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Chapter 311: Master Zhai Pressures Master Sheng to Get Married (1)

He had to recover as soon as possible. His sister believed in him.

“You don’t need to be stressed about this. I understand.” Jian Yiling said.

“Okay, brother will listen to you.” The worry in Jian Yunmo’s heart was finally set free.

“That’s good. You’re a good patient who listens.”

With that, Jian Yiling removed a small decorative pin from the iron box and attached it to Jian Yunmo’s sleeve.

When Jian Yiling was five years old, she liked to attach decorative pins to her family members. The pins were a sign of her recognition. They were rewards for her family members who kept her company. It was meant to be an honor to receive a decorative pin from their little girl.

Jian Yunmo looked at the pin on his sleeve. It was not consistent with his age. However, a smile of joy and satisfaction surfaced on his face. It was as though he had won a prize in the world of science.

This was his sister’s recognition.

After a while, Jian Yunmo said softly to Jian Yiling: “Yiling, second brother will not persuade you to forgive Yunnao. I’m not qualified to do that. In fact, I only want you to live a happy life. I don’t want you to get hurt.”

Then, Jian Yunmo went on to say: “I won’t leave for the time being. If you’re not afraid of me, I will stay with my little princess. I won’t let the wolf cubs from outside take you away.”

“There are no wolf cubs.”

“Silly girl, if you can see at a glance that someone is a wolf cub, then that person isn’t a wolf cub.”

“I’m not silly.”

“Okay, okay, I’m silly then. Is that better?” Jian Yunmo asked with a smile.

“That’s not better either.”

“Either way, if a wolf cub comes over to take you away, I might not be able to control my violent temper. If I end up beating someone up and breaking things, you must not be scared of me. Please don’t say that your image of me has been ruined.”

“Okay.”

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A very special guest arrived at the Yu Residence.

Yu Simiao and Yu Xi sat upright and still after they greeted this guest. They didn’t even dare to breathe loudly.

In front of them, an elderly man was trying to give Zhai Yunsheng earnest and well-meaning advice:

“Yunsheng! You’re so old already. Why can’t you be more interested in girls?”

This elderly man was no other than Zhai Yunsheng’s grandfather. It was Master Zhai.

Master Zhai was rather thin. He wore plain and dark grey clothes. However, he still managed to look rather imposing.

“Well, you’re quite old yourself too. Why don’t you find yourself another partner?”

Zhai Yunsheng leaned back on the sofa. He looked rather lazy. He didn’t care much about the words of Master Zhai. It was as if the words had gone in through his left ear and gone out of his right ear.

“What nonsense are you talking about?! I am waiting for you to give me a great-grandchild!” Master Zhai cried out in anger. He was so angry with Zhai Yunsheng that his beard almost stood up.

“Well, go and talk to my second uncle. He’s not too old. He will have no problem giving you a few more grandchildren at his age.”

Zhai Yunsheng’s tone was languid and lazy. It was a stark contrast against Master Zhai’s fervor.

“You guys are just playing a game of throwing the embroidered ball!” This topic was always thrown back and forth in the Zhai family. In the very end, no one wanted to find a partner anyway!

The number of people in the Zhai family was dwindling. There were only three men in the entire family.

“It’s called soccer,” Zhai Yunsheng corrected.

Sure enough, Master Zhai couldn’t reason with his grandson without getting angry. The more he talked, the angrier he got.

And thus, Master Zhai turned around and asked Yu Xi: “You kid, didn’t I tell you to introduce him to a young girl? Didn’t you write back to me saying that there was a girl who got along quite well with Yunsheng?”

Yu Xi’s heart was about to turn cold. He knew that sooner or later, he would be held accountable by Master Zhai for this matter. However, he hadn’t known that this day would have come so quickly.

Who would have thought that the famous and renowned Master Zhai would personally come all the way from the capital to Hengyuan City just to pressure Zhai Yunsheng to get married?

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“Erm... Master Zhai... There is indeed such a girl... However, Master Sheng only sees her as his sister! Nothing more.” Yu Xi explained cautiously.

“Sister?! What do you mean by sister?! Our Zhai family is short of daughters-in-law! There’s no shortage of sisters! Furthermore, it’s not your place to say whether he sees her as nothing more than a sister or not!” Master Zhai growled out.

Yu Simiao and Yu Xi’s palms were sweating from Master Zhai’s growl.

Ah... Master Zhai and Master Sheng were at war... But they were just the innocent fish in the pond... They hadn't done anything wrong!

"Where is she? Bring her over here!" Master Zhai ordered Yu Simiao and Yu Xi.

However, neither of them dared to respond.

"Why are you making things difficult for them? If I'm not interested in anyone, are you going to shove a girl into my arms or something?"

Zhai Yunsheng was still lying on the sofa. It appeared as though he might fall asleep at any moment.

"Yunsheng! You're the only child in our family! Grandpa wants nothing more than for you to start a family early."

"Well, I'm like this already. Aren't you afraid that I'll die on the night of my wedding?"

"What nonsense are you talking about!?" As soon as he heard Zhai Yunsheng speak of death, Master Zhai became furious.

However, Zhai Yunsheng was not frightened by his grandpa. Instead, Yu Simiao and Yu Xi were frightened. They were so scared that their legs went weak.

"What I said is the truth."

"Don't say those things!"

In front of Master Zhai, it was forbidden to associate the word 'death' with Zhai Yunsheng.

Zhai Yunsheng was not bothered to argue with Master Zhai. He squinted his eyes before he picked up a cup of strawberry frozen yogurt that was on the coffee table next to him. He scooped a bit up and put it into his mouth.

Master Zhai suddenly narrowed his eyes and noticed what Zhai Yunsheng was eating.

"Yunsheng, when did you begin eating these sour and sweet things?"

In his recollection, Master Zhai remembered that his grandson only liked eating meat. He generally avoided those sour and sweet things.

"Recently." The little rabbit from next door had sent it over. And thus, even though he was reluctant to eat it, he still had to try.

It wasn't too bad. However, it still wasn't as good as meat.

Although he got a reply, Master Zhai still felt that something was off, "Why the sudden change of taste?"

"I got tired of eating meat." Zhai Yunsheng answered. He didn't reveal anything in his words.

Seeing that he couldn't get anything out of Zhai Yunsheng's mouth, Master Zhai turned around and continued to interrogate Yu Xi: "Where is the girl in that photo you sent me last time?"

"Umm... Master Zhai... Master Sheng really just sees her as a sister..."

“Well, even if he sees her as a sister, I still want to see what she is like.”

“This...” Yu Xi turned his head around to look at Zhai Yunsheng. Without Zhai Yunsheng’s permission, he did not dare to casually reveal information to Master Zhai.

Zhai Yunsheng looked up and decided to urge his grandpa to leave: “Stop asking about those matters. Why don’t you go back to the capital? If you stay here for longer, other people will find out. Soon, the flower gardens of the Yu Residence will be trampled to death.”

“How dare you talk about me?! Aren’t you still staying here as well? At first, you said that you wanted to go out for a break. You said that you’d only be gone for two weeks! How long has it been now? If you hadn’t stuck around for so long, would I have come here? Furthermore, I was asking Yu Xi to show me that girl. Don’t change the subject!”

Hmm... The more he talked about this, the more he felt that this matter was fishy.

“Well, she gets scared easily. You’ll scare her.” Zhai Yunsheng replied. He quickly found an excuse.

“Huh? I’ll scare her? Am I scary?”

Master Zhai turned his head to ask Yu Simiao, Yu Xi, and the bodyguards next to him: “You guys be the judge. Am I scary?”

All of them shook their heads in unison.

“See, I’m not scary. Don’t worry about it.”

Chapter 313: A ‘Little Girl’

Zhai Yunsheng replied lazily to Master Zhai’s comment: “Well, a little girl gets scared much more easily than this group of rough men.”

Master Zhai’s temper flared: “You’re doing this on purpose, aren’t you? You just don’t want me to see the little girl that you’re interested in, no?”

The more Zhai Yunsheng was like this, the more curious Master Zhai became. It made him want to meet this little girl even more.

And thus, Master Zhai declared: “Well, either way, you’re probably interested in her. If you don’t want to date her and you’re interested in her, just marry her already!”

Master Zhai did things in a rush. He hadn’t yet met the girl but he was ready to get his grandson to marry her already.

It was clear how anxious Master Zhai was for Zhai Yunsheng to get married.

Zhai Yunsheng quickly explained: “Stop it. She’s still a child. No one is interested in her.”

“Then why don’t you let me see her then?” In any case, Master Zhai was determined to see her today.

Ever since he had seen that photo Yu Xi had sent him, he had been constantly thinking about it.

“Ahh, if you want to see her, then go and see her. Do as you wish.”

Zhai Yunsheng didn't continue to stop Master Zhai.

And thus, Master Zhai turned his head to Yu Xi: "All right, Yunsheng allowed me to meet her. Take me to meet her."

The photo that Yu Xi sent him last time wasn't very clear. However, in the photo, it appeared as though the girl had a decent relationship with his grandson.

"Master Zhai, if you go to someone else's house, you would probably startle everyone there. Why don't I go and invite her over?"

Yu Xi thought that it would be better to invite God Ling over than to have Master Zhai go out and scare people.

Master Zhai's visit to Hengyuan City this time had been conducted in a low profile. No one else had heard of this.

"How much effort would that be?" A return trip would take a decent amount of time.

"It's not a lot of effort. She lives right next door."

Next door?

And thus, Master Zhai waited for Yu Xi to bring the 'little girl' over.

Then, Master Zhai discovered that she was actually a 'little girl'.

Her face looked pale and soft.

Her appearance was quite pleasing. However, her age did not meet his requirements.

Master Zhai opened his mouth to speak. However, he didn't know what to say.

Jian Yiling looked at the old gentleman in front of her. He had white hair and wore plain dark grey clothing. At first glance, he appeared to be an ordinary old man.

But the aura of the old gentleman could not be ignored. It was the aura of someone who had been in a high position in society for many years.

The old gentleman stared at her for quite some time. Then, he sighed. It was as if he was very disappointed with something.

"Yiling, this is Master Zhai. He's Master Sheng's grandpa," Yu Xi said. He carefully introduced the identity of Master Zhai to Jian Yiling.

Yu Xi was quite worried. He wondered whether Jian Yiling knew who Master Zhai was.

However, Yu Xi was worrying for nothing. Of course, Jian Yiling knew who Master Zhai was.

He was an old man who had numerous legendary stories spoken about him.

Most people respected and feared this old man. Even Jian Yiling's grandpa was no exception.

"Hello, Master Zhai."

Although Jian Yiling's voice was soft, she did not appear afraid. Her tone was subdued and soothing.

Yu Xi thought to himself, thank goodness. God Ling doesn't seem to know what kind of scary person Master Zhai is. If she knew, she would definitely feel afraid.

It's better to not know.

Master Zhai looked at Jian Yiling for quite some time. The more he looked at her, the more disappointed he became.

Ahhh, she was actually a 'little girl'!

I guess she could only be Yunsheng's sister after all...

Master Zhai's expression was filled with frustration and disappointment.

Chapter 314: Date and Get Married as Soon as Possible

All of a sudden, Master Zhai was at a loss for words. He didn't even know what questions to ask.

And thus, he turned his head to question Yu Xi with a huff: "What's wrong with you?"

Yu Xi hung his head. He didn't even dare to breathe loudly.

Yu Xi felt quite upset. It wasn't his fault that Master Sheng refused to cooperate with him... He could only do something like this to get by with the task that Master Zhai had given him...

Other than God Ling, Master Sheng refused to let any other woman get too close to him.

If Master Sheng was interested in playing around with women, he wouldn't have only been able to capture a picture of him and God Ling...

"Ahhh, forget it," Master Zhai said. He couldn't do anything about this anyway. The main problem wasn't with Yu Xi. It was with his only grandson...

He had initially thought that his grandson had finally been enlightened.

However, that was just his own imagination. He was happy for nothing...

Then, Master Zhai turned around and said to Jian Yiling, "It's all right. Little girl, you can go back now."

Jian Yiling didn't ask about what was going on. She left as soon as Master Zhai told her to go.

As soon as Jian Yiling left, Master Zhai pointed at Zhai Yunsheng's nose and continued to nag him: "You brat, why can't you be enlightened in those things? I've told you several times already that you need to date as soon as possible! Then, you can get married at the first opportunity!"

However, Zhai Yunsheng was already used to Master Zhai's nagging. As he listened to Master Zhai's words, he started to become sleepy.

The mood of Master Zhai sank as he looked at his grandson.

He gave up on nagging. Then, he called out to Yu Simiao to join him in a nearby room.

Yu Simiao followed behind Master Zhai.

“Have a seat,” Master Zhai told Yu Simiao. Only then, Yu Simiao dared to sit down.

However, even after he sat down, Yu Simiao didn’t dare to relax.

“Yunsheng has been troubling you for the last few days. Thank you for taking care of him,” Master Zhai said. He expressed his gratitude towards Yu Simiao.

“You’re welcome. It’s no trouble at all.”

“Don’t say it’s no trouble. I know him better than you do,” Master Zhai replied. He let out a long sigh before he continued: “Do you think that I’m pressuring him to get married so we can have a descendant for our Zhai family?”

Yu Simiao did not dare to answer this question. Instead, he sat upright and waited for Master Zhai to continue.

Master Zhai continued to speak: “If I really wanted to have a descendant for the Zhai family, it’d be more useful for me to force his second uncle to give me another grandchild. I do want a great-grandchild. However, I want him to be reluctant to leave this world.”

Perhaps, if he had a wife and a child, he would value his life more.

In his life, Master Zhai had seen a lot of things. In the eyes of outsiders, there was nothing he could not do.

However, who knew the bitterness in the heart of the old man.

There were only a few people left in the Zhai family. His eldest son and daughter-in-law had left this world already.

His only grandson also had little attachment to this world. He refused to take his life seriously.

In the face of Master Zhai’s heartfelt words, Yu Simiao did not dare to speak.

He was just an outsider. It was not his place to say anything about the Zhai family’s affairs.

Master Zhai continued to lament: “I want him to find someone that can understand him. I want him to find someone that he wants to protect and love. If he finds someone like that, he would treasure his own life more.”

“Master Zhai, please don’t worry. Master Sheng is still young. He’ll definitely find someone like that.”

“I’m afraid that I won’t even have a chance to wait! He’s going to kill himself somehow before he finds someone like that!”

Master Zhai’s eyes were filled with helplessness.

After lamenting about his grandson, Master Zhai asked Yu Simiao about something that had nothing to do with the Zhai family. However, this matter had been a hotly discussed topic in the capital for a while:

“By the way, do you know that the Qin family sent someone to Hengyuan City to look for their illegitimate son?”

Chapter 315: The Qin Family Finds Qin Chuan

“This... I’m not too sure about it,” Yu Simiao replied. Naturally, Yu Simiao was not as well-informed as Master Zhai. “However, Qin Shixuan from the Qin family has indeed been in Hengyuan City for quite some time.”

It was not easy for him to guess the purpose of Qin Shixuan’s visit to Hengyuan City.

These were the affairs of the Qin family. It was not something that they, the small families in Hengyuan City, could ask about.

“Ahh, they at least have an illegitimate son. Why can’t these two in my family give me an illegitimate son or grandson...”

Master Zhai couldn’t get his mind off this matter.

His thoughts kept coming back to this.

This obsession... It was quite a deep obsession.

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Qin Chuan’s dormitory roommates dragged Qin Chuan to sign up for the ‘Zerg Invasion’ tournament with them.

“Qin Chuan, we usually work so hard already! Let’s play in this tournament to have some fun!”

Qin Chuan agreed to their request. It had indeed been quite a long time since he had played a game for fun.

Before, he had played games so he could understand the culture and environment of the industry.

However, back then, he didn’t have the heart to play the games properly. He had to worry about his mother’s illness and also financial issues. This made him focus on dealing with his business.

However, now, their company was growing steadily. His mother’s condition had also stabilized.

As he thought about his mother, Qin Chuan unavoidably thought of Jian Yiling again.

In recent times, whenever he thought about something, he always somehow connected that thought to Jian Yiling.

He had to admit that at first, he had misunderstood Jian Yiling. He thought that she was a timid girl. He also thought that she was just an ordinary underachieving student who was pampered by her family.

However, recently, Jian Yiling’s image in his mind had completely changed.

In fact, whenever he thought of Jian Yiling, the corners of Qin Chuan’s mouth would rise uncontrollably.

Bai Youqian, Qin Chuan’s roommate and business partner who lived in the same dormitory, noticed Qin Chuan’s strange expression.

“Qin Chuan, what’s wrong? Are you in love? Why are you smiling like that? Hehehe...”

“Hey, don’t guess blindly like that. There’s no such thing,” Qin Chuan replied. He decisively dismissed Bai Youqian’s guess.

“Then why are you smiling so happily?”

“My mother’s condition is getting better.”

Qin Chuan instantly made up a very reasonable excuse for his good mood.

However, after a few more minutes, he sent another message to Jian Yiling.

[My mother’s health is in much better condition. I need to properly thank you and Dr. Cheng for your efforts.]

When Qin Chuan had been tutoring Jian Yiling, he had added her as a friend on WeChat.

However, back then, they had basically never sent messages to each other.

But now, because they had to communicate about his mother’s condition in a timely manner, there was much more communication between the two of them.

Of course, Qin Chuan was always the one who initiated the conversations. He typically sent a long message to Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling on the other hand replied with one or two words. At most, it was three words.

This time there was no exception. Qin Chuan received a reply from Jian Yiling that said: [You’re welcome.]

The first thing that came to his mind when he read these words was Jian Yiling’s serious face. Although her face was often serious and deadpan, he couldn’t help but smile as he thought of her.

At this moment, a group of men in suits and uniforms entered Qin Chuan’s dormitory.

When they saw Qin Chuan, their attitude was respectful.

Qin Chuan was both surprised and puzzled by their arrival.

“Young Master Qin, there are some things that we want to confirm with you and your mother. Please come with us on this trip.”

Chapter 316: New Big Shot Qin Chuan (1)

A big news story broke out of Hengyuan City: The Head of the Qin family from the capital found their biological son in Hengyuan City.

As soon as this news came out, the entire circle of big shots in Hengyuan City was in an uproar.

The Qin family’s status in the capital was almost untouchable.

And their family’s illegitimate son was actually in Hengyuan City?

Everyone knew that the Head of the Qin family only had one daughter. He didn’t have a son.

Furthermore, his wife had passed away last year.

This meant that this illegitimate son was likely to be the next heir of the Qin family!

This meant his status was going to be equivalent to Master Sheng! And Master Sheng was also in Hengyuan City today!

However, Master Sheng was not a person that they could get along with. Typically, they couldn't even see the person. There was no chance for them to get on good terms with him.

However, it might be possible to meet the new big shot of the Qin family. If they are friendly with him when he's young and inexperienced, it was undoubtedly a good way to get on good terms with him.

As soon as He Yan learned of this news, she asked someone to find information related to Qin Chuan.

To her surprise, she discovered that Qin Chuan had interacted with the Jian family before.

He had been hired by Jian Yuncheng to be Jian Yiling's tutor.

He Yan couldn't help but laugh coldly. Jian Yiling's life was indeed very good. A tutor that her brother had casually found was to be the heir of the Qin family.

Then, she remembered that Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng were also close friends. The more she thought about this, the more unhappy she became.

When Jian Yiling heard about this news, she was quite confused.

According to the original novel, Qin Chuan was not meant to return to the Qin family for at least three more years.

Now, in this timeline, he returned to his family three years earlier.

Was there something different that happened?

Jian Yiling began to ponder about it. The only thing that she had changed in relation to Qin Chuan was his mother's illness.

In the original novel, Qin Chuan's mother would have already died by this time.

Could it be that because Qin Chuan's mother was alive, it opened up the possibility for Qin Shixuan to find Qin Chuan and his mother?

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The Qin family hoped for Qin Chuan to immediately return to the capital. However, Qin Chuan insisted on staying in Hengyuan City. His mother's condition was still not completely stabilized.

After receiving instructions from his cousin, Qin Shixuan decided to organize a banquet in Hengyuan City. During the banquet, they would make Qin Chuan's identity public.

Many people from Hengyuan City were invited to the banquet. Some of the people who got invited had business connections with the Qin family and others were related to the Qin family in some way or another.

The Jian family also received an invitation from Qin Chuan.

In reality, Qin Chuan's invitation was intended for Jian Yiling.

It was Jian Yiling who helped his mother get better. This was something that he would not forget.

However, Qin Chuan had promised to not reveal her identity to others. And thus, he could not directly invite Jian Yiling.

Thereby, he simply invited the entire Jian family.

The Jian family was also one of the largest families in Hengyuan City. It made sense to invite them. No one would think too much about it.

After the Jian family received the invitation, He Yan was the happiest.

Wen Nuan who was previously indifferent about such events had also dressed up this time.

Today, she was going to go to the banquet with her daughter. It was a rare opportunity to spend time with her daughter.

Wen Nuan looked at herself in the mirror before she turned around and asked her husband: "How do I look? Do I look fine?"

Wen Nuan wanted to show off her good side in front of her daughter.

Jian Shuxing praised his wife: "You're very beautiful. Don't worry."

Wen Nuan added: "I'm not afraid that I'm not beautiful. I just want Yiling to like my outfit. Yiling complimented this outfit before. She also liked the jewelry that accompanied this outfit."

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Upon hearing this, Jian Shuxing's heart was astringent for a moment, "Yiling..."

It felt as though he had a fishbone stuck in his throat. He didn't know what to say.

After a while, he tried to comfort his wife: "It will get better. Our Yiling will come back to us."

After dressing up, Wen Nuan and her husband headed towards the Old Jian Residence to pick up Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yunmo declined their invitation. He said that he had to revise and edit one of his thesis papers. He still had to discuss it with his tutor over the Internet.

And thus, Wen Nuan and Jian Shuxing decided not to force him to go.

Before leaving, Jian Yiling left him a puzzle box. The box was constructed in a special way. It was not something that could be opened easily.

When Jian Yunmo saw the box, he smiled. His sister was worried that he would be bored at home. And thus, she had left him a puzzle to solve.

This was a game that the two of them used to play. They would give each other puzzles to solve.

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The venue of the banquet was at a villa on the outskirts of Hengyuan City.

Not long after Jian Yiling and the others arrived, Jian Shuhong and He Yan also arrived.

Out of their children, Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan had only brought Jian Yiling. On the other hand, Jian Shuhong and He Yan didn't bring any of their children with them.

He Yan wanted to bring them. However, Jian Yumin said that he was busy with his new album. On the other hand, Jian Yujie said that he was learning something. In the last few days, he didn't even want to leave his room, let alone come to this banquet.

Neither of the brothers knew that Jian Yiling was going to the banquet today. If they knew about this, they might have had the time to come.

As soon as He Yan saw Wen Nuan, her calculating heart started to work again.

Whenever Wen Nuan came to such occasions, she was always at ease. All the wives of noble families liked to talk to her.

When compared to Wen Nuan, she was left in the cold.

"Mrs. Jian, is that your daughter? She's so beautiful!"

The other wives complimented Jian Yiling when they saw her.

Wen Nuan smiled and responded politely. After a while, she noticed that her daughter wasn't really keen on dealing with small talk. And thus, she took her daughter to a nearby corner and got her some food.

Mrs. Qian also appeared at this banquet. She had a pretty girl beside her as well.

When the crowd saw this, they were all incredibly curious: "Mrs. Qian, I've only heard that you have a son. Since when did you get a daughter as well?"

Mrs. Qian replied with a smile: "Her name is Mo Shiyun. She's like a sister to me."

Mrs. Qian took this opportunity to introduce Mo Shiyun to everyone.

Upon hearing this, everyone greeted Mo Shiyun.

Mrs. Qian's purpose for bringing Mo Shiyun to the banquet today was clear. She wanted Mo Shiyun to get to know more people in society. She also wanted to help Mo Shiyun lay a good foundation for her future.

If she had not been accompanied by Mrs. Qian, with Mo Shiyun's background, it would have been incredibly difficult for her to come into contact with these people at the banquet. In fact, she might not have been able to do so in her entire lifetime.

Mrs. Qian was very good to Mo Shiyun.

As soon as Mo Shiyun had lost her previous role, she had immediately arranged a new role for Mo Shiyun.

Furthermore, the way she treated Mo Shiyun was not affected in any way by the last fiasco.

However, Mo Shiyun could no longer trust Mrs. Qian as she did in the very beginning.

Although she didn't know whether or not there was any relationship between Mrs. Qian and Jian Yiling, her heart still felt uncomfortable.

The new role that Mrs. Qian had arranged for her was just as good as the previous one. However, this time, Mo Shiyun didn't make a post on her social media about it. She didn't let anyone else around her know about it either. Of course, this included Zhu Sha.

All she wanted to do now was to shoot the movie in peace. She wanted to earn money and make life more comfortable for herself and her mother.

Mo Shiyun saw Jian Yiling at the banquet. However, she quickly withdrew her gaze.

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Mo Shiyun didn't want to have any more encounters with Jian Yiling.

Today, she only wanted to accompany Mrs. Qian at the banquet. She wanted to avoid Jian Yiling as much as she could.

And thus, Mo Shiyun withdrew her gaze from Jian Yiling. She smiled at the ladies in front of her.

Mo Shiyun's conduct was natural, unrestrained, and polite. Furthermore, with Mrs. Qian speaking for her, everyone she spoke to had a good impression of her.

Soon after, the key individual of the day arrived in front of the crowd. This person was Qin Chuan.

Qin Chuan was dressed in a light grey suit. The way he dressed up made him look like an elite in the business world. Everyone at the banquet couldn't help but exclaim in their hearts that although Qin Chuan was an illegitimate son, he still had the looks and presence of an aristocrat. It was true that dragons gave birth to dragons and phoenixes gave birth to phoenixes. Even though Qin Chuan didn't grow up in the Qin family, he still appeared quite capable.

There was also a young yet capable woman that accompanied Qin Chuan.

She was dressed stylishly and looked incredibly elegant.

After being introduced, it was revealed that this young woman was none other than Qin Yufan. She was Qin Chuan's half-sister and the only daughter of the Qin family in the capital.

This year, Qin Yufan was eighteen years old. She was only one year younger than Qin Chuan.

In terms of birth and appearance, she could be considered the best of the best.

And thus, the crowd's curiosity grew.

If Qin Chuan didn't exist, then Qin Yufan would be the only heir to the Qin family.

However, now that Qin Chuan appeared out of nowhere, he took away her position as the heir. If one were to look at the situation, they would assume that Qin Chuan and Qin Yufan were enemies.

However, today, she had accompanied Qin Chuan to the banquet. It appeared as though she was officially recognizing him as a member of the Qin family.

The moment Qin Yufan appeared, everyone's attention was drawn to her.

They, the ordinary aristocrats of Hengyuan City, could not be compared to the Qin family from the capital.

In front of Qin Yufan, the ladies from Hengyuan City could only be seen as ordinary people.

Jian Yiling was also no match for Qin Yufan. She was only a little princess in Hengyuan City.

The crowd's commotion made Jian Yiling notice Qin Yufan.

She knew of Qin Yufan as she had read the original novel. Qin Yufan played a bigger role in the original novel than she did.

Strictly speaking, Qin Yufan was also the villain of the original novel.

Whilst everyone's attention was on Qin Yufan and Qin Chuan, another guest arrived.

It was Zhai Yunsheng and Yu Xi.

As soon as Zhai Yunsheng appeared, more commotion erupted from the crowd.

As the Qin family hosted a banquet in Hengyuan City, one of the first people that they delivered the invitation to was Zhai Yunsheng.

Other than the Zhai family, the Qin family didn't really pay regards to any other family in Hengyuan City.

Only the Zhai family was roughly comparable to the Qin family. And thus, they had to be invited to the banquet.

As soon as Zhai Yunsheng entered the room, half of the attention was diverted from Qin Chuan and Qin Yufan.

This man was way too dazzling.

Zhai Yunsheng was still dressed casually today. He had his hands in his trouser pockets.

However, unlike Qin Chuan's upright and righteous aura, Zhai Yunsheng gave off a strange feeling. It felt as though he was both good and evil.

Qin Yufan's eyes lingered on Zhai Yunsheng as soon as he appeared. Then, her eyes never left him.

She had liked Zhai Yunsheng for a long time. This time, she came to Hengyuan City for Zhai Yunsheng and not for her half-brother.

Yu Xi was the first out of the two to find Jian Yiling in the corner of the banquet. He started to walk towards her without thinking.

When Zhai Yunsheng saw Yu Xi walk towards Jian Yiling, he also followed him without delay.

The two of them had just reached Jian Yiling when Qin Yufan had also walked over.

Chapter 319: Zhai Yunsheng Invites a Girl to Dance for the First Time

“Master Sheng,” Qin Yufan cried out. Her voice was excited and happy as she said this. “I thought that you wouldn’t come today.”

Zhai Yunsheng’s temper had always been eccentric. When faced with an invitation, whether or not he would go would entirely depend on his mood.

Even if it was the Qin family that invited him, he wouldn’t necessarily be bothered to go.

Qin Yufan was looking forward to the possibility of seeing Zhai Yunsheng at the banquet today. She hadn’t expected him to actually come.

And thus, she was really happy to see him.

Zhai Yunsheng took a look at Qin Yufan. His lips curled up a little and his smile had a hint of contempt and disdain.

Then, he turned around and found a seat. He didn’t reply to Qin Yufan.

Typically, Zhai Yunsheng’s behavior would be considered quite rude. Everyone else at the banquet watched the interaction between Zhai Yunsheng and Qin Yufan with fear and trepidation.

However, the Qin family was used to it already. Furthermore, Qin Yufan didn’t think that there was anything rude about Zhai Yunsheng’s behavior.

Qin Yufan was not discouraged by Zhai Yunsheng’s behavior. She continued to take the initiative to talk to Zhai Yunsheng: “Master Sheng, how long do you plan to stay in Hengyuan City?”

Zhai Yunsheng narrowed his eyes. However, he didn’t turn his head to look at Qin Yufan. “Miss Qin, are you sure that you don’t need to accompany your brother? This banquet was hosted for his sake.”

The smile on Qin Yufan’s face did not dim. However, the light in her eyes dimmed considerably.

“Yeah, the banquet was hosted for his sake. However, he can handle everyone else. He doesn’t need my help.”

Qin Yufan did not call Qin Chuan ‘brother’. Although she accompanied Qin Chuan to the banquet today, it seemed as though in her heart, she didn’t really acknowledge Qin Chuan’s identity yet.

Following this, Qin Yufan invited Zhai Yunsheng to dance: “Master Sheng, would you like to dance together on the dance floor?”

Zhai Yunsheng snorted before he said: “Shouldn’t a guy invite a girl to these kinds of things?”

This was indeed true. However, Qin Yufan knew that it was impossible for Zhai Yunsheng to take the initiative to ask a girl to dance.

And thus, she had taken the initiative to ask him.

She didn’t mind initiating these kinds of things.

Qin Yufan's body was full of confidence. She was not afraid of rejection nor the looks of others.

No matter what she did, she didn't need other people's judgment to determine whether it was good or bad!

"Wait, so are you planning to invite me?" Qin Yufan asked. Her eyes were filled with anticipation.

If Zhai Yunsheng said such a thing, did it mean that he might take the initiative to invite others to dance today?

At this moment, Wen Nuan and Jian Shuxing felt quite awkward. Initially, they had only planned to stay in a corner with their daughter. They hadn't expected everyone to come over to this corner.

Furthermore, the people who were standing here were from the Zhai and the Qin families! Just their presence put a lot of pressure on them.

And thus, the two of them wanted to take Jian Yiling somewhere else.

However, Zhai Yunsheng suddenly turned his head and asked Jian Yiling: "Miss Jian, would you like to accompany me for a dance?"

The moment Zhai Yunsheng said this, the gazes of the surrounding people fell on Jian Yiling in unison.

Among them, Qin Yufan's gaze was particularly bitter and cold.

The people of Hengyuan City didn't know this but Qin Yufan knew very well that Zhai Yunsheng had never asked a girl to dance!

Who was this girl? And why did Master Sheng ask her to dance?

The hearts of Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan were jumping up to their throats.

They had never thought that Zhai Yunsheng would ask their daughter for a dance.

Everyone was waiting for Jian Yiling's response. This included Zhai Yunsheng.

"I don't know how to dance," Jian Yiling responded. She politely refused Zhai Yunsheng.

"That's fine. I'll teach you," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He didn't mind being her dance teacher.

As he said this, Zhai Yunsheng had already gotten up to stand in front of Jian Yiling. He made the gesture of a gentleman inviting a lady to dance.

Chapter 320: Is this Your First Time Dancing with a Man?

If Jian Yiling refused again, the situation would become really awkward.

Especially if she refused Zhai Yunsheng again. Half the attention of the entire crowd was on him today.

If it was a stranger standing in front of her today, Jian Yiling wouldn't have thought twice about whether or not that stranger would be embarrassed.

However, it was Zhai Yunsheng. In the past, Zhai Yunsheng had helped her many times. And thus, Jian Yiling couldn't simply ignore his request.

After weighing her options, Jian Yiling got up and placed one of her hands on Zhai Yunsheng's palm.

The moment her palm touched his hand, Jian Yiling flinched for a moment.

Zhai Yunsheng looked down at the soft white hand in his palm. He gently pulled her over and led her to the dance floor.

Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan watched their daughter leave with mixed feelings. Their daughter had been invited to dance with a dangerous man. They couldn't help but feel worried.

However, even though they were worried, the only thing that they could do was watch. On such an occasion, it was reasonable for a man to invite a woman to dance. Since Jian Yiling had also agreed to dance with Zhai Yunsheng, the two of them couldn't say much either.

Qin Chuan had also intended to walk over to Jian Yiling's corner. However, on his way there, he was stopped by a few people. These people congratulated and exchanged pleasantries with him. After that, he saw Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng enter the dance floor together.

Qin Chuan asked the people around him and found out that the man was Zhai Yunsheng.

Qin Yufan didn't mind Zhai Yunsheng rejecting her invitation. However, what she did mind was that Zhai Yunsheng had invited another girl to dance after rejecting her.

This was the first time Qin Yufan had ever looked at a girl in this way.

It was a young girl who looked several years younger than her.

For the first time, Qin Yufan felt jealousy.

Zhai Yunsheng, who had never let a woman get close to him, had asked a young girl to dance with him.

He Yan also looked at the scene in front of her. She couldn't describe what she was feeling.

The only thing that she could say was that Jian Yiling was incredibly tactful. She appeared to look soft and weak on the outside. However, in reality, she was calculating and ruthless! Otherwise, why would Zhai Yunsheng fall for her?!

He Yan then took a glance at Wen Nuan. When she saw the worried expression on Wen Nuan's face, she couldn't help but sneer to herself.

Her sister-in-law was indeed good at pretending! Her daughter was quite capable. So capable that she managed to climb into the arms of Master Sheng. And there Wen Nuan was, pretending to be worried. It was obvious that in her heart she was delighted about this matter!

Now, the attention of the entire banquet hall fell on Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

This was rare. Way too rare.

Master Sheng from the capital was dancing with the Jian family's domineering and unreasonable young lady.

After entering the dance floor, Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling did not care about the eyes of others.

Jian Yiling really did not know how to dance. And thus, Zhai Yunsheng began to patiently teach her.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng noticed that Jian Yiling was incredibly clumsy at dancing. It seemed as though being nimble with one's fingers had no correlation to their dance skills.

It appeared as though he discovered one of her shortcomings.

And thus, Zhai Yunsheng started to laugh.

He lowered his head and whispered in Jian Yiling's ears: "If you really don't know how to dance, just step on my shoes. I'll lead you."

As Zhai Yunsheng had suddenly gotten too close to Jian Yiling, her entire body stiffened.

"No. Don't... Don't come too close."

Her voice was incredibly soft and embarrassed.

Zhai Yunsheng's smile grew as he asked: "Could it be that this is your first time dancing with a man?"

"Yes."

Upon hearing this answer, Zhai Yunsheng smiled even more, "Actually, this is also the first time that I've danced with a girl."

"Then, who did you dance with before?"

It was obvious that Zhai Yunsheng knew how to dance. He was very skilled at dancing.