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Chapter 261: Orchid Exhibition (2)

In the early years, he had made his fortune off real estate. As of now, he had companies in varying industries across the country.

This person wasn't born in Hengyuan City. Rather, he had numerous businesses and estates in Hengyuan City. As a result, he had quite a few business dealings with the Jian family.

As he also loved orchids as much as Grandpa Jian, the two of them had quickly become acquaintances.

"Grandpa Jian! I knew that I'd meet you here today!"

"Grandpa Qian! You came here today as well?" Grandpa Jian said as he greeted the other man with a smile on his face.

"Yeah, I did! Wow, you're quite lucky to have so many of your children and grandchildren following you around at an orchid exhibition. I could only come by myself. None of my children or grandchildren wanted to accompany me."

"Nah, today is just an exception," Grandpa Jian replied with a smile.

Typically, he always came to orchid exhibitions by himself.

However, today, he had planned to bring one more person with him. He hadn't expected an extra group of people to tag along on the way.

However, he knew that they hadn't come along because of him. He knew that they hadn't come because they wanted to appreciate the orchids either.

"Oh, by the way, I heard that you saved the red-cross spider orchid." Grandpa Qian asked curiously. He wanted to know more about the rare orchid species that Grandpa Jian had saved.

"Yeah, that's true. Didn't you see the photos?"

"Yeah, I did. That's so amazing. I thought the roots were rotten from the last photo that you sent me. I thought that it'd be doomed by now."

"Yeah, I thought that it'd be doomed as well! However, I happened to meet a lucky star! They helped me bring it back to life!"

As Grandpa Jian said this, his voice was filled with pride. He couldn't hide it from his voice.

"Oh? Lucky star? Who is the lucky star?" Grandpa Qian asked in a hurry.

"Someone that is seemingly far away but actually close at hand." Grandpa Jian replied proudly.

Someone that's seemingly far away but actually close at hand?

Grandpa Qian took a look at the people around him in bewilderment.

Was Grandpa Jian referring to one of these people?

Hm... It was possible that it was Grandpa Jian's eldest son Jian Shuxing. His eldest daughter-in-law Wen Nuan and his eldest grandson Jian Yuncheng also looked likely.

"Hey, stop looking there. Look here," Grandpa Jian said. Then, he formally introduced his precious granddaughter to Grandpa Qian, "It's my granddaughter, Jian Yiling."

"Oh?"

He took a look at Jian Yiling. It was quite rare for a young girl of her age to have studied orchid cultivation.

"Hey, Grandpa Jian, you're not bluffing right?"

"Why am I bluffing? I don't need to bluff about my granddaughter's skills, do I? Her brother studies biology. As a result, she's learned a lot from him ever since she was a child."

"Is biology useful in orchid cultivation?" Grandpa Qian asked. It was the first time he had heard of biology being used in this way.

"Why not? It's also a study of natural science. Botany is a sub-discipline of biology."

With a future biologist in the family, Grandpa Jian naturally knew quite a lot about this subject.

The pride in his voice was overflowing. Upon seeing this, Grandpa Qian couldn't help but laugh at his acquaintance.

This man. All his grandsons were successful and incredibly capable. But this was the first time that he had seen Grandpa Jian being so pleased with himself.

He made it a big deal that his granddaughter knew something about orchid cultivation.

Grandpa Qian laughed as he said, "Grandpa Jian, I'm quite envious of you. You have so many children and grandchildren. All their futures are incredibly promising as well."

"Why are you envious? Your first grandson is only two years old. If you wait for another two years, you're probably going to get a second, third, and possibly even fourth grandchild."

"Nah, that's probably not going to happen. When my daughter-in-law was pregnant, she had gotten into a car accident. Both of them nearly died in that accident. Thank goodness that they lived. And now, my son doesn't dare to have another child because of this. He said that one child is enough."

Grandpa Qian was incredibly helpless as he said this.

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"Oh, by the way, Grandpa Jian, I heard that there's going to be an incredibly rare species of orchid that's going to be on display today. I heard that it's going to be shown at the end. Are you interested in buying it?" When Grandpa Qian started to speak about orchids, his spirits got lifted again.

"I'm not interested."

“Really? This isn’t your usual style. Isn’t this what you care about the most usually?”

There was something unusual about Grandpa Jian today.

Not only was Grandpa Qian curious about the situation, but Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan had also felt that there was something off.

Typically, Grandpa Jian adored orchids. The entire family knew about this. Whenever there were rare species or new species of orchids, Grandpa Jian would be the first to take a look at it.

“Well, I just said I wasn’t interested in buying it. I never said that I didn’t care about it,” Grandpa Jian replied. He was incredibly fastidious with his wording.

Grandpa Qian couldn’t help but wonder what was the difference?

When Grandpa Jian saw Grandpa Qian’s puzzled face, the smug expression on his face grew.

After spending a bit more time in the rest area, the Jian family and Grandpa Qian headed towards the final display.

The mysterious exhibit was yet to be unveiled. It was surrounded by a large glass enclosure.

The glass enclosure was also covered by a red cloth.

The presenter of the final display was already in his position.

He started to introduce the final display of the day.

“This is a new species of orchid. It’s a beautiful flower with a unique fragrance. As of now, there’s only one of its kind in the world.”

Upon hearing this, it was enough to arouse the curiosity of everyone present.

After a long wait, the exhibition staff finally lifted the red cloth.

A new type of orchid appeared before everyone’s eyes. Its petals were lilac in color and resembled the well-known lotus petal orchid.

However, in contrast to the plain color that’s commonly seen in lotus petal orchids, the color of this orchid was noble and elegant.

Its form was beautiful and the color was unique.

Immediately, the orchid caught the eye of all the orchid lovers at the exhibition.

Grandpa Qian couldn’t help but exclaim, “How beautiful. The shape of its petals is fine and elegant and its color is natural yet luxurious.”

However, Grandpa Jian did not open his mouth to comment on the orchid. Instead, when he heard the praise of the people beside him, the look of pride on his face grew.

Jian Shuxing took the initiative to ask Grandpa Jian, “Father, do you like this orchid? I’ll buy it for you during the auction if you like it.”

“No need,” Grandpa Jian responded decisively.

Upon hearing his father’s stubborn reply, Jian Shuxing knew that he couldn’t insist on buying the orchid anymore.

The people nearby had started to enquire about the price of the new species.

According to the usual practices, such orchids were to be auctioned off at a high price after it was displayed at the exhibition.

However, when they asked the showroom staff, they received an answer that was different from their expectations.

The staff replied that they did not intend to sell the orchid. Instead, the orchid was merely on display.

This led everyone to become disappointed. Of course, this included Grandpa Qian.

He really liked this new species of orchid. As a result, he was ready to bid on it.

Grandpa Qian turned around to lament, “Ahh, it’s rare to see such a species of orchid. It’s such a shame that it’s not up for auction. This makes me so upset.”

He only had one hobby. Grandpa Qian didn’t like collecting jades, precious stones, or antiques. The only thing that he liked was orchids.

And now, even that hobby could not be fulfilled.

If he had been competing with someone and lost the auction, then it’d be easier for him to put his mind to rest.

However, now, he wasn’t even given the chance to bid.

Grandpa Jian smiled and comforted Grandpa Qian, “Hey, don’t worry. You will have a chance next time.”

“Grandpa Jian, you’re really different today! Usually, your reaction is even greater than mine! However, today, you’re like a completely different person!”

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“Well, I’m growing old. I’ve already seen a lot of things in life. I’ve come to the realization that I don’t need to insist or demand for things to be in my life anymore.”

All of a sudden, it appeared as though Grandpa Jian became Buddhist. Furthermore, he also started to talk to Grandpa Qian about Zen philosophy.

Just as Grandpa Qian was considering whether or not he should perhaps learn something from Grandpa Jian, the exhibition staff walked over.

They smiled at Grandpa Jian before asking, “Grandpa Jian, are you sure you’re not considering selling your orchid? More than one person has already told me that they’re willing to pay a very high price for it.”

“I’m not selling it! It doesn’t matter what price they offer!”

Grandpa Jian’s attitude was incredibly resolute. There was nothing that the exhibition staff could say to sway his attitude.

Upon hearing this, Grandpa Qian widened his eyes in disbelief, “What is this? What’s going on old man? Did you grow this new species of orchid?”

Grandpa Jian held his head high and pride was written all over his face, “Yes I did. It’s the only one of its kind in the world. And I grew it!”

“Where did you get it?” Grandpa Qian asked out of curiosity. His curiosity was already overwhelming him.

“I’m not telling you!”

“Hey, that’s not nice of you! We’ve been acquaintances for so many years already. And you didn’t even tell me that you got your hands on a new species of orchid?”

“Wouldn’t you be even more jealous if I did?”

“Ugh...” Grandpa Qian said. He suddenly realized that Grandpa Jian’s words made sense. As of now, he was already incredibly jealous.

However, Grandpa Qian wasn’t the only one who was curious. Jian Shuxing and the others were also curious.

Jian Shuxing couldn’t help but ask his father, “Father, when did you invest in this kind of research?”

Generally speaking, the breeding of new species of floral required specialized personnel to carry the work out. It required a lot of research and experimentation.

Grandpa Jian glanced at the bewildered faces of Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, Jian Yuncheng, and Jian Yunnao. Then, in an unhurried tone, he answered:

“Quite some time ago. I started investing almost fifteen years ago. I spent quite a lot of money on this.”

“Wait, why haven’t I heard you mention it before?” Fifteen years was quite a long period of time. During this time, Jian Shuxing had not heard a single thing about this. His father had hidden this from him way too well.

“I’m your father. Do I need to report my actions to you?”

Grandpa Jian’s words immediately put a stop to Jian Shuxing’s questions.

He didn’t dare to ask his father any more questions. After the orchid exhibition was over, the rest of the Jian family accompanied Grandpa Jian to a nearby Chinese restaurant for lunch.

During lunch, Jian Yiling remained silent. The rest of the Jian family didn’t manage to make any progress in their relationship with Jian Yiling.

However, at the very least, Jian Yunnao and Jian Yiling had gotten along without any problems. This could be considered as progress.

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In the next few days, Jian Yiling had her first mid-term exams for the first semester in freshman year.

The day after the exams were over, Jian Yunnao prepared a gift to bring to school.

He had specially prepared for this gift. He intended to give it to Jian Yiling.

The reason for this gift was to celebrate the completion of Jian Yiling's first mid-term exams.

Although the results hadn't come out yet, that wasn't the main point. The main point was that Jian Yunnao had found a reason to give Jian Yiling a gift.

However, he still didn't know whether or not he would succeed in giving her the gift.

During lunchtime, Jian Yunnao took advantage of the break and arrived in front of Jian Yiling's classroom.

He lingered in front of the door for quite some time. He gazed at Jian Yiling who was currently seated inside the classroom. However, he didn't call her name out. Nor did he ask any of Jian Yiling's classmates to help him call Jian Yiling over.

At this very moment, both Jian Yiling and Hu Jiaojiao were seated at their seats.

Jian Yiling was busy with her own business. Even during the lunch break, Jian Yiling made sure that she made good use of her time.

"Yiling..." Hu Jiaojiao cried out. Hu Jiaojiao had her head down on the desk in despair.

Jian Yiling turned around to look at her...

Chapter 264: More Bitter than Chinese Medicine

"Yiling, why do you think life is always filled with endless homework and then endless exams? Our second monthly exams were just a while ago... And then all of a sudden, our mid-term exams are here to torment me... Why is life like this?"

When Hu Jiaojiao thought about her exam results that were coming out in the next two days, she collapsed down on her desk again.

Wang Xiangchong walked over to give Hu Jiaojiao her maths homework back. When he heard Hu Jiaojiao's words of complaint, his expression immediately was filled with disgust:

"What's wrong with you? Just because you can't achieve anything in life, doesn't mean you have to constantly complain."

"Ughhh," Hu Jiaojiao groaned. She didn't move from the desk. As of now, she didn't even have the energy to argue with Wang Xiangchong.

Then, Wang Xiangchong turned around to hand Jian Yiling's maths homework back and said:

“A certain person better not forget the bet that they made with me. However, judging by the mistakes that you made in your maths homework, I feel like it’s better for you to admit defeat as soon as possible.”

Jian Yiling’s maths homework could be described with two words. ‘A mess’.

As soon as Wang Xiangchong finished his sentence, he waited for Jian Yiling’s reaction. He expected that Jian Yiling would be furious and frustrated with him.

However, to his disappointment, it appeared as though Jian Yiling had completely ignored him.

And thus, Wang Xiangchong said, “Well, keep pretending then.”

As Jian Yiling was ignoring him, the only thing that Wang Xiangchong could do was turn around and leave.

Hu Jiaojiao continued to ramble, “Ahhh I just want to play games. I just want to do nothing with my life. It’s not like I don’t like studying. However, I just feel like studying doesn’t like me back! It’s basically an unrequited love. Studying is that bastard of a man who doesn’t even ever look back at me in a relationship whilst I’m the one who’s desperately trying to make this relationship work. Ahh... In the end, my infatuation and hard work are useless. Why was I not aware of this? I should have just stayed away from studying...”

It seemed as though Hu Jiaojiao had been suffering from her studies lately. As a result, she was expressing her resentment towards studying as though she had gotten her heart broken by a man.

When Liu Wen heard this, she said, “Stop resenting your studies. It’s not as though you’re good at games either.”

Upon hearing this, Hu Jiaojiao was even more devastated. “Sister Wen, I think you were sent by the Gods to torment me! You’ve always been able to stab my heart with perfect precision! Now, my heart is riddled with a thousand holes. 800 were caused by you, 100 by my mum and 100 by my teacher...”

Hu Jiaojiao completely flopped down on the desk. She refused to get up.

“Jian Yiling, your brother is looking for you.”

A classmate sitting near the classroom door called out to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling looked towards the door.

She saw Jian Yunnao standing at the entrance. It appeared as though he was holding something in his hand and looked quite nervous.

At this moment, most of the students in the class were looking at Jian Yiling.

After the last incident, the siblings’ matter had been discussed by everyone for such a long time. And thus, until this day, everyone was still curious about the relationship between the two of them.

Under the gaze of her classmates, Jian Yiling walked to the door.

Jian Yunnao handed the gift in his hands to Jian Yiling and said: "Congratulations on completing your midterm exams."

Jian Yunnao did not dare to look directly into Jian Yiling's eyes.

He was scared to see hatred in her eyes.

Jian Yiling paused for a moment. In the next moment, she extended her hand to take the gift that Jian Yunnao was handing her.

"Thank you."

The 'thank you' from Jian Yiling was polite and courteous.

It was so polite that Jian Yunnao couldn't say that there was anything wrong with it.

However, he still felt that something was wrong.

Following this, Jian Yiling turned around and headed back to the classroom.

As Jian Yunnao watched Jian Yiling walk back to her seat, the feeling in his heart was bitter. In fact, it felt more bitter than the Chinese medicine he had previously taken.

He didn't have a chance to say the words that he had prepared. Once again, all of those words were left unsaid.

Jian Yunnao hesitated at the door of Jian Yiling's classroom for quite some time before he left again.

Chapter 265: Encounter at the Recording Studio (1)

In the Class for High Achievers for the Final Year of Senior High, everyone could vaguely sense that the relationship between Jian Yunnao and Mo Shiyun had turned sour.

However, it seemed like a private matter between Jian Yunnao and Mo Shiyun. As a result, most of the students didn't feel like questioning either of them further.

However, Zhu Sha was quite curious about this matter. And thus, she chased after Mo Shiyun to ask questions.

Faced with Zhu Sha's questions, Mo Shiyun merely answered that they hadn't seen each other for a long time. Due to this reason, their relationship had weakened.

Then, Zhu Sha followed up with another question, "Is the photo you posted on your news feed legit? Did you really shoot for a commercial last night?"

Last night Mo Shiyun had posted a status: [It's the first time I've stood in front of a professional camera. I'm quite nervous. I hope that this shoot will be smooth.]

"Mhmm."

However, Mo Shiyun did not tell Zhu Sha the details behind the shoot. She didn't tell her friend that she had received help from a couple.

Mo Shiyun had quite an attractive appearance. Furthermore, she was quite photogenic.

As Mo Shiyun had previously saved Mrs. Qian, Mrs. Qian had recommended her for an ordinary commercial. Mrs. Qian had quite a lot of connections in the entertainment industry.

For some commercials, the emphasis was on the commercial's creativity and not its celebrity endorsement. As a result, it was important to find someone who fulfilled the image required by the commercial.

And thus, Mo Shiyun was offered this opportunity.

When Mrs. Qian initially recommended Mo Shiyun, she had told Mo Shiyun that she would not only earn a huge amount of money for herself and her mother, but this would also be an opportunity for her to take a step into the entertainment industry.

But of course, it was just that. A mere opportunity.

When you initially started off, it was quite difficult to make your name known in the entertainment industry. And thus, the chances of making a successful entry just off one commercial was quite low.

After receiving Mo Shiyun's reply, Zhu Sha's face was filled with envy, "Oh my goodness, Shiyun! You're amazing! Although you're still in high school, you've managed to shoot for a commercial! Sometimes, it takes years for others to get a chance to do a commercial!"

"Oh, I'm just lucky," Mo Shiyun replied. For Mo Shiyun, being in a commercial was not an amazing achievement.

"Hey, don't say that. If you're saying it's luck, why can't other people have the same luck as you? I feel like luck probably plays a part however, it's your own circumstances and appearance that ended up being a huge factor."

Zhu Sha kept praising Mo Shiyun.

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Back at the Old Jian Residence, Jian Yumin blocked Jian Yiling's path.

Jian Yiling attempted to walk around him. However, he didn't let her pass.

When Jian Yiling headed towards the left, Jian Yumin stepped towards the left. When Jian Yiling headed towards the right, Jian Yumin followed her as well.

"Yiling, please say yes to your brother!"

In order to get Jian Yiling to be the female lead of their upcoming MV, Jian Yumin started to act shamelessly. He wouldn't let his sister pass if she didn't agree to this!

"No," Jian Yiling replied. She refused to agree with him.

Jian Yumin's request was more than she could handle.

"Hey, I can teach you! I'll teach you everything that you need to know!"

Jian Yumin had already imagined his sister in the music video. The more he imagined it, the more he wanted to make it become a reality.

“I don’t know how to.”

Jian Yiling didn’t know how to act. Nor did she know how to sing or dance.

“It doesn’t matter! If you don’t say yes, I’ll pick you up and carry you over there!”

“...”

“I’ll secretly bring you dessert! Is that okay?”

Recently, Grandma Jian had been controlling the number of sweets and desserts that Jian Yiling could have. As a result, Jian Yiling was only allowed one dessert a week.

And thus, Jian Yumin decided to tempt Jian Yiling with this.

“...”

Although she had a sweet tooth, she wasn’t about to be baited like this...

She wasn’t a kid...

However, in the end, Jian Yiling gave in.

She decided to go with Jian Yumin.

Either way, they would let her go back home when they realized that she was impossible to perform with.

Chapter 266: Encounter at the Recording Studio (2)

On Sunday, Jian Yumin picked Jian Yiling up and headed towards the studio to record for their new music video.

Coincidentally, Mo Shiyun was also at the same studio today.

The company that was responsible for Jupiter’s new music video and the company that was responsible for Mo Shiyun’s commercial happened to be the same one.

And thus, they were at the same recording studio.

This event was purely coincidental.

However, even though they were the same company, the filming was done separately. As a result, the two parties didn’t interact with each other.

On the way to the bathroom, Jian Yiling and Mo Shiyun met face to face.

As soon as Mo Shiyun saw Jian Yiling, she stopped in her tracks.

“Jian Yiling, do you have to do whatever I want to do? Why do you have to fight over this with me?” Mo Shiyun questioned Jian Yiling.

Mo Shiyun didn't understand the intentions behind Jian Yiling's actions.

In the past, whenever she and Jian Yunnao headed out to do something, Jian Yiling had always followed them.

Then, when she registered in the chemistry competition, Jian Yiling had also followed suit. In fact, she had also used her family background to cheat in the competition and ultimately win overall.

Jian Yiling took one look at Mo Shiyun and then she turned her head. She intended to bypass Mo Shiyun. She didn't want to start a fight with Mo Shiyun.

If she knew that Mo Shiyun would be filming a commercial here today, she would have never agreed to come.

Jian Yiling knew about the commercial that Mo Shiyun took part in. This section was described in the original novel.

According to the original novel, Mo Shiyun had saved the life of a rich young lady two years ago. That lady had many connections in the entertainment industry.

To thank Mo Shiyun for saving her life, that young lady paved the way for Mo Shiyun. She helped Mo Shiyun to get into the entertainment industry.

Jian Yiling had no intentions to interfere with the plot of the original novel. She didn't want to get involved in Mo Shiyun and Qin Chuan's relationship either. Similarly, she didn't want to interfere with Mo Shiyun's career development.

However, Mo Shiyun stretched out her arm to block Jian Yiling's path.

"Jian Yiling, my mother is no longer your maid. We no longer have any business with each other. So why are you refusing to let me go?"

In the past, because her mother had worked for the Jian family, Mo Shiyun had put up with Jian Yiling's difficult and abusive behavior.

However, now, there was no reason for her to continue to tolerate Jian Yiling's bullying.

"You're thinking too much into it," Jian Yiling replied. Her face was expressionless.

"I wish I was overthinking," Mo Shiyun replied. Mo Shiyun refused to believe that this was just a coincidence.

However, Jian Yiling did not explain any further. Instead, she stared at Mo Shiyun's hand that was in front of her and said, "Let me pass."

Upon hearing this, Mo Shiyun gritted her teeth. However, she finally put her hand back down.

Jian Yiling walked away without looking back.

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At the start of the shoot, Jian Yiling put on a Gothic Lolita dress.

Although Jian Yiling's figure was small, there was nothing wrong with the proportions of her body.

The Gothic Lolita dress revealed her long and white legs.

Her skin appeared even fairer and more delicate in contrast with the black skirt.

Jian Yiling's long hair which was always tied up in a ponytail was also let down.

Her long and soft hair hung down to her waist.

On her head, she wore a small diamond-studded crown at a 45-degree slant.

All of a sudden, Jian Yumin started to regret asking Jian Yiling to shoot in the music video.

The more he looked at the other men in the studio, the less he liked them.

Although Jian Yiling assumed that the shoot would go poorly, she didn't realize that the director did not have any requirements on her facial expressions.

This was because the female lead of Jupiter's MV merely needed to give off a dark loli vibe.

And thus, the shoot went surprisingly well.

In fact, the director of the MV was very satisfied with Jian Yiling's performance. He even praised her repeatedly.

Chapter 267: Gaming Legend J10 (1)

After a few hours of filming, Jian Yiling and the four members of Jupiter decided to relax together in the lounge.

Luo Xun suggested that they play a game.

Two members of Jupiter quickly agreed to this suggestion. They wanted Jian Yiling to join them in their gaming session.

"You guys are so noisy!" Jian Yumin cried out. He immediately voted against the idea that they play games together. "The game that you're planning to play has so much violence and blood! It's definitely not suited for my sister!"

Jian Yumin took out his phone and opened a female dress-up game and handed it to Jian Yiling.

"Yiling, you should play this game instead. Don't play games with them. I'll recharge 20 thousand diamonds for you. You can buy whatever costumes and outfits you want."

However, Luo Xun wasn't content with this arrangement, "Hey, Brother Yumin, why are you like this? Yiling can play that kind of dress-up game in her own spare time. However, it's quite rare to have the opportunity where everyone gets together and play games. Of course, it's better for us to play team games, no?"

The other two members of Jupiter agreed with Luo Xun, "Yeah, Brother Yumin. We just want to play games with Yiling. Don't be so stingy!"

“Stingy? Who are you calling stingy?”

Wasn't he just stopping these bastards from getting too close to his sister?

How was that stingy?

Luo Xun laughed before he said, “Hey guys, let's open our laptops and login to the game. As for Brother Yumin, I'll hold him down for you!”

Shi Baiyang immediately undermined Luo Xun's plans, “Are you joking? Even if you're planning to hold him down, do you think that you can manage that? You're probably going to be toppled over by him first.”

Everyone knew that Luo Xun was the weakest amongst the four.

“Well, Brother Yao can do it then!” Luo Xun added quickly. Luo Xun immediately volunteered Le Yao who was the tallest and strongest Jupiter member.

In the end, Jian Yumin could only submit. He was outnumbered by the other members of Jupiter.

And thus, he had to watch the three of them as they opened the bloody and horrifying FPS game called 'Zerg Invasion'.

Jian Yumin gave up struggling. He ended up compromising. And thus, Jian Yiling could play 'Zerg Invasion' with his group members.

However, he insisted that he would stay next to Jian Yiling. He had to do this just in case Jian Yiling got too scared while playing the game.

On the other hand, if his sister didn't get too scared of the game, he could be there beside her to guide her. This would ensure that she got a good experience in the game.

Then, Jian Yumin asked Jian Yiling, “Yiling, do you have an account? If you don't, you can borrow mine.”

“I have an account.”

“Oh? You have an account? Okay, log on then,” Jian Yumin replied. His voice sounded slightly surprised. Jian Yumin had initially assumed that Jian Yiling didn't have an account.

Jian Yiling quickly logged onto her account.

Then, Luo Xun asked, “Hey, what's your account name? Let's be friends and form a team together.”

Jian Yumin glanced at Jian Yiling's account name before he replied, “J10.”

“Huh?” Luo Xun replied in surprise. “Brother Yumin, please look at the account name carefully. Is there any other symbol attached to the name or something?”

“Um... There are no other symbols. It's just the letter J and the number 10.”

“Wait, are you looking in the wrong place?” Luo Xun asked again.

“Hey, kiddo, what's wrong with you? Didn't I make it clear to you already? Can't you even type three simple characters?”

By now, Jian Yumin's voice sounded quite impatient.

"No... Brother Yumin... Are you sure that's the name? That account..."

Luo Xun was still quite confused. However, he decided to try to add that account as a friend.

Immediately, Luo Xun's friend request popped up on Jian Yiling's screen.

When Jian Yumin saw the friend request, he couldn't help himself but say, "Look, didn't you find the name quite easily? You're so stupid."

Then, Jian Yiling clicked accept on the friend request.

And thus, J10 was added to Luo Xun's friends' list.

However, Luo Xun continued to check the name. He had to repeatedly confirm this.

He eventually came to the conclusion that this was not a name that was imitating someone else. Rather, it was the real J10.

Even at time Luo Xun dragged Jian Yiling into the party, he was still a little skeptical and confused. In fact, he was doubting his life.

"Luo Xun, what are you doing? Why are you dawdling about? Just start the game already!" Jian Yumin said in distaste. He didn't like Luo Xun dragging his sister to play such a game. And thus, his dislike for Luo Xun was as strong as the torrential waters.

Luo Xun turned around and asked Jian Yumin, "Yumin, are you sure there's nothing wrong with your sister's account?"

"Huh? There's nothing wrong. I feel like the character model fits my sister's image perfectly."

Jian Yumin was referring to the in-game character model of Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was a cute loli in the game.

However, what Jian Yumin didn't know was that this character model had been selected by Yu Xi and Zhai Yunsheng.

Previously, Jian Yiling had almost picked the design of a middle-aged man as her character model.

"I'm not talking about the character model!" Luo Xun cried out in exasperation. He was impressed by Jian Yumin's inability to realize something. How was this so difficult to understand?

Could this guy really find a girlfriend in the future?

Luo Xun was somewhat worried about Jian Yumin.

"Then what are you talking about?"

"The name! Look at Yiling's name!"

"I've looked at it several times already!"

“Then take a look at the leaderboards!”

“Why do I need to look at that?” Jian Yumin asked as he glanced at the leaderboards.

The name at the top of the leaderboard stood out to him.

J10.

“Huh? Yiling, the name at the top of the leaderboard in your region is the same as yours!”

Luo Xun couldn't help but touch his forehead, “Oh my goodness, Brother Yumin, you're honestly beyond saving.”

Jian Yumin paused for another moment. After a second, he reacted, “Wait, your account is Rank One on the server!”

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling responded. Her voice was very calm.

“Wait... How? How did your account become Rank One?”

“I don't know.”

As far as Jian Yiling could remember, she was Rank Two.

She didn't know why all of a sudden she became Rank One.

How did Zhai Yunsheng drop down from Rank One? When did he lose so many points?

The expressions of the four members of Jupiter were unanimous.

“Cough, cough. Okay, never mind that. Let's just start playing,” Jian Yumin said.

According to Jian Yumin's understanding, he assumed that someone had helped Jian Yiling to get her account to the top of the leaderboard.

After all, how could his sister play such a violent shooting game?

And thus, Luo Xun pressed the start button.

However, as soon as the game started, Jian Yumin's initial assumptions were immediately overturned.

Messages kept popping up on the screen.

[Your teammate J10 has killed a Zerg with an M416 rifle. You have gained 60 points.]

[Your teammate J10 has killed a Zerg with a bomb. You have gained 60 points.]

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The four other people in the room appeared to be stunned.

Jian Yumin stared at Jian Yiling's controls. He watched his sister work her magic on the keyboard. One of her small white hands flew over the keyboard whilst the other controlled the mouse.

Her actions were nimble and relaxed.

Not only did the things that he had feared before the game not end up happening, but rather, the way the Zergs were tortured and killed made him even more concerned.

At the end of the game, their team had come first.

The other three members of the team had made little to no contribution. Jian Yiling had done most of the killing by herself.

And thus, the four members of Jupiter came to a conclusion. And that was, Jian Yiling was a gaming legend!

She deserved Rank One!

“Sister Yiling, please carry me.”

“Sister Yiling, please help me gain more points.”

“Sister Yiling, do you need someone to help you with anything? I’ll do whatever is required of me!”

“...”

However, Jian Yumin wasn’t happy when he heard such words. “Shoo shoo. Go away. She’s not your sister! Stop calling her Sister Yiling! She’s my sister.”

He already had rivals at home. He couldn’t do anything about them. But when it came to these three people, how did they have the nerve to call her ‘Sister Yiling’? Utterly shameless!

At this moment, the team received a request, [Player ZYS has applied to join the team.]

Chapter 269: ‘Carried’ By Two Gaming Legends

Luo Xun was the leader of the party. When he looked at the request, he was once again taken aback.

Immediately afterward, he quickly double-checked the name.

ZYS.

Wasn’t this the person who was Rank Two on the leaderboard?

Then he checked again before he came to the conclusion that this was indeed the person who was Rank Two. It was not a fake name.

And thus, Luo Xun decisively kicked Shi Baiyang from the lobby and added ZYS.

Shi Baiyang turned around and stared at Luo Xun when he got kicked out. Question marks started appearing on his face.

“Excuse me? Luo Xun, you’re heartless. Do you have any regards for my feelings?”

“Brother Baiyang, please don’t be upset. Don’t you want the person who is Rank Two to join us? Don’t you want to see Rank One and Rank Two kill Zergs together?”

Shi Baiyang paused for a moment to think about the situation. Luo Xun's words made sense and thus, he begrudgingly agreed.

Since he could no longer play the game, he shifted near to Jian Yiling to watch her play the game.

He wanted to see the APM[1] and control of a gaming legend.

Jian Yiling's fingers were pale and slim. At first glance, her fingers appeared to look weak and fragile. However, when she worked her magic on the keyboard and mouse... It was something completely different.

Zhai Yunsheng had joined the game because of Jian Yiling.

From the friends' list, one can see if your friend is in a game.

And thus, when Jian Yiling finished her first match, he had immediately asked to join their lobby,

Luo Xun had specially opened the in-game team voice for ZYS. However, ZYS didn't talk to anyone.

Soon, a new game began.

Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng quickly started to kill Zergs.

Messages that were announcing J10 and ZYS's kills kept popping up on the screen.

Initially, Luo Xun had planned to follow them. He wanted to gain some points and stray kills as well.

However, somehow, he had followed them into a swarm of Zergs. Then, he died in the game.

Before he died, he had called out to ZYS for assistance through team voice.

However, ZYS had no intentions of saving him. Instead, ZYS just watched his teammate's health bar drop to zero.

Although Luo Xun had died early in the game, by the time the game was over, their team had still won.

In the next game, Luo Xun died early again. He had gotten attacked in the back by a Zerg that had been following ZYS.

Similarly, in the match afterward, Luo Xun once again died a horrible death. This time, his focus was on making sure that he survived. And thus, he decided to follow Yiling around. However, he still somehow fell into a Zerg trap and died.

After three games, Luo Xun had a horrible gaming experience.

However, his elo kept on rising. Despite this, he didn't feel the thrill of winning.

Luo Xun's facial expression was incredibly confused. How was his luck so bad today? He kept dying in strange ways.

In fact, he kept dying no matter how many Zergs his teammates killed. Somehow, no matter what he did, he still couldn't escape his fate of dying early in the game.

However, Jian Yumin was concerned about another thing, "Yiling, do you know ZYS?"

“Mhmm.”

“Is it a man or a woman? Please be careful. There are a lot of scammers on the Internet nowadays. They specialize in scamming money from people.”

As Yiling was still young, Jian Yumin didn’t want to mention that there were some individuals who tricked unsuspecting individuals into sex.

“It’s okay. He has money.”

“Did he say that himself? Don’t believe in those words. A lot of people like to pretend that they’re rich on the Internet. However, in real life, they’re just fat and stay at home and do nothing with their lives.”

“He’s not fat. Plus, he didn’t say that. Yu Xi knows him as well.”

“Oh? Does Yu Xi know him? I’ll interrogate him about this later then!”

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On the weekends, Jian Yuncheng received a phone call from Jian Yunmo.

When the call was answered, a warm and clear voice could be heard on the other side, “I’m back. I’m on my way home from the airport.”

By the time Jian Yunmo called Jian Yuncheng, he was almost home already.

He hadn’t informed his family in advance. In fact, he hadn’t even asked his family to pick him up from the airport.

“I’ll wait for you downstairs,” Jian Yuncheng said.

“I’ll take another hour.”

“Okay.”

An hour later, a taxi pulled up at the entrance of the Jian Residence.

[1] Actions per minute.

Chapter 270: Jian Yunmo Returns

A young man in a light-colored checkered coat got out of the taxi. He had a slender figure and a handsome and gentle face.

It was Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yuncheng and Jian Yunmo’s looks were not very similar. Jian Yuncheng’s appearance and aura were rather cold whilst Jian Yunmo gave off a warm vibe.

When the two brothers met, they looked at each other in silence. In that one moment, both of them were speechless.

Sometimes, words weren’t required to express themselves to one another.

And thus, Jian Yuncheng and Jian Yunmo headed towards the living room to sit down.

Once they sat down, Jian Yuncheng told Jian Yunmo about the recent series of events.

After Jian Yunmo heard about what had happened, he didn't speak for a long time. However, his eyes started to turn red.

"Yunmo," Jian Yuncheng called out after a while. He had waited for a long time for his brother to say something. However, as Jian Yunmo hadn't said a single word, he decided to call out his name.

If Jian Yunmo had something that he wanted to say, he should just say it.

Jian Yuncheng knew that Jian Yunmo was likely to be incredibly angry. He would blame them for not taking care of his little sister. He would blame them for making her suffer.

"Please leave me alone for a while," Jian Yunmo said. His voice sounded like he was holding back something.

Jian Yuncheng could sense that Jian Yunmo was desperately trying to hold back his anger.

If he were to continue to talk to Jian Yunmo, they would definitely argue. In fact, the two of them would probably have a big fight with one another.

And thus, Jian Yuncheng decided to leave Jian Yunmo alone for a while. After Jian Yunmo calmed down, he would return and talk about the future...

Jian Yunmo walked up the stairs and returned to his study room. His study room had been converted into a laboratory a long time ago.

At that moment, his memories were filled with the times that he spent with his younger sister. They had holed themselves up in the laboratory to do experiments when they were younger.

The little girl of the past appeared in his memories:

"Brother Yunmo! Brother Yunmo! I want to eat cotton candy... But mommy won't give them to me! Can you buy them for me? I'll give you a kiss if you buy me some cotton candy!"

"Brother Yunmo! Brother Yunmo! I'm losing my baby teeth... Waaaa. I'm becoming ugly!"

"Brother Yunmo! Brother Yuncheng spanked me today! I don't like him. I'm going to have a cold war with him!"

Brother Yunmo! Brother Yunnao started to cry again today. It's so embarrassing! However, when I gave him the gummy bears that you gave me, he stopped crying!"

Back then, Yiling was still a little kid.

Later on, she grew up a bit and started to go to school.

On the weekends, she would stay with him in the laboratory and watch his experiments. Often, her eyes would be filled with curiosity.

When she saw a strange chemical reaction, she would jump up and down out of joy and excitement.

One year, they managed to plant a tropical flower that was said to be impossible to grow in their country.

However, not only did they manage to grow the flower, but the flower also managed to bloom.

However, the flower had quickly wilted.

“Brother Yunmo, the flower that we grew wilted... I’m sad...”

“Dummy. Of course, flowers will wilt. Flowers that never wilt don’t exist.”

“Then... Then why don’t we look into growing a flower that never wilts?!”

“Okay, okay. When you grow up, you can research this with me. Is that a deal?”

“Yes!”

After a moment, Jian Yunmo’s thoughts returned to the events that Jian Yuncheng had said. Immediately, his mood sank.

He knew that Jian Yuncheng had asked him to come back because he wanted him to help them repair the relationship between the siblings.

However, if her wings were broken, he couldn’t put them back together.

Jian Yunmo stayed in his laboratory for over an hour.

When he finally sorted out his thoughts and feelings, he went next door to his brother’s study.

After he entered, he said to Jian Yuncheng, “I don’t want to lose my temper because I know it’s useless for me to do so. Even if I lose my temper, I can’t change the things Yiling has gone through. I can’t lessen the pain and suffering that she’s been through either.”

“Go ahead and scold me if you want. You don’t have to hold back.”

Jian Yuncheng knew that his second brother loved his little sister the most. And he knew that Yiling had suffered a lot recently.