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Chapter 161: Grandma Jian Reprimands the Family (1)

"I want to eat meat," Jian Yiling replied.

She was short enough already. If she only ate congee and vegetables, she would have to say goodbye to her hopes of growing taller.

Yu Xi laughed when he heard this, "Okay okay. I'll arrange for that. You can eat all the different kinds of meat that you want! Beef, mutton, fish, chicken, pork, you name it! I'll prepare a banquet for you!"

As soon as Yu Xi finished speaking, he turned around and met Zhai Yunsheng's frigid eyes.

Ahh... He forgot. This one can't eat foods like that.

Jian Yiling also turned her head to look at Zhai Yunsheng, "You eat mushrooms."

However, Zhai Yunsheng wasn't angry. Instead, he replied, "I'll eat whatever you make."

"Okay, I'll make food for you when I get better."

Today, she had caused trouble for them once again.

She could thank them in this way.

"Then you should get well sooner," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He couldn't stand looking at Jian Yiling's skinny appearance. It was almost as though he was looking at a pile of skin and bones.

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After Grandma Jian received Yu Xi's phone call, she intended to rush to the hospital. However, just as she was about to leave, she met three people in front of her house. And that was Jian Shuxing, Jian Yuncheng, and Wen Nuan.

Grandma Jian took one look at their expressions. She immediately knew that something serious had happened.

"What's the matter?"

"Mother, has Yiling come back yet?" Jian Shuxing asked urgently.

"Are you guys in a hurry to find Yiling?"

"Yeah... We thought that Yiling would have come back to the Old Jian Residence."

"I know where Yiling is. She's fine." Grandma Jian replied.

"Really? Where is she right now?" Jian Shuxing asked in a hurry.

"Let's talk about what's going on first."

Grandma Jian knew that something was up today. She could sense that something was off.

Why would her darling run out of the hospital like that? And why would Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng show up at the Old Jian Residence with a sorrowful and anxious expression on their faces? Both of them were meant to be working at this time.

“Mother... About that incident... We discovered... It wasn’t Yiling’s doing...”

Jian Shuxing stammered out. His voice was bitter and he spoke with quite some difficulty.

“Which incident?”

How would Grandma Jian know about which incident he was talking about if he spoke in such an unclear manner?

At this moment, Grandpa Jian also walked out of the house. When he saw everyone’s expressions, he frowned before saying:

“What’s the matter? Why don’t you come in and sit down first? Let’s talk about it.”

“Father...” Jian Shuxing started.

“It’s better for me to explain the situation,” Jian Yuncheng interrupted. His voice also sounded bitter and sad.

Jian Yuncheng recounted the series of events that happened today to Grandpa and Grandma Jian.

Upon hearing Jian Yuncheng’s words, Grandma Jian mercilessly reprimanded the three of them:

“What did I say? I told you that my darling isn’t a bad girl! None of you believed me!”

“Mother, I know I’m wrong... However, back then, Yiling herself...”

“She said that she was in the wrong! However, she didn’t say that she pushed him!” Grandma Jian stated. She had quite a good memory.

On that day, Jian Yiling had indeed admitted in front of Grandma and Grandpa Jian that ‘she was in the wrong’.

However, none of them had investigated what her words had implied.

“Mother, I know I’m at fault... I...”

Grandma Jian felt incredibly upset. She continued to scold the three of them, “You’re wrong?! And what now? You’re just going to say that you’re wrong? Is that all you have to say? Why don’t you think about the damage that you’ve caused to your child! Think about all the pain that she went through. I think that it’s fair for you guys to look after Yunnao when he is injured. I also think it’s fair for you to discipline Yiling for her temper and attitude. However, what I have an issue with is your doubt and suspicion towards your daughter! Your mistrust has caused her the most pain!”

Grandma Jian was not concerned with the delivery of her words. She was just biased towards Yiling. What could they do about that?

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Granma Jian continued to let her anger out.

The three that were being scolded didn't have a single word that they could say. They couldn't defend their actions.

Grandma Jian continued to speak in exasperation, "I understand your dilemma. Both of them are your children. I know that Yunnao was badly injured. And typically, compared to Yiling, he's more understanding and sensible. As a result, all of you decided to believe in Yunnao. However, have you guys never considered that there might be a third possibility? What if both of them weren't wrong!? Isn't that the situation right now? What were you guys doing earlier? Are you stupid?"

The probability of the third possibility was quite low. However, it wasn't impossible!

And now, as it turns out, the third possibility did happen! And it happened to them!

Grandma Jian didn't want to blame the three of them for choosing to trust Jian Yunnao. He was their son. And he was also her grandson. He was a child that was trustworthy.

However, Grandma Jian was upset with the fact that Jian Yiling didn't get the trust that she deserved.

At the same time, Grandma Jian was also angry with herself. She was angry that back then, she didn't persist with her point of view.

At this point, Grandma Jian couldn't help but say: "If I was 20 years younger, I'd kick all of you out of the company! You're all incredibly stupid. With your intelligence, I feel as though the company will become insolvent before I pass away."

Grandma Jian had lost her temper. No one dared to say another word.

In the end, Grandpa Jian opened his mouth. He tried to calm things down. "Okay, okay. Old Lady, take a break. You're also quite old. There's no need to be this angry. I'm also at fault. I didn't ask someone to carefully investigate this manner."

Grandpa Jian had contacted the Jian family to come over that day. Once he heard Jian Yiling say that she was at fault, he wanted to just let the matter die down. He wanted to turn big matters into smaller matters, and for those smaller matters to just disappear eventually.

As he was quite old, he lost the energy that he once had. He thought that it would be good if his family could live in peace and harmony. He didn't want to make a fuss about the matters.

However, he didn't expect that this matter would turn out like this. He didn't expect that his only granddaughter would have to suffer like this.

Grandpa Jian also felt quite upset. Although it didn't show on the surface, he also felt quite guilty and ashamed of himself.

In the end, he had pampered her. However, he hadn't been able to firmly believe in her as Grandma Jian had. He hadn't been able to believe that she wasn't bad at heart.

He didn't realize that no matter what happened, she wouldn't pass that moral line.

“Mother, Father, it’s my fault. I didn’t handle the situation well. I also didn’t investigate the matter thoroughly.”

Jian Shuxing regretted his decisions and choices. However, regret was useless.

After something happened, nothing could change it again.

Jian Shuxing, Jian Yuncheng, and Wen Nuan could only stay in that sadness and regret.

Grandma Jian sighed before speaking again. Her tone had eased up quite a bit, “Alright, I know that this is a situation that you didn’t expect. It’s not easy for you guys to handle this matter. Even if I beat the three of you up, it won’t make things better. What we need to do right now is to handle the rest of the matter properly. As to forgiveness, that’s not up to me to say. It’s up to Yiling.”

The days still had to go by. They were part of the same family. Grandma Jian didn’t want her son, daughter-in-law, and grandson to wallow away in misery.

“Mother, I know,” Jian Shuxing replied. He hung his head and accepted Grandma Jian’s criticism.

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After another sigh, Grandma Jian turned around and directed her words at Wen Nuan. Wen Nuan was the person who dealt with stress the worst out of the three. “Ah Nuan, I know that this matter is incredibly painful for you to handle. However, you’re the mother of both these children. And both of them still need you to be there for them. You need to learn to be strong. If you’re not strong, how can they be strong?”

Grandma Jian always felt that her eldest daughter-in-law’s personality was too soft. Compared to her second daughter-in-law, she had the complete opposite personality.

Wen Nuan’s personality was fine if nothing happened in the house. But if some issues were to arise, she would not be able to deal with it.

She was the eldest daughter-in-law. There were going to be times where she needed to support the Jian family.

“I’ll try. I’ll try...” Wen Nuan stammered out. Her voice trembled slightly, but she promised Grandma Jian to try her best.

Whenever something happened in the family, she was the weakest and most incompetent.

As a mother, she didn’t take good care of her children. She didn’t protect them. Instead, she caused them pain and suffering.

She wasn’t a good mother.

Then, Grandma Jian directed the rest of the words to the three of them, “Today, you should all go home. Go home and take care of yourselves. Think about what you should do and handle your emotions. Once you figured that out, come back and talk to Yiling.”

Grandpa Jian also agreed with Grandma Jian's thoughts, "Your mother is correct. It is best if you go back and calm yourselves down. You're not in the right frame of mind. Your mother and I will take care of Yiling. Don't worry about that."

Grandpa and Grandma Jian didn't want the three of them to see Jian Yiling for the time being.

It took quite some time for wounds of mistrust and doubt to heal. It wasn't a simple suture.

Then, Grandpa and Grandma Jian evicted them from the Old Jian Residence.

Although the three of them wanted to see Jian Yiling, they still had to leave.

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When Jian Yujie returned home, he was quite nervous. Although he had thought about the situation quite clearly, he still didn't know how to face his mother. Jian Yiling had told him that she would publicize the surveillance video.

As soon as he entered the house, He Yan didn't show up as usual. Nor did she assign him any tasks or restrict his actions.

After a while, Jian Shuhong returned home.

Jian Shuhong and Jian Shuxing had a slight resemblance in appearance. However, compared to Jian Shuxing, Jian Shuhong appeared more refined and gentle.

Although he was in his early fifties, he still had a unique, gentle, and mature temperament.

As usual, He Yan went to the door to greet Jian Shuhong after a long day of work.

"Are you okay? Why do you have a bruise on your face?" Jian Shuhong asked. He was worried when he saw a bruise on He Yan's forehead.

"This... I accidentally fell and knocked it against something," He Yan replied. There was a flash of embarrassment that showed on her face.

"Fell? Where did you fall down? Is it serious?"

"No, I'm fine. The ground was slippery," He Yan replied cautiously.

She didn't dare to show any signs that something was off.

She couldn't let her husband know the real source of her injuries.

"Then please be more careful next time. Remember to put some medicine on the wounds."

Jian Shuhong only saw the lump on He Yan's forehead. He didn't know that there were a dozen bruises that were scattered across her body.

"Yes," He Yan replied. Then, as usual, she prepared dinner for her husband.

It hurt for her to even walk. However, she had to endure the pain.

She couldn't let anyone know about her injuries. She couldn't let them know that she received a beating from Jian Yiling.

She would endure all of the pain that Jian Yiling had inflicted on her.

However, she wouldn't admit defeat. She still had a chance.

Chapter 164: Visit from the Boy Band (1)

After Jian Yumin finished his recording, he found out that Jian Yujie had called him. He immediately called back.

Jian Yujie told Jian Yumin about the situation. He told him that Jian Yiling was suffering from another fever.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yumin requested for his personal assistant to drive him to the hospital.

"Brother Yumin, what's the matter? Didn't we agree to eat barbecue together after our recording?"

The other members of Jupiter tried to stop him from leaving. They didn't know what was happening.

"I'm busy!" Jian Yumin cried out. He tried to free himself to rush off to the hospital.

"What happened?" The other members asked out of concern. It appeared as though Jian Yumin was incredibly anxious.

"My sister is hospitalized. I need to go and see her!" Jian Yumin explained. He had no choice but to tell them the truth. He didn't want them to keep on nagging him.

After explaining the situation, he rushed off with his personal assistant.

And with that, he left the other members of Jupiter behind.

The boy band Jupiter consisted of 4 members.

Besides Jian Yumin, there were three other members.

When Jian Yumin left, the three of them decided to discuss Jian Yumin's 'sister'. They wanted to investigate the situation.

"Do you think that Brother Yumin is going to see his sister? Or do you think he's going to see a chick?"

"To be in such a rush, I was wondering whether or not he is in love."

"Damn... I wonder what kind of girl can make Brother Yumin rush over like that. I'm quite curious."

The three of them knew that Jian Yumin was quite heartless with girls. He never knew what to say in certain situations.

"Why don't we go and check it out next time? Then, we can figure out whether or not it's his sister or it's his girl."

“That makes sense... Wait, why don’t we go and figure that out right now? If Yumin’s sister is sick, we have no reason to not visit her right?”

“Yeah, I agree! I’ll send my assistant to go and do some shopping. Then, we can contact Brother Yumin’s assistant and figure out which hospital he’s at!”

They were quite smart and quick-witted!

Brother Yumin wanted to hide his girl? No way that was happening!

Jian Yumin didn’t know the plans of his fellow band members. When he rushed to the hospital, he almost walked into the wrong room. Jian Yiling had switched to a new ward. As a result, at first, he headed in the wrong direction.

Jian Yumin didn’t know that Jian Yiling had been discharged today. As a result, he didn’t know that she got hospitalized once again.

Once he found her new room, he barged inside.

When he saw Zhai Yunsheng seated next to Yiling’s bed, his brows furrowed.

Jian Yumin walked over towards the bed and quietly squeezed into Zhai Yunsheng’s original spot.

“How did you become ugly once again?” Jian Yumin asked. His voice sounded rather distasteful.

It took two days for her face to finally gain some color. Now, once again, her face was incredibly pale.

Jian Yiling stared at Jian Yumin. She didn’t reply to him, however, she wasn’t upset either.

The first time she heard him call her ugly, she had misunderstood his words. She thought that he was deliberately making fun of her.

However now, she knew that he had no bad intentions.

When he saw Jian Yiling’s face, Jian Yumin suddenly realized that he might have said the wrong thing again:

“You’re just a little uglier when you’re sick. You’ll become pretty again if you eat a bit more.”

Jian Yumin felt that Yiling needed to gain a bit of weight. It would be better for his sister to be healthy rather than just skinny.

“I’ll eat meat when I get better.”

“Mhmm, that’s good.” Jian Yumin replied. “Oh right, I called Yujie a while ago. He said that he’s the one who caused your fever. What did that dummy do?”

“It’s not his fault. It’s my fault.”

However, Jian Yiling didn’t want to mention what had just happened to Jian Yumin.

If Jian Yujie hadn’t told him the situation, she didn’t plan to tell him either.

Chapter 165: Visit from the Boy Band (2)

That incident was painful for Jian Yujie to deal with. It would also be painful to tell Jian Yumin the truth.

Although their personalities were quite different, He Yan was still Jian Yumin's mother.

And thus, from the start, Jian Yujie didn't plan to tell his brother the truth. He preferred to deal with the whole thing by himself.

"What do you mean it's your fault? You seem fine. Other than your tendency to cry quite a bit, you don't really have any other faults."

Jian Yumin feared Jian Yiling's tears. That constantly shadowed his mind.

Jian Yumin continued to speak, "You don't need to protect him. Next time he comes over, I'll give him a good beating."

After he finished speaking, Jian Yumin turned his head around and looked at Zhai Yunsheng. His look was not so friendly. Then, he started to speak in a polite tone:

"Thank you Mr. Yunsheng for coming over and visiting my sister. You can leave now. I can take care of my sister."

However, Zhai Yunsheng had no plans to leave. He put his hands into his pockets and seemed quite composed. No sense of embarrassment could be felt from him.

When Jian Yumin saw Zhai Yunsheng's composure, he felt that Zhai Yunsheng was more dangerous than he initially assumed.

When Yu Xi saw the atmosphere between Jian Yumin and Zhai Yunsheng, he attempted to reconcile the situation, "Brother Yumin, the doctor will come around soon to check up on Yiling. It's good to have more people around. After Grandma Jian arrives, we will leave."

"That's fine. But don't you two have other things to do as well?"

Although Jian Yumin wasn't happy with the arrangements, he couldn't do much. Zhai Yunsheng hadn't done anything bad to his sister yet. As a result, he couldn't shoo him away in an obvious manner.

"Nah, we're quite free right now," Yu Xi replied. He briefly touched his nose after he responded. At their age, they were probably meant to be studying for their university courses. However, instead, they were quite free.

And to be totally honest, they weren't completely free. Master Sheng had come to Hengyuan City to deal with a serious matter.

However, Master Sheng had put off the matter for now.

At that moment, Jian Yumin received a call from his band members.

"Brother Yumin, where is your sister's ward? We're at the hospital entrance right now."

"Why are you guys here?" Jian Yumin asked. His first reaction was to find a reason to get rid of them.

“Isn’t your sister sick? As your good brothers, we’re here to visit her.”

“You guys...” Jian Yumin started before he trailed off. He couldn’t find any reason to get rid of them.

Last time, he had told them that his house wasn’t big enough. It was not like he could tell them that the hospital wasn’t big enough right?

As a result, Jian Yumin could only tell them Jian Yiling’s ward number.

Five minutes later, the other three members of Jupiter showed up in Jian Yiling’s ward.

All three of them were wearing masks and caps. They didn’t want to be recognized by their fans.

When they entered the room and saw Jian Yumin, they all smiled brightly.

The other three members of Jupiter were Luo Xun, Shi Baiyang, and Le Yao.

The three of them had different personalities and looks. However, all of them were incredibly attractive.

Jian Yumin indifferently introduced his group members to Jian Yiling, “Yiling, these are my friends. Their names are Luo Xun, Shi Baiyang, and Le Yao. However, you don’t need to remember their names. You don’t need to remember their faces either.”

Luo Xun was the most lively out of the three of them. He immediately stepped forward and introduced himself with a smile, “Hello. You’re Brother Yumin’s sister, right? You’re so pretty. Do you want to be the female lead in one of our upcoming MVs?”

From Yiling’s appearance, they could tell that she wasn’t Brother Yumin’s girlfriend. If she was his girlfriend, they would seriously consider beating him up. How could he not have told them!?

Chapter 166: Visit from the Boy Band (3)

Jian Yiling’s gaze fell onto Luo Xun.

Luo Xun... That name wasn’t unfamiliar to Jian Yiling.

In the original novel, Luo Xun was the one who accompanied Jian Yiling when she did her ‘evil deeds’.

In her period of paranoia, Luo Xun was her only friend.

He had advised her to not get attached to Qin Chuan, however, she hadn’t listened to him. He had tried to stop her from doing the wrong thing.

In the original novel, Jian Yiling had done one stupid thing after another. Regardless of what she did, Luo Xun chose to help her out. He was afraid that something would happen to her.

Ultimately, Luo Xun didn’t have a good ending. Jupiter had disbanded and he had gotten ignored by the rest of his group members.

Jian Yumin was also forced to go home. He had to accept He Yan’s arrangements for him.

After Luo Xun lost his popularity and his career, he became a pub singer.

He was often ridiculed when someone recognized his face. A former idol had descended into becoming a mere pub singer.

However, in the original novel, Jian Yiling had met Luo Xun for the first time when she was twenty years old. They hadn't met right now.

Furthermore, back in the original novel, Jian Yiling didn't really interact with Jian Yumin during this period of time.

Jian Yiling hadn't stayed at the Old Jian Residence. The same applied to Jian Yumin. In the eyes of the Jian family, Jian Yumin seemed like someone who intensely disliked his sister. The only thing that he did was make fun of her.

And plus, due to his work, he had often traveled around the country. He rarely had time to visit his family and as a result of this, he didn't have the opportunity to encounter and interact with Jian Yiling.

Due to the series of events that happened, there was a long period of time where Jian Yiling didn't interact with her brothers and cousins.

And now, due to the various changes that happened in her life, Jian Yiling's relationship with Jian Yumin had completely changed. She had also met the other members of Jupiter before the timeline in the novel.

As of now, Luo Xun was still a handsome and stunning idol.

He showed off his signature sweet smile.

Jian Yumin said to Jian Yiling, "Yiling, don't pay attention to this brat. He uses his smile to steal the hearts of numerous female fans."

Luo Xun was the youngest among the four of them. He had a 'young' and 'cute' appearance. Some fans said that he had a puppy dog face.

Most of the other members had 'wife fans'.¹

However, Luo Xun had plenty of 'mother fans', 'sister fans', and 'aunt fans'.¹

He had a sweet smile that captured the hearts of all women, regardless of their age.

And this kid was smiling at his sister like this. Shame on him.

"What? Brother Yumin, is this how you introduce your good friends?" Luo Xun asked. His expression made it seem like he had been wronged.

He was born with a nice smile. Was it his fault?

"I'm just telling the truth," Jian Yumin responded. He felt as though there wasn't a problem with his introduction.

"Brother Yumin, you're so mean!" Luo Xun muttered in a low voice.

Jian Yumin had a hidden girl behind his back. And now, he was talking about her badly in front of her. Brother Yumin was ruining his image!

“I’m not mean! I’m a good person! Yiling, do you agree with me?”

Jian Yumin ignored the thoughts of the rest of his band members. He only asked for Jian Yiling’s opinion.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling nodded. He was indeed a good person.

The way Jian Yiling nodded her head was quite adorable. The other three members of Jupiter envied Jian Yumin for having such a cute sister.

“See, my sister agrees with me!”

Jian Yumin raised his head in high spirits. His eyes appeared to look pleased and provocative.

“Wow! Damn! I can’t argue against you!” Le Yao said jokingly. Le Yao’s personality was silly yet amusing.

“Then don’t argue against me,” Jian Yumin replied.

The four members of Jupiter got along quite well. They often made fun of each other. However, now that they were all in Jian Yiling’s hospital room, the room had suddenly become very crowded and lively.

Chapter 167: Doesn’t Dislike the Hug

It took a while for the noise in the hospital ward to subside. At last, Jian Yumin sent away the other three members of Jupiter.

Jian Yumin was incredibly glad that he hadn’t told them his home address.

Jian Yiling took this opportunity to look at Zhai Yunsheng. He had been sleeping on the sofa.

The sofa was not long enough to accommodate his body. As a result, his legs dangled off the seat. He had used his jacket to cover his head. That was done as an attempt to block out the light.

Although his sleeping posture was quite casual, it had to be said that the pose exuded sexiness. If the person was attractive, whatever they did would appear sexy and seductive.

The first time Jian Yiling had seen him, he had been sleeping in a similar way. He had just been casually lying on a bench in the hospital corridor.

However, what was surprising was that he had fallen asleep in such a noisy and lively environment.

When Yu Xi saw the confusion in Jian Yiling’s eyes, he explained to her in a quiet voice:

“Master Sheng can’t sleep in quiet environments.”

The reason for this was because the silence reminded him of the time his father died.

Back then, the silence had been like a gaping void. He had seen his father’s body on the floor. The floor that had been dyed red with his father’s blood.

Back then, he had been only seven years old. The person that he had called father had been reduced to a cold corpse.

On that day, the surroundings had been so quiet. Quiet to the extent where he felt that he could hear the sound of draining blood.

The rest of the Zhai family didn't find him until half an hour later.

That period of time was a shadow in Zhai Yunsheng's heart. It was his secret that was not known to many. That event had also led him to dislike complete silence. He had to play some music in his room when he slept.

As soon as Yu Xi finished speaking, Zhai Yunsheng opened his eyes.

He had been asleep. Not dead. Why was Yu Xi talking as though he thought Master Sheng couldn't hear him speak?

Not to mention, just then, he had been sleeping quite lightly.

When Yu Xi saw Zhai Yunsheng open his eyes, he immediately got a fright.

He desperately tried to turn his head away and pretended that he didn't know what was happening.

At that moment, Grandpa and Grandma Jian arrived at the hospital ward.

When Grandma Jian saw Jian Yiling lying on the hospital bed, she began to scold her once again.

And all that Jian Yiling could do was listen to her grandma tell her off.

When Grandma Jian saw the state of her precious granddaughter, she felt as though she couldn't scold her anymore.

The more she scolded her, the sadder she felt.

Whilst Grandma Jian was scolding Jian Yiling, Grandpa Jian took this opportunity to thank Yu Xi and Zhai Yunsheng for taking care of Yiling.

After they exchanged pleasantries, Zhai Yunsheng left with Yu Xi. Zhai Yunsheng had been quite polite to Grandpa Jian.

Grandma Jian had also shooed Jian Yumin away.

Jian Yumin was meant to have a concert at Hengyuan City in the next few days. As a result, his schedule was packed with rehearsals and other events.

After everyone left, Grandma Jian took Jian Yiling into her arms. She gently patted Yiling's back whilst hugging her.

Although Grandma Jian didn't say anything, Jian Yiling understood what she meant.

Some things didn't need to be expressed with words.

Whilst she was being hugged by Grandma Jian, Jian Yiling's body didn't feel too much resistance. Rather, she felt the warmth of the embrace. It was incredibly comfortable and relaxing.

This feeling was quite foreign to Jian Yiling.

However... She didn't dislike the feeling.

Grandma Jian's heart felt incredibly bitter. Although they had been given the surveillance video, it seemed as if Jian Yiling was acting as though nothing had happened.

Yiling hadn't even mentioned the matter to her...

Because it was her second time to be hospitalized for gastroenteritis, Grandma Jian demanded her to stay in the hospital for a minimum of three days.

Fortunately, Grandma Jian didn't forbid her from using her phone and computer. As a result, Jian Yiling could work from the hospital room.

Grandma Jian had permitted her granddaughter to play games and watch dramas. However, Jian Yiling had used that time to work.

If Grandma Jian knew what Jian Yiling was doing, she would probably be incredibly angry.

Chapter 168: Finalizing the Surgery Date

When Jian Yiling finally turned her phone back on again, there was numerous notification on the screen. She had received 99+ missed calls, 99+ unread text messages, and 99+ unread WeChat messages.

Even the institution's dedicated application had dozens of unread messages.

Initially, Jian Yiling had shut her phone off because she was worried that a call would come through. She didn't know how to answer the questions that were definitely going to be asked.

The only thing that she had wanted to achieve was to present the truth in front of them. That was why she had publicized that video.

However, Jian Yiling wasn't sure of whether or not this would change her ultimate fate.

The scene of her lonely death in her dream was way too realistic. Realistic to the extent that whenever Jian Yiling thought about it, she would experience feelings that she had felt in the dream.

Jian Yiling shook her head. She tried to get rid of all the unnecessary thoughts that were preoccupying her mind. She had to focus on the matter at hand.

To live well, the first thing that she needed was a career and money.

When she thought about this, Jian Yiling decided to open the messages from the institution.

The person of contact had sent her a bunch of messages.

All of the messages were related to the two projects that she had been working on.

Furthermore, the person of contact had sent Jian Yiling a list of arrangements. They had tried their best to allocate and schedule the limited time that she had available.

However, no matter how hard they tried to schedule and allocate the arrangements, there was not enough time.

[Schedule the surgery for the 5th of next month. Contact the patient and perform the required examinations before then.]

Jian Yiling sent a simple message back to the person of contact.

[The 5th? Isn't that too soon? You've got a lot of other things that you have to deal with as well.]

A surgery typically took less time than a pharmaceutical research project.

The surgery only required some preparation beforehand. The actual operation took very little time.

In contrast, when it came to a pharmaceutical research project, at the very least, it would take a few months. Some of these projects could take longer than several years.

[5th.]

Jian Yiling reiterated.

Jian Yiling had been hospitalized for the past two days. This had given her enough time to work on her cases.

Qin Chuan's mother had extensive amounts of documents in her medical history. Jian Yiling had worked with Cheng Yi to figure out their preliminary stabilization plan.

When the person of contact read Jian Yiling's message, they knew that it was useless to try and persuade her. When Jian Yiling decided on something, she never went back on her word.

[Okay, I'll contact the patient. I'll arrange for their admission.]

The only thing that the person of contact could do was to make arrangements with the relevant personnel.

If the operation was a success, it'd be of great help to Jian Yiling's reputation.

This type of surgery was a test of the surgeon's ability. If it were to be successful, Dr. F.S's reputation would soar.

It'd be incredibly beneficial to her future career development.

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When Jian Yiling confirmed the date of the surgery, there were numerous questions that arose in the industry.

There were some people who looked forward to the operation. On the other hand, there were others that questioned her ability.

[Is Dr. F.S really going to do this surgery? Is he really capable of this? Or is he just a newborn calf that doesn't fear the tigers?"]

[Who knows. We've never heard of him performing surgery before. Without a successful case to judge from, we can't predict his success rate.]

[The Huiling Medical Research Institution often does outlandish things. This is well-known in the industry. It seems that this time is no exception. It seems like to me that they're actually going to let a newcomer perform this surgery. Dr. F.S doesn't have any surgical experience prior to this. Ahhh... Honestly, I don't know what to say.]

[We can't just comment like that. The article that was published by Dr. F.S was quite amazing.]

[There's a thing called 'military tactics on paper'. Things can be easy in theory but difficult in practice.]

[Yeah, that's true. When it comes to surgery, it's quite different from everything else. Whilst theoretical knowledge is important, an accumulation of experience is even more crucial. However, this is the decision of the Huiling Medical Research Institution. Since they've already made such a decision, they will have to bear the consequences if something were to happen. Let's just wait to see the final result.]

Chapter 169: Want to Watch the Surgery

Hong Baizhang was also seated in front of his computer. He had seen the discussion regarding the microscope nerve repair surgery that was going to happen.

It must be said that the surgery attracted a lot of attention.

As Hong Baizhang was someone who was involved with the matters from the very beginning, he had also been paying close attention to the progress of this matter.

This kind of surgery was incredibly difficult. If the operation were to be successful, Dr. F.S's reputation would definitely be elevated to a new level.

Truth be told, Hong Baizhang desperately wanted to go and watch the surgery in person.

As he thought about this, Hong Baizhang shamelessly sent a message to Cheng Yi. He hoped that Cheng Yi would agree to let him watch the surgery in person.

After a while, Cheng Yi sent a reply:

[I don't have the authority to let you watch. You have to figure out another way.]

Hong Baizhang muttered to himself, "I only asked you because I couldn't figure out another way..."

Other than contacting Cheng Yi, Hong Baizhang really couldn't think of another way to watch the operation in person.

Just as Hong Baizhang was about to send a reply, a nurse came over to ask him to check on the patient in Ward 1.

"Isn't it just gastroenteritis? Why do I have to go and check?" Hong Baizhang complained. He was getting impatient.

Why was Grandma Jian like this? The other doctors in the hospital would have been sufficient already. Why is she only reassured when he checks up on Jian Yiling?

Hong Baizhang sighed before he grudgingly walked towards Ward 1.

When he entered the room, he saw a little girl in the hospital bed. There were a bunch of electronics that were placed in front of her.

Hong Baizhang couldn't help but sigh to himself: Nowadays, parents and guardians spoil their children way too much. Why would they bring a bunch of electronics to the ward when their child is hospitalized?

"How are you? Does your stomach still hurt?" Hong Baizhang walked over and asked.

"It doesn't hurt," Jian Yiling replied. As Hong Baizhang approached her, Jian Yiing had switched the screens of her electronics to screensaver mode.

As usual, Hong Baizhang systematically asked Jian Yiling a few questions about her conditions. Then, he reiterated a few points that she needed to pay attention to.

Gastroenteritis wasn't something serious. As long as she didn't run about and eat anything that was too strong in taste, it wasn't a big problem.

Hong Baizhang wasn't interested in seeing someone with gastroenteritis. Instead, he was focused on figuring out how he would get the opportunity to watch the surgery in person.

As he took another look at the electronic devices in front of Jian Yiling, he suddenly remembered something that Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen had mentioned before:

"Oh, by the way, Miss Jian, if you don't mind me asking, what game did you play with Dr. Cheng and Dr. Luo?"

Hong Baizhang was still obsessed with that game.

However, the game was something that Cheng Yi had said. Jian Yiling hadn't said anything about it.

Jian Yiling looked at Hong Baizhang for a long while before she replied, "Zerg Invasion."

This was the only game that she had played recently.

However, she hadn't played it with Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen.

The things that she played with Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen... Were all kinds of data and experiments...

"Ahh... I've heard about this game before. Is it true that people with high IQs like playing these violent games?" Hong Baizhang mused.

If he decided to play this game, would he get the opportunity to come in contact with Dr. F.S? Then, would he get the chance to watch him operate?

Maybe, that was indeed a possibility.

"Miss Jian, do you have time to teach me how to play that game?"

As Hong Baizhang assumed that Jian Yiling had met Cheng Yi and the others through that game, she must have been incredibly gifted at it.

This was because Hong Baizhang assumed that people who were noobs at the game had no friends to play with. Only those who played well could make friends in the game.

"I can't teach," Jian Yiling answered truthfully.

"Can't teach? Then how do you play the game then?" Hong Baizhang asked.

"Based on intuition," Jian Yiling replied. Her expression was serious.

Hong Baizhang's request for teachings and guidance had fallen short. It seemed like he had to figure out how to play the game based on 'intuition' at a later date.

Chapter 170: God Ling, Master Sheng Bullied Me Again...

Whilst Jian Yiling was recovering in the hospital, Yu Xi felt quite sad. He didn't have much to do. As God Ling was still getting better, she couldn't carry him in games...

If he decided to play by himself, he'd always end up in a depressing situation where he kept losing games. One after another.

As he was currently ranked in a high division, most of the opponents that he met in-game were better than him. Due to this, his experience and gameplay ended up being incredibly poor.

At this moment, he noticed that Zhai Yunsheng had started playing Zerg Invasion.

Thus, Yu Xi decided to kiss up to Zhai Yunsheng, "Master Sheng, do you want to play with me?"

"Sure."

To Yu Xi's surprise, Zhai Yunsheng agreed to his favor. Today, it seemed like Master Sheng was exceptionally easy to talk to. Yu Xi was moved to the point where tears were going to flow out of his eyes.

Yu Xi hurriedly logged onto his account. He was going to duo queue with Master Sheng!

And then...

However, as soon as the game started, Zhai Yunsheng's character who had always been fierce and ferocious had died!

Yu Xi was shocked.

After Zhai Yunsheng's character died, Yu Xi failed to last more than two minutes by himself. When his character died, that ended the first game.

Although Yu Xi was quite shocked, he tried to convince himself that this was an accident. Master Sheng had just started playing. He might have been rusty at the game. That was definitely the reason that he had died so early!

Such a thing could only happen once. It would definitely not be happening again!

And thus, Yu Xi started the queue for another game.

And then...

They lost once again.

Yu Xi's eyes widened in shock.

He was in a panic.

What was wrong with Master Sheng today? This wasn't how he usually played!

Yu Xi was incredibly nervous about his rank and elo. However, he didn't dare to question Master Sheng about the situation.

And thus, he continued to duo with Master Sheng.

However, all the games that he played resulted in losses.

In several of the games, Master Sheng's character had died before him.

Yu Xi was in complete shock.

When he looked at his dwindling elo, Yu Xi's heart was broken in pieces.

"Um...Master... Master Sheng, let's stop playing for today." Yu Xi stammered out. He finally couldn't stand it anymore.

"Yeah, that's fine. I'm almost done." Zhai Yunsheng replied.

Almost done?

What did he mean by almost done?

Yu Xi's mind was filled with doubts. After he exited the game, he returned to the main lobby. When he glanced at the leaderboard, he noticed that the player that was ranked first in his server had changed from ZYS to J10.

J10 seldomly played the game. Whenever she played, she typically was in the same party as Zhai Yunsheng and Yu Xi.

Despite this, her account still reached the second rank in their server.

Zhai Yunsheng had always ranked first. His rank was untouchable.

However, today, the first and second ranks had switched around.

Yu Xi stared at the leaderboard for quite some while. Then, he let out a mournful howl:

"Master Sheng, don't you dare tell me that you were intentionally losing!!!"

"Yeah."

When Yu Xi heard Master Sheng's response, he was about to collapse.

"What?! Why didn't you tell me?!"

If Master Sheng planned to lose games, why did he have to join him? What did he do wrong? He hadn't even reached Challenger yet!

"You didn't ask me."

"..."

Yu Xi wanted to start swearing. However, he closed his mouth before the words came out.

The only thing Yu Xi could do was swallow his tears. He quietly sent a message to Jian Yiling:

[God Ling, I've been bullied by Master Sheng...]

As Jian Yiling was currently sitting in front of the computer, she quickly messaged him back:

[Mhmm.]

The "Mhmm" indicated that she knew about the situation.

[No... God Ling, can't you comfort me?]

Yu Xi felt wronged. Due to this, he wanted to receive some virtual comfort.

[Comfort.]

When Yu Xi looked at the word 'comfort' on his screen, he wanted to sob.

However, Yu Xi continued to message Jian Yiling: [God Ling, aren't you going to ask me how Master Sheng bullied me?]

[?]

[He deliberately lost games with me... God Ling... I'm even further away from being Challenger now...]

[I'll carry you next time.] Jian Yiling replied.

As soon as Yu Xi saw this message, he got incredibly excited: [Oh my god, God Ling, you're the best! I love you! You're the best! I'll remember this. As soon as you get better, I'll prepare a sumptuous banquet!]