

Sidekick 151

Chapter 151: Don't Be Scared, I'll Deal With It (1)

The way he phrased his sentence made Jian Yiling assume that the gift was meant to be received via the Internet.

"Okay," Jian Yiling answered.

The few of them didn't stay for long. They merely exchanged a few words with Jian Yiling before they left the room.

However, they had left behind a large number of valuable gifts.

The Jian family had seen plenty of these costly gifts before. As Wen Nuan came from a prestigious family, she had seen plenty of such gifts before.

However, it was quite strange to give such gifts for an ordinary fever. The other party's generosity made them quite suspicious.

Anyone who could give such things definitely had some influence in society.

As a result, Wen Nuan was quite suspicious of the people who had just visited her daughter. When she looked at her daughter's young face, she became even more worried. She was worried that they would swindle and deceive her only daughter.

For safety precautions, she decided to send a message to her husband and eldest son. She briefly explained the situation to them and hoped that they would investigate the people who had just visited. She had to make sure that these people wouldn't harm her daughter.

Soon after, Jian Yiling received an email from the other party.

A video was attached to the email.

The video was taken in He Yan's study.

It was taken by a hidden camera.

The hidden camera had been installed during the time when the other party had retrieved a copy of the surveillance video.

They had installed many other hidden cameras throughout He Yan's residence.

The video that she received had no sound.

However, as soon as Jian Yiling took a look at the video, she knew what had happened in He Yan's study.

Jian Yiling quickly opened her phone to send a message to Jian Yujie.

However, after opening her chat logs, she didn't know what to write.

Jian Yiling had no experience in handling such a situation.

After she thought for a long period of time, Jian Yiling typed out:

[Are you okay?]

After a while, Jian Yujie replied with a message:

[I'm fine. Just take care of yourself.]

If it was the old Jian Yujie, his reply would have never been like this.

After another short period of time, Jian Yujie sent across another message:

[I'm sorry.]

The message only had two words. There was no reason that accompanied the apology.

A line of words floated into Jian Yiling's mind:

A nineteen-year-old boy committed suicide by jumping off a building. The reason for this is unknown.

In the original novel, Jian Yujie had died when he was nineteen years old. He had died earlier than Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling suddenly lifted up her blankets and got up from the bed.

"Yiling, what's wrong? Do you need to go to the bathroom?" Wen Nuan asked.

"I want to be discharged from the hospital."

As Jian Yiling told Wen Nuan what she wanted, she had started to get dressed.

"You haven't recovered yet. The doctor said that you should stay under observation for another two days."

Wen Nuan stepped forward to try and stop Jian Yiling.

However, Jian Yiling had no intention of stopping.

"I'm leaving the hospital," Jian Yiling repeated. Her eyes and tone were firm and resolute.

"Yiling, what's wrong? Tell mommy what's the matter."

Wen Nuan was a little shocked by Jian Yiling's reaction. She had no idea what was going on.

"Nothing much. I'm just leaving the hospital."

Whilst Jian Yiling replied to her mother, she started to pack a few items into her small backpack.

Then, she sent a message to the other party who had just sent her the video:

[Lend me a few people.]

[Yeah, that's not a problem. The people who just visited you haven't left the hospital yet. I'll tell them to wait for you.]

The other party's reply was swift and clear.

“I’m going out. You go home first,” Jian Yiling said to Wen Nuan.

After she finished her sentence, she ran out of her hospital room.

“Yiling! Yiling! You’re still not well. You can’t run around like that!”

Wen Nuan cried out as she hurried after her daughter.

When Jian Yiling arrived at the entrance of the hospital, she directly entered the vehicle of people who had just visited her.

One of the men had respectfully opened the door for Jian Yiling.

Although Wen Nuan had chased after her daughter, she only managed to see the vehicle drive off.

Chapter 152: Don’t Be Scared, I’ll Deal With It (2)

When Wen Nuan saw what had happened, she became incredibly anxious. She immediately reached for her phone to call her husband.

“Shuxing, Yi- Yiling... She suddenly ran out of the hospital! After running out of the hospital, she got onto some vehicle with her middle-aged male friends...”

“What?” Jian Shuxing was currently in a meeting. He was shocked to hear the news. “Calm down for a moment, are you at the entrance of the hospital right now?”

“Yes.”

“Did Yiling get in the vehicle by herself?”

“Yes. Yiling told me that they were her friends. But I don’t even know how she knows them... Shuxing, what do we do? Will she be in danger?” Wen Nuan cried out. Her voice trembled as she spoke.

“Don’t worry about it too much. I’ll come over right now.”

After he ended the call, he turned around and told his secretary a few words. Then, Jian Shuxing left the company in a hurry.

When he was on the way to the hospital, he also contacted Jian Yuncheng. Jian Yuncheng had been working remotely from home.

After contacting his eldest son, he also contacted the security team that worked for the Jian family.

After Wen Nuan hung up the call with Jian Shuxing, she began to repeatedly call Jian Yiling’s number.

However, Jian Yiling’s line was always busy. She couldn’t get through to her daughter.

She didn’t know what to do anymore.

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After Jian Yiling got onto the vehicle, the people there greeted her politely. Then, they asked:

“Miss Jian, where do you want to go?”

“Take me to the Number One Secondary School of Hengyuan City.”

That was Jian Yujie’s school.

“Okay.”

“Also, bring me the man that I asked for earlier. Take him to the Jian Residence.”

The man that she requested for was the person who had managed the surveillance at Heyunshan Resort. He had previously escaped from Hengyuan City.

“Okay, I’ll get it done as soon as possible.”

Without a second thought, the man immediately complied with Jian Yiling’s request.

Number One Secondary School of Hengyuan City.

Today, Jian Yujie was rather different from his usual self.

Ever since he got to school, he didn’t speak much. His face also didn’t have his usual energy.

It felt as though something serious had happened to him.

A few of his close friends had approached him to ask about the situation. However, he had just told them that he was fine.

However, they knew that he was not fine. From the way he spoke, his friends knew that something was off.

When they were currently in math class, a girl appeared at the door of their classroom.

The girl’s face was rather exquisite. It almost looked as though she was a character out of an anime.

Her slim body was wrapped in a soft white fleece jacket.

Most of the attention in the classroom had been drawn to the girl standing in front of the door. However, Jian Yujie’s mind was elsewhere. He continued to look down at his textbook and didn’t notice anything.

At the end of the class, several of the students approached the door. A few girls came forward and asked who she was looking for.

“I’m looking for Jian Yujie.”

When everyone heard that the girl was looking for Jian Yujie, they started to call out to him.

“Oh my Yujie. Where did you find such a pretty girl? Who is she?”

When he heard the voices of his classmates, Jian Yujie finally raised his head.

He was stunned when he saw Jian Yiling standing at the door.

Wasn’t she meant to be in the hospital?

Why did she appear here?

Jian Yujie immediately got up when he thought about Yiling's condition. Why had she left the hospital?

However, after taking a few steps, he suddenly remembered something. His steps became heavy.

He was not worthy. He was not worthy to be her brother.

"Jian Yujie, what are you doing? Don't keep her waiting!"

The boys started to make a ruckus. Their voices interrupted Jian Yujie's thoughts.

Jian Yujie took another look at Jian Yiling. He couldn't help but walk over to her.

As soon as he reached the door, Jian Yiling reached out and grabbed him by the sleeve. Then, she started to drag him away.

"Yiling?"

Jian Yujie got dragged along by Jian Yiling. He didn't dare to stop her. As a result, he could only run after her.

If he suddenly stopped, he was afraid that he would cause her to trip.

Jian Yiling dragged him all the way to a deserted place in the school building.

Chapter 153: Don't Be Scared, I'll Deal With It (3)

"Yiling, you... What's the matter?" Jian Yujie asked. His voice came out with great difficulty.

"The surveillance video." Jian Yiling spoke.

"What?"

"The surveillance video. I have a copy of it. You don't need to feel sad."

"You... You mean that video... You..."

Jian Yujie couldn't believe what he was hearing. Yiling had the surveillance video he had seen last night?

Then didn't that mean she had the evidence to prove her innocence already?

And furthermore, it appeared as though she knew that he had seen the surveillance video already?

"You... Do you know that I've seen the video already?"

"Mhmm." Jian Yiling nodded.

"I'm so sorry..." Jian Yujie's eyes started to turn red, "I didn't protect you... I'm not worthy to be your brother."

"You are." Jian Yiling responded.

Jian Yujie lowered his head before he started speaking again: "Yiling, you can choose to hate me. I learned about the truth. However, I chose to hide it. The moment I made that decision, I was no longer worthy of being your brother."

Jian Yujie knew that his choice was despicable.

He also knew that he was a terrible person for making such a decision.

However, he still had made that decision.

"It's fine," Jian Yiling replied.

There was no hesitation in her response. She spoke in a simple and straightforward manner.

Jian Yujie couldn't help but be stunned: "Yiling... You..."

"If you're not sad, I'll forgive you."

Jian Yiling continued to speak in a simple and firm tone.

All of a sudden, Jian Yujie's heart felt as though it had gotten struck by a blunt object.

It was heavy and painful. However, after the pain, he felt that there was fresh blood flowing through it again.

Jian Yiling paused for a moment. It appeared as though she still had something to say.

She opened her mouth but the words that came out sounded unfamiliar and out of practice to her: "You're... my brother."

The word 'brother' slowly came out of Jian Yiling's mouth.

This was the first time Jian Yiling had ever called someone 'brother'.

The word 'brother' hit Jian Yujie like a truck. He couldn't control his tears any longer.

Once again, he looked at Jian Yiling's fair face and her bright eyes...

The wall in his heart that he had just built last night had collapsed into ruins...

This was his sister. This was his beloved sister. This was his sister that trusted him...

She was the sister that he wanted to take care of and love for the rest of his life...

Jian Yujie started to laugh. He laughed like a fool.

His laughter broke the haze that had enveloped him.

Tears welled up in his eyes as he laughed.

As the tears rolled down his face, he wiped them away with his arms.

It felt as though he had freed himself from his heavy shackles. "Yiling, I'll go back and retrieve the video for you immediately. Wait for me. I'll show everyone the surveillance video!"

Maybe it wasn't the right choice to betray his mother. Maybe his decision would destroy his family.

However, he had no right to hide the truth.

He didn't want to hurt his sister nor his mother. However, his mother had done the wrong thing!

His sister had chosen to forgive him. She decided to believe in him. He couldn't let her down again.

If he showed everyone the video, that would prove his sister's innocence. Then, he would go and beg his grandfather and the rest of the family to forgive his mother.

He would do whatever was needed of him.

All of that struggle. The pain and suffering. The walls that he had built up had crumbled away under the unreserved trust of his beloved sister.

Jian Yiling grabbed at Jian Yujie once again, "There's no need. I'll take care of it."

Her young and soft voice was full of strength.

Jian Yujie shook his head, "No. It's not you who did something wrong. It's us. We should make it up to you. That's why I should go."

Jian Yiling replied in a simple and concise way, "I'll deal with it."

After she finished speaking to her cousin, Jian Yiling turned around and walked towards the entrance of the school.

After being stunned for a moment, Jian Yujie caught up to Jian Yiling and stopped her.

Chapter 154: Publicize the Surveillance Video

At this time, several men in suits that had been waiting at the school gates came forward. They separated Jian Yiling from Jian Yujie.

Jian Yiling turned around and said, "Don't be scared. Wait for my news."

After saying that, she turned around and followed the men.

One of the men stayed back and held Jian Yujie down. As a result, he could not reach Yiling.

Jian Yujie furiously attempted to get away from the man. However, in the end, he couldn't manage to do so.

The strength of a 17-year-old boy was no match for a trained professional.

"Let me go! Let me go! Don't you dare hurt Yiling!"

Jian Yujie hissed angrily at the middle-aged man who was restraining him.

The man replied in a polite and courteous manner, "Young Master Yujie, please don't worry about it. We're Miss Jian's friends. We have no intention of harming her. Miss Jian does not want you to get hurt.

Due to this reason, you should wait for her news. Please trust that she is capable of handling this matter.”

When the man saw that Jian Yiling had already left, he finally let go of Jian Yujie.

As soon as Jian Yujie became free, he rushed around to see whether there was any mode of transport nearby. He completely forgot that it was still during class time. However, there was no bus to take. As a result, he could only walk in circles.

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After Jian Yiling got onto the vehicle once again, the man asked:

“Miss Jian, where do you want to go now?”

“The Jian Residence. Did you bring that man?”

“He’s in the car by the roadside in front of the Jian Residence.”

“That’s good.”

Jian Yiling finally turned on her phone. Then, she dialed Jian Yuncheng’s number.

Jian Yuncheng appeared as though he had been waiting for a call. As soon as she called his number, he had answered her call.

“Yiling?!”

Jian Yuncheng’s voice sounded urgent and worried.

“Yes.”

“Are you okay? Where have you been?!” Jian Yuncheng cried out. He was already trying to control his voice.

“I’m fine. I’ll be home in twenty minutes.”

“Are you actually fine? What’s going on?”

“I have something... to show you.”

“Yiling?”

Before Jian Yuncheng had the chance to ask for any further explanation, Jian Yiling had hung up the phone on him.

Twenty minutes later, in front of the Jian Residence.

Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, and Jian Yuncheng were all waiting at the entrance.

When they saw the vehicle that had picked up Jian Yiling, their expressions appeared to be relieved yet anxious.

They didn’t know what was waiting for them.

When the car door opened, there was no sign of Jian Yiling.

Only a few middle-aged men in suits got out of the car.

It appeared as though these men looked quite well trained. They weren't ordinary people.

"Where is my daughter? Where is Yiling?" Wen Nuan asked urgently.

"Please hand over my daughter." Jian Shuxing requested. His face was pale and his eyes were fierce.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jian, please do not worry. Miss Jian is fine. We are her friends. We won't do anything to harm her. We are merely here to show you something."

The man explained himself in a polite fashion.

At the same time, the door of a car parked at the side of the road also opened.

There were a few people who got out of the car. They were escorting a man that appeared quite disheveled.

When Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng saw the man's face, they became incredibly shocked.

They had been tracking down this man for quite some time now. As a result, it was impossible for them to forget the man's face.

Since this man had escaped from Hengyuan City, it had been quite difficult to track him down. They hadn't yet been able to catch him.

However, today, the man had appeared right in front of them.

"Mr., Mrs., and Young Master Jian, I have a video that I want to show you."

The middle-aged man politely handed over a computer that had a surveillance video on the screen.

Chapter 155: Brutal Truth

As of now, the video had been paused. Someone had to press the button for the video to play.

However, the paused footage was an image of Jian Yiling and Jian Yunnao. The two of them appeared to be in the middle of an argument.

This was the missing surveillance video from Heyunshan Resort.

The Jian family couldn't believe their eyes. The missing footage that they'd been desperately searching for had appeared right in front of them.

The person who was in charge of the resort's surveillance had also appeared with the missing footage.

The truth was right in front of them. All they needed to do was press the play button. Then, the truth would be unveiled.

Jian Shuxing's fingers trembled as he reached out to press the button.

Wen Nuan and Jian Yuncheng stood behind him. Their eyes were all fixated on the small screen...

Scenes flashed by on the computer screen...

The scenes ranged from the argument to the fall to the girl who cried on the ground out of fear and numbness due to the fact that she had failed to save her brother.

She had been terrified.

She could only look at her brother's figure that had fallen over a pile of glass shards. She didn't know what to do. She was utterly terrified and helpless.

She was at fault. She should have never dragged her brother into an argument in such a dangerous location.

In fact, she probably shouldn't have had that argument in the first place.

However, she never ever had wanted to push her own brother down the stairs.

Even in the moment of danger, her instinctive reaction was to pull her brother back up. She wanted to protect him.

When Wen Nuan saw the image play out in front of her, she covered her mouth and started crying.

She became unsteady on her feet. Jian Yuncheng had to hold her up.

"Yiling, Yiling... My poor daughter..." Wen Nuan cried out.

Jian Shuxing stood there in a daze. His heart ached. It felt as though it was being tortured.

It was the sort of pain that reached his bones. The kind of pain that made it difficult to breathe.

Their daughter... She hadn't done anything to hurt her family.

She had been wrongly accused.

Other than her initial attempt to justify herself, she hadn't said anything.

Instead, she quietly accepted the accusation.

She had been wronged. Slandered against. And hurt.

And she took all of it. Her small body had to bear all of it.

She had been their favorite child! The child that had been treasured the most.

In an instant, their hearts had become overwhelmed with guilt and self-recrimination.

However, Wen Nuan wasn't the only one who couldn't handle the truth. Jian Shuxing also felt that the truth was suffocating him.

Jian Yiling's obedience had turned into hundreds of sharp thorns that pierced deep into their hearts.

One by one.

The ends of those thorns were like needles. They cut deep into their hearts and drew blood.

Jian Yuncheng's fists were clenched tightly together. The veins that ran across the back of his hands had risen up.

"Where is Yiling right now?" Jian Yuncheng asked. His voice sounded low and depressed.

In the face of their pain, the man still responded professionally:

"Miss Jian has other matters to deal with. Young Master Yuncheng, you don't have to worry about her."

"Who are you guys?" Jian Yuncheng asked. If he wanted to figure out the whereabouts of Jian Yiling, he had to first figure out the identity of the people in front of him.

The man smiled slightly before responding, "Miss Jian is doing a favor for my Master. In return, she requested us to help her retrieve the evidence that would prove her innocence."

The man didn't directly tell Jian Yuncheng who they were. However, from his manner of speaking, Jian Yuncheng could tell that his 'Master' was not a simple person.

However, that wasn't the main focus of the Jian family right now. They wanted to know where Jian Yiling was. They wanted to know whether or not she was safe.

"Furthermore, Miss Jian said that for now, there's no need to tell Jian Yunnao."

The man in the suit did as he was told. He repeated Jian Yiling's exact words.

There's no need to tell Jian Yunnao...

There's no need...

Even at this moment, it seemed as though Jian Yiling still didn't want to completely destroy Jian Yunnao.

She still wanted to give him a glimmer of life.

She wanted to wait until he recovered. Until he regained his hope. Then, she was going to tell him the bloody truth.

Chapter 156: Punish He Yan (1)

At this moment, Jian Yiling had just reached He Yan's house.

She went there by herself.

He Yan was quite surprised to see Jian Yiling at her house.

However, she still put on a smile.

"Yiling, what's wrong? Shouldn't you be at the hospital? Why did you leave the hospital? If you were planning to visit me, you should have told me beforehand. Then, I could prepare for your visit."

"The surveillance video. You hid it."

Jian Yiling cut straight to the chase.

“Yiling? What are you talking about? Why do I not understand what you’re talking about?” He Yan felt her heart stir up. However, she still attempted to keep her face calm.

“Take a look at your WeChat,” Jian Yiling said.

Just before Jian Yiling stepped into He Yan’s house, she had sent a few files to He Yan’s phone.

Just now, He Yan had been busy with something else. As a result, she hadn’t yet gotten the opportunity to open her phone and check her messages.

When she heard what Jian Yiling said, He Yan suspiciously opened her phone.

She was friends with Jian Yiling on WeChat. At an earlier date, Jian Yiling had added her as a friend.

When He Yan opened her unread message, she saw a picture and two videos. The smile on her face began to fade away.

Jian Yiling had sent a photo of the hotel registry. She had also sent the confession statement of the person in charge of the hotel surveillance. The other video she had sent was of He Yan and Jian Yujie’s argument in the study last night.

“Jian Yiling!”

She took large strides to get to Jian Yiling. Her first reaction was to grab Jian Yiling’s phone.

Jian Yiling calmly took a step back before she told He Yan:

“I’ve made a copy of these photos and videos. Zhai Yunsheng has them. If something happens to me, he will publicize them.”

Jian Yiling’s words threw a big bowl of ice water on He Yan. It made her feel cold from head to toe.

Zhai Yunsheng had a copy of these photos and videos. No matter how capable she was, it was impossible for her to get those things off Zhai Yunsheng.

Furthermore, she had seen the relationship between Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng. It was indeed possible for Jian Yiling to give Zhai Yunsheng such a thing for safekeeping.

Jian Yiling’s one sentence had put a complete stop to all the thoughts that came to He Yan’s mind. She didn’t know what to do anymore.

He Yan stood in the same place for quite some time.

She looked at the young face of her niece. For the first time, she felt terrified of her little niece.

After she came back to her senses, He Yan smiled and softly spoke to Jian Yiling, “Yiling, I believe you have mistaken the situation. It was a pure coincidence that I came by this video. Yiling, you have to trust me. I didn’t mean to hide the video from you. It’s your brother Yunnao. He was afraid that he’d lose everything he had if the video became public. For this reason, he asked me to hide the video. I know I did the wrong thing. I shouldn’t have listened to Yunnao. Yiling, would you forgive me?”

He Yan had no idea where Jian Yiling had gotten her hands on such things.

However, she knew that if Jian Yiling made these things public, her life would be ruined.

She knew that Grandpa Jian would definitely kick her out of the Jian family. Furthermore, it was possible for her to be shunned from the entirety of Hengyuan City.

Jian Yiling looked at her with cold eyes. She was indifferent to He Yan's pleas and explanations. "Firstly, don't force Yujie to do anything he doesn't want to do. Secondly, let him decide his own career. And thirdly, don't interfere in the affairs of the Jian family again."

Jian Yiling stated her conditions clearly and succinctly.

He Yan stared at Jian Yiling in shock and fear. She was shocked to hear that those were the conditions that Jian Yiling had stated.

After being startled for quite some time, He Yan asked: "Wait, you mean that as long as I agree to these three conditions, you won't publicize the video?"

"You have three seconds to answer," Jian Yiling said, "Three, two..."

Chapter 157: Punish He Yan (2)

Jian Yiling continued to count down.

When He Yan saw that Jian Yiling was serious about the situation, she frantically agreed, "Yes, yes I promise. I'll promise you anything!"

He Yan didn't want to do any of the things that Jian Yiling had listed.

However, she had no other choice.

"Now that you have my word, could you hand over those files?"

"If you have no credibility, these photos and videos will be released in no time."

"You..."

"Also," Jian Yiling said as she lowered her eyes to look at the smooth flooring of He Yan's house as if she was thinking about something, "The ground was slippery, and you fell."

"What are you talking about?"

"The ground was slippery, and you fell."

Jian Yiling repeated her sentence. Then, she reached out to pick up a golf club that had been placed next to the couch.

This golf club belonged to He Yan's husband, who was also Jian Yiling's second uncle. He Yan's husband liked playing golf in his free time.

He Yan's pupils dilated sharply when she saw Jian Yiling walk over with the golf club in her hand.

Although Jian Yiling appeared to look like a skinny and weak girl, she looked quite imposing when she was holding a golf club.

“Jian Yiling, don’t you dare!”

Hitting someone with a golf club could kill them!

“Stand there, don’t move.”

Jian Yiling ordered.

If He Yan kept moving around, she would suffer the consequences.

“Jian Yiling, are you crazy?”

“Stop moving around. I won’t be able to hit you accurately.” Jian Yiling warned He Yan.

There were many parts of the body that were extremely fragile. If He Yan kept moving about, Jian Yiling would have potentially hit her in one of those parts.

“Jian Yiling, don’t be crazy! Jian Yiling...!”

He Yan’s eyes were finally filled with fear.

“Ah...”

An ear-piercing scream came from He Yan’s house.

However, He Yan’s house was quite soundproof. As a result, the sound disappeared as soon as it reached the courtyard.

No one knew what was happening to the lady of the house.

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In front of He Yan’s house, Yu Xi was waiting anxiously in his car.

Today, he had suddenly received a call from Jian Yiling. She had requested for him to pick her up and drop her off at a particular location.

Yu Xi had meekly followed her request. He didn’t question the reason behind this.

On his way out of the Yu Residence, Master Sheng had also gotten into his car.

However, once again, Yu Xi didn’t dare to question Master Sheng.

As such, both of them were now waiting in the car on the side of the road.

Jian Yiling had asked him to bring her here. However, he didn’t know the intentions behind her actions.

Initially, he wanted to go into He Yan’s house with her.

However, her attitude had been quite unyielding. She didn’t allow anyone to follow her. Not even Zhai Yunsheng.

As he waited for Jian Yiling, Yu Xi kept pondering about the situation. Jian Yiling was going to visit He Yan. In a sense, there was really nothing to worry about.

However, it just felt like something was off. The situation today was quite strange.

The longer Yu Xi waited, the more anxious he became. He couldn't help but get out of the car and start pacing back and forth.

After half an hour had passed, Jian Yiling finally came out of He Yan's house.

She calmly got onto the back seat of the car.

Zhai Yunsheng was seated next to her. He had been leaning against his seat with his eyes half-opened. Compared to Yu Xi, he appeared to be much more relaxed.

When Jian Yiling had gotten into the car, Zhai Yunsheng's eyes widened a little. He turned his head to take a good look at Jian Yiling.

Yu Xi quickly got onto the driver's seat. He turned around and asked Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling:

"So, where are we going now?"

Zhai Yunsheng didn't reply. He was waiting for Jian Yiling to answer.

However, before Jian Yiling could open her mouth, her vision went blank. Then, she suddenly collapsed.

Zhai Yunsheng caught Jian Yiling in his arms.

When he touched her forehead, he realized that she was burning up.

Jian Yiling had run out of the hospital before her gastroenteritis had gotten better. As a result, her sickness had once again triggered a high fever.

"What happened?" Yu Xi asked. He appeared to look quite worried.

"Drive us to the hospital," Zhai Yunsheng ordered.

Chapter 158: Hospitalized Once Again

Yu Xi didn't dare to delay the situation at all. He quickly fastened his seat belt and stepped onto the accelerator.

As he sped through the streets, Yu Xi muttered:

"What's the matter with this little bunny? Why did she leave the hospital if she's not better... I thought she left because she recovered!"

Jian Yiling's feverish body was still in Zhai Yunsheng's arms. She had completely lost consciousness. As a result, she didn't even know that someone was holding onto her.

Yu Xi continued to mutter to himself, "It's fortunate that the little rabbit contacted us... If she fainted in the middle of the road, what would happen then?"

Yu Xi continued to mutter and curse as he drove all the way to the hospital.

Yu Xi sped the entire way to the hospital. He drove past quite a few red lights. However, there were a few intersections where there were too many cars. As a result, he couldn't drive past those.

He'd probably lose his license after this trip.

However, revoking his driver's license was a small matter. At worst, he would have to do a test again. Jian Yiling's health mattered much more.

As soon as Yu Xi stopped his car in front of the hospital, Zhai Yunsheng got off. He held Jian Yiling in his arms and hurriedly entered the hospital.

"Master Sheng, Master Sheng. Don't rush. Let me do this."

Yu Xi quickly parked his car before rushing over to Zhai Yunsheng. He tried to take Jian Yiling away from Zhai Yunsheng.

Yu Xi was afraid that Zhai Yunsheng would be in too much of a rush. That was the last thing that Zhai Yunsheng should do.

"Get lost!"

Zhai Yunsheng's voice was filled with anger and urgency.

He quickly walked away and completely ignored Yu Xi.

The only thing Yu Xi could do was chase after him.

Soon after, Yiling was placed into a hospital ward.

"Master Sheng and Young Master Xi, please don't worry. Miss Jian only has an ordinary fever. It's not a big problem. Her temperature should come down soon."

Hong Baizhang had come over personally to tell them this news.

Originally, he hadn't planned to come over. However, when he heard that Master Sheng was with Yu Xi, he couldn't act as though he didn't know about the matter.

The doctors at Tongde Private Hospital quickly took care of Jian Yiling's condition. She was once again put onto the IV drip.

"When will she wake?" Zhai Yunsheng asked Hong Baizhang in a fierce manner.

Hong Baizhang's heart pounded furiously. He had to answer quite cautiously.

"This... It'll depend on the individual's physical condition. Miss Yiling's body is quite weak..."

As Hong Baizhang explained the situation, he carefully observed Zhai Yunsheng's reaction.

Although he knew that there was no problem with the hospital's treatment and the patient's life was not in danger, he felt that Master Sheng might suddenly lose his temper at any second.

Zhai Yunsheng didn't reply to Hong Baizhang. Instead, he walked past Hong Baizhang and headed towards the hospital bed.

Yu Xi turned around and said, "Thank you, Director Hong."

"You're welcome, you're welcome." Hong Baizhang repeated. He thought to himself, even if Master Sheng and Young Master Xi hadn't arrived with Jian Yiling, he would have had to visit her anyway. If he didn't make this trip, he was afraid that the two people from the institution would come and beat him up.

After Hong Baizhang explained the situation, he left the ward.

"Go get some food," Zhai Yunsheng ordered Yu Xi.

Although Jian Yiling was still asleep, she would probably want to eat something when she woke up. It was likely that she hadn't had any food as she had been running around all day.

"Okay, I'll ask my cook to make something light and send it over."

Yu Xi immediately went out to make a phone call.

After Yu Xi left the room, only Zhai Yunsheng was left to guard Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling gradually regained her consciousness. Her body started to react to her condition.

Her eyebrows started to knit together and her hands clenched into fists.

It appeared as though she was dreaming about some unpleasant things.

Zhai Yunsheng's expression was quite solemn as well.

He carefully picked up Jian Yiling's hand which was not strung up with an IV drip.

He realized that her small fist was clenched tightly together.

Then, he gently placed her fist into his palm.

His palm could completely cover Jian Yiling's fist.

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Her hand was freezing. As he had her hand in the center of his palm, he tried to transfer some of his warmth into her small hand.

Jian Yiling was still in a daze. She began to have a nightmare again.

In her nightmare, she was standing in a mortuary. The coffin in front of her held a corpse.

And the face of that corpse was Jian Yujie.

She couldn't help but stand a few meters away from the body. She didn't dare to take another step forward.

The image in front of her was so vivid and clear. It was as though she had experienced and seen it right in front of her eyes.

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As soon as Yu Xi finished calling his housekeeper, he received a phone call from Jian Yujie.

“Yu Xi, are you free right now? Yiling is missing. I tried calling her phone but I couldn’t reach her.”

Jian Yujie was outside right now. He had been furiously searching for Jian Yiling.

However, he didn’t manage to contact her. Her mobile phone had been switched off.

He had called for a taxi and began to wander around the city like a headless fly.

In his helplessness, he suddenly thought of two people who could potentially help him, and that was Jian Yumin and Yu Xi.

He had just called the number of his brother, but his brother’s assistant had answered the phone. The assistant had told him that Jian Yumin was currently recording a program.

As a result, Jian Yujie could only contact Yu Xi.

“She’s fine. She’s with me right now,” Yu Xi replied.

When Jian Yujie heard Yu Xi’s reply, his whole world lit up again.

“For real? Is Yiling really with you? Is she okay?”

Jian Yujie immediately threw out a series of questions.

“She’s fine. Don’t worry,” Yu Xi answered quickly. He was worried that Jian Yujie would become worried again if he delayed his reply.

“Where are you? I’ll come over right now!”

“We’re at Tongde Private Hospital.”

“The hospital? What happened? Is Yiling okay?”

“She’s okay. Come over first.”

Yu Xi thought that it was better for Jian Yujie to come over and see the situation for himself. He didn’t want Jian Yujie to become overly anxious when he heard about Yiling fainting.

“Okay,” Jian Yujie replied. He asked the taxi driver to take him to the hospital.

When he arrived at the hospital, he saw Jian Yiling lying on the hospital bed before he even entered the room. He could see through the windows of the hospital ward.

“What’s wrong with Yiling? What happened?”

Jian Yujie wanted to rush towards Jian Yiling. However, Yu Xi stopped him in his tracks before he could get through the door.

“Calm down. Your sister is sleeping. She’s fine. Don’t cause a ruckus. You’d wake her up. She needs rest right now!”

When Jian Yujie heard Yu Xi’s words, he immediately calmed down.

“Is Yiling really okay?”

“She left the hospital before her gastroenteritis cleared up. She also kept running about in the cold weather. As a result, her condition repeated itself.”

Jian Yujie’s thoughts immediately went back to Jian Yiling’s appearance at his school. She had been waiting for him outside his classroom.

In the last few days, the temperature had been below zero. She had been sick, yet she ran out of the hospital to talk to him in this weather.

Jian Yujie didn’t want to cry. He felt that it would be incredibly embarrassing to cry in front of people. However, he couldn’t stop the tears coming out of his eyes.

However, Yu Xi didn’t laugh at Jian Yujie. Instead, he handed him a pack of tissues.

“It’s okay... Yiling will be fine. Don’t be sad,” Yu Xi comforted. He patted Jian Yujie on the shoulder as a gesture of comfort.

Yu Xi didn’t really know what had happened between the two.

However, he knew that something was wrong. One of them was lying down on the hospital bed and the other was crying his eyes out.

After Jian Yujie got himself together, he entered Jian Yiling’s hospital ward.

Zhai Yunsheng had already returned Jian Yiling’s hand back under the blanket.

He didn’t know when she had unclenched her fists.

After waiting for about ten minutes, Jian Yiling finally woke up.

As soon as she opened her eyes, she saw that three people were sitting beside her hospital bed. It was Zhai Yunsheng, Jian Yujie, and Yu Xi.

Immediately, she knew that she had caused them trouble once again.

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When Jian Yujie saw that Jian Yiling finally woke up, he rushed forward and asked, “Are you okay? Are you still in pain?”

Jian Yiling shook her head.

“You’re lying to me again. Gastroenteritis hurts a lot.”

“I’m not in pain. You don’t need to feel sad.”

“I’m not sad. However, you need to get well soon. You shouldn’t run around when you’re still sick,” Jian Yujie said to her solemnly.

“Okay,” Jian Yiling replied. Her tone was quite serious. Then she said, “You should go home first.”

For no particular reason, Yu Xi felt as though Jian Yiling sounded like Jian Yujie’s nagging mother for a moment. However, the way she instructed him to do things was rather cute.

“No, I’m not leaving. I asked the school to give me a day off,” Jian Yujie replied. He didn’t want to leave now. He wanted to stay with his sister.

Jian Yujie had contacted his teachers whilst he had been waiting for Jian Yiling to wake up.

After Jian Yujie replied to Jian Yiling, he shot a sideways glance at Zhai Yunsheng. There was obvious hostility and caution in his eyes.

If this man was here, he definitely could not leave him alone with Yiling!

Yu Xi walked up to Jian Yujie and put his hand on Jian Yujie’s shoulder, “Listen to your sister. Go home first. I’ve already contacted Grandma Jian about this matter. She will be here soon. You don’t have to worry.”

Yu Xi didn’t dare to not report the situation to Grandma Jian. Whilst Jian Yujie was on the phone contacting his school, Yu Xi took the opportunity to contact the Old Jian Residence.

“But I want to stay with my sister for a little longer,” Jian Yujie replied. He didn’t want to leave.

“Your eyes are ugly. You need to go home and sleep,” Jian Yiling told Jian Yujie.

Jian Yujie hadn’t slept all night. As a result, he had dark circles under his eyes.

Yu Xi took the opportunity to tease Jian Yujie, “Look, even Yiling is making fun of you! You should hurry home and crawl into your bed! Don’t let your sister worry about you!”

All of a sudden, Jian Yujie didn’t know what else to say.

He didn’t want Yiling to worry about him again.

“Okay... I’ll go home. You have to get well soon as well.”

Before Jian Yujie left, he told Yu Xi to take good care of Yiling. He also carefully insisted on not letting Zhai Yunsheng get too close to Yiling.

Although Yu Xi promised Jian Yujie, he wasn’t sure of whether or not he could uphold that promise. If Zhai Yunsheng really wanted to get close to Jian Yiling, he couldn’t stop him.

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Yu Xi asked his housekeeper to bring over food.

There was plain congee and a plate of vegetables.

Zhai Yunsheng attempted to feed Jian Yiling the congee.

“No... Don’t...”

Jian Yiling protested in a soft voice. She protested not because she disliked Zhai Yunsheng, but rather, it was quite embarrassing to be fed by someone else.

“Be a good girl,” Zhai Yunsheng coaxed.

He brought up a spoonful of congee next to Jian Yiling’s mouth.

When he saw that Jian Yiling didn’t open her mouth, he kept holding the spoon there.

This made Jian Yiling feel even more embarrassed. She didn’t have the habit of bothering people.

And thus, she opened her mouth and began eating in small bites.

Initially, her lips were quite pale. However, they started to gain some color after she had a few mouthfuls of congee.

Yu Xi began to explain the situation to Jian Yiling, “Yiling, please don’t blame me for not giving you anything nice to eat. Right now, you can only have congee and vegetables. However, my chef attempted to cook as many different dishes as possible.”

Yu Xi began to introduce the different dishes, “This one is asparagus. It’s incredibly tender. It was steamed in water. No oil and salt were added to that dish. This other one is stir-fried broccoli and sweet potato. That dish also doesn’t have much oil and salt in it.”

There were various dishes of green vegetables. Not a single bit of meat was seen. Not to mention, all the dishes were quite tasteless.

After Yu Xi finished his introduction of the dishes, he assured Jian Yiling, “Don’t worry. When you get better, I’ll take you to eat all sorts of delicious foods and exotic delicacies. It’s my treat.”