

Sidekick 111

Chapter 111: Reprimanding Jian Yunnao (1)

“What’s the matter? Are you talking about Shiyun’s gift?” Jian Yunnao asked. There was confusion in his eyes.

“Yep, that’s right.” Jian Yuncheng replied.

“Didn’t we talk about it just now?” Jian Yunnao asked.

They had just talked about it. Jian Yuncheng had even seen the paper bag.

“I want you to say everything in front of Mom and Dad.” Jian Yuncheng replied. His eyes were cold and his face was void of expression.

Jian Yunnao paused for a moment. Then he turned around and said, “Mother, father. I found the gift that Shiyun prepared in the bushes near the front of the house. The bags were the same. She also had a sweater and scarf inside the bag. Shiyun didn’t lie. She just didn’t know that the bag that Aunt An had picked up wasn’t hers.”

Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan furrowed their brows. All of a sudden, their mood sank.

Jian Yuncheng continued to question Jian Yunnao, “So, what do you think about all of this? Do you think that it is a coincidence?”

“Brother?”

“Tell me what you think. I want to hear what you think about this ‘coincidence’.”

Jian Yuncheng wasn’t stupid. Jian Yunnao’s words revealed his doubt regarding this ‘coincidence’.

He wanted Jian Yunnao to express his doubts in full detail in front of his parents.

As Jian Yuncheng requested him to do so, Jian Yunnao didn’t hide his suspicions anymore.

“Yes, I don’t think it’s a coincidence. I feel like there’s too much of a coincidence. Why are the two bags the same? Why are the contents so similar as well? They were even placed in the same place! Shiyun was right. There is no reason for her to tell such a lie. It’s too easily debunked. There is no reason for her to pick up a brick and drop it on her own foot.”

Jian Yunnao said all of his suspicions out loud.

“And so?” Jian Yuncheng asked. He wanted to hear Jian Yunnao’s conclusion.

Jian Yunnao paused for a moment.

Then he looked up at his parents and older brother.

Finally, he made up his mind and spoke, “I think that it was done by Yiling. I don’t think that there’s such a coincidence in life.”

He said it word by word. The message was clear.

At the door, he hadn't expressed such thoughts to Jian Yuncheng.

However, he had already thought about this.

As soon as Jian Yunnao's words came out, Wen Nuan felt that her heart had been stabbed by a knife.

Jian Shuxing immediately embraced his wife. However, no words of comfort could come out of his mouth.

For their children to be like this... The couple's hearts felt crushed.

Jian Yuncheng looked at Jian Yunnao and smiled, "Well... Coincidentally, I have another answer here."

As he said that, Jian Yuncheng passed a tablet to Jian Yunnao.

There were two videos that were being played on the tablet at the same time.

On the left was a video of Jian Yiling dropping off the gift that night.

On the right was a video of Mo Shiyun throwing away the gift into the bushes.

Both videos played on a loop. They were imprinted into Jian Yunnao's eyes and shocked his brain.

Jian Yunnao's eyes were wide open. He couldn't believe what he was seeing on the tablet.

"I... How..."

Jian Yunnao choked on his words. The color drained out of his face.

"Is it different from what you expected?"

"Why would she do such a thing? Why would she lie to me?!"

Within a day, he had received one shock after another.

Chapter 112: Reprimanding Jian Yunnao (2)

At first, Jian Yunnao had trusted Mo Shiyun. Then he had questioned his initial beliefs before he went back to trusting her again. However, reality had struck him hard once again.

Jian Yuncheng's tone was cold and hard, "I don't know why she lied to you. However, that's the truth. The evidence is right in front of your eyes."

As he looked at the ironclad evidence in front of him, Jian Yunnao suddenly turned around his head and abruptly got up to walk to the door.

Jian Yuncheng quickly stopped his brother.

"Brother, let me go! I'm going to go and ask her! Why would she do such a thing?!"

“Wasn’t it embarrassing enough to be fooled by her once already? Do you want to go and get fooled by her again?!”

Jian Yuncheng asked Jian Yunnao in a cold voice.

“I...” Jian Yunnao stuttered.

After quite a while, Jian Yunnao suddenly broke down and started crying.

He squatted down and buried his head between his arms. His body trembled as he gasped for breaths.

The sound of his crying made Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan incredibly worried.

Wen Nuan was about to walk forward to comfort her son. However, she got stopped by Jian Yuncheng.

It was time for him to learn a lesson. He should remember this lesson. His parents and family couldn’t always be there for him. He had to know how to make the correct judgment in certain situations.

Jian Yunnao cried for quite a while. Suddenly, Jian Yuncheng walked over to him. He lifted his brother up and made him face his parents.

“You lost your hand and went through suffering. You’ve been betrayed by your friend and you went through suffering and pain once again. However, you need to know that people die every day. Every day, there are people who also lose their hands and legs. People also get betrayed by their loved ones. You’re in pain right now, however, it’s important for you to learn how to face your pain and suffering.”

“Look at mother. Do you know how many tears she secretly shed during this period of time? Do you know how sad she has been lately? For a ‘friend,’ are you going to hurt her heart again?”

Jian Yunnao couldn’t reply. He didn’t know how to reply.

His red eyes that were filled with sorrow and grief gazed at Jian Yuncheng.

Jian Yuncheng spoke with a deep voice, “Calm down. Until the operation is confirmed, you will stay by my side. This will start from tomorrow. If you can’t play the piano in the future, you will learn how to manage a company.”

Jian Yuncheng wasn’t asking whether or not Jian Yunnao wanted to do so. He had already decided for him.

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Back at the Old Jian Residence, Jian Yiling was in her study.

She closed the chat box after she finished communicating with Cheng Yi.

Following which, Jian Yiling suddenly remembered some of the words that Jian Yunnao said during the day.

From those words, Jian Yiling figured out that Mo Shiyun had claimed the scarf and sweater was made by her. The rest of the family had assumed that the gift that she had made was Mo Shiyun’s.

However, in the original novel, Mo Shiyun hadn't done such a thing. She didn't steal nor claim someone else's work as hers.

Then why would she do such a thing this time?

The only change that she had brought about to the original novel so far was returning to the Old Jian Residence.

In the original novel, Mo Shiyun had indeed given a birthday present to Jian Yuncheng. However, the gift was handmade ceramic art. It had nothing to do with a sweater and scarf.

She didn't know why the storyline had changed.

At that moment, a message popped up from Yu Xi:

[God Ling, I'm here to talk to you. If you're unhappy about anything, feel free to rant and vent. I will stay here and listen. Treat me as a trash can for your negative feelings.]

Yu Xi hadn't said anything during the daytime. He couldn't have said anything in that situation.

It was inappropriate for an outsider like him to meddle in someone else's family business. If he tried helping, he might end up making matters become even more complicated.

[Do you want to play games?]

[No... I'm genuinely concerned about you... How can you ask that? Do you think that the only thing I think about is gaming?]

Chapter 113: Calm and Collected Duo

Although games were important to Yu Xi, God Ling's feelings were even more important!

[I'm fine.] Jian Yiling replied.

[But Master Sheng said that he wanted to take you out for a drive to relieve your boredom. He said that he also found a human sandbag for you.]

Yu Xi told Jian Yiling Master Sheng's original words. He assumed that Jian Yiling would decline. She didn't seem like the person who would want to go and bash someone up.

He felt that beating someone up was way too brutal and violent. Yiling wasn't suited for such a thing.

[Okay, let's go.]

Jian Yiling gave a quick reply. She had almost instantly agreed to Yu Xi's suggestion.

[Huh?]

Yu Xi felt that he had gotten slapped in the face. How did God Ling agree just like that? That wasn't his imagined outcome!

[Let's go.] Jian Yiling confirmed again.

Yu Xi stared at Jian Yiling's reply for a moment. Then, he turned around and looked at Zhai Yunsheng who was seated not far away from him.

Why was he wrong again? Why was Master Sheng always right?

[Okay, okay... Wait for me. I'll come over to pick you up.]

After Yu Xi replied, he turned around to speak to Zhai Yunsheng. "Master Sheng, God Ling agreed to come out."

"Mhmm," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He got up to put a coat on.

Zhai Yunsheng got ready to drive the car. Usually, Yu Xi was given the task of picking Jian Yiling up from next door.

Yu Xi touched his nose. He began to hope that Grandma Jian wouldn't find out that he was taking Yiling outside at this time.

If Grandma Jian knew that he had secretly taken Jian Yiling outside under the guise of bringing her over to play games, he would be in deep trouble.

When Yu Xi arrived at the Old Jian Residence, he explained the reason for his visit to Grandma Jian. He successfully picked Jian Yiling up.

When he returned to the Yu Residence, Zhai Yunsheng was already waiting. He stood in front of a car.

Jian Yiling hadn't seen the car for quite some time. That car had been green some time ago.

However, the color was now yellow.

"Get on," Zhai Yunsheng said. He got into the driver's seat and waited for Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling sat down on the front passenger seat.

After fastening his seat belt, Zhai Yunsheng started the car.

He stepped on the gas pedal and the car sped off.

"What?!!!"

Before Yu Xi could react, Zhai Yunsheng had already driven away with Jian Yiling.

"I haven't even gotten into my car yet!"

Yu Xi was incredibly frustrated. He rushed back to the garage to retrieve another car.

When he came out again, there was no sign of Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

"God forbid. Master Sheng, please don't speed. God forbid. Master Sheng, please don't speed!"

Yu Xi chanted the same line over and over again in his heart. He silently prayed for them.

As he drove, Yu Xi felt that his heart was beating at a rate of 120 per minute.

He felt that he would have a heart attack sooner than Zhai Yunsheng!

Although there were only a few cars on the road near the Old Jian and Yu Residence, the road was winding and rugged. There were several sharp turns that had to be made when driving there.

He was already driving very fast. However, he still couldn't see the rear of Zhai Yunsheng's car.

This made Yu Xi panic more and more.

Needless to say, Zhai Yunsheng was not suited to do things that involved too much adrenaline. His heart couldn't handle it.

Jian Yiling wasn't suited for such things either. What if she started crying because she got scared?

Yu Xi started imagining images of Jian Yiling screaming and crying in fright.

Twenty minutes later, Yu Xi finally arrived at his destination.

As soon as the car stopped, he ran out. When he saw Zhai Yunsheng's car in front of him, he stumbled towards it.

Then he saw Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling. They had been calmly sitting together in the car.

Both of them appear calm and collected.

In contrast, a normal person like Yu Xi was red-faced and gasping for breath.

"I..." Yu Xi stammered. He had a lot to say but now that he saw the two of them, he didn't know how to start.

Chapter 114: Encounter with a Boy Band

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling calmly got out of the car.

Then, together they walked to a nearby apartment.

It appeared as though the human sandbag that Zhai Yunsheng found for Jian Yiling lived there.

After Yu Xi's heart rate went back to normal, he sighed and resigned himself to fate. He followed the two of them.

He told himself: After this, the two of them better carry me to Challenger! He needed consolation for what he had just experienced.

As Jian Yiling and the others were walking towards the apartment, the entrance of a nearby hotel was crowded with a large group of people.

Everyone was holding mobile phones and cameras in their hands. Flashlights flickered vigorously.

The enthusiasm and passion of these people could be felt from a distance.

A group of well-dressed and attractive men came out of the hotel. They appeared to be celebrities. The group of them were protected by a bunch of security guards.

Jian Yiling looked over in the direction of the crowd. She stopped walking after she saw a figure.

When Yu Xi saw Jian Yiling, he also paused. He was curious about why Jian Yiling had stopped walking. He followed her gaze.

After Yu Xi took a look at the situation, he said, "Oh, it's a boy band having a fan meeting. What's the name of their group again? Off the top of my head, I can't remember it."

Yu Xi wasn't a big fan of boy groups. As a result, he didn't remember the name of the boy band. It never really crossed his mind.

Jian Yiling stared at one of the members of the boy band.

Although there was quite a bit of distance between them, Jian Yiling could still recognize one of the members. Despite the fact that his face was slightly unclear, she could still confirm that it was Jian Yumin. He was Jian Yujie's eldest brother. The son of Jian Shuhong and He Yan.

As He Yan was an actress before she had gotten married, Jian Yumin had inherited her talent in acting. He had a great voice for singing.

He wanted to develop his career in performing arts, but He Yan strongly opposed to this.

He Yan wanted her eldest son to take over the company. She wanted him to compete against Jian Yuncheng.

However, Jian Yumin insisted that he wanted to follow his dreams. He had ambitions elsewhere.

He Yan had stated that she would not support him in any way or fashion if he did enter the entertainment industry.

As a result, he signed a contract with a company. He relied on himself to get to where he was today. He didn't need any help from the Jian family nor He Yan.

Two years ago, he had participated in a talent show. After he became popular, he finally debuted as a member of a boy band.

The boy band had become very popular in the past two years. They also recently had a concert tour.

When Yu Xi noticed that Jian Yiling was staring at the boy band, he couldn't help but tease her.

"Wow, I would have not thought that God Ling was a fan of boy bands. Are you also interested in those male idols? I can see love hearts and pink sparkles appear in your eyes. Do you want to join them at the fan meet and greet? Or do you want to go and attend one of their concerts? Come on, don't be shy. Talk to me. I'll help you."

Yu Xi had no trouble with getting tickets in Hengyuan City.

When they were kids, Yu Xi had also met Jian Yumin before. However, when they grew up, they had gone separate ways. As a result, they didn't have the opportunity to see each other often.

Furthermore, Jian Yumin had also used a stage name instead of his real name after entering the entertainment industry. He had concealed his identity and background. In recent years, he didn't return home often.

As a result, this prevented Yu Xi from recognizing him. He was unable to notice that one of the members was Jian Yumin.

“No thank you.” Jian Yiling replied. She withdrew her gaze and answered Yu Xi’s question.

“There’s no need to be polite with me! Just think of it as a reward for carrying me in games!” Yu Xi replied. He assumed that Jian Yiling was embarrassed and felt bad for inconveniencing him.

“There’s no need.”

After she replied, Jian Yiling followed Zhai Yunsheng’s steps and entered the apartment.

Chapter 115: Human Sandbag (1)

“Huh?”

Yu Xi was confused. He had clearly seen God Ling stare at the boy band just now. So why didn’t she just admit it?

Yu Xi turned his head around after thinking about it for a moment. All of a sudden, he realized that Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng had already walked away. They hadn’t waited for him.

“Hey... You two... Why are you leaving me again... Do you guys have any conscience...”

Whilst he was in a daze, the two of them had just abandoned him!

They were in the neighborhood where Ji Ming’s apartment was located.

Tonight, the human sandbag that Zhai Yunsheng found for Jian Yiling was Ji Ming.

When the three of them arrived at Ji Ming’s doorstep, Zhai Yunsheng’s bodyguards were already waiting there.

When the bodyguards saw the arrival of the three of them, they immediately brute-forced the door open. Ji Ming didn’t even have time to react and put up a fight.

When he saw Zhai Yunsheng and the others come in, Ji Ming immediately smiled politely and acted courteously.

“Master Sheng, Brother Yu Xi. What’s the matter? If you need anything, you can just tell me. You don’t have to personally come over here...”

Ji Ming desperately tried to maintain the smile on his face.

A few days ago, he had to skip five thousand times. That had made his muscles sore for several days. Whenever he tried walking, he stumbled around like a mummy. He couldn’t even sit down on the toilet. His entire body was in pain.

After screaming and crying for days, he had only just begun to recover.

However, Zhai Yunsheng had returned.

All of a sudden, Ji Ming felt that today was cursed.

He had been quite peaceful in the past few days. He hadn't gone anywhere nor done anything.

He never planned to provoke Master Sheng again. He hadn't even dared to mess with Jian Yiling. He was too scared to even mention her name!

Yu Xi wanted to laugh when he saw Ji Ming's reaction. However, for humanitarian reasons, he held back his laughter.

Yu Xi told Ji Ming, "Ji Ming, the skipping last time was an apology for Master Sheng. This time, we came for an apology for Yiling. You still haven't apologized to Yiling for plotting against her last time."

Ji Ming widened his eyes. He couldn't believe what he had heard.

He thought that the matter was over after he skipped five thousand times... However, that only counted for Master Sheng's part? And now there was an extra part for Jian Yiling?

Ji Ming felt that he was going crazy.

Ji Ming had initially believed that the way that he dealt with stuff was arrogant. However, compared to Zhai Yunsheng, his actions were nothing!

At least he wouldn't go to someone else's house late at night to settle a debt from a few days ago.

However, he couldn't do anything about the situation. Zhai Yunsheng had more power and influence than him. He could only unwillingly oblige.

Against his will, Ji Ming had no choice but to apologize to Jian Yiling. He didn't want Zhai Yunsheng to cause him any more troubles. "Jian Yiling, I know I was wrong. Please forgive me for the offenses that I have done. Please forget the things that have happened."

Zhai Yunsheng turned around to look at Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was in charge of the situation. She could say whether she was satisfied with the apology or not.

Jian Yiling started to look around the room. It was as if she was looking for something.

Yu Xi was quite confused. Why was God Ling looking around the room? Did she accept Ji Ming's apology or not?

After she looked around for a while, Jian Yiling's eyes stopped on a sporting equipment locker.

She walked over and picked up a badminton racket that had been placed in the locker.

The moment she picked up the badminton racket, Yu Xi's eyes widened.

No way?

Zhai Yunsheng's lips became upturned.

Compared to the other two, Ji Ming reacted much more.

She... She... She wouldn't use that to hit him right?

When he saw Jian Yiling approach him with the racket, Ji Ming panicked.

“Jian... Jian Yiling. Let’s talk about it. I’ll apologize. Please don’t pick up something like that! You’re trying to kill me!”

Getting smacked by a badminton racket would hurt...

“Get down,” Jian Yiling said to Ji Ming.

What?

Ji Ming’s brain couldn’t process Jian Yiling’s strange command.

Chapter 116: Human Sandbag (2)

“Buttocks.” Jian Yiling said.

The buttocks were the best place to hit someone. It was fleshy and had no organs situated near it. Under normal circumstances, hitting someone there would not cause any permanent damage. It wouldn’t be dangerous for the person.

However, the amount of pain that they received would be the same.

That’s why the buttocks were the best place to spank someone.

Ji Ming widened his eyes. He couldn’t believe that a seventeen-year-old man like him was going to get spanked!

And the person who was going to spank him was holding a badminton racquet in her hand right now! She was giving him instructions with a straight face!

Ji Ming refused. He mentally and physically could not abide by her command.

He could be killed, but he would not be insulted.

She couldn’t bully him like that!

“Jian Yiling, that’s too far! I’m a man!”

Ji Ming gritted his teeth. He was angry and nervous at the same time.

Zhai Yunsheng gave his bodyguards a glance.

As soon as the bodyguards received the glance, they stepped forward. Without saying a word, they helped Ji Ming get into the ‘pose’ that Jian Yiling had requested.

Ji Ming couldn’t fight back against the two tall and sturdy bodyguards.

The only thing that he could do was turn his head sideways and look at the badminton racquet in Jian Yiling’s hands. His entire mood had spiraled downwards.

“Just one hit.” Jian Yiling said.

That sounded like good news.

Jian Yiling began to swing the racquet. She kept practicing the gesture of spanking someone.

With every swing, Ji Ming's heart sped up.

For God's sake... Couldn't Jian Yiling just get it over and done with?! Please...

After Jian Yiling practiced the gesture a few times, she suddenly changed the way that she held the racquet.

She gripped the side of the net and pointed the other end at Ji Ming.

Jian Yiling suddenly remembered that Ji Ming had troubled her twice. As a result, spanking him with the net was not enough.

As Yu Xi watched the scene unfold in front of him, he began to doubt his entire life and existence.

Yiling had such a cute appearance... However, the things that she did... Ermmm... They were a bit savage.

Ji Ming was completely dumbfounded. He couldn't help but beg for forgiveness, "Jian Yiling. Please don't do this. I was wrong. I was really wro—..."

However, the last word didn't manage to come out of his mouth.

At that moment, Jian Yiling delivered her blow.

Ji Ming was in so much pain that he couldn't cry out.

Buttocks... His buttocks...

In his entire life, he hadn't been spanked this hard... He couldn't even get up!

Even if the bodyguards weren't holding him down, he wouldn't be able to get up.

Yu Xi could feel the pain just by looking at Ji Ming's expression. His expression was twisted and warped by the pain in that blow.

He couldn't express how much it hurt...

And now, he had to suffer from more than just the aches of skipping five thousand times... More injuries had gotten inflicted on his body.

Jian Yiling walked over to the couch and sat down. Zhai Yunsheng was next to her.

With a smile on his face, Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling, "Is your hand red?"

Jian Yiling spread out her small hand to take a look. It was slightly red. However, the reason for that was because she had held the racquet too tightly just now.

Yu Xi touched his nose. He couldn't help but think that Master Sheng's focus was on the wrong thing.

Ji Ming couldn't even get up from the ground. And you're asking Yiling if her hands are red or not?

It took Ji Ming ages before he got over the initial pain.

However, he still didn't get up from the ground. He felt the pain come back to him as soon as he moved an inch.

He had no option but to talk to Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling from the ground:

"Master Sheng, I know that I did the wrong thing. I swear I won't do it again. Please forgive me!"

Ji Ming was afraid. He was really afraid that Jian Yiling would give him such a blow again.

Chapter 117: Arrangements Have Been Made

However, Ji Ming didn't have to worry about Jian Yiling doing such a thing again.

Jian Yiling had said "Just one hit."

The only reason that Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng were sitting on the sofa was that they wanted to hear Ji Ming's genuine apology.

At that moment, Yu Xi's mobile phone made a noise. He had received a message.

Yu Xi's heart skipped a beat when he saw the message on the screen.

It was a message from someone in Beijing.

Yu Xi opened the message with extreme caution.

Sure enough, Master Zhai was asking him about his progress. Master Zhai wanted to know whether he had introduced a young girl to Master Sheng.

The last few times, Yu Xi had been quite vague about his progress. He always said that he had been making arrangements and knew what to do.

However, Master Zhai was bound to be unhappy if he kept saying things like that.

When he was viewing the message, Yu Xi suddenly thought of something.

He glanced at Jian Yiling who was currently seated next to Zhai Yunsheng on the sofa. This time, he could reply to Master Zhai with a clear conscience. He replied: [Arrangements have been made.]

The Zhai family had asked him to introduce an 'innocent' young girl to Master Sheng. Yiling could be considered as one of them. However, she was a little too 'young'.

A message quickly popped up on the screen: [Does he like her?]

Yu Xi raised his head again. He took a glance at Master Sheng and Jian Yiling before replying: [It seems as though he likes her quite a bit.]

[That's good.]

It seemed as though Master Zhai was quite satisfied with Yu Xi's reply today.

Zhai Yunsheng, Jian Yiling, and Yu Xi left Ji Ming's apartment after 10 minutes.

When Ji Ming saw the door of his apartment close, he prayed that this wouldn't happen for the third time!

No. He better move back home to live with his father! He wasn't going to stay in this apartment anymore!

Staying here would only bring up traumatic memories for him!

After they left Ji Ming's apartment, Zhai Yunsheng took Jian Yiling for a drive. Then, they found a place to have a late-night snack. After that was done, he sent her home before the clock hit nine o'clock.

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On Sunday, Jian Yiling initially thought that Qin Chuan was coming over to tutor her. However, Qin Chuan had called her and asked for the day off. He said that he had something to take care of.

This was a good thing for Jian Yiling. She could finally have time to visit the institution.

Jian Yiling contacted the institution and asked them to send over a vehicle to pick her up.

Jian Yiling thought that they would have sent any regular chauffeur to pick her up. However, when she opened the door, she saw Luo Xiuen.

Originally, Cheng Yi was sent to pick her up. However, Luo Xiuen had snatched the job away from him. Now, she had the right to pick up and drop off Yiling.

Luo Xiuen waved at Jian Yiling. Her face was full of smiles, "Yiling, I'm here to pick you up~"

Luo Xiuen's smile was a little too radiant.

It was a good thing that she was a woman. Otherwise, she probably would have been taken for a creep.

"Mhmm."

Jian Yiling nodded before she tried getting onto the car.

However, she failed her first attempt.

When Luo Xiuen realized the problem, she quickly asked Jian Yiling:

"Do you need help getting up? Do you want me to hoist you up?"

The car that Luo Xiuen drove was an off-road vehicle. The vehicle was known for its high chassis. Those who weren't tall enough typically needed a small bench to help them get into the car.

She didn't usually have to worry about this problem when people at the institution hitched a ride. They were all a bunch of old men who could take care of themselves.

Jian Yiling shook her head. She refused to let Luo Xiuen hoist her up.

She took a step and grabbed onto the door frame with both hands. Then, she jumped several times before she finally managed to get herself into the car.

Luo Xiuen couldn't help but smile. She was too damn adorable. Was it legal to be this adorable even when climbing onto a car?

Chapter 118: Qin Chuan Visits the Institution

Luo Xiuen turned around and said, "Don't worry Yiling. In the future, I'll leave a small bench in my car. I'll make sure that you don't need to struggle when you get in my car! If there's no small bench available, Cheng Yi can lie on the ground and act as a bench for you!"

Jian Yiling was a little embarrassed. Her height was indeed a problem...

She had been recently eating well and focusing on doing stretches. She hoped that she could grow a bit taller...

As Luo Xiuen drove up to the entrance of the institution, she noticed that there was a man standing in the middle of the road. He was blocking her way.

However, Luo Xiuen was used to this kind of situation.

There were always individuals that refused to listen to the advice that they were given. They would come to the entrance of the institution and block them from entering. They felt as though submitting the medical information of their loved ones into the institution's website wasn't sufficient.

When it came to these actions, the institution could understand why they did such a thing. People were bound to get emotional when it came down to the lives of people they cared about.

As a result, they didn't want to treat them too harshly.

However, from a logical standpoint, their behavior achieved nothing. Their actions were not effective and only served to act as unnecessary trouble for the researchers and the institution.

Luo Xiuen parked her car and rolled down the window. She shouted at the man who was standing in her way, "Don't block the road! Let me pass. You can talk to the security guard in a bit!"

The young man turned around. It was Qin Chuan.

Qin Chuan recognized Jian Yiling immediately. She was currently seated in the front passenger seat.

The car in front of him was undoubtedly a vehicle from the institution.

Qin Chuan was quite confused. Why was Jian Yiling here?

Qin Chuan walked over to the car and asked Jian Yiling, "Jian Yiling, what are you doing here?"

This caused Luo Xiuen to turn her head and ask Jian Yiling, "Do you know this person? If you don't know him, I'll send him flying."

If he started a conversation without knowing Yiling, he would be treated as a hooligan.

"He's my tutor," Jian Yiling replied.

“Huh?” Luo Xiuen asked. She was rather confused. She pointed at Qin Chuan before she continued, “He’s your tutor? What is he tutoring you in? Sports?”

Luo Xiuen felt that Jian Yiling might have needed some tuition in sports.

However, for any other subjects, she would be tutoring the other person.

Qin Chuan looked at Luo Xiuen. He noticed that she was wearing a lab coat that had the logo of Huiling Medical Research Institution. From this, he could deduce that she was someone from the institution.

Luo Xiuen only went out today to pick up Jian Yiling. Because of this, she didn’t change into her usual clothes.

Qin Chuan didn’t have time to question why Jian Yiling was in the vehicle. As of now, he wanted to seize the opportunity to talk to Luo Xiuen:

“Could you give me some time? It’s about my mother. Please reconsider your decision regarding her case.”

When it came to matters regarding his mother, Qin Chuan was completely devoid of his usual icy arrogance.

Usually, Luo Xiuen wouldn’t have been bothered to speak to Qin Chuan. However, as she saw that the other party knew Jian Yiling, Luo Xiuen replied in a much kinder fashion. She reiterated the information that the institution provided to everyone who applied.

“Brother. Please understand that this is a medical research institution and not a hospital emergency room! If we have to take care of everyone who gets ill, we would be so damn busy! We wouldn’t even have time to do any medical research. I understand that you’re calling us heartless because we didn’t save your loved ones. However, once we develop a new drug, we can save countless people at once!”

There were bound to be some trade-offs in life. If their medical research institution focused on ordinary medical cases, the value that they would provide to society would exponentially decrease.

Qin Chuan went silent.

He understood the logic behind Luo Xiuen’s words.

However, logic and emotions were two separate things.

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Qin Chuan’s gloomy eyes looked into the car again. When he saw Luo Xiuen’s resolute attitude, he knew that there was no possibility for any further discussion.

After Qin Chuan confirmed her attitude, he took a step back.

Although Qin Chuan was puzzled about Jian Yiling’s appearance, he knew that he was only a tutor that the Jian family had paid for.

Jian Yiling had no obligation to tell him about the relationship she had with the Huiling Medical Research Institution. He knew that he had no right to ask her any questions and ask her to help him with his mother's situation.

After Luo Xiuen saw that Qin Chuan was no longer blocking her path, she stepped down on the accelerator. Once the car entered the gates of the institution, she didn't have to deal with other people anymore. It didn't matter what outsiders thought.

Once Luo Xiuen stopped the car, she got down first. She walked around to wait by the door of the passenger seat.

She was worried that Jian Yiling couldn't get out.

However, she didn't want to hurt Jian Yiling's pride either.

Due to this reason, Luo Xiuen stood by the side of the vehicle to watch Jian Yiling. If Jian Yiling experienced any difficulties, she would carry her down.

However, Jian Yiling didn't give Luo Xiuen the chance to carry her. She jumped off the car and landed firmly on the ground.

Although getting in the car was a little difficult, getting out wasn't a big problem. She could just jump down.

When Cheng Yi heard voices outside, he knew that Luo Xiuen and Jian Yiling were back. He ran to the door to greet them.

There were also several old professors that came along with him. Professor Xu had also joined him.

Originally, most of them would be holed up in their own labs. They didn't have a habit of hanging out together.

However, this morning, they had heard that Jian Yiling was coming to their institution. As a result, they stopped concentrating on their research for today. Together, they began to wait for Jian Yiling's arrival.

As soon as Jian Yiling arrived, the old professors were all incredibly excited. It was as if they had just made a huge breakthrough in their research.

When Cheng Yi saw Luo Xiuen, he withdrew the words that he was about to say.

At first, he was meant to go and pick up Jian Yiling... However, Luo Xiuen had snatched the task away from him! She had thrown him over her shoulder...

As they entered the institution, the group of old professors surrounded Jian Yiling. They kept asking her questions.

The questions mainly focused on the scientific paper that Jian Yiling had just submitted for review.

Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen had both gotten pushed aside.

The other young researchers in the institution could only watch from a distance.

Cheng Yi turned around and asked Luo Xiuen, “Sister En, there’s obviously an excess of the male gender in our institution. Now that we have a girl, shouldn’t you give us the opportunity to talk to her? Why are you fighting over her as well?”

Luo Xiuen didn’t like listening to Cheng Yi’s words. “What do you mean? I’ve always wanted a younger sister. However, my mother never gave birth to one. Every day at work, I have to face a group of old male professors. I want that to change.”

When Cheng Yi heard Luo Xiuen’s reply, he became quite curious. “Why did your mother decide not to have another child?”

“My mother said that I had already caused enough trouble. If she gave birth to another child like me, she would be worried that we’d break the roof over our heads. She didn’t want to sleep on the streets.”

“...” Ah... Luo Xiuen’s mother was smart...

It took an entire two hours for the crowd around Jian Yiling to disperse.

After the long wait, Cheng Yi brought Jian Yiling over to her office.

Every researcher in the institution had their own office.

Cheng Yi introduced the place to Jian Yiling, “This is your office. Your exclusive laboratory is currently empty. You need to fill in a list of equipment that you need. The institution will purchase and install them for you.”

Jian Yiling was very familiar with the current environment. It was no different from the institution that she had previously been in.

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Cheng Yi added, “There’s also a common office area. You will be able to communicate and discuss topics and issues over there.”

If Jian Yiling wanted her alone time for thinking, she could stay in her own office and lab.

However, if she wanted to communicate with someone else, she could go and work in the common office area.

When Jian Yiling arrived in the common office area, her desk had already been set up. Her desk was on the right-hand side of Luo Xiuen. It was also seated opposite Cheng Yi.

The desk was clean and tidy. A new computer had been set up. There were also two rows of miniature plushies and anime figurines that had been placed on the desk.

The plushies were placed there by Luo Xiuen.

The anime figurines were from Cheng Yi.

However, Jian Yiling didn’t really care for these cute gifts. Although it was quite nice, she didn’t really like such cute things.

However, it appeared as though she couldn't escape from the fate of cute and pink stationery, equipment, and decorations. Whether it was her room at the Old Jian Residence or her school bag, they were all pink and cute. And now, her desk even had cute decorations!

As Jian Yiling examined her desk, she noticed that Luo Xiuen's desk had Jupiter merchandise. Jupiter was a popular boy band.

On the other hand, Cheng Yi had a lot of anime figurines on his desk. He had specifically selected cute figurines for Jian Yiling's desk. However, the ones on his desk had more distinct features. Quite a few had pearly white skin and long and slim legs.

Jian Yiling sat down on her seat and turned her computer on. She wanted to start working.

Although it was rather exciting to have a new girl join them at their institution, the rest of the researchers knew that they were still in their working hours. The other researchers also quickly entered their state of work.

Jian Yiling opened the system that held applications for their institution.

After she became an official member of the institution, she had the authority to check for information associated with an application.

Inside the system, she saw Qin Chuan's mother's application and other medical records.

In the original novel, Qin Chuan's mother had suffered from a rare blood disease. She had been hospitalized for a long period of time. As a result, Qin Chuan had to work incredibly hard to earn the money that was spent on her hospital bills.

However, his mother did not manage to live to see the day where he succeeded in his career.

This incident had caused a profound impact on Qin Chuan. Later, it caused him to harbor a grudge against his father.

When Jian Yiling looked at Qin Chuan's mother's medical records, she noticed that the person of contact had transferred the records to Cheng Yi's email address. This was done half a month ago. Cheng Yi hadn't rejected the case.

As Jian Yiling scrolled through the medical records, Luo Xiuen leaned over and asked, "Was that man at the door really your tutor? Does he teach sports?"

"Not sports."

"Wow, that's unbelievable." Luo Xiuen commented. "By the way, what was that man's name. Let's look at the medical records that he submitted!"

"Qin Chuan."

"Wait, why does that name sound so familiar? Cheng Yi, is that a case from your side?" Luo Xiuen asked. She had quite a good memory.

Cheng Yi stood up and replied, "Yeah, it's one of my cases. I'm holding onto it."

“Holding onto it? Does that mean you want to take it on?” Luo Xiuen asked.

Usually, applications that didn't add any value would be straight up rejected. However, as they had retained the application, there was the possibility of taking it on.

Cheng Yi replied, “Yeah. I want to take this case. I'm very interested in that particular blood disorder. I feel like the study of this case will help me achieve a major breakthrough in my research. However, I have another case on my hands right now. I have to finish this case first. When I'm finished, I'll take on that other case.”