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Chapter 291: Jian Yunmo Beats Up Jian Yunnao

And thus, Jian Yumin and Jian Yujie turned their attention towards Yu Xi. They started to rigorously interrogate him:

“Yu Xi, what’s going on? Is someone being shameless and acting immorally?” Jian Yujie asked. He had a murderous and fierce look in his eyes.

“Yeah! Yu Xi, you better tell us the truth.” Jian Yumin threatened. He had his hand clenched in a fist

The two brothers sandwiched Yu Xi from two sides. It was as though they were going to beat him up if he didn’t tell the truth.

“No! It’s not like that! Yiling took the initiative!” Yu Xi hurriedly explained.

“What are you even saying?! What nonsense is that?” Jian Yumin cried out as he head locked Yu Xi. He continued to look at him with fierce eyes.

“It’s the truth... Yiling made Master Sheng take off his clothes...”

The Heavens could prove that what he said was the truth! It was the absolute truth!

“No way! Yiling wouldn’t care about seeing his body!” Jian Yujie said in an adamant tone.

“Yeah! That’s right!” Jian Yumin echoed.

Had his sister gotten tricked by that evil man? Was that the reason?

Is she dating? Did she get a boyfriend?

No. Absolutely not!

“No no. Yiling didn’t want to see Master Sheng’s body,” Yu Xi explained in a rush. “Master Sheng got injured. Yiling just helped to treat the wound.”

Ahhh... So that was the reason behind taking Master Sheng’s clothes off...

After that statement had been made, the emotions of the two brothers had gotten soothed.

Their baby girl hadn’t been stolen away from them.

However, even if it was for that reason, it still didn’t sit well with Jian Yumin and Jian Yujie.

And thus, the two brothers looked at Zhai Yunsheng with even more hostility than before.

Jian Yiling, who was soaking on the other side of the hot spring, could clearly hear their voices. Their voices traveled over the Japanese bamboo screen.

Everyone was laughing and having fun. This kind of lively and intimate feeling was something that Jian Yiling had never experienced before.

This feeling... It was quite nice.

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A few hours before nighttime, Jian Shuxing and the others finally arrived at the hot spring resort.

When they arrived, Jian Yiling and the others were still in the hot spring. As a result, they only saw Grandma Jian, Grandma Jian, and Jian Yunmo.

Although Jian Yunmo had specifically requested to not see Jian Yunnao for the time being, the two of them ended up facing each other.

And thus, Jian Yunnao got tackled to the ground by Jian Yunmo.

In the Japanese-styled room at the hot spring resort, Jian Yunnao's body fell to the ground as Jian Yunmo's fists slammed into his brother's body.

For the first time in his life, the gentle and polite Jian Yunmo struck his brother.

Jian Yuncheng who was standing on the side did not stop Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yunnao didn't resist either. He let his brother's fists land on his body.

However, Jian Yunmo avoided Jian Yunnao's injured hand as he punched him. Instead, he punched Jian Yunnao's face and other parts of the body.

Punch after punch.

Heavy punches landed on Jian Yunnao's body.

Jian Yunmo's actions were rather terrifying.

After a few more punches, Jian Yunmo snapped out of his trance. He looked at the bruised and battered Jian Yunnao in front of him.

After his senses returned, he let Jian Yunnao go. Then, he slowly got up.

"Yunmo, go ahead and punch me a few more times." Jian Yunnao was willing to let Jian Yunmo beat him up.

Yiling refused to get angry at him. This made him feel worse than being beaten up by Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yunmo was angry because he cared.

However, refusing to get angry was because of indifference and lack of care. Their prior sibling relationship no longer existed.

Jian Yunmo slowly let go of Jian Yunnao and got up.

Jian Yuncheng helped Jian Yunnao get up. Then, he said to Jian Yunmo, "If you're still angry, you can hit me instead. I'm in the wrong as well."

Chapter 292: Jian Yunnao Apologizes

However, Jian Yunmo had regained his composure again. Compared to before, his gentle face was a little more solemn.

He looked at Jian Yuncheng and Jian Yunnao with a deep sadness in his gaze:

“Brother, it’s not about who I beat up or hit. That doesn’t matter. That doesn’t change anything. It won’t change the fact that Yiling had gotten hurt.”

Jian Yunmo’s heart ached for Jian Yiling. No one had trusted her.

However, even though his heart ached, the things that he could do for her were still incredibly limited.

Although he could beat up Jian Yunnao and reprimand Jian Yuncheng, nothing could change what had already happened.

What he needed to do was not to vent his own emotions, but to make his sister feel better.

However, he himself was in such a state that he was afraid he would hurt her if he got too close.

“I understand,” Jian Yuncheng replied. He understood what his brother meant.

Jian Yunnao turned around to face Jian Yunmo and vowed, “Brother, I will make up for my mistake. It’s fine if Yiling gets angry... It’s fine if she loses her temper with me... I... I deserve it...”

Once upon a time, Jian Yiling had also suffered his anger in the same way.

Back then, they had all thought that Jian Yiling deserved it.

Jian Yunmo didn’t reply. His reply didn’t matter.

The three brothers got up and were about to leave the room. This was when Jian Yiling came out of the hot spring.

She had changed into the kimono that Grandma Jian had prepared for her in advance.

It was a purple kimono with flowers embroidered on it. Her long, freshly washed hair fell to her waist.

Her small pale feet were exposed underneath the kimono.

As of now, only Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, and the three brothers were in the room.

The six members of the Jian Shuxing family were finally reunited after a long time.

Wen Nuan stepped forward to gently hug Jian Yiling in her arms:

“Yiling, we’re late.”

There was a strong sense of apology in her voice. However, the apology wasn’t because they were ‘late’ today.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied in a small voice.

Jian Yiling’s reaction to Wen Nuan’s hug was still rather stiff.

However, Jian Yiling didn't push Wen Nuan away. Instead, she accepted the unfamiliar touch and the warmth of Wen Nuan's body.

"You look so good in this outfit today. Our little girl is growing up."

"Grandma picked it," Jian Yiling replied. This was her first time wearing a kimono.

At that moment, Jian Yunnao came up to Jian Yiling's side.

He said to Jian Yiling the words that he hadn't had a chance to say in days. He had to say it before the others returned to the room.

"Yiling... I'm sorry... I'm sorry that I misunderstood you... I'm sorry that I hurt you..."

As Jian Yunnao said these words, he felt incredibly nervous and even scared.

"You don't have to apologize to me. Take care of your hand. Don't hurt your family."

Jian Yiling's gaze towards Jian Yunnao was calm as the surface of the lake.

Because it was so calm, it made the hearts of the others in the room feel pained.

In fact, because of the previous events, the rest of them had predicted that Jian Yiling would react this way when faced with Jian Yunnao's apology.

However, it still hurt when they heard the words. It was a painful sting to their hearts.

Five people in the room all looked at Jian Yiling in silence.

This was not a situation that Jian Yiling felt comfortable in. Out of the five people, Jian Yiling's eyes fell on Jian Yunmo.

When Jian Yunmo saw the discomfort in his sister's eyes, he stepped forward and said softly to Jian Yiling, "Let's go and eat. Grandma and Grandpa are waiting for us."

Jian Yiling nodded to this.

And thus, Jian Yunmo brought Jian Yiling out of the room. He had saved her from an awkward situation.

Chapter 293: Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling's Talk at Night

During the night, Jian Yiling suddenly woke up in the middle of her sleep. She had been awakened by a dream.

It was the same dream again. It was the third time that she had dreamt of that dream.

Jian Yiling pushed open the door of her Japanese-styled room and gazed at the Japanese courtyard.

The design of the courtyard was incredibly elegant. At this moment, the moonlight illuminated the entire courtyard.

In the courtyard, Jian Yiling saw Zhai Yunsheng. For some reason, he was also awake.

Jian Yiling walked over to Zhai Yunsheng.

When Zhai Yunsheng saw Jian Yiling in a kimono, he was quite surprised.

“Why aren’t you asleep either?” Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling.

“You told me not to be a rabbit. However, you’re trying to be one?” Jian Yiling replied in a low voice. She didn’t directly answer Zhai Yunsheng’s question. Instead, she accused him of being ‘lenient with himself and strict with others’.

Zhai Yunsheng laughed lightly before he replied: “Don’t you know that wolves hide by day and are out at night? They’re nocturnal.”

“I’ve never seen such a weak wolf,” Jian Yiling replied. She said it as it is.

“Are you calling me weak?” Zhai Yunsheng questioned. There was a dangerous light in his eyes.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied. She was not intimidated by Zhai Yunsheng’s aura at all.

Zhai Yunsheng found himself unable to argue with this little girl in front of him.

Hmmm... Fine. He’ll just be a very weak wolf then.

Then, Jian Yiling asked Zhai Yunsheng, “Why aren’t you asleep?”

Zhai Yunsheng’s eyes were fixated on the garden as he answered, “My parents came here before.”

This answer was unexpected.

It turned out there was a hidden reason behind why Zhai Yunsheng decided to come with them to the hot spring resort.

Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng who was sitting down. The moonlight made her see the loneliness in his eyes that he had hidden away during the day.

“Don’t be sad.” Jian Yiling said quietly. She still didn’t know how to comfort people.

Zhai Yunsheng scoffed before he said: “Are you caring about me?”

The girl in front of him had always been honest. She even dared to call him weak. And thus, he knew that she would never lie to him. Even if she was concerned about him, she wouldn’t lie to him just to comfort him and make him feel better.

“Mhmm.”

This time, it was Jian Yiling’s answer that was unexpected.

Zhai Yunsheng turned his head around sharply to look at Jian Yiling.

The moonlight fell on her small pale face. He could see the expression on her face incredibly clearly.

This affirmative answer cast a small pebble in the lake of Zhai Yunsheng’s heart.

In his nineteen years of being alive, he had heard countless words of concern and comfort.

However, only this one was the simplest, most direct, and most sincere to him.

Most people cared about him because he was the only grandson of the Zhai family.

And the others cared about him because they were afraid that his death would bring them all sorts of trouble and disaster.

In the eyes of those people, he was not Zhai Yunsheng. He was just a ticking time bomb. A bomb that they feared and dreaded.

However, Jian Yiling was different. She was just simply concerned about him.

“Little girl, do you know that if you don’t go back to your room right now and sleep, you’ll actually become a rabbit.”

Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng with confusion.

She didn’t quite understand the intentions behind his words.

“Hurry up and go back to your room,” Zhai Yunsheng urged.

“Then you should go back to your room too.”

Following this, she turned around and headed back to her room.

Zhai Yunsheng watched Jian Yiling enter her room and close her door.

Then, he got up and stood in the garden for quite some time.

For some strange reason, his mood felt much better.

The Jian family spent two days and one night at the hot spring resort. During that time, they soaked in the hot springs, ate good food, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

Although there was still some occasional awkwardness, and although Jian Yunnao was unable to find any opportunity to make up to Jian Yiling for his actions, overall, it was still a good and happy time.

Chapter 294: Do You Want to Get Carried?

On Monday, Jian Yiling returned to school.

‘Zerg Invasion’, which was created by Huan You Technology Corporation, became a massive hit recently. Everyone across the country played the game. Shenghua High School was not an exception from this.

During the break, the students in the class could be heard discussing the game.

Most of the students that discussed the game were boys. However, there were also quite a few girls who played the game as well.

Even Hu Jiaojiao played the game. Typically, she was considered to be relatively timid.

The psychology behind playing this game was similar to watching a horror movie.

Even though you knew that there were going to be jump scares and frightening scenes, you still wanted to watch.

Of course, Hu Jiaojiao wasn't very skilled at the game. She didn't have good aim or mechanics. In a general sense, a phrase that could describe her gameplay was a bloody mess.

Often, she reacted slowly and positioned badly. On an occasion, she managed to stumble into a massive Zerg nest. Of course, she had gotten her character torn into pieces.

From time to time, she would let out a blood-curdling screech.

If someone didn't know better, they would have assumed that she had gotten into trouble in real life.

However, Hu Jiaojiao was resilient. She got repeatedly defeated. Yet she was persistent and would not give up.

"Hu Jiaojiao, are you playing 'Zerg Invasion' as well?" The female classmate next to her asked.

"Mhmm, but I'm super bad at it."

"Oh, I heard that the game recently started an official competition! The person who wins will get a very big prize!"

"Wow, you're thinking way too highly of me. You don't need to tell me about such competitions." Hu Jiaojiao knew that such competitions had nothing to do with her. Her skill level hadn't reached that level.

"Oh, but there are many students in our class that have signed up already. They've signed up in teams."

Many of the boys in their class were eager to participate.

"Ahhh I'm so jealous. I can't touch the computers on weekdays... Not to mention, I don't have the skills to join. And even if I did have the skills, I don't have the time... Life is lonely and sad."

Then, Hu Jiaojiao turned her head around to ask Jian Yiling, "Yiling, have you played this game?"

"Yeah, I've played it before."

"Have you been scared by the scary graphics and sound effects?"

"No."

"What? Actually? Don't you find this game incredibly sadistic? Like you end up dying and you don't even know how you died!"

"It's okay."

"Waaa. Oh my goodness. Yiling, you're actually the representation of a strong heart."

A male classmate overheard the conversation between Hu Jiaojiao and Jian Yiling. He started to tease them: "Hu Jiaojiao, your friend's strong heart is no use in a game like this. It's not like you can play the game well just because you don't get scared easily."

"Well, that's still better than me." Hu Jiaojiao replied.

"Probably only a little better than you," the male classmate laughed.

A few other boys in the class laughed after hearing this, “Why don’t you call us Brother? We can carry the two of you when we’re free on the weekends!”

“Yeah! We don’t need anything else. Just call us Brother!”

Several of them looked at Hu Jiaojiao and Jian Yiling with smiles.

The two of them were the smallest girls in their class.

Especially Jian Yiling. Not only was she cute, but her voice was also sweet and soft.

It must be nice to be called ‘Brother’ by such a voice.

In the past, they didn’t dare to make jokes with Jian Yiling. Back then, Jian Yiling was rather fierce and overbearing.

However, recently, they started to change their mind about Jian Yiling. And thus, they had the courage to joke around with her.

“No, it’s fine. We can gain elo by ourselves. We’ll just get used to dying.” Hu Jiaojiao replied. She was seemingly chill about everything.

“Gain elo? The two of you? You’d be lucky if you don’t lose elo. Just call us Brother! Don’t be so stingy! We’re all amazing at the game! A couple of us are Grandmasters in the game! It’ll be easy to carry Bronze players. We can carry you to Gold or even Platinum in around half a day!”

Hu Jiaojiao was a little moved by their words. She turned around to look at Jian Yiling.

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“No thank you,” Jian Yiling replied. Her answer was calm and decisive.

“Jian Yiling, are you sure that you don’t want to play with us? We’re really good at the game! If you don’t believe us, we can show you our rank! We’re definitely not just bragging.”

“I don’t want to gain elo,” Jian Yiling replied.

Jian Yiling’s response snuffed out the hopes of her male classmates.

Ahhh, girls who play these kinds of FPS games don’t have any ambitions regarding their rank.

Meh. Forget it. They wouldn’t force someone who didn’t want to play to join them.

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When the global online team auditions started for the game ‘Zerg Invasion’, Yu Xi immediately came to find Jian Yiling.

His eyes were filled with excitement and anticipation as he said:

“God Ling, let’s form a team!”

“We’ve done that yesterday already.”

“Noooo, I’m not talking about that. I mean let’s team up for the tournament! There’s an official tournament for Zerg Invasion now! We can start through the auditions and then advance through the ranks together! You, me, and Master Sheng! We can find another person to make it four! Then, we can form a team!”

Jian Yiling took a look at Yu Xi. She saw the hope and excitement in his eyes so she decided to not reject him immediately.

Yu Xi continued to ‘beg’ Jian Yiling. “God Ling, please! Just promise me, okay? Please, please!”

“Well, we need to find one more person. Who do you plan to ask?” Jian Yiling questioned. This was a very practical question.

“Jian Yujie!” Yu Xi blurted out immediately. “Although that kid doesn’t know how to play the game, we can still teach him! Either way, God Ling and Master Sheng will be carrying us! Yujie just needs to make sure that he doesn’t hold us back! Everything else will be okay. Trust me!”

The more Yu Xi thought about it, the more he liked the idea. And thus, immediately after talking to Jian Yiling, he approached Jian Yujie.

At first, when Jian Yujie heard that Yu Xi wanted to play games and team up with him, he was about to refuse. He wasn’t interested in playing games.

However, when he heard that Yu Xi was teaming up with Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling, he immediately agreed. Then, he suggested that they replace Zhai Yunsheng.

“I can agree to your request and team up with you guys. But can we replace Zhai Yunsheng? Isn’t he from the capital? He’ll have to go back home sooner or later so it won’t be convenient to have him on the team.”

“It’s fine. We have to get the top 20 before we worry about that. Furthermore, the first few games are online. So even if he goes back to the capital, we can still play together remotely. I’m telling you now though, Master Sheng is very good at the game. With your sister and him leading the two of us, we have a really good chance at winning.”

Yu Xi didn’t see a problem with his plans.

Master Sheng had to be on their team. Their team needed two carries! If not, they wouldn’t be able to make the top 20.

Yu Xi easily talked out of the reason that Jian Yujie found. And thus, Jian Yujie said sullenly, “Ahhh okay. Send me the download link for the game. I’ll start playing tonight.”

Jian Yujie thought to himself, it’s just playing a game. If he got good at the game, he would show Yu Xi that they didn’t need Zhai Yunsheng in the team.

When Jian Yujie got home, he immediately downloaded ‘Zerg Invasion’ on his computer.

Nowadays, his mother was less strict with him. He was no longer forced to study when he came home. He didn’t have to learn about finance and business administration anymore.

Even his pocket money had been given to him on time. He had plenty of time to do the things that he liked.

Whether it was watching magic shows online or buying magic props, He Yan didn't say a thing about it anymore.

Whilst Jian Yujie was happy about this, he also knew that his sister had done this for him.

Yiling had cared about his feelings. And thus, she hadn't revealed what his mother had deliberately hidden from the family.

Chapter 296: Team Name: Domination

Later at night, Jian Yujie teamed up with Yu Xi, Jian Yiling, and Zhai Yunsheng for the first time. This was the first time that he played this game.

Initially, Yu Xi planned to show off his skills in front of Jian Yujie.

In the past, he had always been the person who had gotten carried. This was because he played the worst amongst the three.

However, Jian Yujie was playing the game for the first time. He finally had a chance to show off to someone!

However, to Yu Xi's dismay, Jian Yujie's performance in the game made it seem like he wasn't playing for the first time. In fact, it didn't even seem like he was new to the game!

Even though he wasn't as good as Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling, he was still much better than Yu Xi.

This made Yu Xi incredibly depressed. He yelled at Jian Yujie through voice chat: "Jian Yujie! You're a liar! You said that you've never played this game before! That's definitely a lie! You're an evil person!"

"Wait, but it is my first time playing the game," Jian Yujie responded. He hadn't lied to Yu Xi.

"No way. That's impossible. How can you play like that if it's your first time?"

Yu Xi was willing to admit that God Ling was talented. But how could this brat be so talented as well?

No, he wouldn't admit it! He definitely wouldn't admit to this!

"No? I don't think I'm good at the game. Average at best." Jian Yujie replied. He thought his skills were rather average. He wasn't even as good at the game as his sister was. He still had a lot of room for improvement.

Jian Yujie's hands were quite nimble. Although he had only learned a few magic tricks, his nimble fingers had helped him a lot.

This also gave him a natural advantage when it came to playing computer games.

Jian Yujie's comment hit Yu Xi in the gut.

Yu Xi wanted to cry. He couldn't be better than Master Sheng and God Ling in the game already... And now... He couldn't even be better than Jian Yujie who was new at the game? Did they still want him to live?

However, it didn't take long for Yu Xi to clear his thoughts.

Well, either way, he was going to get carried.

If there was going to be three people carrying him in the game, wouldn't that be better?

Jian Yujie was talented at the game. He could get Challenger quite easily! This meant that it was possible that they could also get top 100 in the 'Zerg Invasion' tournament!

After Yu Xi confirmed the members of the team, it was time to sign up.

All of this was taken care of by Yu Xi.

However, Yu Xi struggled to think of a team name.

What would be a good name?

He wanted an aggressive and assertive name! Something that reflected their team's identity as well!

Yu Xi suddenly had a flash of insight. Following which, he typed in: Sheng Qi Ling Ren means is Domination in Chinese. It is a pun on Zhai Yunsheng's "Sheng" and Jian Yiling's "Ling." Domination[1].

This name sounded quite assertive!

Furthermore, the name was related to the two gaming gods in their team! Master Sheng and God Ling!

Yu Xi glanced at the name again. The more he looked at it, the more satisfied he was!

He was a genius! No one else could have thought of this!

However, that night, it was quite awkward when the rest of them logged on and saw the name of their team.

Sure enough, the team name was the same style as Yu Xi's in-game name.

Hm... What could they say...

Jian Yujie was the first to speak up. He was particularly unhappy with the team name and asked for it to be changed.

[This name is no good. It's not good at all. In fact, it's terrible.]

Sheng was from Zhai Yunsheng and Ling was from Yiling. Why did Yu Xi put his sister's name and Zhai Yunsheng's name together?

Jian Yujie expressed his objection to such a team name.

Yu Xi tried to explain the reasoning behind the name to Jian Yujie: [Yujie, you don't understand. We're being carried. We need to understand that. Our team is relying on Master Sheng and God Ling right?

Then what's wrong with putting parts of their name in the team name? Don't be jealous. If you can carry me someday, I promise I will include your name as well in the team name!]

Following this, Zhai Yunsheng also sent a message into the team channel: [I think this is a good name.]

Yu Xi was incredibly pleased when he read this: [See Yujie? Master Sheng likes the name as well! It's two against one.]

Jian Yujie quickly called out to Jian Yiling. He had to make her say something about this name: [Yiling, what do you think?]

[1] Sheng Qi Ling Ren means is Domination in Chinese. It is a pun on Zhai Yunsheng's 'Sheng' and Jian Yiling's 'Ling'.

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Jian Yiling replied: [I have the same opinion as Brother Yujie.]

Upon hearing this, Jian Yujie was even more pleased with himself than Yu Xi had previously been: [See, my sister isn't happy with the name either! It's two against two! It's a tie.]

Yu Xi typed: [Well, you think of a new team name then. If the name you think of is better than mine, I'll agree to change it.]

And thus, Jian Yujie began to ponder about it.

However, Zhai Yunsheng impatiently urged: [Don't waste time, the tournament has already started. Let's just play the game first.]

The online tournament was only held during a specified time frame. If you missed the time frame, you couldn't play in the tournament anymore.

And thus, Jian Yujie had to compromise for the time being. The four of them entered the game.

After a few games, [Domination] was ranked first in their matches.

After two hours, the first part of the tournament came to an end.

[Domination] was eighth place in the overall standings.

Most of the names of other teams that were ranked at the top were all in English. Those teams were most likely from other regions.

And thus, the name [Domination] stood out quite a bit.

Thinking about a name change had been temporarily put on hold.

After the games, Jian Yiling logged off to take care of some other business. After dealing with some daily tasks, she opened her to-do-list.

This was the list that she had made for herself when she had entered this world.

Two items at the top of the list had already been crossed off. Operate on Jian Yunnao's hand and find evidence to prove her evidence.

The next few tasks that were on the list were: Fulfil the original Jian Yiling's wishes. Prevent the tragedy that happened in the original novel. Prevent Grandma Jian's death as narrated in the original novel.

And then, she had to also make money.

There were three more years. Three more years until she turned eighteen. After she turned eighteen, she would move out of the house. This was her original plan.

However, recently, Jian Yiling's heart had wavered on the plans that she had made. The reason for this was because of Grandma Jian and the others. She had also been having strange dreams recently.

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Ms. Qian messaged Jian Yiling. Rather, to be precise, she didn't message Jian Yiling. The person that she messaged was the owner of the special orchid.

Ms. Qian knew that her father-in-law was very fond of orchids. In fact, the fondness was almost to the point of obsession.

Last time, her father-in-law had gone to an orchid exhibition. He had his eye on an orchid, however, he had later learned that the owner of the orchid, Grandpa Jian, had no intentions of selling it.

Her father-in-law also knew that Grandpa Jian adored orchids. He would never part with the orchid that he cherished.

Lately, her father-in-law had been constantly talking about that orchid. Mr. and Ms. Qian saw this in their eyes and remembered it in their hearts.

And thus, she and her husband managed to find an orchid that was similar to the one on display at the orchid exhibition.

Although it wasn't the same orchid, as long as it was similar, her father-in-law would definitely like it.

According to the description on the platform, this orchid was similar to the one that had been on display that day. It was also unique.

This made Ms. Qian very excited.

And thus, she and her husband intended to purchase this orchid as a gift for her father-in-law. It didn't matter how much it cost.

[Mr. Fu, I like your orchid very much. I wonder how much you're willing to sell it for?]

The name that Jian Yiling left on the platform was Mr. Fu.

[It's not for sale. Read the note in the description.]

Jian Yiling had stated clearly in the description that she was not willing to sell the orchid for money. However, she would exchange it for a referral to a renowned magician.

This requirement was quite strange. Although the orchid had attracted the attention of many orchid lovers, no one had bought it for this reason.

Most orchid lovers were very rich. However, connections with a renowned and world-class magician was a requirement that not many could meet.

[Mr. Fu, could you possibly reconsider that requirement? We can offer a very high price for the orchid.]

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Ms. Qian was willing to pay millions of dollars for this orchid.

A referral to a magician on the other hand, in theory, costs nothing.

A referral didn't mean much. It didn't mean that you could become their student. To put it bluntly, it was the opportunity cost of a few million dollars for the chance to meet the magician.

When people auctioned to have lunch with an individual talented in trading, the auction at least guaranteed a meal with that individual.

However, there was no guarantee that was attached to this exchange.

[Having money doesn't necessarily help me with meeting a world-class magician.]

What Jian Yiling needed was a connection.

Someone who could help her with the introductions and referrals.

Although the chances of meeting someone who would fit the bill were slim, Jian Yiling didn't mind this. She wasn't in a hurry to exchange the orchid anyway.

She had also been using other avenues to find a suitable magician to become the master of Jian Yujie.

Ms. Qian pondered about it for quite some time before she replied: [In that case, Mr. Fu, please wait for a while. Give me some time. I will contact someone to help me with your request. Please don't exchange the orchid with someone else.]

[The orchid will be given to whoever satisfies the condition first.]

Jian Yiling didn't promise to reserve the orchid for Ms. Qian.

Ms. Qian was rather disappointed to see such a reply. However, there was nothing that she could do about it. The orchid wasn't hers. The other party could do whatever they wanted with it.

[Okay, I'll go contact people right now.]

Ms. Qian's father was the chairman of an entertainment company. This meant that Ms. Qian had decent resources and connections in the entertainment industry.

Although the magic industry was not part of the entertainment industry, there were still some interactions.

Ms. Qian contacted her father. To her surprise, he had a way to contact one of the top magicians in the country.

After quickly confirming that the magician was willing to do them a favor, Ms. Qian quickly contacted the orchid seller with the news.

[Mr. Fu, I've managed to contact a magician for you. It's Madam Su Xu. Do you think that she's suitable?]

Jian Yiling already knew of this person. When she had initially started to search for suitable magicians, she had researched all of the top magicians in the country. She had gathered information about this person.

Su Xu was in her early forties. She was considered a veteran in the magician industry.

Her status and ability in the industry were recognized by everyone.

The most important thing was that she had never accepted a student.

In other words, this person was essentially the ideal candidate in Jian Yiling's mind.

It was amazing that Ms. Qian had contacted her.

[Yes. When she arrives in Hengyuan City, please contact me. I'll bring the orchid to the meeting.]

[That's a deal.]

Ms. Qian looked at the computer screen. She felt incredibly relieved that she had sealed the deal.

Coincidentally, Su Xu had been attending an event in a city near Hengyuan City.

And thus, she arrived in Hengyuan City early the next morning.

Under Ms. Qian's arrangements, everyone was to meet in a private room at a restaurant.

Ms. Qian and Madam Su Xu arrived together whilst Jian Yiling and Jian Yujie arrived together.

Jian Yujie didn't know the reason why Jian Yiling had asked him to come out. However, since it was his sister who had asked him to come out, there was no reason to not go.

"Yiling, do you want to eat at this restaurant?"

Jian Yiling didn't answer Jian Yujie right away. Instead, she brought him to the private room that she had agreed on with Ms. Qian.

As soon as they entered the room, Jian Yujie immediately froze.

As an enthusiast about magic, there was no way that he didn't know of Su Xu.

Previously, he could only see her through the computer screen. But now, she was standing right in front of him.

Su Xu was in her early forties. She had a pretty face that had subtle signs of aging. Compared to young people, she appeared more mature and wise.

"Sister Yiling, please pinch me. Am I dreaming?" Jian Yujie said to Jian Yiling who was beside him.

"I'm not going to pinch you. It'll hurt."

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“If it hurts, I know that it’s not a dream.”

“You’re not dreaming. I know that it’s not a dream. There’s no need for me to pinch you,” Jian Yiling told Jian Yujie with certainty.

Inside the private room, Ms. Qian and Su Xu looked at the two children in front of them with surprise.

Weren’t they meeting ‘Mr. Fu’?

Why were there two high school students here?

Ms. Qian asked the two of them with a kind and soft voice: “By any chance, did the two of you enter the wrong compartment?”

Jian Yiling shook her head and said: “Nope, the person who you contacted was me.”

Ms. Qian looked at Jian Yiling with surprise before she said: “Who is Mr. Fu to you?”

“There’s no Mr. Fu. It’s just me,” Jian Yiling stated.

This answer was surprising. However, it was not impossible. On the Internet, it was not possible for Ms. Qian to know what kind of person the orchid seller was.

At that moment, Jian Yujie gradually came back to his senses. Through bits of the conversation he had heard between Ms. Qian and Jian Yiling, he vaguely understood some of the information.

Jian Yujie turned around to ask Jian Yiling: “Yiling, what’s happening?”

“They were interested in an orchid. I’m bringing the orchid to them,” Jian Yiling replied.

Jian Yiling’s reply to his question was rather confusing. Jian Yujie didn’t know what to make of her answer.

Orchid? Since when did his sister start giving orchids to people?

And how could it be such a coincidence that when they delivered the orchid, they would meet Madam Su Xu?

When Jian Yiling finished speaking, there was a knock on the door. Then, a man entered the compartment. The man was holding a tightly wrapped box in his hands.

“Miss Yiling, this is what you wanted. I brought it to you.”

“Place it on the floor and then open it up,” Jian Yiling instructed the man.

This man was Zhai Yunsheng’s bodyguard. Zhai Yunsheng had lent him to Jian Yiling to help her with what she was doing today.

Originally, Jian Yiling did not intend to borrow Zhai Yunsheng’s bodyguard. However, she happened to meet him as she was heading out of the house today. Zhai Yunsheng did not ask her what she was doing nor what she was carrying. Instead, he merely lent her one of his bodyguards to come and help her carry things.

As Jian Yiling still had to wait for Jian Yujie, she ended up telling the bodyguard the address. Then, she asked him to bring the orchid to the designated compartment at the restaurant at one o'clock in the afternoon.

After the box was opened, in front of everyone was the orchid that Ms. Qian had been interested in.

Ms. Qian walked up to carefully examine the orchid. After she confirmed that this was indeed the orchid that she wanted, her face lit up with joy.

Jian Yujie asked Jian Yiling, "Sister, what kind of orchid is this? Is it very valuable?"

"It's not that valuable. I plucked it out of the garden."

Not valuable? Plucked it out of the garden?

After hearing this, Ms. Qian didn't know how to react.

As her father-in-law adored orchids, she had also done some research on these flowers. She knew that this orchid was worth at least a few million dollars.

This orchid was worth millions... And that girl had said it as though it was an ordinary orchid that was plucked from the flower garden?

Ms. Qian skeptically looked at Jian Yiling. Did this little girl know nothing about orchids? Was that why she had so casually traded it for a chance to meet a world-class magician?

But the matter had already come to this point. There was nothing much that Ms. Qian could do anyway. Even if the little girl in front of her had misunderstood the situation, the deal had been sealed already.

"So, do you want Su Xu to become your Master?" Ms. Qian continued to ask Jian Yiling.

"Not me," Jian Yiling said. Then, she turned her head to point to Jian Yujie, "It's him."

Both Ms. Qian and Madam Su Xu looked at Jian Yujie.

Su Xu had noticed Jian Yujie's reaction when he had first entered.

Her eyes had always been attentive. It was easy for her to read the reactions of a teenager.

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Almost immediately, she could see how much the boy admired and worshiped her.

If the girl said that she wanted her to be her Master, Su Xu would be skeptical about that. However, if she said that the boy wanted her to be his Master, Su Xu would easily believe those words.

Ms. Qian explained to Jian Yiling, "Your condition was for me to introduce you to Madam Su Xu. I'm not responsible for whether or not you succeed or fail in getting her to become his Master."

Ms. Qian looked at the young girl in front of her. When she saw the serious expression on her face, she felt quite bad.

Then, she turned her head to look at Su Xu. She wondered what Su Xu was thinking.

Based on what she knew, Su Xu hadn't accepted any students for so many years. Due to this reason, it was unlikely that she would just accept a random boy as her student.

However, there was nothing more that Ms. Qian could do. She couldn't force Su Xu to take on a student.

Su Xu walked up to Jian Yujie and began to ask him some questions.

At first, she asked him when he started to learn magic. She asked him why he liked magic in the first place.

Then, she asked him some questions related to magic.

Finally, she asked him to perform a few of the tricks he knew how to do.

After the exchange, Su Xu was pleasantly surprised.

She came here today because she owed a favor to Ms. Qian's father. Since he asked her for this favor, she couldn't refuse his request.

As for accepting students, she hadn't really thought about it before she came here today.

Previously, she had searched for so many years without finding a suitable candidate to become her student. It was unlikely that she would meet one by coincidence.

However, she was pleasantly surprised by the fact that she actually liked the person in front of her.

She liked the pure passion that he had for magic. She liked the way that he took magic seriously.

These were the two things that she valued the most. To her, these two points were more important than talent.

Of course, this young man in front of her was also very talented. If he was a piece of rock, after polishing him up, in the future, he would definitely be a very precious object.

Su Xu said to Jian Yujie: "Well, let's stop here for today. However, let's exchange contact details. I'll contact you later so we can get to know each other better."

Su Xu didn't directly agree to accept Jian Yujie as her student.

However, such an action had already surprised Ms. Qian.

This already meant that Su Xu's opinion of the young man in front of her was quite good. Since they exchanged contact details, this meant that there was still a chance for him to become Su Xu's student.

In all these years, there were not many people who had this honor.

"Yes! Yes! Thank you Teacher Su Xu! Thank you!" Jian Yujie cried out in joy. He was incredibly happy.

He turned around and held Jian Yiling's hand. Then, he started jumping up and down like a three-year-old child.

Jian Yujie's smile was contagious. A smile gradually appeared on Jian Yiling's face as well.

Her eyes arched and her smile was sweet and soft.

Jian Yiling, Jian Yujie, Ms. Qian, and Su Xu shared a meal in the compartment.

After that, they all left separately.

Ms. Qian asked the two of them: "Where are you guys going? Do you want me to ask someone to send you back home?"

"Thank you, Ms. Qian." Jian Yujie said as he declined her kindness, "We were brought here by our family's chauffeur. He will take us back."

"Okay then. Take care on your way home."

Then, Ms. Qian and Su Xu watched Jian Yujie and Jian Yiling leave.

Mo Shiyun arrived one moment after Jian Yiling left.

Ms. Qian had asked her to come over.

Ms. Qian estimated that their meal with 'Mr. Fu' was about to be over. And thus, she sent a message to Mo Shiyun to ask her to come over. She wanted to buy some clothes for Mo Shiyun. However, she had messaged Mo Shiyun that she merely wanted company whilst shopping.