

Sidekick 301

Chapter 301: Everyone Wants to Sign Yiling (1)

Ms. Qian knew that if Mo Shiyun wanted to enter the entertainment industry, she had to pay attention to the clothes that she was wearing. However, as of now, Mo Shiyun certainly didn't have the money to spare to buy big brand clothing.

Furthermore, Ms. Qian didn't want to hurt Mo Shiyun's pride. This was why she used this roundabout way to buy Mo Shiyun clothes.

As Mo Shiyun walked in, she stopped in her tracks. Was that person just now... Was that Jian Yiling?

Yes, it was. She hadn't mistaken someone else for Jian Yiling.

But... But why was Jian Yiling here with Ms. Qian?

All of a sudden, a bad feeling rose in Mo Shiyun's heart.

There was an inexplicable sense of worry that suddenly made her feel uneasy.

She didn't want to think badly about the situation. But she had to after all that had happened. She couldn't forget about the events that had happened in the past.

"Shiyun, you're here?" Ms. Qian said as she saw Mo Shiyun arrive. She walked towards the girl with a smile on her face.

"Mhmm," Mo Shiyun replied. She had doubts in her mind, however, she didn't ask Ms. Qian about them.

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After Jian Yiling was featured in the MV of Jupiter, a lot of people on the Internet started to wonder about her identity.

The dark loli image displayed in the MV was spot on. This attracted a lot of fans to her.

However, no one knew who she was. As a result, they went to Jupiter's official Weibo page and left comments asking about who she was.

After Jian Yumin saw the comments, he immediately told his manager and the rest of the group that it was forbidden to reveal his sister's personal information.

He started to regret the fact that he had asked his sister to be the female lead in their new MV.

Although he was able to protect the information from ordinary netizens, financial and advertising agencies quickly got their hands on the information.

The agency told him that they were optimistic about Jian Yiling's future in the entertainment industry. And thus, they wanted to sign her up.

However, Jian Yumin immediately rejected the offer.

Even though the person responsible for signing talent at the agency got such an answer, they still attempted to persuade Jian Yumin to not immediately reject the offer. This decision was up to Jian Yiling. She could decide whether or not she wanted to enter the entertainment industry. Even though he was her brother, he still had no right to reject their offer.

After a second thought, Jian Yumin realized that what they were saying was right. He himself had also entered the entertainment industry against his mother's wishes. So if Jian Yiling wanted to do it herself, how could he stop her?

And thus, Jian Yumin messaged Jian Yiling about the news.

[No.] As soon as Jian Yiling saw Jian Yumin's message, she immediately refused the offer.

[Really?] Jian Yumin replied. He was quite happy to see such a reply.

[Yeah.]

Jian Yiling knew that the entertainment industry wasn't for everyone. Jian Yumin could survive in such a world, however, she couldn't.

[You're right! Being a celebrity isn't amazing! There's just a bunch of people watching you every day. Everything that you do will get magnified to oblivion! Your decision is definitely the correct one!]

[Mhmm.]

Luo Xun glanced over to see the contents of the chat between Jian Yumin and Jian Yiling. Upon seeing the chat logs, he said: "Tsk, tsk. Why do I remember someone saying that fans only pay attention to you if they like you? Furthermore, previously, you said that you're not afraid of their scrutinous gazes because you never did anything wrong."

"How can this situation be the same as that?"

"How is it different?"

"A kid like you wouldn't understand."

"Brother Yumin, you're not much older than me!"

"Shoo."

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Jian Yiling didn't pay too much attention to the conversation that she just had with Jian Yumin. She didn't even think further about filming and shooting in more things. However, at this time, the netizens managed to stir up some things.

Lately, a web drama that was based on a popular novel was going to be filmed. Fans of the novel were leaving comments on the drama's official Weibo account. They were suggesting candidates that they thought would be suitable for the cast.

Everyone thought that one of the roles would be perfect for the female lead of Jupiter's new MV.

It was a cold yet beautiful loli.

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And thus everyone started to recommend the female lead of Jupiter's MV for the role. Although they didn't even know her name, in their minds, she suited the image of the character in the original novel the most.

The Internet was buzzing with the news. Quickly, the students of Shenghua High School also followed suit.

No matter how much they disliked Jian Yiling before, now, she had been in an MV. It was also possible that she would be cast in a web drama. To them, it felt like she was doing their school proud.

When they talked to their friends and relatives, they could say, 'This person is from our class!' It was something to be proud of.

And thus, when the students saw that people on the Internet had recommended Jian Yiling for the role, they had rushed to leave messages of support.

In fact, some students even started a post on the campus forum to rally support for Jian Yiling. They wanted to get her the role in the new upcoming web drama.

When Zhu Sha saw these posts and comments, she was incredibly unimpressed: "What's wrong with these people? A few days ago, they disliked Jian Yiling. In fact, they even insulted and avoided her! However, now, they're so easily swayed! How can their opinions of someone change so quickly?"

After Zhu Sha finished speaking, she took a look at Mo Shiyun. She saw that Mo Shiyun had a slightly ugly expression on her face.

"Shiyun, what do you think about this matter?"

"Don't pay attention to it. You can't control what other people think. We can only control ourselves. If people don't mess with me, I won't mess with them either."

However, as Mo Shiyun said the last sentence, the image of Jian Yiling suddenly appeared in front of her eyes. Why was she at the restaurant that day?

If people don't mess with me... Was that going to happen though?

In the classroom, Jian Yunao also heard everyone else's discussion. The feeling in his heart was quite strange.

In the past, he would have definitely stopped them.

He didn't like people expressing their opinions about his sister.

However, now, he couldn't even say that.

He no longer knew what his sister was thinking. He didn't know whether she was interested in entering the entertainment industry or not.

In his heart, he didn't want his sister to go into the entertainment industry... There were heaps of unspoken rules that had to be followed in that industry. People often used improper behaviors to gain favorable treatment.

However, as of now, he didn't even know how to talk to his sister anymore. How would he ask her about this?

Jian Yunnao laid down on the table. He used his uninjured arm as a cushion as he tried to bury his emotions into his arms.

Jian Yiling only heard about the matter when she heard Hu Jiaojiao talk about it.

However, she didn't have a Weibo account. And thus, she couldn't come out and issue a statement saying that she wouldn't take part in the production of the web drama.

She couldn't do anything about their speculation. And thus, she decided to not care about it.

At the end of the school day, Jian Yiling received a message from one of her contacts:

[Dr. F.S, if you want to enter the entertainment industry, you should tell me! Although it's only a supporting role, the image of the character is quite suitable for you. By the way, I have a better script here. A top director in our country will be overseeing the production of the drama. If you're interested, I can recommend you.]

[No, I'm not interested.] Jian Yiling replied. She decisively refused the offer.

[Then why is there so much discussion on the Internet?]

[The Internet is not me.]

[Ahh, okay then. Although that's quite regrettable, it's still your decision. If you wanted to enter the entertainment industry, I was going ready to provide you a custom-made drama.]

[I'm not. Thank you.]

[Ahh, you're still so heartless. But I still like you so much.]

[You're a woman.] Jian Yiling replied.

[Erm... You're still as serious as before. Seriously cute I mean.]

[We don't know each other well.]

The other party spoke as though she knew Jian Yiling very well.

However, the truth was that they didn't even know each other much.

At most, they had known each other for a month.

However, according to the other party, it seemed as though they had a 'life-long' friendship.

However, this was merely because Jian Yiling had saved her life.

[Dr. F.S, you're always jabbing holes in my poor heart. I think my heart is in pain. I need a doctor! I need you to diagnose me.]

Jian Yiling stopped replying to the other party's messages.

If she replied, the other party would talk on and on and on.

Chapter 303: Mo Shiyun Loses Her Role (1)

Mo Shiyun was successful in her audition. She managed to get her new role.

Although it was only the third female lead in a web drama, Mo Shiyun was already quite satisfied.

The web drama was based on a popular web novel. It already had a certain fanbase. And thus, it was highly likely that the drama would become popular.

If the web drama was a hit, even the third female lead would become a name that was known by everyone. This was very beneficial to her development and growth in the entertainment industry.

After the audition, Ms. Qian told her that there were people who lingered on the fringes of the entertainment industry for years without getting a role. This step for her was already a big step in the eyes of many other people.

Then, someone posted this exact news onto the Shenghua High School campus forum. Students from various grades expressed their good wishes, congratulations, and excitement for Mo Shiyun.

To an average student at Shenghua High School, there was really quite a lot of news to follow these days. As soon as Jian Yiling's news cooled down, Mo Shiyun's followed up.

They had a vague feeling that these two had been secretly competing.

This feeling had started from the day when someone had made two posts at once. It was evident that they were comparing Jian Yiling and Mo Shiyun.

Lately, some students had started to re-evaluate Jian Yiling.

First of all, previously, Jian Yiling's grades were not so good. On the other hand, Mo Shiyun had always been in the top 5 in her grade. She had also won prizes in various competitions.

However, this first point had been overturned. Jian Yiling now satisfied this criterion.

She had gotten first place in a very difficult chemistry competition.

Furthermore, a while later, she had also gotten first place in her midterm exams.

And thus, if you were to compare the two of them carefully, it seemed that Jian Yiling was actually better than Mo Shiyun in this aspect.

Next, they would compare appearances. Mo Shiyun was a goddess in the eyes of many students. Ever since she first came to Shenghua High School, she had already stolen the hearts of many boys in the school.

Whether it was her temperament, appearance, or personality, Mo Shiyun fit the image of a goddess very well.

On the other hand, Jian Yiling was also a good-looking girl. If they were to closely examine the matter, most would say that she was even more good-looking than Mo Shiyun. However, no one had ever considered Jian Yiling as a goddess or as a beauty of the school.

This was because, other than her looks, everything else about her was unimpressive and underwhelming.

Neither boys nor girls liked someone who was oppressive and arrogant. Previously, she acted as though everyone else was beneath her. She never considered anyone else's feelings when she made decisions.

However, now Jian Yiling's personality had changed quite a bit. Although she still didn't like to talk to people, she no longer said things that hurt people's self-esteem. Furthermore, she no longer lost her temper easily.

On top of that, she had also acted as a gothic loli in Jupiter's MV. This caused people to begin to appreciate Jian Yiling's appearance.

However, this time around, it seemed as though Mo Shiyun had the upper hand. It seemed like Mo Shiyun had a greater chance of entering the entertainment industry.

This was due to the lack of follow up on Jian Yiling's case. It made it seem like their hopes towards Jian Yiling was a lost cause. On the other hand, Mo Shiyun had actually gotten a role in a web drama.

Zhu Sha was very happy to see the course of events on the forum turn away from Jian Yiling.

"Wow! Shiyun, so you didn't say anything that day because you were holding back a big move! Woah, you're actually impressive! Jian Yiling definitely can't compete with you."

Then, Zhu Sha hurriedly logged onto her Weibo to check Mo Shiyun's followers.

She was shocked when she saw the number. The last time she checked, Mo Shiyun had a few hundred followers. Now, the number had exponentially increased to five thousand.

Zhu Sha was utterly envious of Mo Shiyun.

However, Mo Shiyun continued to maintain a modest attitude: "Nah, it's just good luck. I don't know whether I can act out this role well. I don't have a lot of time on my hands right now."

Mo Shiyun knew that if it wasn't for Ms. Qian's help, she wouldn't have gotten this role. In fact, she wouldn't have even gotten an opportunity to audition.

Chapter 304: Mo Shiyun Loses Her Role (2)

When it was lunchtime, Mo Shiyun and Zhu Sha ran into Jian Yiling and Hu Jiaojiao at the cafeteria.

It was quite normal for them to run into each other as they were in the same school.

Typically, they could have eaten separately. They didn't have to meddle with each other.

However, Zhu Sha didn't want to miss an opportunity where she could give Jian Yiling a hard time.

And thus, Zhu Sha deliberately pulled Mo Shiyun over and sat down in the seat next to Jian Yiling.

Then, she started to talk loudly to Mo Shiyun about her new role in the drama:

"Shiyun! I heard that the investor behind the web drama you're going to shoot soon is very powerful. Is that true? Furthermore, I heard that there's going to be several big names in that drama!"

Zhu Sha deliberately amplified her voice so that all the students around her could hear. She especially wanted Jian Yiling to hear.

Sure enough, many of the students' attention was drawn to Zhu Sha.

Everyone saw that there was not only Mo Shiyun seated there, Jian Yiling was also seated there.

This was quite a bizarre scene. As of recent, the two most talked about girls of Shenghua High School were seated close to one another.

And what Zhu Sha was talking about was exactly what everyone thought Jian Yiling and Mo Shiyun were fighting over recently.

Zhu Sha continued to talk to Mo Shiyun: "Shiyun! Tell me about the other actors that will be in that drama with you! I'm dying to hear about it!"

Jian Yiling and Jupiter had merely been in a short music video together. Even if the video was a mere few minutes long, people had been chasing Jian Yiling for days. They wanted to know more details about the four members of Jupiter.

And now, Mo Shiyun was going to be in a drama with so many famous actors. She was going to be in the same studio as them for months on end. This meant that she would have much more contact time with famous celebrities than Jian Yiling!

"I haven't met them yet," Mo Shiyun answered. She didn't dare to say too much. She had only briefly seen those individuals when she went to the audition. In fact, she hadn't even spoken to them. And thus, she didn't want to boast or talk about it that much.

"Oh, that's fine! You're going to talk to them sooner or later. The lead male actor in your drama is incredibly popular right now! I just went to check out his Weibo. He has more than five million followers!"

Zhu Sha's tone was incredibly exaggerated. Her expression was also filled with astonishment and envy.

"Ahh, yeah." Mo Shiyun replied. She didn't like the way that Zhu Sha was talking. Deliberately showing off would make it seem like they were cheap.

However, when she saw Jian Yiling out of the corner of her eye, her mind wavered a little.

And thus, although she didn't follow suit with Zhu Sha, she didn't stop Zhu Sha from continuing to talk about it in the cafeteria either.

Zhu Sha continued to 'discuss' Mo Shiyun's new drama. "I heard that your drama is based on a novel with the same name! It has a huge fan base! Although it hasn't yet been aired, it's already been searched so many times! It's one of the hottest topics right now."

The surrounding students couldn't help but cast sympathetic glances at Jian Yiling.

Originally, they all assumed that Jian Yiling would get the role and officially start her career in the entertainment industry.

They hadn't expected Mo Shiyun to succeed before Jian Yiling.

Hu Jiaojiao and Jian Yiling weren't interested in the things that Zhu Sha was talking about. However, Zhu Sha's voice was so loud. She was also seated right next to them. Due to these two factors, it was hard to not listen to Zhu Sha's words.

In Hu Jiaojiao's heart, she couldn't help but tell herself that the four members of Jupiter had more than 30 million followers on Weibo. That number was much more than a mere 5 million.

However, Hu Jiaojiao was quite scared to make such a comment in public. And thus, she could only mutter to herself in her heart.

On the other hand, Jian Yiling didn't care too much about Zhu Sha's words. She just felt that the people next to her were just noisy.

At this moment, the official blog of the drama where Mo Shiyun had taken up her new role had updated its status:

[Change in the Cast. Original Third Female Lead Replaced by the Rising Star Yun Wei.]

The official blog had also posted a photo of Yun Wei.

Chapter 305: Mo Shiyun Loses Her Role (3)

The news spread quickly across the Internet. As soon as the news came out on the official blog, many students at Shenghua High School immediately knew about it.

This was because a lot of students had followed the official blog. And thus, when the official blog made an announcement, their phones would receive notifications from it.

At this moment, Zhu Sha was still talking to Mo Shiyun with great enthusiasm. However, the students around them had already received the news that Mo Shiyun had been replaced.

Mo Shiyun's own phone had also received the notification. When she saw the contents of the message, her body immediately stiffened.

However, Zhu Sha still wasn't aware of the situation. She continued to express her admiration and adoration towards Mo Shiyun.

"Shiyun, do you think you'll become incredibly popular after this drama airs? Remember that web drama that aired a while ago? All the actors became popular all of a sudden."

When Zhu Sha said this, her tone was still filled with admiration. However, these words were harsh on Mo Shiyun's ears.

Zhu Sha still didn't know about the situation. However, she noticed that all the students around her were casting strange glances at them. Thus, she felt secretly proud of her achievements.

She loved to see Jian Yiling be defeated. She loved to see her fail. She wanted people to know that Jian Yiling was not someone who could have everything that she wanted in life.

"Stop talking about it," Mo Shiyun interrupted. There was a tremble in her voice as she said this.

"What's wrong?" Zhu Sha asked. She was confused as to why Mo Shiyun suddenly interrupted her.

Mo Shiyun suddenly got up. She grabbed her phone and walked outside the cafeteria.

After a moment of hesitation, she pressed the dial button with trembling fingers.

The call that she was making was to Ms. Qian.

As soon as the call went through, Ms. Qian took the initiative to tell Mo Shiyun about the situation:

"Shiyun, I'm so sorry. The production team said they're changing the cast."

On the phone, Ms. Qian spoke with an incredibly apologetic tone.

She had only just found out about this matter as well.

As she was hesitating on whether or not to call Mo Shiyun, Mo Shiyun had called her first.

It was obvious that Mo Shiyun had called her because of this news.

"Why did they suddenly want to replace me?"

Mo Shiyun tried hard to control her voice. She didn't want to vent her emotions.

"I'm not sure either. The team told me that they found a more suitable candidate." This was the only answer that Ms. Qian gave.

However, from Ms. Qian's many years of experience, a so-called 'more suitable candidate' was often someone with a stronger background and financial standing. They could often provide more money and financial support to the production team.

Based on what she had heard so far, it was likely this replacement was the handiwork of one of the big shots in the entertainment industry.

Ms. Qian assumed that it wasn't possible for Mo Shiyun to offend that big shot.

And thus, she was probably replaced because that big shot wanted to promote a newcomer that he was interested in. He just happened to pick the role that Mo Shiyun had been cast for.

However, Mo Shiyun was not convinced by Ms. Qian's answer.

Her mind immediately flashed back to the day when she saw Jian Yiling at the restaurant.

Ms. Qian continued to comfort Mo Shiyun: “Shiyun, don’t be too sad about this. It’s okay to miss this role. I’ll help you find a more suitable role.”

But how could Mo Shiyun not be upset about this?

If she had been rejected at the audition, she would have just accepted it.

After all, she wasn’t a professional actress. She could accept and understand that she was not as good as the other candidates.

However, the director had acknowledged her during the audition. He had said that she was very talented.

The role had already been offered to her. Even an official announcement had been made.

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By now, everyone knew that she had gotten the role. Everyone on the Internet and also everyone at their school had heard about it. The news had already been spread.

A role change at this point was undoubtedly a slap to her face.

Mo Shiyun wanted to ask Ms. Qian if it was because someone else had interfered.

The words lingered in her throat for quite some time. However, in the end, she swallowed them back down.

After Mo Shiyun hung up the phone, she walked back to the cafeteria with grief in her heart.

The moment she entered the cafeteria, she saw Zhu Sha and all the other students that were seated nearby looking at her.

She could almost see the mockery in their eyes.

They were laughing at her, weren’t they?

The role that she had just gotten had been taken away.

Mo Shiyun’s gaze fell on Jian Yiling.

However, Jian Yiling had been focused on eating. She hadn’t noticed the change around her.

Neither Jian Yiling nor Hu Jiaojiao had followed the official blog of the drama group. And thus, they didn’t know that Mo Shiyun had lost her role.

It was only when Mo Shiyun stared at her that Jian Yiling raised her head.

After she saw Mo Shiyun’s eyes, Jian Yiling felt as though the other party seemed to have some hostility towards her.

Ever since she had crossed over to this world, there had been very little interaction between her and Mo Shiyun.

She hadn't been interested in Qin Chuan. She wasn't jealous of Mo Shiyun either.

After Zhu Sha saw the announcement on the official blog, she cried out:

"Shiyun, what's going on? What's the reason behind this cast change?"

Zhu Sha's voice brought out Mo Shiyun's emotions. In the past few days, she had been trying her best to keep up with her busy schedule, all the expectations, and all the hardships. All these emotions surfaced at once. Tears came to her eyes.

Mo Shiyun didn't want to cry. However, something that she had tried so hard to get had suddenly dissipated in front of her. She couldn't help but be overwhelmed with grief.

When Mo Shiyun started crying, the people around her were dumbfounded.

Zhu Sha hurried forward to comfort her: "Shiyun, don't cry! It's... It's..."

Zhu Sha didn't know how to comfort Mo Shiyun. When she was at a loss of what to do, she saw Jian Yiling who was beside them.

Based on Mo Shiyun's reaction, it was easy to guess that her role had been swapped out probably because of Jian Yiling.

"Jian Yiling! How could you do this?! Do you know how hard Shiyun worked to get this role? Do you know how much effort and energy she invested in this?! Just because you want to make a name for yourself, you went so far as to ruin the role that she had worked so hard for?! Isn't that excessive of you?! Just because your family is rich and powerful, that doesn't mean that you can do whatever you want! You can't just go around and ruin the fruits of other people's labor!"

Originally, only the students that were seated around Zhu Sha could hear them. However, when Zhu Sha lashed out, the entire cafeteria quietened. Everyone looked this way.

For a moment, almost everyone's eyes were focused on Jian Yiling and Mo Shiyun.

Zhu Sha didn't care that the matter had become a big deal. She wanted to use this opportunity to vent out Jian Yiling's evil deeds. She wanted to expose everything that Jian Yiling had done so that everyone could properly judge the situation.

"Shiyun's background is not as good as you! She wasn't born into a good family. And thus, she has worked very hard to get to where she is today! She has gotten results based on her own efforts. She has to work twice as hard to get the things that you take for granted. How can you destroy her just because you're jealous? You can't do things like that!"

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After Zhu Sha finished speaking, everyone looked at Jian Yiling with skeptical eyes.

Hu Jiaojiao grabbed Jian Yiling's hand and attempted to pull her away.

Neither of them was good at arguing. Zhu Sha probably argued better than the two of them combined together.

However, Jian Yiling didn't leave the cafeteria. She had just gotten some useful information from Zhu Sha's words.

Mo Shiyun's role had been taken away. The two of them suspected that she had done it.

Jian Yiling took out her phone and messaged the person who had previously wanted her to join the entertainment industry.

The other party quickly replied to her: [OK. Give me a few minutes. I'll take care of this matter for you.]

During the time it took for Jian Yiling to send a message, Zhu Sha pressed Jian Yiling to make a statement.

"Jian Yiling, are you going to play dumb now? Are you pretending that you're mute or something? Shouldn't you at least apologize?"

"I'm not apologizing." Jian Yiling replied. She refused immediately. There was no room for discussion.

Jian Yunnao came rushing through the crowd. During lunchtime, he had often glanced in Jian Yiling's direction.

"Zhu Sha, what nonsense are you talking about?"

There was a frown on Jian Yunnao's handsome face.

Jian Yunnao hadn't heard the first part of what Zhu Sha had said. However, he had heard the part where Zhu Sha began to question Jian Yiling.

The moment Zhu Sha saw Jian Yunnao, she began to regret her actions.

However, she hadn't said anything wrong, had she? Despite this, she felt that it was quite impulsive for her to say those things in the presence of Jian Yunnao.

"I'm not talking nonsense. Look at Mo Shiyun. She's crying right now. She's always been a strong person. If it weren't for the fact that she's really upset, she wouldn't cry. As her friend, I can't bear to see her upset. I want to help her get justice."

Zhu Sha attempted to explain her actions.

She tried to explain that she wasn't intentionally making life difficult for Jian Yiling. She did this for the sake of her friend.

This made Jian Yunnao frown even more. He turned around and looked at Mo Shiyun.

Mo Shiyun's eyes were red and filled with tears. All her sorrows and grief were conveyed through her eyes.

However, this time, Jian Yunnao decided to question her: "Why do you think Yiling did this?"

Mo Shiyun turned her head and looked at Jian Yunnao. Her eyes were filled with tears but her words were still firm: "Jian Yunnao, I don't want to ruin the relationship between you and your sister. However, Zhu Sha's words are well-founded. If she didn't do it, let her show you the evidence. I'm not trying to make things difficult for her. I just want the truth. The truth is good for everyone. If we get the truth right now, people won't comment about it afterward."

Although Mo Shiyun's eyes were filled with tears, the tone of her voice was still calm and restrained. This made people have more sympathy for her.

Furthermore, her words were not rude and unreasonable either. At least compared to Zhu Sha, her words were much more rational.

The students around her felt that they could understand how Mo Shiyun was feeling.

Jian Yiling looked at Mo Shiyun. "According to the relevant laws and regulations, the second condition of litigation requires the litigant to have a clear claim and factual evidence. There needs to be evidence before there is a suspect. Once there is evidence, the suspect would need to produce evidence to prove their innocence. Based on what you have said, you've only talked about the motive for a crime. There is no factual basis. And thus, there is no need for me to find evidence to defend myself against defamation and slander."

Hu Jiaojiao turned her head to look at Jian Yiling in surprise. Disbelief was written on her face.

Yiling had actually said so many words at once!

To this day, the most that she had ever seen Yiling speak before was when the teacher had called her up to answer a question in class.

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Nowadays, other than their Chinese teacher, most teachers liked to call on Jian Yiling to answer questions.

After listening to what Jian Yiling had said, everyone suddenly realized that it was Jian Yiling's argument that made more sense. Although Mo Shiyun's words were not unreasonable, her words weren't backed up with factual evidence.

Zhu Sha and Mo Shiyun's 'well-founded' argument was merely based on Jian Yiling's possible motive. They had no proof to back their words up.

This was the first time that Mo Shiyun had encountered such a Jian Yiling. She was completely different from the Jian Yiling that she previously knew.

In her memory, the Jian Yiling that she remembered would yell and scream whenever she would upset. She would even curse at people. The thing that she never did was argue for herself in such a clear and concise manner.

Whilst Mo Shiyun and Zhu Sha were surprised by Jian Yiling's reaction, more news came out on the Internet.

The news was related to the reason why the cast had been changed.

Someone had revealed the reason behind the change.

It turned out that the new actor had an intimate relationship with the investor of the drama. And thus, the investor had asked the production team to give Yun Wei the role.

Although Yun Wei was known as a rising star, this was merely a phrase that the investor had used to hype her up. Most of the audience did not recognize her as one.

The person who revealed the information had provided photographic evidence and even a recording to back up their story. It wasn't just lip service.

This news immediately rose up to the top of the search engine.

It took a mere seven to eight minutes for the news to be presented to the students at Shenghua High School.

They looked at the truth in front of them and then took a look at Mo Shiyun who was still crying and questioning Jian Yiling. The gaze of the hundreds of students in the cafeteria had changed slightly.

However, Mo Shiyun and Zhu Sha who were still concerned with how to confront Jian Yiling hadn't yet seen the latest news.

One of Jian Yunnao's classmates ran over to his side. He carefully patted Jian Yunnao on the shoulder and then showed his mobile phone to Jian Yunnao.

After reading the content of the article, Jian Yunnao did not hesitate for a single moment. He immediately confronted Zhu Sha and Mo Shiyun:

"Zhu Sha, Mo Shiyun, take a good look at the contents of this post. Didn't you want evidence? Well, the evidence is right there on the Internet!"

Zhu Sha's heart stopped for a second. A bad feeling arose involuntarily.

There was no mistake, was there?

There shouldn't be... Other than Jian Yiling, who else would have a bone to pick with Mo Shiyun?

Mo Shiyun had good relations with most people at school!

Mo Shiyun's face also paled. After a moment, she slowly took out her phone and flicked to the hot search section.

There was a new story at the top of the section.

The news story was incredibly powerful. There was evidence and even audio proof to back up the news story.

It directly explained why she had gotten replaced by the production team.

Below the article, the comments were full of people who were protesting about the unfairness that Mo Shiyun was suffering.

This was supposedly meant to be a good thing for her.

However, as of now, she wasn't happy at all. She felt a chill go down her spine.

There were hundreds of people in the cafeteria. They were all looking at her.

In her eyes, it appeared as though they were looking at her with coldness and disgust.

It felt like one sharp knife after another was being plunged into her heart.

Zhu Sha was even more embarrassed than Mo Shiyun.

Previously, she had been so sure that Jian Yiling was the one who was intentionally messing with Mo Shiyun. However, in the end, Jian Yiling hadn't done it. Zhu Sha had been publicly slapped in the face with the truth.

Furthermore, she had been questioning Jian Yiling with such a loud voice. Ahhh, she regretted her actions so much.

The worst part of it was that her words had been heard by Jian Yunnao!

Why did she stand up for Mo Shiyun!?

Chapter 309: Change in the Situation Slaps Mo Shiyun in the Face (3)

Zhu Sha no longer knew what to say. She couldn't stand the looks that she was receiving from everyone around her. She just wanted to get out of the cafeteria.

However, how could things be that convenient for her?

She had been so confident when she questioned Jian Yiling. And thus, it was impossible for her to run away when she found out that she was in the wrong.

Jian Yunnao's face was stern as he demanded Zhu Sha and Mo Shiyun to apologize to his sister: "Well, are you going to apologize to Yiling now?"

This request made Zhu Sha's heart feel incredibly uncomfortable.

She had always hated Jian Yiling. And now, she was being asked to apologize and bow down to that girl?

However, the person who was standing in front of her right now was Jian Yunnao. He had requested for her to apologize.

Zhu Sha felt as if there were a thousand ants crawling in her mind.

Everyone else in the cafeteria was also staring at her. They were waiting for Zhu Sha and Mo Shiyun to apologize to Jian Yiling.

Both of them had accused Jian Yiling of doing something that she hadn't done. Now that the truth had come out, an apology was the least they could do.

And thus, Zhu Sha was forced to apologize to Jian Yiling: "Jian Yiling, I'm sorry. Please forgive me."

However, from her tone, no one could hear any sincerity in the apology.

"I don't forgive you," Jian Yiling replied.

It was a simple and straightforward statement. Jian Yiling refused to show any mercy to Zhu Sha.

Jian Yunnao also believed that his sister should not accept such an insincere apology:

“Zhu Sha, you either apologize properly or just forget about apologizing. Don’t act as though you’re a victim. It’s you who did something wrong. No one is forcing you to apologize or something.”

Zhu Sha’s heart felt crushed. The person that she had been secretly in love with was saying such things to her.

Tears escaped from her eyes as she cried out: “I’m... I’m sorry. I... It won’t happen again.”

This time, she was genuinely sorry.

This apology was much more sincere than the one she had given earlier.

Then, everyone’s eyes turned to Mo Shiyun. Zhu Sha had already apologized. It was time for Mo Shiyun to apologize.

Under the gaze of everyone in the cafeteria, Mo Shiyun bit down on her lower lip and tried to hold back her emotions as she said: “Just now... It’s my fault. I misunderstood the situation. I hope you won’t take it personally...”

Mo Shiyun’s eyes were red as she said this. Her voice was weak and her tone was slow and soft.

“I’m not interested in the entertainment industry. There’s no need for me to make life difficult for you,” Jian Yiling stated. She hoped that she wouldn’t get accused of these strange things in the future.

She didn’t like to get involved with Mo Shiyun.

However, when Jian Yiling’s words fell on Mo Shiyun’s ears, the words had seemed to change completely.

Not interested in the entertainment industry... No need to make life difficult for her...

What a condescending gesture.

In Jian Yiling’s eyes, it seemed as though Mo Shiyun wasn’t even qualified to compete with her.

Jian Yiling had also looked at her with the same attitude when her mother was still working as a maid in the Jian Residence.

It seemed as though she wasn’t even worthy to compete with Jian Yiling.

However, Jian Yiling didn’t think much of the situation. After she finished talking to Mo Shiyun, she left the cafeteria with Hu Jiaojiao.

After Jian Yiling left, everyone else gradually dispersed. They all returned to their respective classrooms for the remainder of their lunch break,

However, not long after everyone got back to their classrooms, more news had gotten released.

It was the same account that had released the news story of Yun Wei’s affair with the investor.

This story exposed the behind the scenes information on how Mo Shiyun had been offered the role.

It turned out that the original third female lead hadn't gotten the role in an honorable manner either. Her role had also been secured by another insider of the entertainment industry.

The chat logs between Ms. Qian and Mo Shiyun had also been released.

This led to an immediate reversal of the sympathy that had previously been expressed for Mo Shiyun.

[I thought that she was a victim. Turns out that it's someone with more connections who bested someone with fewer connections.]

Chapter 310: Sorry, Brother Didn't Protect You

[Wait, then isn't this basically a dog biting another dog?]

[This drama is really hilarious. If drama was food, I'd be full by now.]

[Is there any more drama? If there is, I'm still willing to hear more. Please continue!]

Mo Shiyun had never thought that Ms. Qian's chat logs would be posted on the Internet. In those chat logs, Ms. Qian had used her connections to help Mo Shiyun get to the audition.

Typically, this wouldn't be considered a serious matter.

Relying on connections to get a role was a common occurrence in the entertainment industry.

However, in the past few hours, everyone had been paying attention to this matter. And thus, Mo Shiyun had become a point of criticism.

After seeing the news, Ms. Qian wasn't upset at all. Instead, she sent a message to Mo Shiyun. She told Mo Shiyun to not take the matter personally. These things were quite common in the entertainment industry. If you wanted to have a footing in the industry, you had to not be too concerned about such things.

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After school, Jian Yunmo saw Jian Yiling head to a tree in the courtyard. He didn't know what she was doing. However, she appeared to be busy with something.

And thus, Jian Yunmo decided to walk towards her.

When he got closer, he saw Jian Yiling digging out an iron box that was buried under the tree.

The rusty box was stained with dirt. However, as soon as they saw the box, both the siblings' expressions changed.

Jian Yiling's heart trembled as she looked at the box in front of her.

There really was a box...

So her dream was not a mere dream then?

This realization made Jian Yiling feel dumbfounded.

Jian Yunmo was also looking at the iron box. It seemed as if his gaze had passed through the iron box to go back to the day he and his sister had buried it together.

His sister had read somewhere that she wanted to make a time capsule. And thus, she had dragged him along to bury it for her.

And thus, they had buried the box below this tree in the Old Jian Residence.

If he were to think about it, approximately ten years had passed since then.

Jian Yiling turned around and looked at Jian Yunmo.

After a moment of silence, Jian Yiling sat down with the box in her arms against the trunk of the tree.

After a pause of a few seconds, Jian Yunmo also sat down next to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling opened the box and saw all sorts of small objects in the box.

Jian Yiling took the objects out, one by one, and looked at them.

Jian Yunmo sat next to her and watched her silently.

The items in the time capsule stirred up his memories. The memories inflicted a stab of pain in Jian Yunmo's heart.

Back then, their sister had been so lively. So sweet and so innocent.

But now, she had become a thoughtful and clever child. However, she was also silent and distant.

"Yiling, I'm sorry."

Jian Yiling turned her head to look at him.

Jian Yunmo didn't wait for Jian Yiling to reply to him. He continued to speak: "I wasn't there for you. I let you face all the accusations and abuse by yourself. As your older brother, I didn't protect you when you were hurt. I didn't shield you from the wind and the rain when you were most helpless. I failed to be a good brother."

"I don't blame you," Jian Yiling replied.

"I should have been there for you. I should have cared for you more."

"You're ill."

Psychological illnesses were also real illnesses. They were difficult to control.

Ahhh... So she knew. Jian Yunmo paused for a while before he gazed into Jian Yiling's eyes. Sour yet warm emotions welled up in his heart.

"Are you scared?" Jian Yunmo asked. There was a hint of nervousness in Jian Yunmo's voice.

"I'm not scared."

She wasn't scared of him? He thought that he would scare her and ruin the image of himself that she had in her mind.

Then, Jian Yiling added: "You're doing well right now. You won't hurt me."

Jian Yunmo smiled warmly.

The words 'I'm not scared' was a ray of sunlight that shone into his heart.

He slowly leaned back against the tree trunk behind him. The temperature in his eyes gradually warmed up.

"Yiling, I will take my medication. I'll get better as soon as possible."

Jian Yunmo vowed to Jian Yiling.