children grow. We, the staff and the kids, are immensely thankful to him!"

"So he's certainly not a bad guy!"

Chapter 866: Zero Failure. Increasingly Enigmatic

Principal Zhang's serious statement that was filled with reverence for Pete made Yun Jian narrow her eyes. It put her on a two-second freeze.

It came unexpectedly that Pete had stolen so many historical relics and made so much money only to donate them away! Then, realization struck Yun Jian why the man was always so hard-pressed; from what she knew, Pete accepted any type and level of mission.

According to the man's capability, there was no way he was so poor to accept even the lowest level of robbery mission. When Yun Jian saw him in the past, he was poor as a pauper each time.

Yun Jian had been doubtful. Pete was the Grand Thief. Where did he spend all the money he earned throughout the years? And how could he expend all of it so fast? There was basically no difference between him and a poor man.

Yun Jian finally knew why now.

“Pretty good.” Yun Jian smiled and flashed her pearly whites at Pete. “We’re already old-time friends. Let’s walk around together?”

Pete froze for an instant. Had his eyes fooled him? Why else was he seeing a friendly gaze from Yun Jian?

“O-okay.” For some reason, Pete agreed to Yun Jian’s suggestion.

However, he regretted it right after words left his mouth. He really did have an immense fear toward Yun Jian. The previous times he had met Yun Jian, the girl had kicked his ass each time; the last time they met, she had even snatched the antique he risked his life for!

“Xiao Jian, Zhe, and I will leave for the competition now.” The competition was still going on. Looking at Yun Jian, Yun Yi did not know how she got to know Pete but the latter did not seem like a bad guy, so he made his way to the competition area with Xu Haozhe without worrying.

Shan Zihao and others were baffled while Yun Jian began to chat with Pete. Xu Zetian and Lin Wanru had gone along to watch Xu Haozhe compete. After several of them left, Ning Lanlan, Xiao Zhiming, and Shan Zihao were the only ones left. Principal Zhang had left to attend to other matters too.

Since Ning Lanlan and Xiao Zhiming had met in a coincidence and it had been difficult for them to meet otherwise, they were currently chatting happily. Hence, Shan Zihao was the only one left standing around to listen to Yun Jian and Pete talk. The guy had been interested in Yun Jian, so he was slightly disgruntled when he saw both of them engaged in a friendly manner.

Nevertheless, Shan Zihao was thoroughly ignored for the time being. All he could do was listen from the side as he stood roguishly but refused to leave.

As Yun Jian and Pete chatted, they realized that the other party was actually a decent person. Pete, especially, felt his fear for Yun Jian diminishing as he talked to her.

“Ay, liege lord, your home’s actually in Longmen City?” Pete was completely unaware that he had yet to find out Yun Jian’s name and was still referring to her as his liege lord.

“My name’s Yun Jian. Call me liege lord again and I’ll continue seizing what you have,” Yun Jian smiled and said as if threatening Pete.

“No sh*t, liege lord, you—no, Yun Jian, ma’am, stop snatching what I have. If it weren’t for you, I’m still the business record holder for having zero failures! Who knows if someone will give me a huge award for that one day!” Pete posed narcissistically as he retorted.

Both of them fell into an easygoing conversation as they chatted while Shan Zihao had no idea what was going on. He could not even understand what Yun Jian and Pete were saying. Seize what? What did he mean by business record holder for having zero failure?

Why did Shan Zihao think that Yun Jian was getting more enigmatic?

Chapter 867: Work For Me, Name Your Payment

The more mysterious Yun Jian was, however, the more it made Shan Zihao want to uncover her secret. In short, Shan Zihao's interest in Yun Jian had only increased.

Hearing Pete's amusing statement, Yun Jian pressed her lips and chortled, "I won't do it anymore."

She then looked at Pete. "What about you? Why are you here in Longmen City?"

"Me?" Being the subject of the conversation now, Pete chuckled and pointed at himself to say with a smile, "My grandma's from Longmen City. I got lost when I was a kid and spent my childhood in an orphanage too."

"Although my time in the orphanage couldn't even compare to what I went through after that, the starvation was the worst time of my life to me."

"Since then, I donate all the money I make to the orphanage. Longmen City's my grandmother's hometown, so I'll have to make an exception and donate here first of course!"

As he spoke, he shrugged and continued a little glumly, "My mom's from Hui En Children's Welfare Home, actually. She got ill from being malnourished as a child, so she passed away from cancer at a young age."

"By the time I found my way back home, she's no longer around. My grandma's the only one left."

The family of Pete's grandmother did not do well back then. Having a lot of children but struggling to make ends meet and even feed them, Pete's mother was sent to Hui En Children's Welfare Home as an ultimate solution in hopes that she could at least survive.

Hui En Children's Welfare Home did not provide sufficient food, so the kids there grew up in hunger.

Pete's mother managed to succeed when she grew up and met Pete's father once when she was traveling abroad. The latter was from Country Y but Pete's mother did not mind the challenges a long distance relationship posed, insisting to be together with the man.

They could have lived happily ever after as a family but Pete's mother fell sick. It was cancer, caused by malnourishment and starvation back when she was in the orphanage. She passed away not too long after that.

Pete's grandmother from his father's side was a snob. She had always thought that Pete's mother did not deserve her son. While Pete's father spiraled down in sorrow after Pete's mother passed away, Pete's grandmother on his father's side abandoned Pete to an orphanage in Country Z.

Pete had a hard time in the orphanage. It was later that a master took him away and taught him his stealing technique that sharpened throughout his lifetime. With Pete's hard work, that was how he became the current international Grand Thief—Mr. Pete.

He was also a biracial child of parents from Country Z and Country Y.

Needless to say, Pete did not disclose that he was the Grand Thief in front of Shan Zihao, merely generalizing the situation and summarizing what he had been through with similar tales.

Yun Jian was a little moved from hearing Pete's story while Shan Zihao was rather sympathetic to the man.

Anyway, Pete was a talented man. Back when his master taught him the skills, the most it could do was help him become a national grand thief. It was his innate gift and his diligence that boosted him into becoming an infamous Grand Thief of the world.

Shan Zihao thought that Yun Jian would cry after listening to Pete's story since girls would usually cry when they heard touching tales but when he turned to look at her, he saw her telling Pete something entirely different from his imagination.

"Work for me. You can name your payment," Yun Jian squinted as she said. Her confidence surprised Shan Zihao.. Even Pete was staring at her in shock.

Chapter 868: Free You From Preying Skulk

Work for her? What kind of work? What could they work on? These were Shan Zihao's thoughts. What the guy was feeling was indescribable in words.

The more mysterious Yun Jian was acting, of course, it meant that Shan Zihao grew more interested in her. Humans were thrill-seekers, especially people who were doted on like Shan Zihao.

In the senior high division of Foreign Languages High School, Shan Zihao was no doubt the subject of admiration to many girls. Not only was he handsome and charismatic, but his cool character was also one that teenage girls went head over heels for.

It was rare for him to meet a girl like Yun Jian. She barely regarded him in the beginning and her sense of enigma had only kept growing since the moment they met.

As she carried Ning Lanlan to climb over the wall with her bizarre skills, Xu Haozhe's father calling her "Sister Jian", and seeing the biracial Pete being so fearful toward her, all these matters had only deepened Shan Zihao's interest.—The harder something was to be obtained, the more enthralling it was to get to the bottom of it—this was basically depicting Shan Zihao.

"Wh...what?" Pete gasped in surprise.

"Work for you? Name my payment? For real?" Pete looked Yun Jian up and down. After all, she had terrified him before. When Yun Jian snatched what he had stolen previously, it was like she was robbing money off him.

Yet, Yun Jian was now asking him to work for her and he could ask for any amount of payment he wanted. To Pete, the fact that Yun Jian was not snatching things from him was already the luckiest delight he could have but she was asking him to work with her?

"I'm not joking. I just need your answer, yes or no?" Yun Jian had her arms crossed in front of her as she was in no hurry for Pete's reply.

The man was silent for an extended moment until Yun Jian's voice rang again, snapping him out of his thoughts. "Of course, once you say yes, I'll send someone to free you from the manipulation of the Preying Skulk."

Pete had signed a long-term contract with the Preying Skulk. As an international thief, he had an organization backing him up. The Preying Skulk was a famous global theft organization.

The reason it was called a theft organization was because its nature was different from An Hun Group and Gu Sha Mercenaries. Preying Skulk had a niche—the only missions it accepted were items the clients wanted to steal or treasures they wanted to seek. Other than that, it dismissed requests like assassination and the likes.

Preying Skulk was more or less a camp for thieves like Pete. Hence, it posed no conflict of interest with the An Hun Group and Gu Sha Mercenaries.

Nonetheless, Yun Jian knew that Pete had signed a ten-year contract with Preying Skulk. This meant that Pete would only serve Preying Skulk within these ten years. This also meant that all the missions Pete took in the ten years had to go through Preying Skulk and the money he risked his life to earn had to be split into half, half of it would go to the organization.

Under such circumstances, Pete was eager to free himself from Preying Skulk, so what Yun Jian said was more enticing than everything else.

As expected, Pete's eyes glowed the moment Yun Jian spoke. He looked at her excitedly. "Really? You really could help free me from Preying Skulk?"

"Would you be willing to work for me?" Yun Jian did not answer Pete directly but repeated her earlier question.

"Yes, yes—of course!" Pete nodded fervently.

Shan Zihao who watched them from the side looked at both of them in even more shock than just now. Just what was going on again? What was the Preying Skulk? Was it some sort of mysterious organization in Longmen City? Why had he never heard of it?

Chapter 869: A Successful Headhunting. Watch The Competition

There was no way Shan Zihao had ever heard of Preying Skulk.

Preying Skulk was a theft organization. There was something else that set it apart from An Hun Group and Gu Sha Mercenaries as well.

Large-scale organizations like An Hun and Gu Sha would stir up a commotion once they appeared. Organizations like them were frequently published in Country M's international papers and magazines, stated as presences one must absolutely never provoke by countless business corporations and politicians.

Preying Skulk was different. Not many knew about the organization, only collectors who liked antiques and collectibles would probe around for its news and whereabouts. This was because Preying Skulk's main activity was theft and its members did nothing but thieving.

The organization had never boasted or publicized itself either but it owned a prominent spot in the international scene. Hence, people who knew about Preying Skulk were globally influential and had a significant status.

In other words, if someone was of no importance and capability, they could forget about discovering the existence of the Preying Skulk. This was why Yun Jian was not scared of mentioning the organization in front of Shan Zihao.

If Pete had been fearful of Yun Jian in the beginning, he was filled with anticipation now. He looked forward to Yun Jian being able to help free him from Preying Skulk. From how she had snatched things from him, the infamous Grand Thief, Pete agreed to Yun Jian right away since she did not seem like someone who lacked money.

“Mn.” As if knowing that Pete would agree to it, Yun Jian nodded with a hum. Two seconds later, she told Pete in fluent Hindi, “Report to Gu Sha Mercenaries two days later. Look for Snake.Lizard there and say that Yun Jian told you to.”

As Yun Jian switched to Hindi in talking to Pete, her abrupt change of language astounded Shan Zihao. By then, Yun Jian had switched back to Chinese.

“I believe that you’ll be able to find its address.” The “it” referred to here was none other than Gu Sha Mercenaries.

Yun Jian wore a small smile that was laced with a vague sense of sweetness.

Without a doubt, Pete understood Hindi. Moreover, Yun Jian had spoken in Hindi specifically so Pete would be the only one who understood it. Her purpose was not to let Shan Zihao know what she said.

After Yun Jian had spoken and Shan Zihao failed to figure it out as he watched Yun Jian and Pete talk, he could not hold himself back and finally asked Yun Jian, “What language were you speaking in just now? Why can’t I understand it?”

Yun Jian side-eyed Shan Zihao who stood on the side, only then remembering that there was someone around them. Since Shan Zihao asked her a question, she glanced at him indifferently and replied as briefly as she could, “Hindi.”

It was too much effort for Yun Jian to even say another word more to the guy. Then, she shifted her eyes back to Pete but the latter was frozen for some time.

Gu Sha Mercenaries? Look for Snake.Lizard? What was Yun Jian’s identity?

Luckily, Pete was slow enough that he was unable to comprehend how the parties mentioned were related.

“Okay,” he replied with a nod at Yun Jian.

“Alright, go ahead and do what you have to. I’m going to watch my brother compete,” Yun Jian answered.

“Mn...” Pete was not even aware that he was being recruited by Yun Jian and was still thinking about how the latter was related to Gu Sha Mercenaries.

Simultaneously, Yun Jian had tugged Ning Lanlan along to the competition area.

Chapter 870: Is She... That Legendary Person?

Yun Jian was not here to headhunt Pete. She was here to watch Yun Yi compete. Furthermore, she did not even know that Pete would be here. It came as a surprise to even Yun Jian herself that she had recruited Pete just like this.

Nevertheless, she thought that her trip here was really worth it! After all, Pete was the international Grand Thief—a notable maven in the world. For someone of Pete's status to join Gu Sha Mercenaries, it was a way of expanding the organization's capability too. Since the old folks from Gu Sha were annihilated now, strengthening Gu Sha's ability was a definite matter, of course, Yun Jian currently had to go on.

"The competition's started!" Ning Lanlan told Yun Jian in slight excitement. The ecstasy in her tone was not because the contest was already beginning but because Xiao Zhiming was beside her.

As Yun Jian had pulled Ning Lanlan along to watch Yun Yi compete, Xiao Zhiming who was Ning Lanlan's senior was not going to just leave.

Yun Jian could feel Ning Lanlan's crush on Xiao Zhiming too, so she said nothing about it. Shan Zihao followed when Xiao Zhiming came with them. Yun Jian might be able to tolerate Xiao Zhiming but she did not like seeing Shan Zihao.

In spite of it, she could not do anything about it when the guy insisted on sticking around.

Pete was still standing frozen. No matter how hard he thought about it, he could not figure out the relationship between Yun Jian and Gu Sha Mercenaries. It was worth mentioning how slow the man's mind worked.

He stayed rooted in thoughts for a long time before the thought suddenly struck him. Yun Jian had asked him to report to Gu Sha Mercenaries; it meant that she was recruiting him into Gu Sha Mercenaries. However, she had asked him to look for Snake.Lizard... and Snake.Lizard was the one running Gu Sha! What did it mean when Yun Jian asked him to look for her?

Pete had his hands palming his forehead as he shook his head in contemplation. How was this all related...

When Yun Jian could ask him to go to Gu Sha Mercenaries, it meant that her status in the organization must be rather important. She was also able to instruct Snake.Lizard, the manager of Gu Sha, so it meant that her rank was higher than Snake.Lizard's.

If Yun Jian's position was higher than Snake.Lizard's, there was only one possibility left... She was...

Once Pete thought of it, his hands flew to cover his mouth as his eyes widened in shock. Could she be... that legendary person?!

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While Pete managed to figure out as much, Yun Jian, Ning Lanlan, and the guys had arrived at the competition area. The venue was already bubbling with cheers and hurrahs, the audience seemed as excited as those in the junior high division—even when the junior high division had more people.

Yun Jian wormed her way through the crowd as she spotted Yun Yi who was farther away in just one glance.

Yun Yi and Xu Haozhe were both tall and charming young men. It allowed Yun Jian to catch them right away despite the crowd surrounding them.

Xu Haozhe had noticed her first the moment she came over and since he was standing next to Yun Yi, he helped poke the latter who was still looking around. As Yun Yi followed Xu Haozhe's gaze, he saw Yun Jian looking back at him among the crowd.

He turned and flashed a smile at his younger sister.

"Ge, you got this," Yun Jian mouthed her cheer for him soundlessly.. In return, she received her brother's firm nod.