

Sidekick 1361

Chapter 1361: Zhai Zhongshen's Ploys (2)

As she walked through the sea of flowers towards Zhai Zhongshen, Long Yuetian went into a momentary trance.

There was an illusion that she was here on a date.

There was beautiful scenery and an extraordinarily handsome man...

Long Yuetian sat down opposite Zhai Zhongshen. Surprisingly, there was a soft smile on his face today.

"Second Master of the Zhai family, the Long Heng Group feels honored to have the opportunity to cooperate with your Tianxing Group."

Although she felt rather nervous, on the surface, Long Yuetian still appeared confident and assertive.

"Mhmm," Zhai Zhongshen responded rather coldly.

Then, they began to discuss matters on the project. During their discussion, Zhai Zhongshen had a serious expression on his face. He didn't appear to be distracted by anything and his aura was domineering and majestic.

During this conversation, Long Yuetian began to look down on herself. Zhai Zhongshen was obviously here to discuss business matters. So why was she thinking about other unnecessary and impossible things?

She needed to remove her previous thoughts from her brain!

After reprimanding herself internally, Long Yuetian also turned on her business mode to continue the discussion with Zhai Zhongshen.

After chatting for a while, Long Yuetian felt more relaxed. She summoned her courage and decided to ask: "Second Master of the Zhai family if you don't mind me asking... Why haven't you married anyone yet?"

Originally, Long Yuetian did not plan to ask this. After all, this was someone else's private matter. However, as this question always popped up in her mind, she couldn't help but ask.

Zhai Zhongshen's gaze immediately sank. He did not answer the question right away.

Long Yuetian quickly realized she might have asked a question she shouldn't have asked. And thus, she hurriedly said: "Let's not talk about it then. Let's continue discussing business matters."

However, Zhai Zhongshen replied: "After my brother passed away, I just wanted to look after A Sheng. I didn't want to think about other things."

Zhai Zhongshen felt guilt toward his brother and Zhai Yunsheng.

Initially, he thought he was the reason why his brother died. This meant he caused his nephew to become an orphan.

And now, despite realizing that he was not involved in his brother's death, he still could not completely let go of that guilt.

After all, if he was stronger at that time, he would be able to protect his brother. If he was stronger, he could have saved his brother's life.

Therefore, Zhai Zhongshen prioritized Zhai Yunsheng's matters over his own.

"You can rest assured now. Master Sheng is much healthier and with Yiling taking care of him, you don't have to worry at all," Long Yuetian said.

"Yiling is the Zhai family's lucky blessing," Zhai Zhongshen slowly said.

Because of her appearance, Zhai Yunsheng developed the desire to live.

It was also because of her appearance that Zhai Yunsheng's condition took a turn for the better.

The peace and joy of the Zhai family today were entirely due to Jian Yiling.

Long Yuetian knew that the Zhai family truly loved Jian Yiling.

Because of their adoration of her, they even treated her friends with extra care and attention.

"In addition to this deal we discussed today, I have another deal to offer. Would you be interested in it?" Zhai Zhongshen asked.

"Of course! I'd be honored to work with the Tianxing Group again. What kind of project is it?" Long Yuetian happily said.

"Marry me," Zhai Zhongshen replied.

"What did you say?" Long Yuetian stuttered. She suspected she was hallucinating and going crazy.

Yes, she was definitely going crazy!

"Marrying me will be beneficial to both Tianxing Group and Long Heng Group. It will also save us from the trouble of our parents urging us to get married."

The Second Master of the Zhai family said this with no expression on his face. His expression was the exact same as when he was discussing business with someone else. No personal feelings seemed to be mixed into his words.

Despite hearing this explanation, Long Yuetian was still a little confused. She understood why this was being proposed.

Chapter 1362: Zhai Zhongshen's Ploys (3)

But the problem was...

Long Yuetian did not know what to say. Her brain was buzzing and short-circuiting.

"I... I'd like to take some time to think about it," Long Yuetian managed to say.

"Of course," Zhai Zhongshen replied. His face was as calm as ever and it made it seem like he was really discussing a business deal with someone else.

"Then, that's it for today. I will contact you some other time," Long Yuetian replied as she fled from the restaurant.

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Not long after Long Yuetian left, Zhai Zhongshen also left the Hanging Gardens Restaurant.

Zhai Zhongshen's assistant felt that his master's actions today were very strange.

First of all, the Second Master of the Zhai family did not have to personally discuss this project with the Long Heng Group. He could have easily delegated this task to someone else.

Secondly, even if Long Yuetian was good friends with his niece-in-law, he did not need to help someone else's business out like this.

On top of this, the location for the meeting was very strange. The Second Master of the Zhai family never liked fancy places. Hence, this romantic location did not fit his usual style.

And even if this was his niece-in-law's restaurant, the restaurant was always fully booked. There was no need for him to book out the entire place.

And why did he suggest marriage to CEO Long?

No matter how he looked at it, this wasn't Zhai Zhongshen's usual style of doing things.

Naturally, Zhai Zhongshen's assistant did not dare to voice his thoughts. He didn't want to die at a young age.

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"Uncle Zhai hugged Yuetian?" Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng in doubt.

"Mhmm, he hugged her when she was young."

"How do you know about this?"

Zhai Yunsheng probably wasn't even born when Long Yuetian was still a child.

"There's pictures in his study."

Other than Zhai Yunsheng, no one else was allowed to enter Zhai Zhongshen's study.

"I want to see," Jian Yiling said. Her eyes were filled with curiosity.

"Come with me," Zhai Yunsheng said as he led Jian Yiling to his uncle's study.

Then, he opened the study room with a spare key.

Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng were not afraid of being caught by Zhai Zhongshen. Even if they were caught, they would not be punished by him.

Zhai Yunsheng took out the photo and showed it to Jian Yiling.

In the photo, Zhai Zhongshen seemed to be roughly eighteen years old. Unlike nowadays, his facial expression in the photo wasn't indifferent and cold. Rather, back then, it resembled Zhai Yunsheng's typical untamed and unruly expression.

There was a little girl held in Zhai Zhongshen's arms. The girl in the photo seemed to be roughly seven years old and she was dressed in a long skirt and her hair was in braids.

She did not resemble Long Yuetian in any way, shape, or form.

"Is she really Long Yuetian?" Jian Yiling asked.

"Yeah, she is. I only recently found out about this."

Because of Jian Yiling, Zhai Yunsheng got to know Long Yuetian better. By pure coincidence, some time ago, he saw a photo of Long Yuetian as a child. When he saw the picture, he immediately realized it looked exactly like the little girl in the picture he had seen inside his uncle's study.

"But Yuetian said she was raised as a boy."

"Although she was raised as a boy, her mother liked to dress her up when she went out to parties," Zhai Yunsheng explained.

"Does Uncle Zhai know about this?" Jian Yiling questioned.

"I'm not sure. This depends on whether he wants to investigate or not."

After all, if Zhai Zhongshen wanted to know about something, he would definitely be able to find out.

Chapter 1363: Zhai Zhongshen's Ploy (4)

As soon as Long Yuetian got home, she headed straight for her bedroom and dived headfirst into her blankets.

She wanted to reset her brain through sleep.

However, she couldn't sleep at all.

Her entire brain was filled with the Second Master of the Zhai family.

Why was this happening? Was she actually going crazy?

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From the time they met on the blind date to now, they had only known each other for a month or so.

On top of that, they only met each other two or three times this month.

So why did he suggest marriage?

Long Yuetian felt incredibly conflicted. Normally, she would immediately say no. However, for some reason, she didn't want this time.

This feeling made Long Yuetian incredibly annoyed.

Long Yuetian scolded herself: "Long Yuetian, why are you like this? You're only interested in his body!"

Despite yelling at herself, she couldn't get Zhai Zhongshen out of her mind.

And thus, Long Yuetian could only turn to Jian Yiling. She sent a message:

[Darling, someone proposed to me. What should I do?]

Jian Yiling: [Proposed?]

Long Yuetian: [Yes, a marriage proposal.]

Jian Yiling: [When did you begin dating someone?]

Long Yuetian: [I'm not dating anyone.]

Jian Yiling: [?]

Long Yuetian: [Someone proposed this deal to me. He analyzed the benefits of our marriage from various perspectives. His analysis makes quite a bit of sense.]

Jian Yiling: [Marriage should not be a business deal.]

Long Yuetian: [I know that. Even though I don't know this person well, I still think he's a good person.]

Jian Yiling: [Then, be in a relationship with him first. If you fall in love with him, then get married. Take a step at a time. When you're doing business with someone, you have to pay a deposit and also conduct background checks.]

Upon reading Jian Yiling's message, Long Yuetian's mind suddenly became clear: [Right! If he proposes marriage, I can make a counter-proposal of trying to get along first. There's always a trial period. It's like sampling in business!]

Long Yuetian sat up on her bed.

Then, she found Zhai Zhongshen's contact information.

As they hadn't sent any messages to each other yet, their chat record was entirely blank.

[Second Master of the Zhai family, I considered the deal you proposed. Before thinking about marriage, I believe we should try to get along first. Even if our marriage is a mutually beneficial deal, we need to be on the same page. There are many potential risks. And thus, we should have a trial period before making further decisions.]

After sending the message, Long Yuetian stared at her phone apprehensively.

Although she was anxiously waiting for his reply, she was simultaneously scared to read his reply.

After a while, Long Yuetian's phone vibrated.

Zhai Zhongshen sent one word as a response.

[Okay.]

Simple as always.

When she read the message, Long Yuetian froze for a while.

What does this mean?

What was their relationship?

Were they meant to go on dates?

Were they meant to have dinner and watch movies together?

Hundreds of questions flooded Long Yuetian's mind. Once again, she flopped onto her bed.

Ahhh... Why did she put herself in such a situation? She could have a harem of beautiful and handsome men.

Why did she give up all of that for a cold and handsome middle-aged man?

Long Yuetian let out a wail of helplessness.

Chapter 1364: Zhai Zhongshen's Rival (1)

Jian Yiling invited Long Yuetian to come to the Zhai Residence for food.

As Jian Yiling no longer had to go to work, she spent most of her time trying out new recipes.

Naturally, she did not want to waste any food. And thus, she invited her friends to come to try out the food.

On a normal day, Long Yuetian would be delighted to receive such an invitation. However, because of her deal with Zhai Zhongshen, for some strange reason, she was scared to visit the Zhai Residence.

However, Long Yuetian was never someone to admit her own weaknesses. Therefore, she summoned up all her courage and went to the Zhai Residence.

Thankfully, she did not see Zhai Zhongshen at the Zhai Residence.

Despite her relief, she felt somewhat sad that he was not here.

However, Long Yuetian was not brave enough to ask Jian Yiling where her uncle was. Long Yuetian knew that Zhai Zhongshen was a busy person. Hence, it was completely understandable for him to not be at home during this time of the day.

In addition to Long Yuetian, Jian Yiling also invited Cheng Yi today. He was on a business trip to Beijing.

It had been ages since Jian Yiling last saw Cheng Yi.

In the past three years, Cheng Yi did not change much. His appearance was still clean and gentle.

He continued to wear a pair of gold-rimmed glasses and he gave off the vibe of a well-educated individual.

The moment he saw Long Yuetian, Cheng Yi's eyes lit up.

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He continued to stare at her for a while.

Long Yuetian felt a little displeased when she noticed Cheng Yi staring at her.

However, as this person was Jian Yiling's friend, she decided not to say anything.

Everyone from the Huiling Medical Research Institution knew that Cheng Yi loved beautiful, fair-skinned women with long legs.

His entire work desk was covered with those figurines.

And Long Yuetian looked exactly like those figurines.

She was so beautiful! His dream wife looked exactly like her!

The always talkative Cheng Yi suddenly became quiet after he saw Long Yuetian.

He did not take the initiative to speak to Long Yuetian. Instead, he went into the kitchen to look for Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling was standing inside the kitchen beside the servants. Due to everyone else's requests, everything involving oil and grease was given to the servants of the Zhai family to do.

Currently, Jian Yiling was fiddling around with plating.

Cheng Yi asked Jian Yiling excitedly: "Yiling, who is that beauty sitting inside your living room?"

"Pretty lady boss," Jian Yiling replied.

"She's the one who has the memo name Pretty Lady Boss in your contacts?"

"Mhmm."

"So... Is she married?"

"Nope."

"Does she have a boyfriend?"

"Not yet."

"What type of men... Does she like?"

"I don't know."

After thinking for a while, Cheng Yi put both his hands on Jian Yiling's arm and sincerely said: "Yiling, could you help me find out what type of men she is interested in?"

Before Jian Yiling got a chance to reply, Luo Xiuen poured a bowl of cold water on Cheng Yi's hopes: "Are you sure Yiling knows how to do that indirectly?"

"Ummm..." That was indeed true.

Cheng Yi turned to look at Luo Xiuen: "Sister En... Could you do me a favor? We've known each other for quite a while..."

"Of course I'd like to help you but I'm not familiar with Miss Long."

Cheng Yi frowned when he heard this.

Sensing her friend's disappointment, Luo Xiuen patted his shoulder: "Okay, okay, since we've been friends for so many years, I will try and help you. It's the first time I've seen you be interested in a non-two-dimensional or fictional world woman."

"Thank you so much Sister En! You're the best!"

Then, Luo Xiuen went into the living room.

Long Yuetian was sipping the flower tea that Jian Yiling had prepared for her.

"Miss Long," Luo Xiuen greeted as she walked up to Long Yuetian.

"Hello."

"There's something I want to ask you."

"Go ahead."

As both of them had a similar personalities, neither of them liked to beat around the bush.

Chapter 1365: Zhai Zhongshen's Rival (2)

"What kind of man do you like?"

Upon hearing this question, Long Yuetian froze for a moment. She wondered who Luo Xiuen was asking this question for.

"I like..." Long Yuetian started as Zhai Zhongshen's handsome face appeared in her mind.

Someone who is cold, imposing, and meticulous.

Long Yuetian quickly dismissed these distracting thoughts and replied: "I don't have a particular type I like. However, the person must be decent and honorable."

"Then do you mind if he is younger than you?"

Based on age, Cheng Yi was two years younger than Long Yuetian.

"Nope, I don't really mind."

Originally, Long Yuetian planned to tell Luo Xiuen that she did not plan to get married.

However, when she thought of Zhai Zhongshen, she immediately swallowed her words.

Upon hearing these answers, Luo Xiuen was quite happy. Cheng Yi had a chance with Long Yuetian!

Then, Luo Xiuen continued to ask Long Yuetian about her preferences in life.

For example, whether she liked spicy food, whether she liked sport, and whether she preferred her sticky dumplings savory or sweet.

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After a while, Luo Xiuen returned to the kitchen and told Cheng Yi the good news she had.

Cheng Yi was delighted to hear this. Before he rushed to chat with Long Yuetian, he asked Luo Xiuen:

“Sister En, am I dressed well?”

“Bro, I’m not your mother or something,” Luo Xiuen replied in disgust.

Despite saying this, Luo Xiuen acted the same way in front of her husband. She would always be nervous and jumpy.

When Cheng Yi walked into the living room, Long Yuetian was still seated there. She was glancing at her phone from time to time.

After stating her counter-proposal last night, nothing had changed so far... This made her quite nervous.

The feeling was quite strange...

She didn’t know what she was expecting.

“Hello Miss Long, my name is Cheng Yi. I’m Yiling’s former colleague.”

“Yiling mentioned you to me before,” Long Yuetian replied politely.

When Long Yuetian got to know Jian Yiling, she was still a member of the Huiling Medical Research Institution.

“Really? What did Yiling say about me?” Cheng Yi inquired somewhat nervously.

“She said that you’re a very talented individual and you have a good temper.”

Upon hearing this, Cheng Yi quietly thanked Jian Yiling in his heart.

Yiling was the best!

When it was dinnertime, Zhai Zhongshen returned to the Zhai Residence.

As soon as Long Yuetian saw Zhai Zhongshen, she was at a loss for what to do.

But it was only natural for the Second Master of the Zhai family to return home for dinner. Why was she being such a wimp? If she continued to do this, her entire personality would undergo a complete change!

After he entered the living room, Zhai Zhongshen sat down in the seat opposite Long Yuetian.

He did not behave any differently.

It was as if the marriage proposal didn't even happen yesterday.

After sensing this, Long Yuetian felt a little annoyed. Even though they were both dealing with this, it seemed like she was the only one who was concerned.

Was this really a business deal or transaction to him?

If so, why was she thinking about other things?

Cheng Yi also noticed the appearance of Zhai Zhongshen. As his aura was way too powerful, it was almost impossible to not notice him.

In his time, Cheng Yi also heard several rumors about the Second Master of the Zhai family.

Apparently, everyone was scared of going against his Tianxing Group in the corporate world.

Cheng Yi did not think much about this. Instead, he continued to chat with Long Yuetian.

He mentioned the current projects he was working on to Long Yuetian. She seemed quite interested in his work.

Although Luo Xiuen often referred to Cheng Yi as "educated scum," she still had to admit he was rather talented and knowledgeable. In addition, he was fun and nice to chat with.

Chapter 1366: Zhai Zhongshen's Rival (3)

Long Yuetian also intentionally put her attention into the conversation with Cheng Yi. She wanted to use the conversation to reduce Zhai Zhongshen's influence as she wanted to ignore his presence as much as possible.

"So you like rock climbing as well?" Cheng Yi asked. He realized he had a common hobby with Long Yuetian.

"Mhmm, on average, I go once a month."

"Really? I've just visited the rock climbing base over at Huarong Mountain last month."

"I've been there as well. The difficulty of that climb is quite high. Did you manage to climb to the top?"

"It took a few tries to get there."

"I only managed to succeed in my second attempt as well."

Long Yuetian and Cheng Yi continued their conversation happily.

Somewhere during the conversation, Cheng Yi invited Long Yuetian to go rock climbing on the weekend.

Long Yuetian agreed to go because she was planning to go there this weekend anyways. She didn't mind someone else tagging along.

At this moment, Jian Yiling and Luo Xiuen walked out of the kitchen.

“Uncle Zhai,” Jian Yiling greeted Zhai Zhongshen.

“Hello,” Zhai Zhongshen replied. His voice was deep and imposing as always.

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When Long Yuetian heard Zhai Zhongshen’s voice, the thoughts inside her head began to become muddled again.

Long Yuetian turned her head to ask Luo Xiuen and Jian Yiling: “We’re going rock climbing this weekend, do you want to come with us?”

“If I wasn’t pregnant, I’d definitely join you guys. However, Yiling and I have a bunch of people watching us at the moment. They definitely wouldn’t allow us to go rock climbing. At most, we can only watch on the sidelines.”

And even if she wasn’t pregnant, she didn’t plan to intrude on her friend’s date.

“Ahh true, how did I forget about that,” Long Yuetian laughed.

As Zhai Yunsheng entered the room, he also heard the conversation between Long Yuetian and Luo Xiuen.

“Even if Yiling can’t partake in the rock climbing, it wouldn’t be a bad idea to have a change in scenery. In addition, my uncle knows how to rock climb. We can all go together.”

“Ahh, that wouldn’t do. Your uncle is a very busy man. He wouldn’t have the time to go rock climbing with us,” Long Yuetian replied.

Upon hearing her words, Zhai Zhongshen said: “I’m free this weekend.”

Long Yuetian’s words were immediately proved wrong.

“Well, since everyone is free, let’s go rock climbing together this weekend. I will decide on a location and invite some other people from the Jian family,” Zhai Yunsheng continued. In order to bring Jian Yiling along, Zhai Yunsheng knew he had to invite a few of the Jian brothers.

Now that Jian Yiling stayed at home, the Jian brother’s visits came in shifts. Jian Yuncheng allocated everyone a shift according to their availability and every day, there were at least two of them accompanying Jian Yiling. Zhai Yunsheng couldn’t get rid of them even if he wanted to.

“Sounds like a good idea,” Jian Yiheng commented. He just finished exercising. He was interested in anything related to fitness.

Jian Yumin also expressed his approval: “Sounds good. I will bring my wife along. I’ll participate in rock climbing whilst my wife watches. That’s not a problem right?”

“Not... A problem...” Luo Xiuen replied slowly as she looked sympathetically at Cheng Yi.

Brother Cheng Yi... I’m sorry about this. I can’t help you out here.

Cheng Yi thought to himself: Ahhh why did Zhai Yunsheng have to ruin his plans?

After thinking about it a bit further, Cheng Yi realized that even though there were going to be more people present, he still had a chance to get along with Miss Long.

Before eating, Long Yuetian got up to go to the bathroom.

Just as she was about to enter the bathroom, a tall figure suddenly appeared and blocked her way.

When she looked up, she saw Zhai Zhongshen.

Long Yuetian took a step back as Zhai Zhongshen stood still and looked at her.

"Is there something wrong?" Long Yuetian asked whilst looking elsewhere. For some reason, she did not dare to look directly into his eyes.

Chapter 1367: Zhai Zhongshen's Rival (4)

"Nothing," Zhai Zhongshen replied. Despite saying this, he stayed in place and did not give way to Long Yuetian.

"Then shouldn't you..." Long Yuetian started. She didn't know what to say.

"Are you not used to it?" Zhai Zhongshen asked.

Long Yuetian took a deep breath and replied: "Second Master of the Zhai family, I need a little time to get used to things. Please don't get so close to me right now."

"Okay," Zhai Zhongshen answered as he took two steps backward.

Long Yuetian quickly stepped past him and rushed back to the living room.

After dinner, Long Yuetian chatted and played games with Jian Yiling and Luo Xiuen for a while.

Then, when it was time to go home, Master Zhai once again asked his son to send Long Yuetian off.

Naturally, he knew that Long Yuetian once again drove herself here today.

"Master Zhai, there's no need for this. I drove here," Long Yuetian explained with a smile.

"But the chocolate you just ate is alcoholic. You will be fined by the police if you drive," Master Zhai explained with a smile.

Long Yuetian: ",,,"

Just now, Master Zhai brought in a large box of chocolates for everyone to taste. He said he ordered it from an expert chocolatier.

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As Master Zhai asked them to try the chocolates out, Long Yueitan did not want to say no. After all, she wanted to show her appreciation and respect.

And yet...

To create one on one opportunities with a potential date for his son, Master Zhai was willing to do anything.

“Master Zhai, I can help Miss Long to drive her and her car back home,” Cheng Yi offered.

Upon hearing this, Master Zhai thought to himself, where did this brat come from?

Didn't he know he was trying to get his son married off?

What was he trying to do?!

Jian Yumin asked: “Cheng Yi, didn't you try out a piece of chocolate just now as well?”

“I...” Cheng Yi started before he froze. “I only ate one piece so I should be fine right? That amount of alcohol shouldn't reach the standard of drunk driving, right?”

Master Zhai quickly answered: “It's hard to say. The alcohol in the chocolates were made of high-concentration brandy. Therefore, for safety reasons, it's best to not drive after consuming it.”

After hearing this, Cheng Yi had no choice but to stay quiet.

“Apart from Yiling and Xiuen, who among us didn't eat the chocolate just now?”

“I'll send her home,” Zhai Zhongshen offered.

He was the only one who didn't eat the chocolates.

Master Zhai smiled happily and declared: “Leave it to Zhongshen then.”

As no one else objected, Cheng Yi deeply regretted eating that one piece of chocolate.

After reaching the final consensus, Long Yuetian could only follow Zhai Zhongshen to the car.

After the guests left one after another, Zhai Yunsheng said to Master Zhai: “Grandpa, you really put a lot of thought into this. You actually prepared a box of alcoholic chocolates to create opportunities for my uncle.”

“Wait, but I didn't prepare this box of chocolates. Didn't you order them? When I came downstairs just now, the maid said you ordered these chocolates for me. As I don't like chocolates that much, I decided to share them with everyone else.”

If these chocolates weren't prepared by Zhai Yunsheng, why did the maid say it was ordered by his grandson?

Not prepared by his grandpa?

Zhai Yunsheng narrowed his eyes and came to a realization.

A smile immediately appeared on his lips afterward.

Chapter 1368: Do You Like Younger Guys?

And thus, Zhai Zhongshen ended up driving Long Yuetian home.

This time around, Long Yuetian felt even more nervous.

“Do you feel unwell?” Zhai Zhongshen asked.

“No, I’m alright,” Long Yuetian replied. She wasn’t unwell. Rather, she just felt uncomfortable sitting in his passenger seat.

“Do you like younger guys?” Zhai Zhongshen asked. His voice was smooth and no emotion could be heard.

“What? When did I say that?” Long Yuetian questioned. In her mind, she hadn’t laid her hands on someone younger than herself for many years.

Zhai Zhongshen did not reply. He seemed focused on driving.

Long Yuetian did not understand the intention behind Zhai Zhongshen’s question.

As she glanced at his face, somehow, she managed to become even more nervous than before.

Unlike last time, Zhai Zhongshen planned to send Long Yuetian into her apartment.

“You... Don’t need to do this.”

“Are you not used to it?” the Second Master of the Zhai family asked.

“Yeah, I’m not used to it,” Long Yuetian replied.

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“Well, you should get used to it.”

That was indeed true. After all, Long Yuetian was potentially entering a marriage of convenience with Zhai Zhongshen. This meant they would constantly be hanging out together in the future.

“I... I will try to get used to it,” Long Yuetian answered. She pushed down the uneasiness and discomfort in her heart and invited him into her apartment.

“Are you not going to invite me to take a seat?”

Since he was here already, it was impolite to directly tell them to leave.

Long Yuetian stiffened as she invited the Second Master of the Zhai family to take a seat. Then, she poured a cup of tea for Zhai Zhongshen.

“Since you have to drive home, I won’t pour you a glass of wine.”

“Mhmm,” Zhai Zhongshen replied as he sipped the cup of tea.

Time passed by minute by minute.

Long Yuetian was incredibly anxious. For some reason, she felt like he was drinking the tea very slowly.

Why was he not leaving? Did he want something else from her?

Certain images ran through Long Yuetian’s mind.

If he wanted to do those things with her, should she resist or comply?

Could she even resist?

As she kept fighting her own thoughts, Zhai Zhongshen suddenly stood up.

Then, he walked out of the apartment.

Upon seeing this, Long Yuetian let out a big sigh of relief. At the same time, for some reason, she felt somewhat disappointed.

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On the weekend, everyone set out to go rock climbing.

This rock climbing site was suited for experienced rock climbers.

The rock climbing site was located near beautiful scenery. There was a waterfall nearby and several flower fields.

Tents could be pitched up next to the flower fields.

Long Yuetian, Cheng Yi, and Jian Yiheng were the first group to begin climbing.

Jian Yiheng easily took the lead. He managed to climb to the top when the others were only halfway up.

Although Cheng Yi also liked rock climbing, he was far weaker than Jian Yiheng in terms of physical strength.

Long Yuetian's rock climbing abilities were on par with Cheng Yi's.

Zhai Zhongshen was seated in a rattan chair beside the tents. His eyes were fixated on the group who were rock climbing.

Initially, everyone assumed he would also climb today. However, it seemed like he was only interested in watching the action from below.

After a round of climbing, Long Yuetian was sweating profusely. When she returned to the tents, Jian Yiling handed her a towel.

"Thanks darling," Long Yuetian said.

After Long Yuetian wiped her sweat, Jian Yiling handed her a slice of freshly cut fruit.

"I love you so much," Long Yuetian exclaimed as she kissed Jian Yiling on the cheek. After all, Zhai Yunsheng was not here to stop her.

Chapter 1369: Gotten Used To

As always, Jian Yiling was the sweetest and cutest person she knew.

Whenever she looked at Jian Yiling's adorable face, Long Yuetian always had the temptation to kiss her.

If she was a man, she would have fought against Zhai Yunsheng for Jian Yiling's love.

When Cheng Yi returned from his climb, he smiled at Long Yuetian and commented: "Miss Long is quite good at climbing."

Long Yuetian also politely complimented Cheng Yi: "You're not bad either. Also, please don't call me Miss Long. You can call me Yuetian or Sister Yue."

"Awesome. I will call you Yuetian from now on," Cheng Yi replied. Then he asked: "Would you like to try out the more difficult climbing routes later on?"

"I'm up for the challenge."

"Let's take a break first and head over there later."

As Cheng Yi and Long Yuetian chatted, they both had bright smiles on their faces. The two of them seemed to get along quite well.

Luo Xiuen whispered to Jian Yiling: "Even though I've known Cheng Yi for so many years, this is the first time I've seen him be interested in a non-two-dimensional woman. Since we've been colleagues with him for so long, shouldn't we help him out?"

"How do we help him?" Jian Yiling asked. She did not know what to do.

She wasn't even sure how she ended up in her own relationship.

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"Umm..." Luo Xiuen started before she trailed off in thought. She had no idea what to do either.

After all, Luo Xiuen was no better than Jian Yiling. In fact, she probably knew less than Jian Yiling when it came to romantic things.

After staring at each other for a while, Luo Xiuen decided to give up. She said to Jian Yiling: "Forget it, let's just silently cheer Cheng Yi on."

If they couldn't do anything to help him, they would only be able to provide him moral support.

Just when Long Yuetian and Cheng Yi were about to head out, Cheng Yi's phone suddenly rang. The Huiling Medical Research Institution contacted him about an emergency situation. This meant he had to go back to deal with it immediately.

Although Cheng Yi did not want to leave, he still had a clear sense of priorities.

And thus, he hurriedly and apologetically said goodbye to Long Yuetian before he rushed back to the Huiling Medical Research Institution in Hengyuan City.

Once Cheng Yi left, Long Yuetian was no longer in a hurry to try out the more difficult rocking climbing route.

She sat down next to Jian Yiling and watched her prepare food.

Out of the corner of her eye, she also glanced at Zhai Zhongshen. He appeared to be talking to someone on the phone. One of his subordinates was also holding a laptop for him to read. He was probably busy with work as always.

Even if he was out with his family, his mind still seemed to be focused on work. Apparently, he lived this life for decades and never gave himself a vacation.

And he did all of this because of the Zhai family. As Long Yuetian thought about this, some strange feelings appeared in her heart.

After eating a few more things, Long Yuetian planned to continue rock climbing.

Before she left, she suddenly received a message from Zhai Zhongshen.

[Let's have a chat.]

As soon as she read this message, Long Yuetian cautiously looked around.

She had to make sure that Jian Yiling and the others were busy with their own things.

Then, Long Yuetian walked over to the nearby reeds.

Zhai Zhongshen was already there waiting for her.

"What's the matter?" Long Yuetian asked.

"Have you gotten used to it?" Zhai Zhongshen questioned. His eyes were hawk-like as he looked at her.

"Gotten used to?" Long Yuetian replied with confusion. She did not know what he meant by those words.

"Spending time with me."

"I... Not so fast... We..."

"Do you need me to do anything else?" Zhai Zhongshen continued.

This question made Long Yuetian even more confused. What did he plan to do? What else was he expecting her to ask?

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Somehow, his questions always managed to confuse her.

"How about we just forget about our deal?" Long Yuetian asked. All of a sudden, she wanted to back out.

"Miss Long plans to go back on her word?"

"N-no..."

Trust was necessary for business cooperation. Long Yuetian was aware of this after being the CEO of the Long Heng Group for so many years.

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"I guess it's okay," Long Yuetian compromised. "However, I have a request."

"What's your request?"

"Can you not tell Yiling and the others about our relationship for now?"

"Reason?"

"It's a bit embarrassing," Long Yuetian replied.

"Afraid of affecting your chances with other guys?"

"Other guys? What do you mean by that?"

"That young researcher is interested in you."

"You mean Cheng Yi?" Long Yuetian laughed. "That's definitely not the case. We're just friends with common interests."

"I respect your decision," Zhai Zhongshen replied.

Then, he extended his hand and said: "Try it."

He was asking Long Yuetian to hold his hand.

Long Yuetian froze again when she saw this gesture. She was clearly at a loss for words.

His hand was large and he had long fingers.

As she looked at his hand, Long Yuetian recalled what happened a few days ago when Zhai Zhongshen ripped a steel rod from someone's hand.

His hands were very strong.

Something compelled her to reach out for his hand.

When their hands touched, Long Yuetian felt tense from head to toe.

All of her attention was focused on her hand.

Long Yuetian was lost in thought when suddenly, a strange sound could be heard in the reeds behind her.

Jian Yumin fell ungracefully out of the reeds.

As he stumbled, he could not stand up quickly.

Jian Yumin awkwardly looked up at Long Yuetian and Zhai Zhongshen.

However, Long Yuetian was even more embarrassed than Jian Yumin.

She hurriedly pulled her hand away.

Jian Yumin smiled awkwardly and stuttered out: "You guys continue... We... We didn't see anything!"

“We?”

There was more than one person?!

Three more people popped out from behind the reeds.

It was Jian Yiling, Zhai Yunsheng, and Luo Xiuen.

As there were four people, it made it four times more awkward.

Two minutes after Long Yuetian left, Jian Yiling suddenly recalled something she wanted to ask her.

And thus, the other three people accompanied Jian Yiling to look for Long Yuetian.

Then, they bumped into this dazzling scene that left them all dumbfounded.

Was Zhai Zhongshen dating Long Yuetian?!

It’s not what you guys think. It’s not like that,” Long Yuetian hastily said. She tried to explain her relationship with Zhai Zhongshen to everyone else.

There was a smile on Zhai Yunsheng’s lips as he said: “Miss Long, you don’t need to be so nervous. You’re Yiling’s friend. It’s totally alright for you to be dating my uncle. Yiling can call you auntie in the future.”

Then, Zhai Yunsheng turned his head to Jian Yiling and said: “In the future, you need to call Yuetian your auntie okay? You’re cool with that, right?”

“I’m alright with that,” Jian Yiling replied docilely.

“No, it’s not like that.” Long Yuetian started again.

Long Yuetian looked back at Zhai Zhongshen. She wanted him to clarify the situation for her: “Please explain the situation to them. Tell them that we are not in that kind of relationship.”

“I do have plans to marry you.”

Instead of clarifying the situation, Zhai Zhongshen’s words had the complete opposite effect.

Why did he say that?!