Sidekick 1081

Chapter 1081: Wen Zhe's Assistance (4)

"Tell him to give you the key."

"Little Zhezhe said that he would only give me the key after I get pregnant with a baby," Jian Yiling calmly replied.

Zhai Yunsheng widened his eyes in shock. His fists became clenched and he tugged hard on the handcuffs.

He had an impulse to just break the handcuffs.

That brat didn't even know how a baby came into being!

Did he think that the entire process only took an hour or two?!

That brat!

"You know he doesn't understand," Zhai Yunsheng said to Jian Yiling.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied. She did know about this.

"Then you should let me go," Zhai Yunsheng said as he looked at her. His eyes were burning.

"Nope," Jian Yiling answered.

"Why not?"

Jian Yiling did not reply. Instead, she reached out for the buttons on Zhai Yunsheng's shirt.

One button, two buttons, three buttons...

As Zhai Yunsheng was unable to move, he could only stare at Jian Yiling.

"Yiling..."

For some unknown reason, Zhai Yunsheng was nervous yet hopeful at the same time.

His shirt got completely unbuttoned.

This revealed his muscled upper body.

Zhai Yunsheng's body was on the pale side. However, his muscles were quite toned, and overall, his body did not look frightening.

Jian Yiling's fingers grazed over Zhai Yunsheng's chest.

On the other hand, Zhai Yunsheng's eyes were fixated on Jian Yiling's hands.

All his senses and all of his thoughts were fixated on her hands.

It was as though her touch was not on his body but on his heart.

Zhai Yunsheng's logic and rationale were drifting further and further away from him.

He suddenly realized that perhaps, this was not a bad idea.

At this moment, Jian Yiling took out a cold object and placed it onto his chest.

A stethoscope!

She took out a stethoscope at such a time!

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling who was listening to his heartbeat seriously.

He let out a deep breath. He did not know whether he was relieved or disappointed.

"What are you doing?" Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling through gritted teeth.

"You just got into a fight with Brother Yiheng."

If the fight was too intense, his heart could get affected.

###

Wen Zhe and Jian Yichen were eavesdropping at the door.

Jian Yichen felt a hundred claws scratch at his heart.

He wanted to rush into the room to stop what was going on. However, at the same time, he wanted his sister to be happy.

On the other hand, Wen Zhe was just curious. How was a baby actually made?

His mother would teach him a lot of things. If she did not know things, she would get a tutor to teach him.

However, his mother refused to teach him knowledge regarding this.

As Jian Yichen stood by the door, he was torn between staying there and leaving.

And in the end...

His sister never failed to surprise him.

Her thinking process was quite different from theirs.

Jian Yichen gently patted Wen Zhe on the shoulders and said: "Ahh, you should just let him go. If you make him continue to have these conversations with Yiling, he's actually going to get a heart attack."

At this moment, Jian Yichen could no longer be upset with Zhai Yunsheng. For some strange reason, he even had a little sympathy for him.

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Inside the room, Jian Yiling was still doing an examination of Zhai Yunsheng's body.

She was very serious.

Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling: "Did you give up?"

"Give up what?"

What else could he be asking about?! What she had been intending to do all this while!

"What that brat wanted you to do.. Aren't you going to carry out his plan?"

Chapter 1082: Little Rabbit's Insane Thought Process

With a serious expression on her face, Jian Yiling replied: "Artificial insemination has been around for a few years now. In consideration of your health, we can..."

Halfway through her second sentence, Zhai Yunsheng's face had become as black as the bottom of a pan.

"What are you saying?!" Zhai Yunsheng growled out. Every single word was articulated painfully.

She was thinking about artificial insemination?!

For the first time in his life, Zhai Yunsheng felt as though his little rabbit knew too much medical knowledge for her own good.

"I'm not saying anything wrong," Jian Yiling replied. She didn't think that there was a problem with her words.

Zhai Yunsheng took a deep breath to calm himself before he said: "Yiling, we should wait a little longer on some things. When the time is right, I will do it myself. There is no need for science and technology."

"Huh?"

"Either way, forget the ideas you just mentioned. If you can promise me that, I will make a promise as well."

"Okay, I promise."

"And now, can you let go of me?"

"But..."

"My heart hurts."

"I will ask Little Zhezhe for the keys."

As soon as she heard those words, Jian Yiling immediately left the room to find Wen Zhe.

When she opened the door, Jian Yichen and Wen Zhe, who were eavesdropping, nearly fell onto the floor.

"Ughh... Um.." Jian Yichen stammered with embarrassment. "Yiling, do you need us for something?"

"Mhmm, keys," Jian Yiling said as she put her hand out.

"Sister, you need to think about this clearly. You won't get this opportunity again! You need to cherish this opportunity!" Wen Zhe exclaimed.

"I'm not going to force him," Jian Yiling answered.

"Yiling, my mother said that eventually, it won't be considered as forcing! You don't need to worry about that."

"I promised him," Jian Yiling replied.

Upon hearing these words, Wen Zhe could only obediently hand over the keys.

Ahh, his plans failed again.

He had to make more plans with his mother!

###

In a secret room, several men dressed in dark trench coats gathered around an old man.

"Elder George, about the compass..."

"Miss Jian Yiling currently owns the compass. If we want to take the compass back, we must satisfy three of her requests. Now that she has used one, it's imperative for us to protect her until her next two requests are satisfied."

The previous head of the Goodman family stated that if the family compass fell into the hands of an outsider, members of the Goodman family had to satisfy three requests of that individual. Whoever fulfilled the requests would end up with the possession of the compass.

Improper means to seize the compass would not be recognized by the Goodman family.

This was a rule set by the Head of the Goodman family to avoid conflict within the family.

As Lucy did not know about this, it was evident that she was not a core member of the Goodman family.

"Elder George, please rest assured. We will not let Miss Jian Yiling get hurt."

"In addition, the news of the compass has already spread. Not long after, other members of the Goodman family will also end up in Beijing."

Elder George had already anticipated this.

"You guys continue on with your task. I'm going to visit the Jian Residence in Beijing."

"Elder George, are you going to visit Miss Jian Yiling?"

"No, I'm going to visit someone even more important."

Someone even more important?

"Is there someone more important than Jian Yiling in the Jian family?"

"Yeah. As the compass ended up in Jian Yiling's hands, I feel like it has something to do with that person."

After all, there was another connection between the Goodman family and the Jian family...

Chapter 1083: Grandma Jian's Other Identity! (1)

Inside the Jian Residence, Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian were watering the flowers and feeding the fish in the courtyard.

At this moment, one of their maids came in to report that there was a foreigner requesting to meet Grandma Jian.

Requesting to meet her?

Grandma Jian and Grandpa Jian looked at each other.

Generally speaking, usually people came to see Grandpa Jian. Rarely, people would request to see Grandma Jian.

"A foreigner... Would it be..." Grandpa Jian said as he frowned.

So many years had passed. They assumed that no one would come to look for them anymore.

"Let's go and see."

When Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian arrived in the living room, there was an elderly man seated on a mahogany chair.

"Hello Madam Xie," Elder George bowed.

Madam Xie... It had been a long time since anyone had called her that.

Ever since she got married to Grandpa Jian, everyone else addressed her as 'Grandma Jian' or 'Ms. Jian'.

"Who are you?" Grandma Jian asked as she took her seat. She sized up the old man in front of her.

"I'm George Goodman."

"Why is someone from the Goodman family requesting to speak to me?"

"You're too polite Madam Xie. After all, who doesn't know about the Xie family that reigned over Continent M half a century ago?"

George revealed Grandma Jian's identity with one sentence.

The Xie family was a large family that was not very well known in China. However, in the last century, it was considered a powerful family overseas.

The ancestors of the Xie family were officials of feudal affairs. Two centuries ago, the ancestors of the Xie family headed over to the South Pacific. They became one of the most prominent families there.

Furthermore, in the gold rush period in Continent M, the Xie family took root and began to develop the mining industry.

During the rise of finance and economics, they went into that industry too.

Very soon, their family reigned over Continent M.

At their height, even the Goodman family had to treat the Xie family respectfully.

However, in the middle of the last century, the Xie family suddenly withdrew all their money from Continent M. Soon after, they disappeared into thin air. It was as though they never existed.

And Grandma Jian was one of the last members of the Xie family.

In the entire Jian family, only Grandpa Jian knew about this. Grandma Jian never mentioned this to any of her children or grandchildren.

As the elder of the Goodman family, when George was young, he had met a few members of the Xie family.

Grandma Jian said with a smile: "Mr. George, as you said, that was last century. It's already been half a century. The Xie family has long fallen. As such, why are you here to speak to me?"

"One of our family elders who went missing for many years handed our family compass to your granddaughter, Miss Jian Yiling."

"Well, then you should go and speak to my granddaughter. That compass belongs to her. I don't get a say in this. If she wants to give it or sell it to you, that's her business. I don't make decisions for her."

"I'm not here to ask Madam Xie for the family compass."

"If you're not here for that, why are you here then?"

"After I learned that he gave the compass to Miss Jian Yiling, I looked into Miss Jian Yiling's identity and background. In other words, I'm hoping to find out the reason why he gave it to her."

"And so, you're here to ask me?" Grandma Jian replied with an elegant and calm smile on her face.

"Yeah. After all, she's your granddaughter. And you're the last of the Xie family. The Xie family is the only one who has the key to the secret of our family compass."

"I don't know the key to your family compass," Grandma Jian replied.. She instantly dismissed Elder George's words.

Chapter 1084: Grandma Jian's Other Identity! (2)

Elder George continued to say: "It is rumored that back then, during the war times, the Xie family used their influence in Continent M to buy a large number of antiques from Continent O. From there, you guys learned the way to unlock the secret of the Goodman family compass. Seventy years ago, members of the Goodman family offered to buy this secret from the Xie family. However, you guys refused."

"As you've mentioned already, it's only rumored. It isn't the truth."

"Well, I was unsure of it originally. However, as one of our family elders entrusted the family compass to Miss Jian Yiling, I believe he definitely had his reasons for doing so."

"Well, I know nothing about it," Grandma Jian replied calmly and elegantly.

Elder George could not read anything from Grandma Jian's expression.

And thus, he smiled before he said: "If Madam Xie is certain that you do not know anything, there is nothing else I can say."

Then, Elder George took out a solid gold business card from his pocket and placed it on top of the coffee table in front of him.

"If Madam Xie remembers anything, please contact me. I will always be waiting for your call."

Elder George did not want to make things difficult for Grandma Jian. He got up to leave after he placed down his business card.

"Old man, you can keep the business card. Perhaps it will come handy one day," Grandma Jian said as she threw the solid gold business card to her husband.

"Why are you giving it to me? Shouldn't you be keeping it?"

"It's not appropriate for me to keep something from another old man."

"You think I'll get jealous?"

"I see. You don't even get jealous these days do you?"

"Old lady, what are you even thinking about?"

###

Another weekend.

Xu Rui's companion today was originally going to be his sister. However, he made an announcement on his Weibo account stating that his sister was sick. As a result, she was unable to participate in his stream.

And thus, he decided to invite his foreigner girlfriend.

Ever since he debuted, there were many people who claimed to have a relationship with Xu Rui. However, Xu Rui never publicly admitted to having a relationship with anyone.

This time around, Xu Rui not only admitted that he had a girlfriend, but he also planned to bring her onto this show.

Not surprisingly, this attracted a lot of attention to his live stream.

Everyone was looking forward to the appearance of Xu Rui's girlfriend. They came early to wait for the stream to start.

Apparently, the group of guests on the show would be paired up.

This was an opportunity for the guests on the show to interact with one another.

The production team drew lots to determine the groupings.

Somehow, Xu Rui and Jian Yiling were grouped together.

As of the last two weekends, Xu Rui's group and Jian Yiling's group had been the most popular streams.

As the two groups were now going to interact together, this stream would undoubtedly have the highest number of viewers.

A lot of netizens were looking forward to watching this.

On one hand, it was a celebrity who had been popular for many years. On the other hand, it was a girl soon to be their 'sister-in-law'.

They loved both groups. As a result, it was a constant agony to switch between the streams.

However, now, they could watch both streams together!

Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng did not think much about the production team's organization.

Xu Rui's manager contacted Zhai Yunsheng's assistant. He stated that Xu Rui's group wanted to visit their place on Saturday.

At the same time, after weeks of searching, the identity of God Z gradually began to surface.

As Zhai Yunsheng mentioned the Zhai family in the stream, this provided a direction for many netizens.

The Zhai family in Beijing... Apparently, Young Master Zhai was roughly the same age as God Z.

Chapter 1085: Flaunting Wealth (1)

And so, this gaming prodigy that they were a fan of actually had an incredible identity.

He was rich, powerful, and influential!

Living in an apartment worth tens of millions of dollars was no big deal for the Zhai family.

The Zhai family owned more than seven or eight villas in Beijing. Together, those villas likely cost billions of dollars.

However, there was not much information on the Internet about the Zhai family. The Zhai family was small and generally liked to maintain confidentiality.

Despite this, as the Zhai family was comparable to the Qin family, the money and influence they had would be roughly similar.

There was much more information about the Qin family on the Internet. The argument in the Qin family over family assets was well-known news.

Furthermore, the current head of the Qin family, Qin Chuan, was widely known to be the ideal husband.

And thus, from these assumptions, God Z should be on the same level as Qin Chuan.

At least in terms of visuals, Zhai Yunsheng was as handsome as Qin Chuan.

[Ahh, in the past, I was jealous of God Z stealing God Ling from us. However, I'm beginning to become jealous of God Ling!]

[Oh my god! God Ling is so lucky! She should get married to him as soon as possible!]

[When the two of them played in the Zerg Invasion tournament, he was super nice to her as well! It's rare for rich men to be so loyal!]

[From the streams we've been watching, although the two of them do not speak much, their interactions are super cute!! I'm so jealous~]

[That's true. It doesn't seem like an act. Instead, it seems like their day-to-day interaction.]

The viewers and netizens were incredibly jealous of God Z and God Ling's relationship.

Despite being rich and powerful, Zhai Yunsheng did not flirt with other girls. Furthermore, he didn't have any scandals with female actors, models, or celebrities.

Who wouldn't want such a boyfriend?

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At ten in the morning, amidst the anticipation of the viewers and netizens, Xu Rui appeared in front of the cameras with his foreigner girlfriend.

As soon as they appeared, the comments section exploded with activity:

[Oh my god. She's so gorgeous!]

[Is this a race advantage? Look at her eyes? Look at her skin! How is this human?!]

[Who is this girl? Please tell me!]

[As expected of Xu Rui's girlfriend. Her visuals are insane!]

The foreigner girlfriend Xu Rui brought along was no other than Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling's 'acquaintance', Lucy Goodman.

Lucy's makeup today was very elegant. She dressed stylishly and her fair skin and striking features made her appearance attract the attention of many netizens and viewers.

She was Xu Rui's girlfriend?

When did she give up on Zhai Yunsheng?

Not long ago, she looked at Zhai Yunsheng with a burning gaze.

This relationship came out of the blue.

Lucy's arm was linked around Xu Rui's arm. She appeared in front of everyone with a smile on her face.

Because of the Goodman family, not many people knew that Lucy and Henry had gotten arrested in Beijing.

And thus, she could still appear in public without anyone criticizing her.

As an absolute beauty, she instantly drew the attention of everyone.

Although Xu Rui was in his early thirties, his appearance and temperament remained outstanding.

"Mr. Zhai, Miss Jian, it's lovely to meet you," Xu Rui greeted Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling with a gentle voice. Then, he introduced: "This is my girlfriend, Lucy."

There was a polite smile on his face. Listening to his words was strangely comforting.

"Hello, Mr. Zhai and Miss Jian. You guys look even better in person. It's an honor to meet you," Lucy greeted with a bright smile on her face.. She humbly complimented Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

Chapter 1086: Flaunting Wealth (2)

After Lucy and Xu Rui made their introductions, it was time for Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng to introduce themselves.

Time stood still for ten seconds.

As the program staff waited, they began to become anxious. On the side, they kept signaling and prompting Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng to introduce themselves.

At this moment, Wen Zhe rushed over.

"I'm here!" Wen Zhe announced as he rushed in front of the camera. The entire screen was occupied by his head.

"Hello everyone! My name is Wen Zhe. Wen from the words Wen Zhe and Zhe from the words Wen Zhe," Wen Zhe said happily. Then, he held Jian Yiling's hand before he said: "This is my sister Jian Yiling. She's a genius, a developer for medical cosmetics, and an amazing surgeon."

Then, he held Zhai Yunsheng's hand: "And this is my brother-in-law Zhai Yunsheng. He has a lot of money, however, his looks are so so. He's decent at games and fighting but I'm still better than him. If I were to rate him, I'd give him an eight out of ten."

The viewers were amused by Wen Zhe's words. He was essentially a living treasure.

[Awww, Little Zhezhe is adorable. Give me a kiss~ Mua~]

[I understand! Your sister is the best, isn't she? Your brother-in-law is super lucky to have your sister!]

[Little Zhezhe is here to protect his sister~]

After Wen Zhe finished introducing himself, Jian Yiling, and Zhai Yunsheng, he turned around to greet the two guests who were visiting his home today.

"Hello, Uncle and Auntie. Welcome to our home. My sister and brother-in-law are usually quite focused on their work. They don't talk to people a lot. Please don't mind them"

As Wen Zhe said this, he winked with his right eye.

[This kid is adorable! I love him to bits~]

[As a long-term fan of God Ling and God Z, his words are totally accurate. Even when the two of them are gaming, they don't speak much. Instead, they're totally focused on the game.]

[Do you need to be a long-term fan to figure that out? I've only watched the stream for two weeks however I've quickly realized that they don't like speaking.]

The viewers and netizens agreed with Wen Zhe's words. Silence was normal for Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

After all, they were usually like this.

Lucy's smile was gentle and polite. It was as though she was here out of good intentions.

"Hello, Little Zhezhe. You're so cute," Lucy praised. She took out a gift she prepared and handed it to Wen Zhe: "This gift is for you."

Wen Zhe took the gift and unwrapped it. It was a children's watch.

Although it was a children's watch, the watch cost a fortune. It was a children's classic watch launched by BGL. The price was way above six figures.

Then, Lucy took out the gifts she prepared for Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

Those gifts were even more luxurious.

Zhai Yunsheng's gift was also a watch. However, its price point was well above a million dollars.

Meanwhile, Jian Yiling's gift was a ruby necklace.

Although it looked ordinary when compared to the jewelry pieces in Jian Yiling's suitcase, it was not cheap. Anyone who had knowledge in this area would realize that the necklace was also worth more than a million dollars.

This made the viewers and netizens dumbfounded.

Who was this girlfriend of Xu Rui? And why was she so generous with her money?

These gifts cost so much!

A rich person's gift-giving was scarily insane!

Did poverty limit their imagination?

Even Xu Rui had a surprised look on his face

Chapter 1087: Flaunting Wealth (3)

It was a surprise to him that his 'girlfriend' gave out such expensive gifts.

However, he was a veteran actor. He quickly managed his facial features to ensure that the viewers and netizens did not notice his surprise.

Upon receiving the gifts, a smile appeared on Zhai Yunsheng's face. However, there was a sneer in his eyes.

Was Lucy really this rich? According to his understanding, Lucy did not have a lot of money to spare. Although she was part of the Goodman family, she was not a core member.

However, the reason why she was willing to spend so much money on the gifts was likely due to the 'business' she wanted to talk about a few days ago.

Wen Zhe looked at his gift before he turned around and ran back into his room.

Shortly after, he came back with return gifts.

"Mr. Xu and Miss. Lucy, thank you for the gifts you gave us. This is a return gift."

Wen Zhe held out two large diamonds.

Each diamond had to be ten carats in size.

The viewers and netizens were equally surprised to see this:

[The rich are a completely different breed to us. It's damn scary.]

[Those gifts are definitely worth a million dollars each! What is happening to our world?!]

[Is Little Zhezhe secretly rich or something? Ten-carat diamonds... If they're good quality, the diamonds would cost two to three million dollars each! In comparison, that watch is nothing!]

[This stream is absolutely insane? Everything being gifted around is a lifetime goal for me. Why is my life like this?]

There was a smile on Wen Zhe's face.

His expression was innocent and playful.

No one knew whether this was a thoughtless act or an intentional display of wealth.

Xu Rui never expected to receive such a gift when he came over today.

When he was at the peak of his popularity, companies would give him tens of millions of dollars to advertise a product. However, in the past two years, his resources had been limited. It was difficult for him to get these opportunities.

And even if he got these opportunities, at most, he would receive a few hundred thousand dollars as payment.

Otherwise, he would have never attended such a program.

However, right now, there was a diamond worth two or three million dollars in his hands.

What was happening?

Xu Rui replied: "You're way too kind. However, I shouldn't accept this. Diamonds are very valuable. I believe you should ask for your family's opinion."

"It's alright. These are mine."

Wen Zhe's response made countless people cry. Many of them had their red pocket money withheld by their parents.

However, this child who was not yet ten years old already had the freedom to give out diamonds?!

Meanwhile, as slaves of the corporate world, they had to get up early and work hard. And at the end of the day, their salary was not higher than five figures.

Ahh, comparisons shouldn't be made.

Lucy reached out and patted Wen Zhe's head: "Thank you Little Zhezhe."

"Auntie, you don't need to be so polite," Wen Zhe responded with a smile. "Besides, this gift is not very expensive."

"It's not a natural diamond. Rather, it's a synthetic one. I made them when I was doing experiments in the laboratory."

Then, Wen Zhe opened a velvet bag. Many diamonds were inside the bag.

"They're all synthetic. If you apply a lot of pressure to carbon, you can make these diamonds. The process is quite simple," Wen Zhe explained.

In other words, the cost of these diamonds was quite low.

The expression on Wen Zhe's face remained innocent.

Chapter 1088: You Don't Deserve to Know

After a brief introduction, the program team arranged for the two groups of guests to play games together.

First, they played a few matches of <Zerg Invasion > and then they played a few games of poker.

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling easily won both.

After that, the program team suggested dressing each other up.

After all, there was a ball this evening.

And thus, Lucy entered Jian Yiling's cloakroom and began to carefully select dresses, shoes, and bags.

As Lucy came from the Goodman family, she had a good eye for fashion and clothes. Everything she picked was very suitable for Jian Yiling.

She acted as though she was very attentive to all this.

Finally, it was time for selecting jewelry.

Lucy asked Jian Yiling where she placed her jewelry.

Upon being asked this, Jian Yiling dragged out a suitcase from her room.

Lucy, who had been very calm before this, finally showed a trace of strangeness when she saw the suitcase.

In a direction where the camera could not see her expression, Lucy's eyes were firmly fixated on the suitcase. Her eyes were filled with anticipation.

There was no lock on the suitcase. Jian Yiling directly opened the suitcase.

Countless valuable pieces of jewelry and antiques were casually placed inside the suitcase.

However, the family compass that Lucy longed for was no longer there.

How could this be?

Where was their family compass?

And why was it no longer in the suitcase?

This disrupted Lucy's original plans.

She stood in front of the suitcase for a long time. To the netizens and viewers, it would appear as though she was carefully selecting the piece of jewelry for Jian Yiling to wear.

After a long time, Lucy reached out to pick up a diamond necklace for Jian Yiling.

When Lucy looked at Jian Yiling, she noticed that Jian Yiling's eyes were as calm as always.

"Jian Yiling, where did you place the compass that was previously in the suitcase?" Lucy asked in a whisper.

She had to whisper to ensure that the recording equipment in the room could not hear her voice.

Jian Yiling indifferently looked at Lucy before she replied: "Are you talking about your family compass?"

Upon hearing this response, Lucy could no longer remain calm.

"You know about that?!"

"Yeah," Jian Yiling replied. Unlike Lucy, Jian Yiling remained calm and indifferent.

"Sell it to me! You can pick any price point!"

"It's not something that's supposed to be sold," Jian Yiling replied.

"But it has no use in your hands. It's only useful to the Goodman family."

"If that's the case, you should go back and ask about the proper way to use this compass," Jian Yiling answered.

"What do you mean by that?" Lucy asked. She was stunned.

Was there something about this compass that she did not know about?

And yet, Jian Yiling knew?

"Tell me the truth. What do you mean by those words? And why is our family compass in your possession?" Lucy asked anxiously.

If it weren't for the fact that they were still streaming, she would have yelled at Jian Yiling already.

Thankfully, her back was still towards the camera in the room. Otherwise, the viewers and netizens would have seen the distorted expression on her face.

"You don't deserve to know," Jian Yiling replied in an icy cold voice.

"Why don't I deserve to know?"

"You were ready to steal the compass."

"I..." Lucy stuttered. She hadn't yet stolen the compass but somehow, Jian Yiling already knew her plans.

The feeling of being read like a book made Lucy feel as if she was naked and exposed in front of Jian Yiling.

Lucy lowered her head and looked at the delicate figure in front of her.

For some strange reason, fear rose in her heart.

Even though she looked down upon the girl in front of her, why did it feel like everything was under her control?

Chapter 1089: Why Everyone Respects Jian Yiling

And even the things that she desperately wanted were in this girl's hands!

Lucy stared at Jian Yiling for a long time without withdrawing her eyes.

However, Jian Yiling no longer chose to pay attention to Lucy. After she finished dressing up, she turned around to leave.

And thus, Lucy watched in a daze as Jian Yiling walked away from her.

After a long pause, Lucy came back to her senses. She quickly followed Jian Yiling.

She had to figure this out. She had to figure out what Jian Yiling knew. Was it not a coincidence for the Goodman family compass to appear in Jian Yiling's hands? Was there something else that she did not know about?

She had to figure this out!

The four of them headed to the ball site.

When they arrived, something even more unexpected appeared in front of Lucy's eyes.

She saw a lot of familiar faces.

There were many people from the Goodman family here!

And many of these individuals from the Goodman family were more established and held more power than her!

If it weren't for some specific reason, these people would never appear together here.

Unusually, with the exception of family gatherings, it was impossible for her to meet so many family members at once.

"Oh, you're here Lucy?"

A bright and dazzling blonde beauty walked up to Lucy.

Similar to Lucy, she had fair skin and delicate features. This woman was even a bit taller than Lucy.

When Lucy saw the woman in front of her, her expression immediately darkened.

Her cousin Anna! The girl who was immensely favored by their family elders!

"What are you doing here?" Lucy asked. As there were cameras not far away, Lucy did not dare to show too much hostility in front of the viewers and netizens.

"Make a guess, my pathetic cousin," Anna replied as she raised her eyebrows.

"Who is pathetic?!" Lucy growled out. She hated the look on Anna's face.

"You don't even know the correct way to obtain the family compass. To make matters worse, you think you can keep the family compass in your own possession. If you're not pathetic, who is?"

This was the second time today that Lucy had heard such words.

There was apparently something about the family compass that both Jian Yiling and Anna knew, but she did not.

Lucy gritted her teeth and said: "What are you guys deliberately hiding from me?"

"Deliberately hiding from you?" Anna responded with a contemptuous and provocative expression on her face. "There's no need for that. It's just you and your stupid father merely do not have the right to know."

"Anna, don't be cocky," Lucy coldly responded.

Lucy's heart was filled with resentment.

She did not understand why she and her father consistently failed to get their family's approval.

"Well, whatever. I don't want to waste time speaking to you. I'm going to speak to Miss Jian."

Anna turned around and elegantly walked over to Jian Yiling.

"Miss Jian, I've heard a lot about you. It's an honor to meet you today," Anna greeted with a smile on her face.

Instead of being condescending, Anna lowered her pride and spoke as though she was Jian Yiling's acquaintance.

Anna's status in the Goodman family was far higher than Lucy's. As of now, Lucy was getting marginalized by her family.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling gave a simple nod in response.

"Miss Jian, is there anything I can do for you?" Anna asked in a sincere attitude.

"Not at the moment," Jian Yiling answered.

"That's alright. If you ever think of something you might need my help with, please let me know. There's no need to be polite," Anna responded as she handed over her business card.

Anna presented her business card with both hands. Although this was a small gesture, it made the onlookers quickly realize that Anna had a lot of respect for Jian Yiling.

"Okay," Jian Yiling replied as she placed Anna's business card into her own bag

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Lucy's face became livid with rage.

What exactly did Anna know? And why did she have to treat Jian Yiling with so much respect?

Logically speaking, Jian Yiling was only a young lady who came from a not too prominent family in Hengyuan City. Therefore, no one would expect the Goodman family to treat her with courtesy.

Anna continued to speak to Jian Yiling: "Did my cousin who doesn't know any better upset you? If you're bothered by her, I can deal with her."

Jian Yiling glanced at Lucy who was standing beside them before she replied: "Keep her in check."

"Understood Miss Jian. Please rest assured. I won't let her come in your way again," Anna replied.

The viewers and netizens did not hear the conversation between Jian Yiling, Anna, and Lucy as the cameras and audio equipment were too far away.

What the viewers and netizens saw was a very grand ballroom.

The ballroom was brightly lit and filled with handsome men and women who were dressed up in extravagant clothing.

Was this how rich people socialized?

Everything looked so expensive!

Even the random decoration in the corner would cost a fortune!

Xu Rui never attended such a high-class ball before. He was only here because of Lucy.

However, this experience made him realize that people who were rich and powerful were on an entirely different level.

He could earn a few million dollars from advertising certain items and products, but no matter what he did, he could not reach those influential families who had been rich for hundreds of years.

Anna leisurely walked over to Xu Rui.

Anna was so beautiful that most men were immediately attracted to her. Xu Rui was no exception to this.

When she stood next to Lucy, somehow, Lucy became the background image.

"I've heard that you're in a relationship with my cousin?" Anna asked in a flirtatious voice. It was the kind of voice that made one's bones feel soft.

Anna was not deliberately saying this in a flirtatious voice. Rather, this was her natural voice.

She was a woman who was naturally born with this charming voice.

"You're Lucy's cousin?" They had the same blond hair and blue eyes. Furthermore, there was some resemblance in their appearance.

"I guess so. However, I definitely disagree with her thought process. I can't believe she's pretending to be in a relationship with you just to harass Miss Jian. Elder George said she's smarter than her father but that appears to not be the case. I think she's rather unnecessary to the Goodman family."

Anna spoke about Lucy in contempt and disdain. This made the people listening to her feel very uncomfortable.

"But isn't she still your cousin? You shouldn't talk about her like that right?" Xu Rui replied. He did not know much about the Goodman family. In his mind, the two of them should act like cousins.

"Well, it's up to you whether or not you want to listen to me. I just came to tell you that I have no problem if you want to date her or even get married to her. However, do not mess with Miss Jian and the people around her. If you do, you will die a horrible death."

"The Goodman family is scared of the Zhai family?"

Xu Rui heard Lucy speak about the Jian family and Zhai family.

Upon hearing this, Anna smiled and answered: "The reason why some people get abandoned by their family is not that they're dumb. Rather, it's because they do not have a correct understanding of themselves and the people around them. It's because they don't have a humble heart. If such a person is in power, they would bring all kinds of dangers to their family."

"You don't seem humble at all."

Based on tone and speech, Anna appeared much more arrogant and rude.

In comparison, Lucy seemed gentle and quiet.

"Whatever," Anna smiled before she picked up a glass of wine from the wine waiter beside her.. Then, she turned around and walked away.