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Chapter 231: Charity Dinner (2)

She couldn't pretend to not know her niece in public. If she did, that would make it seem like she had a guilty conscience.

However, when He Yan arrived in front of Jian Yiling, she realized that Jian Yiling had come alone. She didn't come with her parents or anyone else.

"Yiling, why did you come by yourself?" Jian Yumin asked her out of curiosity.

"I came to look around," Jian Yiling replied.

Jian Yiling didn't know why that person wanted to meet her today. Furthermore, she didn't know why the meeting was on such an occasion as well.

She didn't come here for any other reason. As such, she had decided to take a look around.

"Where is your mother? Why did she let you come by yourself?" Jian Yumin asked in a hurry. His burrows were furrowed. If someone didn't know better, they'd assume that he was angry.

In Jian Yumin's mind, Jian Yiling was still a child. She could get lost if she went out by herself.

"Yeah, that's right. Where is Wen Nuan? Why is she not with you?" He Yan had the same question in her mind. However, her intentions were completely different from Jian Yumin's.

"I'm by myself," Jian Yiling replied.

"How can you go out by yourself? To such an occasion as well!" Jian Yumin cried out. It was dangerous for his sister to be alone. There were wolves and tigers at such an event. As a result, it was unacceptable for Jian Yiling to be here by herself.

Fortunately, the host of the charity dinner did not hear this. If she heard this, goodness knows what she would say.

"Yeah, why would Wen Nuan let you come here by yourself?" He Yan asked deliberately. She saw that there were people nearby.

"I'm not a child," Jian Yiling replied. However, her face and innocent eyes made her words incredibly unconvincing.

"What do you mean you're not a child? You're still a crybaby!" Jian Yumin said quickly. "Okay, for now, you should stay with me. After the event ends, I'll take you home."

At this moment, Ms. Qin had walked out. The people at the entrance had informed her that someone had arrived with a special invitation.

There were two kinds of invitations that Ms. Qin sent out. Most of them were ordinary invitations.

However, there were a few special invitations. The people at the entrance could differentiate between the two. As a result, as soon as they saw someone with a special invitation, they immediately informed Ms. Qin.

However, when she arrived at the door, she didn't see the person that she expected to see.

Ms. Qin was a beautiful woman in her early forties. She wore a lilac trumpet gown that made her appear dignified and elegant. She had a unique air of classical beauty around her.

Although she felt the matter was quite strange, Ms. Qin still acted in good manners. She greeted the three people standing in front of her at the door with grace and ease.

"May I know your name?"

He Yan, Jian Yumin, and Jian Yiling appeared as though they were together. They had been chatting quite intimately before Ms. Qin had approached them. As a result, Ms. Qin assumed that they were the ones who had arrived with a special invitation.

"My husband's surname is Jian. He's the second son of the Jian family," He Yan replied with a smile. She was incredibly happy.

She hadn't expected for Ms. Qin to personally come out and greet her. It was rare for people to have such an honor.

"Oh, so it's Ms. He Yan. You look incredibly young. Are the two people beside you your children?"

Ms. Qin instantly figured out He Yan's identity. There was only one prominent Jian family in Hengyuan City.

However, what she didn't understand was how He Yan had arrived with a special invitation.

She remembered that she did send an invitation to He Yan. However, that was just an ordinary invitation.

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"Yes, this is my eldest son. His future isn't too promising," He Yan said modestly. Then she continued, "The other one is my sister-in-law's child."

Ms. Qin smiled before saying, "Oh, I see. I've heard that Ms. Wen Nuan was not free to come over today."

Ms. Qin chatted with He Yan for a while before she went over to greet the other guests.

He Yan was incredibly happy to have a chat with Ms. Qin.

She knew that her trip today had not been in vain.

One after another, people came over to talk to He Yan. There were also several people who looked at Jian Yumin and Jian Yiling.

The appearance of the two was incredibly eye-catching.

Especially Jian Yumin. His appearance was outstanding and his temperament was also quite different.

More importantly, he was focusing all his attention on his sister at the moment. The way he looked at his sister was incredibly charming.

When the young ladies at the charity dinner saw the way he looked at his sister, they couldn't stop the love hearts that appeared in their eyes.

A man who treasured a woman was always exceptionally attractive.

Some of the people started to whisper about Jian Yumin.

"Hey, doesn't he look like Jupiter's Xie Minyu?"

"Yeah, he looks like that! I can't believe he's here at the charity dinner today!"

"He looks even better in real life!"

"Who is that little girl next to him? He's so gentle and kind towards her. It's so attractive."

"Judging from the girl's age, I think it's his sister. She's too young to be his girlfriend."

"Yeah, your guess is right. That is his sister. However, it's not his sister by blood. It's his cousin. And she's none other than Jian Yiling. The girl who is arrogant and spoiled."

"Jian Yiling? How come it's her? Isn't she meant to be super annoying? It doesn't seem like her."

"Who knows. Maybe she's just pretending to be cute in front of her brother?"

"Isn't Jian Yiling the one who acts a lot? She thinks she's the princess of the Jian family. She doesn't care about anyone else."

"..."

Initially, the conversation was about Jian Yumin. However, somewhere down the track, the discussion topic had shifted to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling had done many things in the past. She had offended quite a lot of people. As a result, people found it entertaining to talk about her. There were so many topics to talk about.

Jian Yiling's name was notorious in the circles of the rich and powerful families in Hengyuan City.

Initially, people were envious of Jian Yiling. However, after a while, that envy turned to dislike.

Initially, quite a few people wanted to strike a conversation with Jian Yumin. However, after seeing Jian Yiling next to him, they were discouraged to do so.

However, Jian Yumin wasn't paying attention to anyone else. His eyes were focused on Jian Yiling.

It had been a long time since he had talked to his sister. He had been quite busy recently.

Today was an unexpected surprise for him.

“Crybaby, do you have something to donate today or do you want to buy something today?”

There was going to be a charity auction later on.

All the money made in the auction would be given to charity. All the items that were going to be auctioned had been donated by various families.

“Neither of those.”

Jian Yiling wasn't here to donate something. Nor was she here to buy something either.

“Then if you see something you like, tell me. I'll buy it for you,” Jian Yumin whispered to Jian Yiling. “I've saved up quite a bit of money from singing in the past two years.”

Jian Yiling raised her head to see Jian Yumin's bright and serious smile.

“No thank you,” Jian Yiling replied. There was nothing that Jian Yiling wanted to buy.

Most of the items that were being auctioned off were antiques and jewelry. Jian Yiling was not interested in these things.

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After Ms. Qin walked away, she approached someone to ask about the invitation, “What happened? How did this special invitation fall into the hands of Ms. He Yan?”

“Madam, the invitation was not presented by Ms. He Yan.”

“Huh? What happened then?”

“Ms. He Yan entered with an ordinary invitation. The one who held a special invitation was Miss Jian. She came by herself. I found it quite strange that a little girl had such a special invitation in her hands.”

Upon hearing this answer, Ms. Qin was even more confused and curious.

She remembered that her husband had told her that Miss Jian was incredibly talented in chemistry. She had won the first prize in a chemistry competition.

However, this matter wasn't linked to the special invitation.

She hadn't even given her husband the ability to send special invitations for the charity dinner tonight.

“Madam, would you like me to ask Miss Jian?”

“There's no need. It doesn't matter where this young lady got the invitation from. There is definitely a reason behind this. As the host, we should instead take care of everyone who is here.”

“Yes, Madam.”

Suddenly, everyone in the venue was stirring. Their attention was drawn to the newcomer at the entrance.

Upon seeing everyone turn, Jian Yumin also looked in that direction.

There was a gray-haired old man that appeared in front of everyone.

He Yan hurriedly pulled Jian Yumin forward.

“Mother, what are you doing?” Jian Yumin asked. He didn’t want to get involved in anything.

“What am I doing? Of course, I’m planning to head over there. That old gentleman must be a very important person.”

He Yan didn’t recognize the old gentleman. However, based on the reactions of the people around her, she could tell that the person was very special.

“Why does that matter? Aren’t we here to attend the charity dinner?”

“Why do you think all these business elites and celebrities are gathered here? Do you really think they’re only interested in charity? That’s probably less than half of the reason. This is an occasion for people to get to know each other and expand their networks.”

Jian Yumin couldn’t help but sigh internally. Of course, it was that. His mother had to be getting some benefit out of this event.

“Then you go over there. I will stay by Yiling.”

Jian Yumin didn’t want to head over there with He Yan.

Upon hearing her son’s reply, He Yan couldn’t be bothered to say anything else. She left Jian Yumin and Jian Yiling and headed over there by herself.

Then, Jian Yumin turned his head around and spoke to Jian Yiling, “Let’s find a place to eat.”

Jian Yiling nodded her head.

The two siblings headed towards a corner. They acted as though they didn’t care about anyone else.

Their behavior was completely different from the other people in the room. The rest of them were particularly enthusiastic because of the presence of this old gentleman.

From the conversation around her, He Yan became aware of the old gentleman’s identity.

His name was Liang Shuo.

He was one of the country’s top scientific researchers. He was also an incredibly influential person in science and technology.

Furthermore, he also owned a very special technological company. The company created many of the advanced technologies in the world right now.

And thus, his status was very prominent and well respected in the industry.

Not only was his name known domestically, but he also had considerable influence in international circles.

With such a special status, it was no wonder that people reacted in such a way when they saw him.

After Master Liang entered the room, he greeted Ms. Qin who was the host of the event. Other than that, he didn't pay attention to anyone around him.

Under the protection of his bodyguards, he took his spot in the exclusive seat that had been prepared for him in advance.

Of course, no one dared to disturb him. They could only look at Master Liang from afar.

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At this moment, Jian Yiling received a message on her phone:

[Master Liang would like to invite you to come over and sit with him.]

Jian Yiling replied: [If it's not necessary, I won't come over.]

After a while, the person in charge of sending messages sent another message to Jian Yiling after consulting Master Liang's wishes. [Master Liang doesn't want to force you to do anything. Dr. F.S, you're free to do what you want.]

Apart from Jian Yiling and Master Liang's subordinates, no one knew that the person who was sitting in the middle of the venue was sending a message to Jian Yiling who was sitting at the corner of the venue.

They also didn't know that Jian Yiling and Master Liang had been in contact for a long time already.

The ones who helped Jian Yiling find the surveillance video was sent by Master Liang.

Master Liang held the best technology in the world. All kinds of talented and skilled personnel worked under him.

Just when Jian Yiling started to make her presence known on the Internet, Master Liang had found out about her.

Although Jian Yiling could conceal her identity to other people, she couldn't hide it from Master Liang. Very quickly, Master Liang found out about her real identity.

At eight o'clock in the evening, the charity auction began.

One by one, the donated items were brought to the stand.

Everyone started to bid.

At first, the items that were brought up were quite ordinary.

The prices ranged from a few thousand to tens of thousands of dollars. The highest price was in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He Yan had also bid for a jeweled necklace. The first reason for this was because the necklace was quite nice. However, the second was that it was quite embarrassing to not buy anything on such an occasion.

Halfway through the action, an unexpected item was suddenly brought forward to the auction stand.

When the brocade covering the item was lifted, everyone's eyes were drawn to this particular item.

It was a thirty-carat pink diamond.

The staff members introduced everyone to the pink diamond. It was perfect in color, clarity, weight, and cut.

Then, the staff finally announced the starting price of the auction for the pink diamond. It was 25 million.

At this moment, everyone was silent.

No one was prepared for this today.

Typically, it was unlikely that a charity auction would have an item of this magnitude.

Usually, these items were only auctioned at major international events. Furthermore, before the auction, news of the item was spread around by word of mouth. This was done to attract more people to bid on the item.

And thus, no one would have thought that such an item would appear at the charity auction today.

No one was mentally and financially prepared for such an item.

He Yan looked at the pink diamond. She liked it very much.

Although she had a lot of jewelry at home, nothing could be compared to the diamond in front of her. Her husband had given her a lot of precious items.

However, she didn't have a single pink diamond on this scale. In fact, she didn't even have one that was half the size of the one on the auction table.

As much as she liked the item, He Yan knew that she could never bid on it.

She didn't have the money. She never had that much money. Furthermore, her current situation didn't allow her to buy such a thing.

And thus, He Yan could only look at the item. Most of the rich and famous ladies present at the charity dinner were also in the same situation as her.

No one had that much money on their hands. They couldn't spend 25 million on a single item.

Everyone was silent for an entire five minutes.

Just when everyone thought that no one would bid on the thirty-carat pink diamond, Master Liang spoke up.

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A deep but steady voice spoke out:

"25 million."

As soon as Master Liang opened his mouth to speak, the whole room looked at him.

After a moment of silence, the staff asked the audience if there was anyone else who wanted to bid.

No one answered. There was no one that was prepared to spend such a large sum of money on a pink diamond.

After a countdown, the staff announced that there was no further bidding to be made. When the auctioneer's hammer fell, it was announced that the pink diamond went to Master Liang.

"The pink diamond is now Master Liang's" the staff member announced.

"I'll have my assistant go and settle the bill. Please give this pink diamond to the young girl who is sitting in the corner at the back. This pink diamond suits her."

As soon as Master Liang said that, everyone turned around to look in that direction.

There was indeed a young girl sitting in the corner.

And in fact, Jian Yiling was the only young girl that was present today.

Everyone was stunned as they looked at Jian Yiling.

Their expressions were surprisingly unanimous.

Confused, shocked, and puzzled

Why did Master Liang give a pink diamond that was worth 25 million dollars to Jian Yiling?

Those two people weren't related at all!

Furthermore, it was no small thing to give such a valuable gift!

He Yan was also surprised. In fact, she was so surprised that she was at a loss for words.

She racked her brains hard to figure out the connection between the two. However, she couldn't think of anything.

How was this possible?

Why did Master Liang give Jian Yiling such a valuable gift?

Even Ms. Qin was shocked. She gestured to the staff to confirm Master Liang's request.

The staff member hurried forward to confirm with Master Liang, "Master Liang, are you sure that you want to give this pink diamond to that little girl over there? The one who is wearing a white blouse?"

"Yep, I'm sure. I feel like she's the only one in the room who has a temperament that matches with the pink diamond."

Master Liang replied with a calm voice. However, to the other people in the room, it felt like a sudden turn of surprising events had happened.

The staff quickly delivered the pink diamond to Jian Yiling.

Although Master Liang hadn't yet paid the bill, they knew that Master Liang wouldn't go back on his words. They didn't have to worry about him not paying.

The pink diamond appeared in front of Jian Yiling's face.

Jian Yiling frowned. She didn't want to accept the gift.

"It's too much," Jian Yiling said.

She had already accepted her payment. She didn't need any additional payment.

However, Master Liang replied, 'It's fine. It's only a diamond. It's not considered in the payment. Furthermore, just consider it a gift from me as an elder to you.'

A gift that was a pink diamond that was worth 25 million dollars?

Furthermore, 25 million dollars was only the price of the pink diamond at today's auction. If it were to be auctioned at a different occasion, 25 million dollars wouldn't be enough to buy it!

For most of the people at the charity dinner today, it was their first time seeing such an expensive gift being given when two people met for the first time.

"Sister, do you know this man?" Jian Yumin asked in a quiet voice.

The series of events made Jian Yumin feel uneasy.

Jian Yiling nodded once before she accepted the gift under the eyes of everyone else.

However, the rest of the people at the charity dinner continued to stare at Jian Yiling. They hadn't yet recovered from the shock.

The staff was also shocked for quite some time. However, they finally got reminded by Ms. Qin's gaze. As a result, they quickly resumed the rest of the auction.

The remaining items in the auction were quite regular.

However, the crowd seemed to be quite distracted from the auction.

They were more intent on figuring out why Master Liang had given Jian Yiling a pink diamond. That was where all their attention had gone.

How did Jian Yiling manage to receive such a generous gift from Master Liang?

Even Grandpa Jian typically wouldn't receive such a gift. Especially, from someone as esteemed as Master Liang.

Then how on earth did Jian Yiling manage this?

Chapter 236: Master Liang's Gift (3)

After the charity dinner, Jian Yumin planned to send Jian Yiling home.

However, He Yan had also followed them. She rushed to get into the same car as them.

As Jian Yiling had information that could be used against He Yan, He Yan could only keep a low profile when she spoke with Jian Yiling.

However, He Yan was curious about the incident today. As a result, she wanted to ask about it no matter what.

“Yiling, how did you meet Master Liang? And why did Master Liang give you such an expensive gift?”

The pink diamond cost 25 million dollars!

It was so expensive! It was unfathomable!

It wasn't that the Jian family didn't have 25 million dollars.

However, the Jian family typically wouldn't spend 25 million dollars on a piece of jewelry. He Yan definitely wouldn't spend that amount to buy herself jewelry.

Despite this, He Yan knew that Grandma Jian had quite a few pieces of expensive jewelry in her safe. Furthermore, Grandpa Jian's antique collection had items of the same value as the pink diamond that had been gifted to Jian Yiling.

However, these items would not be given as gifts. They were incredibly precious and costly.

Jian Yumin didn't like his mother's attitude as she interrogated Jian Yiling. However, he was also curious. He wanted to know how Jian Yiling and Master Liang knew each other.

Jian Yiling ignored He Yan. However, she returned Jian Yumin's quizzical gaze and replied:

“I met him on the Internet. He's a friend.”

However, He Yan didn't believe such a reply, “How is that possible? How could Master Liang just make friends on the Internet? And the gifts that he gives his online friends... This is ridiculous...”

He Yan knew that the Internet wasn't safe. There were lots of people who lied and scammed unsuspecting individuals on the Internet.

How was it the exact opposite situation when it came to Jian Yiling?

It was hard for He Yan to believe in Jian Yiling's words. However, Jian Yiling was telling the truth.

She had indeed met Master Liang on the Internet.

Furthermore, today was the first time the two of them had officially met.

“Mother, Jian Yiling answered your question. Why don't you believe her answer?” Jian Yumin asked. His brows furrowed before he continued, “Although it's quite unlikely, isn't it a good thing that Jian Yiling met Master Liang? He's quite an honorable person.”

Although the matter was quite puzzling, Master Liang was evidently a good person. Everyone knew his character and status.

“That's not what I meant,” He Yan replied. He Yan had a completely different point of view from Jian Yumin. She wanted to ask Jian Yiling for more details.

However, she noticed that Jian Yiling's eyes began to turn cold.

He Yan couldn't help but recall the time when she was beaten by Jian Yiling. Back then, Jian Yiling had looked at her with the same eyes.

Although she had a harmless face, the little girl was ruthless! In fact, she was even more ruthless than He Yan.

As a result, He Yan was forced to hold back her doubts.

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Very soon, the news at the charity dinner reached the ears of the rest of the Jian family.

Upon hearing the news, the Jian family had complicated feelings.

"Yuncheng, come with me tomorrow to visit Master Liang," Jian Shuxing said. This decision was made after a long period of pondering by Jian Shuxing.

Originally, they didn't really interact with Master Liang. As a result, there was no need to pay him a visit.

However, Master Liang had given such a valuable gift to their daughter in public.

Due to this, it was only reasonable for them to visit Master Liang.

After they met Master Liang, perhaps they would learn about why Master Liang had given Jian Yiling such an expensive gift. Perhaps they would have an answer at that time.

Jian Yuncheng agreed.

Although he agreed, his expression looked quite heavy.

He no longer understood Jian Yiling. She was once the little girl who hid under their wings. However, now, he didn't understand what she was thinking. Nor did she ever tell them about her matters.

They hadn't heard that she was acquainted with Master Liang till now. And even now, they hadn't heard the news from Jian Yiling herself.

Chapter 237: Come Back Early Yunmo!

A phone call interrupted his thoughts. After glancing at the caller ID, Jian Yuncheng immediately answered it.

The voice that came from the other end of the phone was gentle and clear:

"Brother, I was in the laboratory earlier. I didn't have my phone on me. As a result, I couldn't answer your calls. However, when I opened my phone, I saw that you had called me seven or eight times in a row. What's the matter?"

Previously, Jian Yuncheng had made several phone calls to Jian Yunmo.

"If it's convenient, it's best if you come back early."

“What’s up? Why are you asking me to come back so suddenly?”

“Something happened to Yiling.”

“What’s wrong with Yiling? What happened? Is she okay? Is she sick?”

Jian Yunmo’s voice sounded incredibly anxious.

“She’s physically okay.”

“Oh, that’s good,” Jian Yunmo replied. Upon hearing Jian Yuncheng’s reply, his voice sounded much more relieved.

“However, there are a few matters that need to be dealt with. As a result, I want you to come back,” Jian Yuncheng repeated.

“Brother... If it’s not super important, I’d rather not come back...”

Jian Yunmo’s voice trailed off. It sounded as though something was holding him back.

“Yiling is in a bad state of mind. She’ll be happier if you come back.”

“Bad state of mind? What’s wrong? What happened? Is it serious?”

Jian Yunmo’s voice became serious once again.

“It’s a bit serious. If it’s convenient for you, please come back and spend some time with her.”

“Brother... I...” Jian Yunmo hesitated.

Jian Yuncheng detected that there was something strange, “What’s the matter, Yunmo? In the past, whenever you heard that something was up with Yiling, you would always come back without any hesitation. However, your reaction today is quite strange.”

“No, it’s nothing. It’s just that I have a few things to deal with,” Jian Yunmo’s voice was quite downcast. It sounded as though he was holding himself responsible for some certain things.

“Don’t worry if it’s not convenient for you.”

“Let me think about it.”

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Finally, Mo Shiyun had a chance to meet Qin Chuan again.

However, this time, it was on her bus ride back home.

On the bus, there was a man that was harassing a girl. Qin Chuan had immediately stood up for the girl.

As Mo Shiyun looked at him, she felt as though he was her only source of light during this period of time.

Lately, she had to deal with a lot of unhappy and frustrating things.

The only happy thing that had happened recently was her meeting with him.

When Qin Chuan got off the bus, Mo Shiyun followed him.

Qin Chuan quickly sensed that someone was following him. He turned around to look at Mo Shiyun.

For Qin Chuan, this was the first time that he saw Mo Shiyun.

Although he presented in Shenghua High School's auditorium, he didn't notice her last time. He had presented in front of a lot of students.

"Senior... Qin Chuan..."

This was the first time Mo Shiyun had taken the initiative to greet someone. She was quite shy. As a result, her cheeks began to blush.

Typically, she was natural in her speech and conduct in front of people.

However, for some strange reason today, her heart was beating unusually fast. She could no longer act naturally.

"Do you know me?" Qin Chuan asked. His voice was cold.

"Mhmm... You came to our school the other day to give a speech."

"I'm sorry. I don't think there's a need for me to know you."

Mo Shiyun's deliberate attempt to talk to him made Qin Chuan feel uncomfortable.

He didn't think that it was necessary for him to become acquainted with a high school girl.

Due to this reason, Qin Chuan turned around and walked away. His actions were decisive and resolute.

The only thing that Mo Shiyun could do was stand there in a daze as Qin Chuan walked away. Her heart sank.

Ah... Forget it. They weren't destined to be together anyway.

Mo Shiyun thought.

Mo Shiyun was just about to turn around and leave when she suddenly saw the figure of Jian Yiling.

Mo Shiyun stopped abruptly.

It was really Jian Yiling. The person who was with Qin Chuan was Jian Yiling.

Chapter 238: Identity Revealed to Qin Chuan (1)

Although there was quite some distance between them, Mo Shiyun could still see Qin Chuan smiling at Jian Yiling.

This was a scene that Mo Shiyun had never expected to see.

The reason why Yiling was meeting Qin Chuan today was that Qin Chuan had found out that she was one of the attending doctors that was treating his mother's illness.

Jian Yiling's treatment of Qin Chuan's mother was a long term project. It was unlike Jian Yunnao's condition which required a mere surgery.

As a result, there was a lot of interaction that happened between Qin Chuan's mother and Jian Yiling.

As time passed, the probability that Qin Chuan would know about her identity would increase.

As a result, Jian Yiling wasn't surprised when she heard that Qin Chuan had figured out her identity.

Furthermore, there existed a special agreement between them. As a result, it was only a matter of time before Qin Chuan knew that she was taking care of his mother.

After Qin Chuan learned about the truth, he had immediately sent a message to Jian Yiling. He wanted to talk to her in person.

It was quite normal for the patient's family to talk to the attending doctor. Due to this reason, Jian Yiling agreed to attend the meeting.

However, in her heart, Jian Yiling still wanted to avoid meeting with Qin Chuan as much as possible.

Jian Yiling and Qin Chuan had agreed to meet at a cafe.

The two of them chose a window seat. As the staff came over, Qin Chuan ordered two drinks.

He ordered himself a cup of coffee and ordered a milkshake for Jian Yiling.

However, Jian Yiling actually wanted to drink coffee.

But she wasn't too fussed. She didn't want to refuse someone else's kindness.

Qin Chuan had already ordered a milkshake for her. She didn't want to change the order.

Qin Chuan looked at Jian Yiling with an amused and ashamed expression before he started to speak: "I can't believe that I was your tutor for a month."

"People are specialists in different fields," Jian Yiling replied.

Qin Chuan smiled before he said, "You don't need to comfort me. I will never be able to achieve your medical accomplishments."

Following which, Qin Chuan continued to speak, "I would never have thought that you would be the one who is treating my mother."

This was something that Qin Chuan would have never imagined.

"Mhmm." Jian Yiling replied. Her response was rather direct and cold.

Just like when she was being tutored.

However, Qin Chuan had gotten used to such a response. As a result, he didn't feel as though he was being treated coldly.

"The first reason for this meeting is to thank you in person."

"You're welcome."

“The second reason is I want to ask you about that agreement.”

When Qin Chuan’s mother got admitted to the hospital, he had signed a very special agreement.

The agreement required Qin Chuan to give his word on something.

At that time, Qin Chuan was rather puzzled. Why would the Huiling Medical Research Institution want his word on something? He was only an ordinary university student.

However, back then, Qin Chuan didn’t think too much about the matter. He quickly signed the agreement. As long as he could save his mother, he was willing to give his word on anything.

It wasn’t until he found out that his mother’s doctors were Jian Yiling and Cheng Yi that he started to think more about the agreement.

As a result, he had started to ponder about the agreement again.

Why did Jian Yiling want his promise?

What did she want from him?

“I think highly of you.”

Of course, Jian Yiling couldn’t tell him the complete reason behind her request. She couldn’t tell him that she knew that he was going to be successful in the future. Furthermore, she couldn’t tell him that he was potentially going to be the arch-enemy of Zhai Yuncheng in the future.

In order for Zhai Yunsheng to not die in Qin Chuan’s hands, she had made a pre-emptive move. She had asked him for his word on something. Although it had no legal effect, it was still morally valid.

Qin Chuan started to laugh again, “Are you serious? At least for now, I’m just a poor youngster.”

Chapter 239: Identity Revealed to Qin Chuan (2)

Qin Chuan had a clear idea of who he was.

Although his career was on an upwards path, his company was growing rapidly and his future prospects were rather promising.

And even schools like Shenghua High School defined him as a role model for today’s college students.

He knew that these were his only achievements. Compared to the Jian family, he was still just an ordinary man.

“I don’t like you romantically,” Jian Yiling said in a hurry.

She was worried that Qin Chuan might have mistaken the intent behind her actions and words.

“Huh?” Qin Chuan asked. He had never thought of such a thing before.

Did he say something to make Jian Yiling say such a thing? Did it sound like he misinterpreted her words?

“I don’t have any feelings for you,” Jian Yiling emphasized.

Qin Chuan laughed again. Today, in front of Jian Yiling, he had laughed more than he had in the entirety of the previous week.

Of course, a key factor to his laughter was because his mother’s condition had taken a turn for the better.

“I didn’t think of such a thing,” Qin Chuan replied. “I was just merely curious about why you’re so optimistic about my future.”

Qin Chuan wasn’t that narcissistic. He didn’t think that Jian Yiling’s actions were because she liked him romantically.

Of course, Qin Chuan didn’t doubt his own charm. Just before entering the cafe, he had encountered a girl who tried to talk to him. Due to this reason, he knew that he was quite charismatic.

However, Qin Chuan knew that Jian Yiling wasn’t interested in him. He was sure that the girl in front of him right now had no interest in him. Rather, she didn’t even want to talk to him unless it was necessary.

And thus, Qin Chuan was even more curious about Jian Yiling’s intentions. He wanted to know why she would ask for such a request.

“You’re talented and I like money.”

Jian Yiling said the words ‘I like money’ in a serious manner.

Her soft and sweet voice didn’t match her words. It was quite odd to hear such a thing from her.

Qin Chuan paused for quite some time. Then, he started to laugh again.

Qin Chuan was the male lead of the original novel. Due to this reason, he had quite a charming appearance. As soon as he smiled, the girls who were seated at the next table in the cafe all looked over in his direction.

There were love hearts that sparkled in their eyes.

Qin Chuan hadn’t expected such a direct reply from Jian Yiling.

However, he knew that her reply was quite reasonable and fair.

Qin Chuan couldn’t help but sigh. From a young age, Jian Yiling knew how to invest. Her brothers were the same as her. Investment and wealth management were things that the children of the Jian family did from a young age.

However, her investment was quite different from the masses.

He was one of the ‘goods’ that she invested in.

“Then, I’d like to genuinely thank Miss Yiling for your acknowledgment.”

Qin Chuan said in a half-serious half-joking manner.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied. Then she said, “Is there anything you’d like to ask about your mother’s condition?”

“No. I believe in you guys,” Qin Chuan replied. “This is not in my field of expertise. Due to this reason, I trust you with my entire heart and soul. This is the only way to save my mother.”

Qin Chuan wasn’t overly bothered by Jian Yiling’s age.

From the day he sent his mother to the Huiling Medical Research Institution, he had already chosen to believe in the institution. He believed that the doctors at the institution were professional and competent.

Jian Yiling was a member of the institution. As a result, he fully believed in her abilities as well.

“Furthermore, I won’t tell anyone about your situation,” Qin Chuan continued.

Qin Chuan was a smart man. He had deduced from her previous behavior that she didn’t want others to know her secret.

Of course, this included her own family members.

If her family knew about her situation, then they wouldn’t have paid him to be her tutor.

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If Jian Yiling wanted to let them know the truth, then she wouldn’t have failed so many subjects at school.

“Thank you,” Jian Yiling replied.

Although she wasn’t worried about Qin Chuan telling anyone, it would be best if Qin Chuan could help her keep her secret.

Following this, Qin Chuan and Jian Yiling chatted for a while in the cafe.

And then, they left the cafe together.

As Qin Chuan didn’t have a car, he couldn’t send Jian Yiling home.

Due to this reason, he merely said his farewells at the doorway of the cafe before he watched her leave.

Mo Shiyun watched the two of them leave the cafe from the bookstore across the street.

She saw the smiles that repeatedly appeared on Qin Chuan’s face as he had chatted with Jian Yiling.

As Qin Chuan and Jian Yiling were seated by the window seat, she could see them clearly even though they were across the street from her.

A bitter feeling sprouted in Mo Shiyun’s heart. She couldn’t explain why she felt this way.

She didn’t know the reason behind such a feeling either.

However, she felt that all the bitterness and unlucky events that recently happened in her life had something to do with Jian Yiling.

And thus, Mo Shiyun picked up her phone to take a photo of Qin Chuan. In the photo, Qin Chuan had a big smile on his face.

And this radiant smile was because of Jian Yiling.

She had unconsciously taken the photo on her phone right now. She didn't know why she had taken such a photo. However, she desperately stared at the photo in front of her. In her heart, she tried to find an explanation for Qin Chuan and Jian Yiling's meeting. She tried to find evidence in the photo that the relationship between the two was not as close as it appeared in the image.

However, the longer Mo Shiyun looked at the photo, the more her thoughts drifted. Her thoughts drifted in the direction that she didn't want them to go in.

This was the first time in her life that she had feelings for a guy. However, it appeared as though her feelings were destined to fail before they even began.

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In the following few days, Mo Shiyun was quite absent-minded. Her thoughts kept wandering to the photo she had taken.

She didn't know what was wrong with her. The scene from a few days ago kept haunting her mind.

When Zhu Sha walked behind Mo Shiyun, she saw the photo on Mo Shiyun's phone.

"Isn't that Jian Yiling?" Zhu Sha said. She had immediately recognized Jian Yiling.

When Mo Shiyun realized that Zhu Sha was standing behind her, Mo Shiyun immediately put her phone away.

"Hey, let me take another look. I feel as though I've seen that man before," Zhu Sha said as she reached for Mo Shiyun's phone.

"It's nothing," Mo Shiyun replied. She refused to give her phone to Zhu Sha.

"No, isn't that the guy who came to our school to give us a lecture last time? What was his name again... Qin Chuan! Yeah, it's Qin Chuan!" Zhu Sha cried out. She managed to figure out the man in the photo.

Mo Shiyun didn't reply.

Zhu Sha was quite confused as she continued to speak, "Why is Jian Yiling sitting with Qin Chuan? Is there something between them? Are they dating?"

Dating was not allowed in Shenghua High School.

Although it wasn't forbidden, the teachers had indirectly told the students that studying was the most important thing in their stage of life right now.

"No, it's not. Please don't talk nonsense."

Mo Shiyun didn't like the way that Zhu Sha defined the two as 'boyfriend and girlfriend'.

"It's not like that Shiyun. It doesn't matter whether or not they're dating. If you post that photo, everyone will definitely think that there's something fishy that's happening between them."

Zhu Sha's words made Mo Shiyun pause.

Zhu Sha continued to convince Mo Shiyun, "Let's just post the photo. We don't need to say anything. If we don't say anything, we can't wrongly accuse them. Furthermore, the photo is real. You didn't photoshop it. It's just the truth."

Zhu Sha saw that Mo Shiyun had begun to hesitate. She decided to put more effort into her words, "How about this? Why don't you send the photo to me? I think it's fine for you to send a photo to a friend, no? As for whether or not I post the photo, that's my business. It has nothing to do with you."