

Sidekick 271

Chapter 271: Siblings Meet

"I know that Yiling is rather impulsive at times. In fact, I'm willing to call her stubborn as well. However, she still knows what's right from wrong. Furthermore, she definitely has no desire to harm another person. How can you guys condemn her like that? Even if Yunnao said it... Even if Yunnao is less likely to lie in such a situation..."

Jian Yunmo couldn't stop himself from defending Jian Yiling.

"You're right," Jian Yuncheng admitted. He knew that they had made a mistake. "In fact, the person who has the most fault in this matter is me. Please don't be angry with our mother and father. Especially our mother. After Yunnao got injured, her life has become a mess."

"There's no use in blaming anyone," Jian Yunmo replied in a low voice that was filled with grief. "You guys should have told me earlier."

Jian Yuncheng was silent for a moment.

At first, he didn't know how things would turn out. As a result, having another person in their family come back wasn't necessarily a good thing.

However, if he had known that things would have turned out like this, he would have definitely asked Jian Yunmo to return.

The two brothers were silent for a while longer.

Then, Jian Yunmo said, "Don't let me see Yunnao anytime soon."

"I understood," Jian Yuncheng replied. Then he said, "You should go over to the Old Jian Residence and stay with Yiling for the time being."

Jian Yunmo didn't reply. However, Jian Yuncheng knew that he had agreed to his suggestion.

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When Jian Yiling returned home, she found a young man in a light-colored checkered coat seated in the living room.

The young man appeared gentle and fair-skinned. He was quite handsome and seemed quite scholarly.

The young man was chatting with Grandpa Jian. It appeared as though the two of them were having a good conversation.

Jian Yiling was just about to leave when Grandpa Jian called out to her:

"Yiling, your second brother is back. Why don't you greet him?"

After hearing the words 'second brother', Jian Yiling immediately figured out the man's identity. This was her second brother who was meant to be studying abroad.

However, Jian Yiling hadn't expected his arrival. In fact, in the original novel, he wasn't supposed to be back until next year.

Thus, something must have affected the plot of the original novel. This ended up causing Jian Yunmo to return home ahead of time and thereby caused him to appear in front of Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling looked back at Jian Yunmo. Their eyes met.

Jian Yiling's three brothers were all incredibly good-looking. However, their styles and the auras that they gave off were completely different.

Jian Yuncheng was rather cold and stern whilst Jian Yunmo was quite gentle and warm. He gave off the impression that he was the warm spring breeze.

After only a few seconds of staring at each other, Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo averted their eyes in unison.

Their reactions were surprisingly consistent.

However, this reaction was rather strange in the eyes of Grandpa Jian.

Everyone in the family knew that Jian Yiling was closest to Jian Yunmo. They had the closest sibling relationship.

Could this reaction be because the two siblings hadn't seen each other for a long time? Was that the reason?

Jian Yunmo's room had been arranged to the left of Jian Yiling's room.

Jian Yumin's room was on the right of Jian Yiling's room. His room was there despite the fact that he didn't come home often.

After Jian Yunmo moved in, the expected closeness and bonding between Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo did not happen. In fact, Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo barely talked to one another.

The dinner that night was eaten in silence.

Jian Yiling lowered her head and ate in silence.

Jian Yunmo looked up at Jian Yiling from time to time. However, he did not speak either.

Later, when they met briefly on the stairs, they only paused for a moment before both of them walked away again in silence.

Upon seeing this strange phenomenon, Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian couldn't help but wonder about it.

Later at night, Grandma Jian asked Grandpa Jian:

"Hey old man, what's going on here? I know that Yiling never got along with Yumin, however, hasn't she always been on good terms with Yunmo?"

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Grandma Jian's voice was filled with confusion as she continued, "Before Yunmo returned, he called me several times to ask about Yiling's situation. Back then, he sounded incredibly anxious and worried. I'm almost 100% sure that he wasn't faking it. Then why is he so cold after seeing her?"

"How would I know? Old woman, you've been asking me a lot of strange questions lately!" Grandpa Jian replied in a slightly unpleasant and impatient voice.

"You don't even care! You don't care that Yiling and Yunmo are having a fight!"

Grandma Jian began to tell Grandpa Jian off again.

"Hey, do you think it's because I don't want to care? What can I even do? Do you want me to call both of them here and ask them why they had a fallout? Do you think that's appropriate?"

"Then what do we do?"

"I don't think you should worry about it that much. During dinner, didn't you see Yunmo pass Yiling's favorite dishes to her? Even though he didn't say anything, he still cares about her a lot. In fact, he pays attention to these small details more than us!"

As Grandpa Jian mentioned this, Grandma Jian reflected on the things that happened in the last few hours, "Oh, that makes sense. When he brought his suitcases in, I took a look at the things that he brought back from overseas. I caught a glimpse of a whole suitcase full of pink and fluffy things. No matter how you look at it, I don't think those things are his. They're most likely gifts for Yiling."

"Yeah. So isn't that fine? Why are you worrying about it so much? And you're dragging me to worry with you. If you want to worry about something, you might as well worry about the relationship between Yiling, Yuncheng, and Yunnao. Those two brothers are worrisome ones."

"I said I don't care about those two! They can do whatever they want! Everything is okay as long as they don't make my darling angry," Grandma Jian grumbled back. Her voice appeared quite blunt and unfriendly on the outside. However, deep inside, she still cared.

As Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian talked, Jian Yunmo returned downstairs.

In his hand was a signature dessert from a newly opened dessert shop in Hengyuan City.

Jian Yunmo brought the dessert in front of Grandma Jian.

Before he could say anything, Grandma Jian said in a bad temper, "I don't like eating sweets or desserts. I don't want to have high blood sugar levels."

Jian Yunmo paused for a moment. A flush of embarrassment passed his face before he explained, "It's for Yiling."

"Then why don't you give it to Yiling? Why are you handing it to me? She lives in the room right next to you."

"Oh, never mind then." Jian Yunmo said. "I'll just leave it downstairs. If she sees it, then she can eat a few. If not, just forget about it."

After saying this, Jian Yunmo returned back upstairs. He didn't stop for a second at the door of Jian Yiling's room.

Jian Yunmo's actions puzzled Grandma Jian even more. She didn't understand the situation at all.

And thus, she started to mutter to Grandpa Jian again: "Ahhh, what is with these grandsons of mine? Each one is more annoying than the last one!"

"Well, they're still your grandsons. If you find them annoying, go and settle the matters with your sons."

"Well, according to your logic, all three sons are our children. Therefore, if the problem doesn't lie with me, doesn't that mean that the issue is with you? Then shouldn't I settle this matter with you?"

"Umm... Forget I said that."

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Jian Yunmo's attitude was of no surprise to Jian Yiling.

In the original novel, the relationship between Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo was also like this.

However, this was a problem that the original Jian Yiling had never figured it out.

Previously, the two of them had used to be very close. In fact, they were almost inseparable from each other.

To Jian Yiling, her eldest brother was too cold and stern. Her third brother was not much older than her. And thus, he didn't really feel like an older brother.

On the other hand, Jian Yunmo was almost the perfect brother. He listened to everything Jian Yiling said.

Chapter 273: Continuation of the Dream

However, later on, there appeared to be some kind of conflict between the two siblings. As a result, their relationship began to drift apart.

After thinking about it for a while, Jian Yiling decided to find the reason for the change in the relationship between the original Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo.

However, she didn't know what she could find out. In fact, she wasn't even sure of where to start.

And thus, Jian Yiling sent a message to one of her contacts to ask them for help. She wanted them to find out something that had happened to Jian Yunmo around two years ago that could be related to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling didn't have to wait for long before she received a reply.

The other party had sent her a file.

The file they sent her contained everything. There was information regarding Jian Yunmo's choice of food, clothing, dwelling, and even transportation.

The only things that happened to Jian Yunmo that year that could be considered special were all related to his studies.

One of his researches had been groundbreaking and thus achieved outstanding results. His thesis had gotten published and Jian Yunmo had gotten accepted into an overseas university. From there onwards, he had become a student of the world's best biologist.

However, Jian Yiling noticed that two years ago, Jian Yunmo had frequently visited the doctors. Those visits had lasted for quite some time.

Suddenly, it occurred to Jian Yiling that in the original novel, Jian Yunmo had also died before the original Jian Yiling.

Was there some connection between these events?

If she could see the doctor's diagnosis, she might be able to know the answer and come to a conclusion.

However, Jian Yiling knew that she couldn't see the diagnosis results. Hospital records were strictly confidential.

Even the information that she was seeing right now had been obtained through special channels.

However, the hospital where Jian Yunnao had gotten treated domestically was in Hengyuan City. And thus, Jian Yiling wanted to see if she could get the information that she wanted from this hospital somehow.

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That night, Jian Yiling had the same dream again.

She was in the same place. The cold hospital ward.

The same doctors and nurses walked around her.

The dream appeared to be the exact same as the one that she had been in last time.

Once again, Zhai Yunsheng appeared in front of her bed. He introduced himself and asked her some questions. He asked her whether she regretted her decisions.

After hearing Jian Yiling's answers, Zhai Yunsheng was silent for a moment.

"Your body is dying. So just go. If you die, things won't be painful anymore. I'll take care of your funeral arrangements. If you have any requests, tell me now."

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling hadn't met before. So in the face of Jian Yiling's death, he didn't feel much emotion.

However, he was still willing to deal with Jian Yiling's funeral arrangements. This was the only thing that he could give to Jian Yiling as she was dying alone.

"Thank you," Jian Yiling replied. A smile suddenly appeared on her ill and bloodless face.

There was a time when she had a lot of people caring for her. Back then, such a promise didn't mean much to her.

However, right now, she was alone and helpless. The fact that someone was willing to take care of her funeral arrangements was the greatest act of kindness that she felt in a long time.

Then, Jian Yiling told Zhai Yunsheng, "After I die, please take my cremated ashes to the sea. Just throw those ashes into the sea."

Jian Yiling knew that no one would come and pay tribute to her after her death. Due to this reason, there was no need for a grave.

Furthermore, she had no right to be buried in the Jian family's cemetery either.

"Okay, I promise," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

Then, before he left, he greeted Jian Yiling's attending doctor. He asked the doctor to inform him when Jian Yiling was critically ill.

Soon, Jian Yiling's consciousness began to drift.

There was the sound of medical equipment ringing next to her ears.

Then, there was the sound of doctors and nurses rushing to save her life.

However, she felt her body become lighter and lighter...

Chapter 274: Investigate the Reason

And then, Jian Yiling woke from her dream

Jian Yiling jerked her eyes open.

There was a lot of sweat that had gathered on her body.

She raised her hand and wiped the cold sweat from her forehead.

She didn't know why she dreamt about this scene again.

In the novel she had read, this scene hadn't been described. The original novel had been written from the point of view of Mo Shiyun.

However, the dream had felt so real.

It was almost as though the suffocating sensation of death was right in front of her.

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The next morning, Jian Yiling woke up again and walked out of her room.

She found an object hanging on the door handle that was outside of her room.

The object had a hemispherical glass cover on the outside. Inside the sphere, there was an orange Japanese rose that was in full bloom. The flower was incredibly beautiful and appeared as though it had been freshly picked.

This was a relatively rare species of Japanese rose.

After observing the object, Jian Yiling realized that the flower in the glass sphere was an eternity rose. It had been processed and preserved in a special way to maintain the appearance of the rose.

There were many eternity roses that could be bought in the markets. However, most of those flowers were fake. But the one in Jian Yiling's hands was undoubtedly a genuine eternity rose. It had been made from a real flower.

Jian Yiling glanced at a label that was attached to the bottom of the hemispherical glass cover.

The handwriting on the label was strong and beautiful.

It was Jian Yunmo's handwriting.

Jian Yiling had spent a lot of time in Jian Yunmo's laboratory. She had read a lot of his old notes and thereby, she recognized his handwriting.

The species of the rose was written on the label.

Jian Yiling held the eternity rose in her hand for quite some time before she took it into her bedroom. Then, she went out again.

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The next day, Jian Yiling headed to the research institution. In her free time during work, Jian Yiling told Luo Xiuen and Cheng Yi that she wanted to see a patient's hospital records.

Cheng Yi bluntly replied: "According to the rule, you can't see the files. However, if it's a file transfer that meets the rules, it's possible that you can see the files. In other words, if the patient is transferred to our institution, we will have access to all the records of that patient. However, if the patient that you're talking about does not wish to transfer to another institution, this method will not work."

Transferring patients between institutions required the patient's consent. An institution could not force the patient to become a research subject of their institute.

Luo Xiuen thought about it for a moment before she asked Jian Yiling, "Do you know which hospital it is?"

"Tongde Private Hospital."

"Tongde Private Hospital?"

Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen looked at each other. Then, at the same time, a strange smile surfaced on their face.

Jian Yiling looked at the two of them suspiciously.

Then, Luo Xiuen explained the situation to Jian Yiling. “Yiling, I can help you with this! Do you remember Hong Baizhang? He’s quite familiar with us! Maybe we can figure out a way.”

Perhaps other people might not be as easy to fool. However, if it was Hong Baizhang, they had quite a good chance!

Jian Yiling had also met Hong Baizhang several times.

Last time, when she was hospitalized with gastroenteritis, her family had even asked him to come over and check-up on her.

And thus, Cheng Yi helped Jian Yiling make an appointment with Hong Baizhang.

The process went incredibly smoothly. As soon as Cheng Yi asked if Hong Baizhang wanted to have a meal to discuss some work matters, Hong Baizhang had immediately agreed.

After that, Cheng Yi had also told Hong Baizhang that he would bring a very important member of their institution to the meal.

This made Hong Baizhang even more excited. His mind was instantly filled with speculation.

[Could it be Dr. F.S?] Hong Baizhang’s first thought was the mysterious surgeon.

If it was Dr. F.S, that’d be amazing!

Chapter 275: Miss Yiling is Dr. F.S?!

Even before Jian Yunnao’s surgery was completed, Dr. F.S’s name was already widely known in the industry.

However, after the successful surgery, Dr. F.S instantly became one of the most sought-after surgeons in the circle.

[Why don’t you take a guess?] Cheng Yi replied. He deliberately wanted to keep Hong Baizhang in suspense.

As Cheng Yi refused to explicitly tell him, Hong Baizhang had no choice but to obediently wait until the designated time for their meeting.

At six o’clock in the evening, Hong Baizhang arrived at the institution. He came early.

This was because the location that Cheng Yi had agreed on to have dinner with him was the cafeteria of their institution.

The standard of their institution’s cafeteria was no worse than that of a restaurant outside.

In fact, the interior decoration made it seem like a fancy, high-class restaurant.

However, the most important thing was that Jian Yiling didn’t have to go all the way to a restaurant. Eating at the cafeteria would save her a lot of time.

As soon as Hong Baizhang saw Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen, he smiled brightly before he started speaking:

“Dr. Cheng and Dr. Luo, do you want to discuss any work-related matters with me today?”

“Not so fast. Let me first introduce you to Dr. Fu Shi.”

Cheng Yi smiled. His smile was polite and courteous.

“Dr. Fu Shi? Who is Dr. Fu Shi?” Hong Baizhang asked. Although he hadn’t heard of this name, he knew that none of the researchers at the Huiling Medical Research Institution were simple.

“Oh, Dr. Fu Shi is Dr. F.S. F.S is an abbreviation.”

“Oh!” Hong Baizhang cried out in realization. “Oh my, so that’s it! It’s the renowned Dr. F.S!”

Immediately, Hong Baizhang was even more excited than when he initially arrived.

Then Hong Baizhang began to look around, “Where is Dr. F.S? Where is he right now? Why hasn’t he come yet? Is he busy with something?”

Cheng Yi replied, “She’s here already.”

“Huh? Where is he?”[1] Hong Baizhang couldn’t see any other man besides Cheng Yi in front of him.

“Here,” Jian Yiling spoke up.

Hong Baizhang looked down and saw Jian Yiling who had been following Cheng Yi.

Hong Baizhang was stunned. He held his previous posture for an entire minute before he moved and said something.

He raised his head and said to Cheng Yi, “Dr. Cheng... This... Miss Yiling is...”

“Miss Yiling is Dr. F.S.” Cheng Yi replied. He directly revealed the final answer to Hong Baizhang. He didn’t allow the man any more time to adjust to the information.

“Wait, Dr. Cheng, you must be joking! How can Miss Yiling possibly be Dr. F.S? This is impossible!”

He didn’t believe this. In fact, he couldn’t believe it at all.

“Why can’t she be Dr. F.S?”

“Because... Because...”

Right now, Hong Baizhang’s brain was a little slow. As a result, it took him a while to start listing the reasons why he thought such a situation was impossible:

“Firstly, she’s too young! She’s only fifteen years old.”

“Secondly, Miss Yiling’s brother’s surgery was done by Dr. F.S. If this is the case, then why didn’t Miss Yiling let her family know about the surgery directly? Why did she have to do something in such a complicated fashion?”

The reasons for Hong Baizhang’s disbelief were quite strong.

However, Cheng Yi immediately countered these two points. He responded in a simple and clear manner.

“Firstly, age doesn’t mean ability. Am I not younger than you?”

“Secondly, Dr. F.S’s family does not know about this. As for Mr. Yunnao’s surgery, there are separate reasons for that. It’s not convenient for me to explain it to you.”

Cheng Yi didn’t want to mention the matter in front of Jian Yiling again.

In fact, Hong Baizhang knew insider information as well. At one point in time, he had been the doctor in charge of Jian Yunnao.

“No... Dr. Cheng... This...”

Hong Baizhang still couldn’t accept this reality.

[1] He and she are pronounced the same way in Chinese. Thus, Hong Baizhang assumed that Cheng Yi meant ‘he’ instead of ‘she’.

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However, none of them could blame Hong Baizhang for having such a reaction. It was expected that any normal person would have had the same reaction as him.

However, Luo Xiuen wasn’t taking such a response, “Hong Baizhang, what do you mean?! Are you saying that Cheng Yi and I are messing with you? Do you think we have nothing better to do than joke around with you?”

“This... Um...”

“Well, if so, I’m telling you right now that I don’t have the time to do that! And neither does Cheng Yi! In fact, Yiling does not have that time to spare either! All three of us are incredibly busy. We won’t spend our time joking around with you! Yiling is Dr. F.S. In other words, Dr. F.S. is Yiling! Get that in your head! It’s your choice whether or not to believe us or not! However, if you keep being so stubborn, I’ll slash you!”

Luo Xiuen began to scold Hong Baizhang. Her words brought Hong Baizhang back from his daze.

Luo Xiuen was right. Luo Xiuen and Cheng Yi weren’t people who would say such a joke to him.

“Then... Then...” Hong Baizhang stuttered as he looked at Jian Yiling. However, this time, the look in his eyes had completely changed.

He stared at Jian Yiling’s small figure. He tried to figure out how this was possible.

After ten more minutes, Hong Baizhang completely accepted the fact that Jian Yiling was Dr. F.S.

Then, he took another few more minutes to gather his emotions.

Finally, he excitedly spoke to Jian Yiling, “Dr. F.S! Apologies for my actions earlier on! I was wrong about you! Please don’t take it personally!”

“Okay, okay. Stop rambling on. Yiling isn’t narrow-minded like someone else is,” Luo Xiuen cut in. She was tired of Hong Baizhang speaking so much. And thus, she decided to cut the chase. Luo Xiuen explained to him the reason why they were looking for him today.

After listening to Luo Xiuen's explanation, Hong Baizhang began to speak, "Hm... This is not something that can't be shown to Dr. F.S."

"You're asking for something, aren't you?" Luo Xiuen immediately understood the meaning behind Hong Baizhang's words.

"Hey, hey. It's not a difficult requirement! Wait, it's not a requirement. It's merely a request! Request I say!"

Hong Baizhang repeatedly emphasized.

"Isn't that the same thing?" Luo Xiuen replied in an annoyed tone.

"What's the requirement?" Jian Yiling asked.

"It's not a big ask! However, the information that you're asking for belongs to our hospital. And thus, according to the rules, only the internal personnel of our hospital are qualified to view it. We can not release such information to people who do not meet such requirements. Dr. F.S. is not from our hospital. However, if Dr. F.S. becomes a consultant at Tongde Private Hospital, then this matter will be easy to deal with!"

"No," Luo Xiuen replied. Before Jian Yiling could say anything, Luo Xiuen had already replied for her. "Yiling is already busy enough. Do you want her to die from exhaustion or something?"

"It's only a consultant physician. There's not much to do on a day to day basis. It's just a title! I promise that there will not be too many questions to bother Dr. F.S with! At most, it will be one or two questions at a time! Of course, if Dr. F.S. is incredibly busy, she can choose to not answer! I promise to not add extra burden to Dr. F.S."

Once again, Hong Baizhang said a lot of words. He kept reiterating that this position of a consultant physician would not cause too much trouble to Jian Yiling.

"Well, I'm telling you that..."

Luo Xiuen still disagreed with such a suggestion. However, Cheng Yi interrupted her, "Well, if the work isn't difficult, then shouldn't you see what Yiling wants?"

Cheng Yi considered the position. Being a consultant physician for Tongde Private Hospital wouldn't do any harm to Jian Yiling.

Furthermore, Tongde Private Hospital was also quite well-known in the industry.

Chapter 277: Female Lead of the MV is Jian Yiling

Furthermore, although Hong Baizhang wasn't as talented and skilled as members of their research institution, all in all, he was still quite a capable person. Furthermore, he was the director of Tongde Private Hospital. This meant that he had a lot of connections and resources in the medical industry.

Luo Xiuen thought about it for a moment before she decided to stop arguing.

Instead, she waited for Jian Yiling to make her own decision.

Jian Yiling pondered for a while before she agreed to Hong Baizhang's request, "Okay, I agree."

This was because his condition wasn't too much for her to handle. Furthermore, this was the only way that she could access the hospital's information and records in a legitimate way.

As soon as Hong Baizhang heard Jian Yiling's reply, he was so happy that he couldn't keep his mouth shut.

He was so proud of himself!

Today, Tongde Private Hospital managed to hire Dr. F.S as a consultant!

Furthermore, he had the opportunity to talk to Dr. F.S!

And finally, he could ask for guidance from Dr. F.S!

This was a perfect situation!

However, Luo Xiuen spoke up once again, "You must remember to pay Yiling for being a consultant physician at your hospital! It doesn't matter how many problems are solved for you in a month. The thing you need to remember is that just the name of Dr. F.S is going to bring in a lot of benefits to your hospital! You must pay her the same amount as other consultant physicians!"

Luo Xiuen would not allow someone to scam a member of their institution.

"Yes, yes, Dr. Luo. Please rest assured. I understand this completely. The salary will definitely be in accordance with the market rate. I definitely would not scam Dr. F.S!"

Hong Baizhang understood what he had to do.

After the agreement between Jian Yiling and Hong Baizhang was made, Jian Yiling was given access to the internal information of Tongde Private Hospital.

A lot of the confidential information at Tongde Private Hospital was not electronically filed. Instead, they had a special archive that stored such files.

And thus, this was why the people Jian Yiling had contacted hadn't managed to access the information that she needed.

Jian Yiling followed Hong Baizhang into the archives.

She found the corresponding files that she needed.

After opening the file, Jian Yiling read the diagnosis that the doctor had written for Jian Yunmo.

After reading it, Jian Yiling understood the situation. It made her feel quite relieved.

Jian Yunmo was seeing a psychiatrist. He was suffering from bipolar disorder. This condition could make an otherwise mild-mannered person suddenly irritable and violent.

This was a condition that could cause harm and pain to the people around him.

Thus, he hadn't been diagnosed with a serious disease. His life was not in danger.

However, because of this condition, he had chosen to distance himself from Jian Yiling. The reason had been found.

He was scared that he would hurt his sister. He was also afraid that his image in his sister's eyes would be ruined.

He didn't know what he would become like when he fell ill.

However, he was still the second brother that loved Jian Yiling. He was still the brother that would hold Jian Yiling in his heart.

Their brother-sister bond hadn't changed.

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A few days later, Mo Shiyun's commercial had been released. The commercial had quite a decent effect. It had helped her Weibo account gain hundreds of followers.

Although this could not be compared to the followings of major celebrities, this was still enough to make an average high school student envious.

Zhu Sha was envious at this current moment, "Oh my goodness, this is amazing Mo Shiyun! At this rate, you're going to become a major celebrity soon!"

"It's not much. This is just a commercial. I won't be well-known."

Mo Shiyun wasn't conceited. She knew that a few hundred followers didn't mean much in the greater scheme of things.

Just as the two of them were speaking, someone in their class cried out in surprise.

"Oh my god! Am I mistaken? Jupiter released their new song! And the female lead of the MV is Jian Yiling!"

"For real?"

The others in the classroom rushed to check out the MV.

The MV was free to play on the music platform. And thus, everyone could click on it and watch it.

Sure enough, other than the familiar four-person Jupiter group, there was also a girl who wore a gothic lolita dress.

And this person was Jian Yiling.

"Oh my god, has Jian Yiling always looked this pretty?"

"Hasn't she always looked like this?"

"She used to be quite fierce. So I hadn't considered it. Furthermore, she's been wearing plain clothes recently. Her hair has also constantly been in a ponytail as well. Thus, on a day to day basis, she doesn't look as stunning as she is in this MV!"

Chapter 278: Outclassed

“Indeed, indeed. This look suits her really well. It makes Jian Yiling a sight to behold.”

The students in Mo Shiyun’s class began to gather around to discuss Jupiter’s new MV. Jian Yiling was incredibly stunning in the music video.

Although it was a rare occurrence to have a student be in a commercial, it was still not as impressive as being in an MV of a popular idol group.

“Oh my goodness. I’m so jealous of Jian Yiling! She got to be close to Jupiter’s four handsome guys!”

“Ahh!! Xie Minyu is showing off his abs! It’s too much for me to handle! I feel like I’m drooling...”

“Luo Xun is incredibly good looking too! He’s adorable! The way he smiles makes me swoon!”

“I wonder if Jian Yiling can get an autographed photo of Jupiter’s group members. I would want one so badly!!!”

“...”

“Oh, by the way, how did Jian Yiling become the female lead in Jupiter’s new MV? I’m so curious about this! I’m so jealous as well! She got to be in an MV with an idol! Up close and personal! That’s my dream!”

Not many people knew that Xie Minyu was Jian Yumin. In fact, even Yu Xi didn’t know this for quite some time. As a result, none of the students at Shenghua High School knew this.

Hence, they were curious about how Jian Yiling ended up becoming the female lead in Jupiter’s new MV.

Very quickly, the news that Jian Yiling was the female lead in Jupiter’s new MV spread across the school. It also became a hot topic on Shenghua High School’s campus forum.

Everyone was incredibly envious. The jealousy could be tasted in the comments. In fact, everyone was so jealous that they were all about to become lemons sprites.

Occasionally, there were one or two discordant voices that mocked Jian Yiling for getting into the role through connections and money.

However, most of the students were purely envious. When they watched the MV, they came to the realization that Jian Yiling fit Jupiter’s new song incredibly well.

As the effect of the MV was good, there were fewer people to criticize Jian Yiling.

On the other hand, if the effect of the MV was bad, a lot more people would have been criticizing Jian Yiling.

And thus, there were fewer people who cared about Mo Shiyun’s commercial. The contrast between the two was stark.

Even Zhu Sha was more interested in Jian Yiling’s situation. However, she continued to diss Jian Yiling.

“What’s the big deal about Jian Yiling? Her family just has a lot of money. There’s nothing impressive about that! If she can’t earn her own living, she won’t even be able to eat when the Jian family collapses!”

Zhu Sha was incredibly upset. She didn't like the fact that all the good things that happened occurred to Jian Yiling. She could only watch from afar on the sidelines and envy Jian Yiling.

Mo Shiyun didn't say anything. However, her heart also began to have a strange trace of emotions towards Jian Yiling. She didn't know whether or not it was because of Zhu Sha's influence or due to the accumulation of unsatisfactory events that had happened recently. Those unsatisfactory events were all somehow related to Jian Yiling.

In the past, she was able to deal with Jian Yiling's actions towards her. She could deal with them in a calm and indifferent manner.

She knew that she shouldn't be bothered by such a rich and spoiled girl. Thus, back then, she didn't feel any emotions towards Jian Yiling.

However now, even the calmness and indifference were gone.

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At this moment, Jian Yiling's class was also talking about this matter.

"Yiling Yiling! Oh my goodness, you're the female lead for Jupiter's new MV!!! I'm so excited! Even though I'm not a fan of Jupiter, I'm still incredibly happy for you! My deskmate is actually close to such a popular boy band! I have a mutual with Jupiter members!"

Hu Jiaojiao didn't chase after celebrities. However, she watched variety shows and listened to songs.

Due to this reason, she knew of Jupiter. She liked the group however, she wasn't an extreme fan.

Furthermore, the number one position in Hu Jiaojiao's heart was already occupied by Luo Xiuen. However, the other positions were still open.

Regardless, Luo Xiuen's position in Hu Jiaojiao's heart was unassailable.

The other girls in the class also gathered around Jian Yiling, one by one.

Chapter 279: How much is an Autographed Photo?

"Jian Yiling, would you be so kind to tell us more about Jupiter's members? It would be absolutely amazing if we could get their autographed photos as well! We're even willing to pay for them!"

"Yeah! We really love Jupiter! I really like Xie Minyu! He's so handsome!"

"I really like Le Yao! He's super manly!"

"..."

One by one, Jian Yiling's classmates kept asking her about Jupiter.

Back when Jian Yiling was wrongly accused of pushing Jian Yunnao down the stairs, they wouldn't even walk near Jian Yiling's desk. Back then, they definitely would have never crowded her desk.

However, Jian Yiling didn't raise her head. In fact, she didn't even reply to her classmate's question. Instead, she focused the paper on her laptop screen. It was an excellent article that was published by someone else.

Despite this, the female students were not deterred by Jian Yiling's indifferent response. They persisted with their questions.

"What are you guys doing?" Liu Wen asked as she came over to shoo people away. "Don't all crowd together. It's intimidating."

Liu Wen didn't really care about students who chased celebrities. However, these students were making too much noise. The noise was affecting Jian Yiling and the rest of the class.

As soon as Liu Wen spoke up, the girls' voices dropped. However, they were still unwilling to give up. "Jian Yiling, if you get Jupiter's autographed photo, please remember to tell us about it. Of course, if you're willing to tell us about the time you shot a music video with Jupiter, we would definitely want to listen to you!"

After saying that, the crowd reluctantly dispersed.

After everyone left, Jian Yiling turned around and asked Hu Jiaojiao, "Do you want an autographed photo?"

If Hu Jiaojiao wanted it, Jian Yiling would try and ask Jian Yumin for it.

"Really?" Hu Jiaojiao replied. Her eyes lit up and she thought about it for two seconds before she continued, "If it's possible, I want Sister En's autograph!"

Although Sister En wasn't a celebrity, in Hu Jiaojiao's heart, Luo Xiuen's meant much more than a mere celebrity.

"Okay."

Jian Yiling agreed.

Then, Jian Yiling sent a message to Jian Yumin: [How much for an autographed photo of you guys?]

When Jian Yumin saw the message, he didn't know whether to laugh or cry: [\$8.88 for one. Fair treatment to the old and young alike.]

[What about the other three?]

[Same price. If it's possible, mine can be 10 cents more than the other three.]

This could make his position and popularity in the group appear to be a little higher than the other three.

A second after he sent the message, he received a red pocket from Jian Yiling.

There was \$35.62. Three \$8.88's and one \$8.98.

[Okay, I'll bring it to you when I come home tonight.]

After sending the reply, Jian Yumin headed towards the other three to get their autographs.

When the group members found out that Jian Yiling wanted them, they instantly cooperated.

However, what they didn't know was that Jian Yiling was going to trade that autographed photo for Luo Xiuen's autograph.

After receiving an affirmative answer from Jian Yumin, Jian Yiling sent another message to Luo Xiuen:

[Jupiter's autographed photo for one of your autographs.]

Luo Xiuen paused for quite some time before she sent a message back to Jian Yiling.

[Yiling, why do you want my autograph?]

[Hu Jiaojiao wants it.] Jian Yiling replied. She didn't intend to hide it from Luo Xiuen.

[Hahahahaha. Is that your deskmate? Just tell me if you want my autograph! I will definitely give it to you! Hahahahaha. However, since you already have Jupiter's autographed photo, don't waste it! Bring it to me next time!]

[Mhmm.]

Chapter 280: Mo Shiyun's Thoughts

After school, Mo Shiyun returned to her new residence.

This was the place that Ms. Qian had arranged for her and her mother.

However, Mo Shiyun didn't want to live off Ms. Qian's kindness. Due to this reason, she promised Ms. Qian that she would pay for the rent as soon as she got the money for the commercial.

When Aunt Mo saw her daughter return from school, she rushed up and took Mo Shiyun's school bag. "Hurry, Ms. Qian is waiting for you in the living room!"

Upon hearing her mother's words, Mo Shiyun hurriedly went to the living room. There, she saw the gentle and kind Ms. Qian.

Ms. Qian was around thirty years old. Her face gave off a sweet-tempered and gentle vibe.

To Mo Shiyun, Ms. Qian was an incredibly nice person.

A little boy who had just turned two years old was held in Ms. Qian's arms. He climbed up and down and was incredibly lively and active.

"Shiyun, you're back?"

"Yes, I just got back. You should have told me in advance that you were planning to come over here. I've kept you waiting," Mo Shiyun said in an embarrassed voice.

"It's fine. I know that I came here early. I knew that you wouldn't be back from school at that time." The smile on Ms. Qian's face was gentle. "I came here today to tell you that the commercial from last time turned out incredibly well. And thus, I managed to get you a supporting role in a web drama. You won't have that many scenes. It won't take up much of your time and the pay is quite good as well."

This time it wasn't a commercial. It was a role in a drama.

Although it was a low-budget web drama, in this era, web dramas were quite prevalent. Even if it was a low-budget production, it could be a big hit to the public.

However, Mo Shiyun didn't answer Ms. Qian immediately. She didn't say yes or no right away.

Mo Shiyun was a little hesitant. She was now in her final year of high school. She would be sitting her college entrance examinations next year. As a result, if she spent too much time on other things, it may affect her studies.

"Are you worried that it will affect your studies?" Ms. Qian asked. She could tell that Mo Shiyun was conflicted about something.

"Mhmm," Mo Shiyun responded. She didn't intend to hide this from Ms. Qian, "I'm very thankful that you recommended me for such a good job. However, I'm still a bit worried."

"It's fine. You don't need to think too much of this. If you're worried that it might affect your studies, you can refuse. It's fine."

Ms. Qian knew that it could be difficult to make a living in the entertainment industry.

As of now, she could help Mo Shiyun get a few roles. At Mo Shiyun's current age, the pay was relatively higher than the average job.

However, Ms. Qian couldn't guarantee Mo Shiyun's success in the entertainment industry. Eventually, Mo Shiyun had to rely on herself if she wanted to make a name for herself in the industry.

If she failed to make a living in the entertainment industry and dropped her current studies, then she would be at a loss of what to do.

"Think about it first and then answer me when you're ready. I can wait for you until the end of the week," Ms. Qian told Mo Shiyun.

"Thank you."

Mo Shiyun thanked Ms. Qian repeatedly.

Ms. Qian and her son stayed at Mo Shiyun's current residence for a little longer. She chatted with Mo Shiyun before she left.

At night, Mo Shiyun opened the campus forum again.

She glanced at the top post and noticed that the comments had already reached 999+. All of a sudden, her heart was filled with envy again.

Mo Shiyun's heart was tingling with bitterness.

She was not jealous of Jian Yiling's good birth. Nor was she jealous of the fact that Jian Yiling had grown up under the pampering of the Jian family.

She had always felt that although her mother was the only person she had, as long as they worked hard, they could live a happy and prosperous life.

However, things that happened made her realize that her efforts didn't end up achieving much.

Then, a realization hit her.

No matter how hard she tried, just one move by those rich and spoiled girls would reduce her efforts to ashes.

After that realization, Mo Shiyun sent a message to Ms. Qian. She told Ms. Qian that she was willing to take on the role.