

Sidekick 221

Chapter 221: Teaching Qiu Yizhen a Lesson (4)

Qiu Liyao was not completely unaware of his daughter's actions in Shenghua High School. He knew that she was a bully. However, he didn't think of the matter as anything serious. As a result, he had turned a blind eye to her actions.

Before today, Qiu Liyao never thought that the students that were bullied by Qiu Yizhen would cause such a ruckus.

However, as of now, Zhai Yunsheng was the backing of these students. He was the support that they needed.

At this moment, Qiu Yizhen's expression was also shocked and terrified.

She felt that she was a fish on the chopping board!

She stared incredulously at Jian Yiling. How could this little girl be the one who placed her on the chopping board?

After realizing the gravity of the matter, Qiu Liyao could no longer be bothered to slap and fight with his daughter anymore. Instead, he started to beg for Zhai Yunsheng's forgiveness.

"Master Sheng, please spare us. Please forgive us. We know that we did the wrong thing. I promise that I will properly discipline my daughter in the future. This will not ever happen again. I promise it won't."

Zhai Yunsheng tried to hold back his smile. His eyes were filled with scorn and contempt. "I don't like to be forgiving. In fact, I prefer to be a petty person."

Qiu Liyao's face went pale. His eyes were dumbstruck as he looked at Zhai Yunsheng. This man didn't even give him a chance to beg for forgiveness.

Qiu Liyao started to feel a buzz in his head.

At this moment, Qiu Liyao's phone started ringing like crazy.

Someone from the Board of Shenghua High School was the person who called him. It was evident that the video had been released online.

It was evident that for the next few days, Qiu Liyao and Qiu Yizhen would be in a difficult predicament. They would have a lot of things to deal with.

It was hard to say whether or not Qiu Liyao could keep his position as the Chairman. Furthermore, it was likely that the status of the Qiu family would also plummet.

After they left the Qiu Residence, Zhai Yunsheng looked over at Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was typing up a text message.

"Who are you messaging?"

“I’m sending Hu Jiaojiao a video of the fight.”

Jian Yiling was planning to send the video of Qiu Liyao and Qiu Yuzhen fighting to Hu Jiaojiao.

“Send me a copy as well.”

“You saw it with your own eyes,” Jian Yiling replied. She was quite confused about why Master Sheng wanted a copy as well.

“It’s for my amusement in the future,” Zhai Yunsheng replied.

After thinking about it for a moment, Jian Yiling accepted Zhai Yunsheng’s answer to her question. She sent a copy of the video to Zhai Yunsheng.

Jian Yiling’s name appeared on Zhai Yunsheng’s recent contacts.

It was the first message to appear in his originally empty chat logs.

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On the other hand, the preparations for Jian Yunnao’s operation had been completed.

The Jian family had arrived at the research institution ahead of time.

They were waiting for Dr. F.S’s arrival.

As time went by, the Jian family felt that they had been waiting for an eternity. Today’s time felt like it was passing especially slowly.

As it was only an operation on the hand, overall, this was not considered a dangerous operation. As a result, the doctor didn’t need to say much to the family before the operation.

Everyone at the institution was anxiously waiting.

Only half an hour remained before the operation was scheduled to start. If Jian Yiling didn’t show up in time, she wouldn’t be able to do the surgery.

Professor Xu started to worry, “Did something happen to Yiling?”

Luo Xiuen knew about the events that happened last night. As a result, compared to Professor Xu, she was relatively more worried. “I’ll go out and look for her.”

Cheng Yi immediately stopped Luo Xiuen in her tracks, “Sister En, slow down. Yiling is dealing with her matters right now. Please trust her. Let’s wait for a little longer. It’s not yet time for the operation. Furthermore, you don’t even know where Yiling is right now. If you rush out like that, wouldn’t you just be wandering around on the streets?”

Cheng Yi’s words made sense.

And thus, for the time being, the only thing that Luo Xiuen could do was to calm herself down.

Professor Xu also pondered over the words that Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen had said. “You two head over to the ward. Inform the patient and his family that the surgeon has not yet arrived. However, make sure to

tell them not to worry. If Yiling hasn't arrived by the scheduled time of the operation, we will delay the operation for a bit."

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And thus, Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen headed over to Jian Yunnao's ward.

As of this moment, the Jian family was anxiously waiting for the operation to begin. When they saw Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen arrive, they rushed forward to ask:

"Dr. Cheng, Dr. Luo, what's the matter? Didn't you say that the operation will take place at one o'clock? There's only half an hour remaining."

The person who said this was Jian Shuxing.

It was almost time for the surgery. Why was nothing happening yet?

"Please do not worry. There's still half an hour till one o'clock. If something unexpected happens, the operation will be delayed by an hour."

Cheng Yi's words managed to appease the Jian family. However, at the same time, his words added to their worries.

It was fine if the operation was only delayed by an hour. They had been waiting for so many days already. An hour didn't matter.

However, they were worried that things would change.

What if an hour turned into another hour? In fact, what if that turned into a day? And then a week?

Jian Yuncheng immediately followed up and asked, "Did something happen to Dr. F.S? Do you need help with anything?"

Cheng Yi smiled and replied, "Please do not worry. The doctors at our institution are very capable of handling their own personal and business matters. Even if emergencies exist, we believe that the members of our research institution can handle it by themselves. Even if they can't, the rest of us will naturally help them out. We do not need the help of outsiders."

Cheng Yi decisively refused Jian Yuncheng's offer. And thus, the Jian family could not ask any more questions.

Time was passing incredibly slowly. It was very tortuous for the Jian family.

They felt as though they were ants crawling over a hot pot. They felt like they wanted to jump from one spot to another.

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Jian Yiling was on her way from the Qiu Residence to the research institution.

As she had spent quite some time in the morning looking for witnesses and collecting evidence, that had used up quite a lot of time. Furthermore, the ruckus at the Qiu Residence had also lasted for quite some time. As a result, it was almost twelve o'clock by the time they had left the Qiu Residence.

As the Qiu Residence and the research institution were located in the two different ends of Hengyuan City, it would take at least an hour's drive to reach the institution.

And thus, on the way to the institution, Jian Yiling sent them a message to notify them about her situation.

Then, she also ate her lunch in the car. She knew that the operation in the afternoon would take up quite a lot of time. If she didn't have enough energy, this would affect her performance in the operation.

It was ten minutes to one o'clock when Jian Yiling finally arrived at the institution.

After she arrived, she immediately changed her clothes. She disinfected herself before she entered the operating room.

The staff at the institution also pushed Jian Yunnao into the room for anesthesia.

Before the operation, Jian Yunnao had assumed that he'd be given a local anesthetic. However, before he figured out what was happening, the staff at the institution had put him under general anesthetic. As a result, he quickly lost consciousness.

It was too late by the time that he realized that it was general anesthetic.

Then, the operation began.

From start to finish, the Jian family never saw the face of Dr. F.S.

Dr. F.S was as mysterious as before. The only information that they had was off the Internet.

Initially, they had expected to meet the mysterious surgeon before the operation.

However, now, they had no choice but to trust in the surgeon that they had never met before.

The microscopic nerve repair surgery that Jian Yunnao was undergoing was a very intricate operation. It involved reconnected the damaged nerves. Due to this reason, it was extremely difficult to perform and required a lot of time.

The Jian family anxiously waited outside of the operating room. They couldn't relax at all.

They were filled with anticipation. However, at the same time, they were also inexplicably anxious.

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After a long wait of five hours, the lights of the operating room finally dimmed.

Following this, Jian Yunnao was pushed out of the operating room. He was still under anesthesia.

Jian Yunnao's hand had been wrapped with a special apparatus. As a result, no one could see what his actual hand looked like.

Cheng Yi walked up and told the rest of the Jian family, "The surgery was a success. However, Mr. Yunnao needs time to recuperate. After the wound has completely healed, he will be required to undergo rehabilitation."

The Jian family was incredibly relieved when they heard that their son was fine. Afterward, the Jian family started to subconsciously search for Dr. F.S.

When Cheng Yi saw that they kept looking at the operating room, he realized that they were looking for Dr. F.S.

"Dr. F.S has already left the operating room through another door," Cheng Yi said. He directly cut off their attempts to see Dr. F.S in person.

Upon hearing those words, the Jian family was a little disappointed. However, they were incredibly happy that their son's surgery had been a success. Thus, their happiness greatly outweighed their disappointment.

In a room connected to the operating room, Jian Yiling was lying down on a bed. She had an IV drip attached to her.

Her face was pale and there were dense beads of sweat on her face.

Overall, she was okay. However, she still felt a little disoriented from the surgery.

A surgery that required high concentration that lasted for five hours was a very draining task.

Furthermore, Jian Yiling's physical condition was not that good.

As a result, as soon as the surgery was over, Jian Yiling began to lose her footing.

Luo Xiuen had immediately carried her to the room next door. Without saying an extra word, Luo Xiuen put her on an IV to replenish her energy.

"I'm warning you right now, you're not allowed to accept any more surgeries like this until you're eighteen."

Luo Xiuen knew that Jian Yiling had no choice but to accept the surgery this time.

However, this was not to be repeated.

Jian Yiling glanced at her hand. She looked at the needle that had gotten inserted into her skin and thought to herself that she needed to start exercising.

"Starting from next month, I'll start exercising."

"That's good," Luo Xiuen replied. As she was an expert in the area of fitness, Luo Xiuen had a lot to comment on. "What about this? Starting from next week, you can follow me around whilst I work out. I'll make sure that you're in great shape! You'll eat a lot and be able to fight off punks!"

"Sister En! Don't do that!"

As soon as Cheng Yi entered the room, he heard Luo Xiuen say that she wanted to help Jian Yiling exercise. He hurriedly said no to that thought.

“What do you mean? Do you not want Yiling to be healthy?”

“No... That’s not what I mean. I just... I just thought that maybe we could try another way...”

A slightly more gentle way.

They had finally gotten a cute and innocent girl in their institution. What if she turned out to be the second Luo Xiuen? What would their days end up being like if that were to be the case?

“Excuse me? Do you think that my way isn’t good?”

Luo Xiuen narrowed her eyes. Immediately, Cheng Yi sensed the murderous intent in her eyes.

“No, no. Definitely not. Sister En, please do not be mistaken. I’m just saying that Yiling is quite delicate. We don’t want her to hurt herself right?”

Luo Xiuen’s fitness and training routines were filled with bruises and small injuries.

After Luo Xiuen thought about Cheng Yi’s words for a minute, she realized that his words made quite a bit of sense.

She could withstand the bruises and injuries that she got. However, Yiling definitely would not be able to. Yiling was a fragile girl that they needed to take care of.

“Ah... Okay, you’re right. Then what do you suggest?”

“Well, isn’t there a nutritionist in our research institution? Why don’t we get him to check up on Yiling’s physical conditions and ask him to give us some suggestions? He could recommend some appropriate physical exercises to her as well.”

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“Erm...” Luo Xiuen mused as she stroked the bottom of her chin. “That’s a good plan. Let’s try it out.”

“Phew—” Cheng Yi let out a huge sigh of relief.

As Jian Yiling laid on the bed, she couldn’t help but think of the series of events that happened in the original novel. Now that the operation was successful, would the plot of the original novel be altered?

Would this change her ultimate fate?

Even if it didn’t, at the very least, Jian Yunnao wouldn’t be as moody and depressed as before.

Furthermore, as of now, Jian Yujie still was still optimistic and full of hope.

So, she’s probably changed things, right?

Gradually, Jian Yiling drifted to sleep as she was incredibly tired from the operation.

In her dreams, Jian Yiling saw the familiar ward again. It was the ward in the original novel where Jian Yiling had died.

In that dream, doctors and nurses walked in and out of the room. They looked at her with sympathetic eyes.

After a while, the door of the ward opened again. This time, a man came in.

Jian Yiling saw the man's face quite clearly. He had an arrogant expression and a seemingly casual posture.

That man was Zhai Yunsheng.

He stood across Jian Yiling's bed and looked at her.

"So you're the Jian Yiling who was obsessed with Qin Chuan? I heard that under Qin Chuan's influence, you got kicked out of the Jian family."

Everyone in the capital knew that the current head of the Qin family was Qin Chuan. They knew that he was a man who would do anything for the woman he loved.

And thus, to protect the woman he loved, he gave an ultimatum to the Jian family. He demanded them to cut off all ties with Jian Yiling. The original Jian Yiling had tried to harm his fiancée Mo Shiyun. And if they didn't listen to his demands, he would destroy the Jian family.

"Who are you?"

Jian Yiling's voice was incredibly weak as she was close to her death.

"Zhai Yunsheng. I've had a few matters to settle with the man that you love and hate the most. I came to the hospital today to settle some business matters. Coincidentally, I heard that the girl who was once obsessed with Qin Chuan was hospitalized here. I've also heard that you're already basically half dead. And thus, I decided to come by and take a look."

"So it's you. I've heard of your name before," Jian Yiling replied. Her pale face had no emotions.

Death was near. Nothing could make her sad or happy anymore.

"It looks like you don't have long to live. Do you regret what you've done?"

Before Zhai Yunsheng came in, he asked the doctors about Jian Yiling's condition. The doctor had said that Jian Yiling was in her final stage of cancer. It was impossible to save her.

Jian Yiling stared at Zhai Yunsheng. After a while, she slowly opened her mouth to speak, "Is there any use in regretting? I've done so many bad things. And all of them are related to my feelings. In my next life, I would rather be a person who doesn't know or understand love and affection. I don't want to love anyone. I don't want to care about anyone anymore.

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"Yiling?"

Halfway through her dream, Jian Yiling was suddenly awakened by Cheng Yi's voice. His voice brought her back to reality.

"Yiling? Are you okay? You have so much sweat on your forehead."

After seeing the cold sweat on Jian Yiling's forehead, Cheng Yi decided to wake her up.

Jian Yiling raised her hand and placed it against her forehead. It was indeed cold sweat.

"I'm fine," Jian Yiling replied. She didn't want Cheng Yi to worry about her. And furthermore, she was actually okay.

She had just dreamt about strange things.

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As Jian Yiling was recovering, Jian Yunnao had also woken up.

The first thing he asked when he woke up was about the condition of his hand.

"The surgery. Was it successful?" Jian Yunnao asked. He couldn't hide the nervousness in his voice.

It was Jian Shuxing who replied to his son. "It was successful. The doctors said the operation was incredibly successful. After you recover from the operation, you need to do some rehabilitation exercises for a period of time. After that, you'll be able to use your hand again."

Upon hearing this, Jian Yunnao's eyes filled with tears.

And this time, it was tears of happiness.

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His hand... His hand was finally going to be fine.

He still had a future to look forward to.

Jian Yuncheng interrupted his thoughts, "Be prepared. The later stages of rehabilitation won't be easy."

"I understand! It's not a problem at all! As long as my hand can get better, I'll do anything!"

"That's good then. Take care of yourself."

A long-lost glimmer of relief appeared on Jian Shuxing's face.

However, as soon as he thought about his daughter, Jian Shuxing couldn't remain truly happy. In a split second, he felt his smile become bitter.

Following this, Jian Yuncheng returned Jian Yunnao's phone and computer back to him.

As of now, the video could still be seen on the Shenghua High School forum.

And thus, as long as Jian Yunnao logged into the forum, he would be able to see the video.

Now that his phone and computer got returned to him, Jian Yunnao could accidentally view the video at any time. And that time would depend on his luck.

If he didn't see the video before he left the hospital, Jian Yuncheng would tell him the news himself.

The next night, there were a number of people from the Jian family who came to visit Jian Yunnao.

He Yan, Jian Yumin and Jian Yujie had all come to visit.

Upon hearing that the surgery went incredibly well, everyone expressed their blessings and congratulations.

As Jian Yujie knew the truth behind everything, he felt uncomfortable when facing Jian Yunnao.

However, he also sincerely hoped that Jian Yunnao's hand would recover.

This was because, as soon as his hand recovered, Jian Yiling's family would tell him the truth. And thus, Jian Yiling wouldn't get wrongly accused anymore.

He Yan also said her congratulations with a smile on her face. However, her smile was only surface level. She was grimacing on the inside.

The surveillance video had been found. Jian Yunnao's operation was successful. Everything seemed to be going in the wrong direction.

Inside the ward, everyone looked like they were getting along harmoniously.

At this moment, Grandma Jian came to visit. She had brought Jian Yiling along with her.

When Grandma Jian had left the house, she had hesitated to bring Jian Yiling along.

However, after a second thought, she realized that her granddaughter had done nothing wrong. Why was she afraid to bring her along?

If Jian Yiling didn't come along, it would make it seem like she had a guilty conscience.

And thus, Jian Yiling had to come along! It didn't matter if it made the situation awkward!

Her darling had never done anything wrong! She had never wronged Jian Yunnao. Why should she be scared of coming to visit Yunnao?

Furthermore, if Jian Yunnao wasn't grateful for the visit, none of them could blame her if she directly told him the truth behind the incident!

Either way, the surgery had been successful. It was a matter of time before the truth was revealed.

Jian Yiling trailed after Grandma Jian as they entered the ward. The wards at the institution were incredibly spacious. Due to this reason, there could be a lot of people in the same room at once.

Before Grandma Jian and Jian Yiling entered the room, there were already many people standing around. They seemed to be happily chatting about something. The atmosphere was incredibly harmonious.

However, this had instantly changed when Jian Yiling entered the room.

Everyone had different reactions.

He Yan was laughing internally. She was ready to watch a good show unfold in front of her.

She had heard that Jian Yunnao hadn't yet heard about the truth.

Due to this reason, Jian Yiling's visit would be fun to watch.

Jian Yujie immediately rushed over to Jian Yiling. He smiled before saying, "Yiling! I haven't seen you in such a long time!"

It had been almost a week since he had seen Yiling!

Furthermore, Yiling didn't like to post things on her social media.

Let alone selfies.

"Mhmm. Brother. Yujie. How are you?"

Jian Yiling still felt a little awkward when she said the word brother.

However, Jian Yiling knew that she had to overcome this problem of hers. As a result, she was trying her best to get used to it.

"I'm good! I'm doing very well!" Jian Yujie replied happily.

Recently, He Yan hadn't been pressuring him to do things. As a result, he was enjoying life much more than before.

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Upon seeing Jian Yiling, Jian Yumin also rushed forward, "Crybaby. Why are you only greeting Yujie? What about me?"

Recently, due to his busy schedule, Jian Yumin rarely had the chance to return to the Old Jian Residence at night. Even if he did, it would be around midnight. As a result, he didn't have a chance to speak to Jian Yiling.

Upon hearing Yiling greet Yumin, he started to feel quite unhappy. Why was Yujie called brother? What about him?

If it were according to age, shouldn't he be the one who was greeted first?

Jian Yumin started to become jealous.

However, compared to Jian Yuncheng, Jian Yumin's jealousy was nothing. Jian Yuncheng's entire expression had darkened.

Jian Yuncheng was directly related to Jian Yiling by blood. However, he hadn't heard his sister call him eldest brother in a long time already.

At the same time, there was a peculiar feeling in Jian Yunnao's heart.

He didn't know how to describe that feeling.

Previously, he hated Jian Yiling. He felt that there was no hope for his hand. Due to this reason, he didn't think about anything else.

As a matter of fact, he tried to forget all things that he had done with his sister in the past. All their childhood memories.

The only emotion that he had left behind was hatred.

However, the operation had been successful. There was still hope in his life.

Due to this reason, the emotions and memories that he had buried had started to appear again.

Before that day when she had lost her temper and pushed him down the stairs, their relationship had been fairly good.

He had been willing to protect her and take care of her.

He had felt that she had been unreasonable to forbid him from interacting with Mo Shiyun.

However, if he were to think about it calmly, it was also because she cared about him as a brother. That was the reason why she didn't want him to get too close to girls that were the same age as him.

But at that time, he was quite fond of Mo Shiyun. He had a good impression of her as a person.

Due to that reason, he had felt that his sister's behavior was incredibly rude and unreasonable.

However, now that he reflected back on the situation, they could have communicated better.

Even if his sister wanted to argue with him, he could have found a better way to explain the situation. He didn't need to start arguing with her immediately.

Not to mention that his affection towards Mo Shiyun had now disappeared.

As the emotional bond with Mo Shiyun no longer existed anymore, Jian Yunnao tried to objectively look at the incident. He realized that they should have never fought in the first place. It was such a stupid thing to do.

Even though he felt that Yiling shouldn't have argued with him, he had also argued back.

When it came to these things, it took more than one person to start a dispute. Their argument had been the anger of two people. Not just one.

Now that he reflected back, he realized that humans were such strange creatures sometimes.

He had declared that he would hate her for an eternity... However now...

Jian Yunnao gazed at Jian Yiling, Jian Yujie and Jian Yumin.

Over on the other side of the room, Jian Yujie was speaking to Jian Yiling, "Yiling, ignore my brother. He's just jealous."

If Jian Yumin was upset, Jian Yujie would be happy.

In the past, he could never win against his brothers. However, everything was different now!

“Who are you calling jealous?”

As his thoughts had been exposed, Jian Yujie immediately wanted to let his brother know the sinister and dangerous side of society.

As Jian Yumin was tall and muscular, he pushed aside Jian Yujie to stand closest to Jian Yiling.

Compared to his peers, Jian Yujie wasn't considered skinny. However, in contrast to his brother, he still seemed like a small boy.

Jian Yumin spent his days practicing dance and working out. As a result, he had biceps, abdominal and pectoral muscles.

In the face of his brother's bullying, Jian Yujie couldn't do anything at all.

He could only stare at his brother with resentful eyes. However, the damage from his stare was negligible.

Jian Yumin lowered his head and said to Jian Yiling, “Crybaby. You must be fair today. If you call me Brother Yumin, I won't take anything less than that.”

Jian Yumin started to act shamelessly.

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Grandma Jian immediately took a step forward and pulled Jian Yiling over to her side, “Why are you acting so shamelessly in front of your sister? Do you want my darling to call you brother? Then you need to be nice to her. You're always bullying her. Why would she call you brother?”

Grandma Jian assumed that the reason why Jian Yumin kept calling Jian Yiling ‘crybaby’ was because he wanted to embarrass her. She assumed that Jian Yumin did not like Jian Yiling.

Although Grandma Jian directed the words at Jian Yumin, it sounded like her words were aimed at a lot of people in the room. Several of them felt like they had just got scolded.

Upon hearing Grandma Jian's words, Jian Yumin felt dejected and depressed.

Ahhh... It seemed like all her grandsons were adopted. Only Jian Yiling was her precious grandchild. They were all picked up from somewhere else...

To the side, Jian Yujie started to laugh up his sleeve. Jian Yumin had pushed him out of the way, however, Grandma Jian had punished him for it. Serves him right.

After this, Jian Shuxing also came forward. He looked at Jian Yiling with burning eyes and tentatively asked, “Yiling, how are your studies recently?”

As Jian Yiling had moved to live at the Old Jian Residence, Jian Shuxing knew little about how his daughter was faring these days.

Whenever they saw each other, he didn't know how to ask. As a result, he could only ask her about her studies.

However, Jian Yiling didn't get to reply. Instead, Grandma Jian interrupted, "Yiling is studying well! You don't need to worry about her. It makes it seem like I only know how to spoil my granddaughter. Do you think that I'm unable to teach her? It seems like someone forgot who brought him up."

No one dared to comment on that.

She had raised all three of her sons!

"Mother... That's not what I meant..." Jian Shuxing said. There was nothing that Jian Shuxing could do in the face of his mother.

"Alright then," Grandma Jian said. She finally let go of the matter and allowed Jian Shuxing to speak to Jian Yiling.

Jian Shuxing continued to speak softly to Jian Yiling, "Yiling, I plan to take a few days off work. I'll take you and your brothers out for some fun. How does that sound?"

Jian Shuxing was unable to convince Grandma Jian to let Jian Yiling leave the Old Jian Residence. And thus, he decided to use a roundabout tactic to find a chance to spend some time together with his daughter. He wanted to ease the rift between them.

Jian Yiling looked at Jian Shuxing's face. His face looked mature and refined.

However, Jian Yiling's mood had changed subtly after looking at Jian Shuxing. She didn't know whether or not it was because of the dream she had yesterday.

She avoided Jian Shuxing's gaze and looked at Jian Yunnao who was lying on the hospital bed.

At the same time, Jian Yunnao had also directed his gaze at Jian Yiling.

After their eyes met, Jian Yiling calmly moved her eyes away again.

This calmness was unexpectedly piercing.

The eyes of Jian Yiling that Jian Yunnao saw were devoid of warmth. It was like the calm surface of the water. There were no ripples.

She was incredibly quiet. It was like the first time when she had accepted his anger.

Jian Yiling then replied to Jian Shuxing, "I need to study. There's no time."

When facing Jian Shuxing, Jian Yiling didn't know how to explain her feelings.

She knew that this was the father of the body that she was occupying right now.

However, 'father' was just a distant and cold word to her.

The only thing that she could do was answer his questions according to her rational mind.

Indeed, Jian Yiling didn't have time these days. Even after Jian Yunnao's surgery was over, there was still a lot of work lined up for her to do.

"Ahh, that's fine. That's okay. I'll wait until you're free," Jian Shuxing said in a hurry.

In the past, his daughter loved going out. She always tugged at his arm and said that she wanted to go out on the weekends.

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However, usually, he was busy with work. He had limited time for vacations.

He had never expected his daughter to be the one to tell him that she's busy.

It didn't matter whether or not his daughter was actually busy or whether she was just avoiding them.

Their relationship was not the same as it used to be.

There was a gap between them now. A gap that could not be easily overcome.

As Jian Shuxing thought about this, his heart began to feel sour.

He Yan was happy to see the scene in front of her.

Jian Yiling's change had made her seem like a different person. This was not a good thing for her. The Jian Yiling of today was not as easy to control as before. She had become a little hedgehog that would prick people.

However, the relationship between Jian Yiling and her family had become weaker. This meant that the things that she had done before were effective. This was the result that she wanted to see.

Wen Nuan walked up to Jian Yiling. She had a soft and bitter smile on her face.

She gazed at Jian Yiling before saying, "Yiling, I still owe you an apology."

Wen Nuan had finally said the words that had been stuck in her heart.

Once again, they were in a hospital room. Once again, Jian Yunnao was lying on a hospital bed.

Wen Nuan finally said the apology that she owed to Jian Yiling.

She said the apology even though Jian Yunnao was still unaware of the meaning behind the apology.

She said the apology even though it was late.

There were only two people in the room who didn't understand the apology.

One of them was Jian Yumin. He didn't know about the situation that had happened. Jian Yujie and Jian Yiling had been intentionally hiding the matter from him.

The other person was Jian Yunnao.

He assumed that his mother had done something to make Yiling sad.

In the face of Wen Nuan's apology, Jian Yiling didn't reply.

This apology... Maybe it should not have been made to her.

Jian Yiling understood the situation.

And thus, she decided to not respond.

By refusing to give a response, Jian Yiling had run a sword through Wen Nuan's heart.

However, when Jian Yiling took a look at the pained expression on Wen Nuan's face, she quickly said:

"You don't need to apologize to me."

Jian Yiling's words fell into the ears of Wen Nuan and the rest of the family. However, they had interpreted her words completely differently.

They interpreted Jian Yiling's words as her alienation and resentment towards them.

Wen Nuan's expression was incredibly painful. However, she endured the bitterness and the pain in her heart. She remembered what Grandma Jian had told her.

Jian Shuxing hurried forward and hugged his wife. He tried to soothe her emotions.

He knew how sad his wife felt at this moment. He was in the same boat as her.

Jian Yiling didn't know how to deal with the scene in front of her. She turned her head around and looked at Jian Yujie.

Jian Yujie immediately smiled and attempted to direct the conversation away to a different topic, "Yiling, I've learned a new magic trick recently! I'll show it to you. Look carefully! Don't blink."

Jian Yiling nodded and looked at Jian Yujie.

Jian Yiling felt more relaxed when she was communicating with Jian Yujie and Jian Yumin.

And thus, she instinctively chose to talk to Jian Yujie.

She wasn't deliberately trying to escape anything. Rather, she just wanted to do things that she was more familiar with and used to doing.

Cheng Yi arrived at the ward. He helped Jian Yiling do the post-operative routine checkup on Jian Yunnao.

The reason for this was because of Jian Yiling's situation. Furthermore, Cheng Yi was afraid that it would be too exhausting for Jian Yiling to handle. And thus, he had volunteered himself to help her with the post-operative tasks.

As soon as he came in, he saw Jian Yiling. He happily greeted her:

"Hello, Yiling! You had time to come over today?"

As far as the Jian family knew, Cheng Yi and Jian Yiling were quite good friends. They had met each other in a game.

"Mhmm."

“After I finish the examination of Mr. Yunnao, why don’t you come over with me to the office? Sister En misses you quite a bit.”

“Okay.”

Cheng Yi knew what Jian Yiling wanted. He knew that she wanted to work whenever she had time.

Chapter 229: Can’t See the Big Picture

Instead of pacing around in the hospital room, Jian Yiling would much rather be doing her work.

Jian Shuxing greeted Cheng Yi very politely before he asked him about Dr. F.S. He was still incredibly curious about the person who had conducted the operation.

“Dr. Cheng, I would like to ask about Dr. F.S’s whereabouts. The operation was performed to perfection. We would like to thank him in person.”

Although this question was asked by Jian Shuxing, everyone else in the room was awaiting Cheng Yi’s reply as well.

Of course, this included Jian Yunao who was lying on the hospital bed.

“Dr. Fu Shi has been busy lately. The only time that they had was the time that they performed the operation on Mr. Yunnao,” Cheng Yi replied. As always, he smiled and responded politely.

Fu Shi... This was the first time that the Jian family had heard Dr. F.S’s Chinese name.

It turned out that this mysterious top surgeon was called Fu Shi.

“When would Dr. F.S be available to talk? We would like to thank him in person. It wouldn’t take up much time.”

Cheng Yi smiled. The smile reached his eyes that were hidden behind his gold-rimmed glasses.

“Then, would you happen to know Dr. F.S’s interests and hobbies? Do you know whether he needs anything?”

Jian Shuxing continued to fire away questions.

He wanted to do something to express their gratitude towards Dr. F.S.

“I’m not too sure about their interests and hobbies,” Cheng Yi replied. As he replied, he looked at Jian Yiling from the corner of his eye.

It was likely for anyone to assume that she was not connected to the operation. As a result, none of them knew that she was the person that they were discussing right now.

“Ahh, that’s okay. Thank you still,” Jian Shuxing said.

As of now, Jian Shuxing still could not think of a way to meet the doctor who performed the operation on his son.

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Following this, Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng went and found Professor Xu. Once again, they expressed their intentions.

They wanted to thank Dr. F.S. They wanted to thank that person for saving their son/brother and giving him a new chance at life.

Professor Xu smiled before replying, "It's useless for you to come and talk to me about Dr. F.S. We are colleagues. I'm not Dr. F.S's superior."

Once again, Jian Yuncheng and Jian Shuxing received a disappointing reply.

"Then, is it okay if we give Dr. F.S more pay? On top of the original amount required?"

If they couldn't thank him in person, the only thing that they could do was give him additional pay.

"Of course," Professor Xu replied. It would be difficult for them to charge less. However, if the family of the patient was willing to pay more, they were more than happier to accept.

Professor Xu called over his assistant. He asked her to write the invoice for the Jian family.

After sending off the Jian family, Professor Xu held his laptop in his hands. His face was full of pride.

The operation was successful. Jian Yiling not only received the payment from the Jian family.

More importantly, she received fame. The operation introduced her name to the industry.

Dr. F.S's name was famous in the medical circle right now.

Even members of the research institution received benefits from Dr. F.S's success.

How could Professor Xu not be happy?

At this moment, Cheng Yi was browsing through applications on their official website, "Teacher, as soon as the news of the successful operation was released, the number of applications on our institution's website got doubled. Many of them requested for Jian Yiling to perform the operation."

"Yeah. Furthermore, most of these people are not from Hengyuan City. Some of them are even from overseas. This time, Yiling has really proved herself. However, for the time being, don't accept these applications. Let Yiling finish her work with you on the rare blood disease case."

Although Professor Xu was incredibly happy, he still didn't forget to take care of Jian Yiling's health.

After the operation, Jian Yiling had collapsed. Their little genius had quite a weak body. She needed time to recuperate.

Chapter 230: Charity Dinner (1)

A while later, Jian Yiling received a message from an agent of the person with who she had struck a deal with.

[Dr. F.S, my Master would like to meet you.]

Jian Yiling's reply to this message was brief and to the point: [Time and place.]

This person had already helped Jian Yiling twice. As a result, it was time for her to fulfill her side of the promise.

And thus, Jian Yiling was willing to abide by their demands without the slightest hesitation.

[This weekend. Ms. Qin is hosting a charity dinner. The invitation has been sent to your home address by express mail.]

The charity dinner hosted by Qin Shixuan's wife?

Initially, Qin Shixuan had invited Jian Yiling. However, back then, Jian Yiling had declined his invitation.

However, if that person wanted to meet her at the charity dinner, there was no reason for her to refuse.

[Okay.]

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Qin Shixuan's wife hosted a charity dinner at one of the hotels that was under the Yu family's name. She invited all the prominent and charitable people in Hengyuan City.

The entire lobby of the hotel had been booked. Under the dazzling light, every guest who arrived was dressed up in splendid attire.

The reason for this was because this was hosted by a member of the Qin family. Ms. Qin had invited a lot of people to attend the charity dinner. Everyone who she invited turned up.

Three days ago, He Yan had also received an invitation to the charity dinner. She had her wishes fulfilled. However, as her husband had matters to deal with at work, she ended up dragging Jian Yumin to attend the dinner with her.

Jian Yumin had agreed to his mother's request. Although he was usually against his mother, He Yan was still his mother after all. Therefore, he was still willing to agree to any reasonable requests from her.

"Yumin, please remember to watch your words when you arrive. I've heard that someone very important is attending the charity dinner today."

That was the reason why she desperately wanted to attend the charity dinner. Not only to see Qin Shixuan and his wife, she always wanted to meet the old gentleman who was attending.

Today's trip was well worth it.

He Yan had dressed up very nicely today.

Back in the days, she had been a super popular actress for a while. Thus, her looks and temperament were not to be looked down upon.

Although she had raised three sons and was already fifty years old, her appearance made it seem like she looked like she was in her early forties. She had taken good care of herself.

Furthermore, Jian Yumin was also incredibly eye-catching. As he was dressed up in formal attire, many young ladies couldn't help but look at him.

Upon mingling around at the charity dinner, He Yan was greeted by many wives from prestigious families. Of course, He Yan was incredibly happy to respond to them.

In her spare time, He Yan couldn't help but look towards the entrance of the hotel. She wanted to see who was arriving at the event.

However, He Yan didn't see anyone important arrive. Instead, she saw Jian Yiling.

All of a sudden, He Yan's heart sank. Why was Jian Yiling here?

Could it be that Wen Nuan was here as well?

Before she attended the charity dinner, He Yan had asked around to see whether or not Wen Nuan had received an invitation. She had heard that Wen Nuan had told Ms. Qin her situation ahead of time to stop her from sending her an invitation. This was to avoid any potential embarrassment.

This was one of the reasons why He Yan disliked Wen Nuan.

They were both daughters-in-law of the Jian family. However, Wen Nuan's social circle and standing in society was evidently larger and more prominent than He Yan's. He Yan would kill to befriend someone like Ms. Qin.

In comparison, Wen Nuan had her own ways to contact and keep in touch with Ms. Qin.

As soon as Jian Yumin saw Jian Yiling, his eyes lit up. He immediately headed over to Jian Yiling.

He Yan didn't stop him. Instead, she walked over to Jian Yiling as well.

In public, He Yan had to protect the Jian family's image.