

Sidekick 361

Chapter 361: Is This Not a Dream?!

“Ahhh!!!” Jian Yumin cried out in shock.

Upon hearing the noise, the head next to him moved a little.

Luo Xiuen hadn't yet opened her eyes, however, her anger flared up: “Who is it? Who is disturbing my sleep?! I'll fight you if you don't shut up!”

After muttering a few more words, Luo Xiuen slowly opened her sleepy eyes.

Her eye's met Jian Yumin's.

“Xie Minyu? Huh? Am I not awake yet? Did I dream about my idol again? Wow, that's quite a nice dream then. I guess I can sleep for a bit longer.”

Luo Xiuen thought that she was still dreaming.

Then she started to stare at Jian Yumin impudently.

Jian Yumin was about to freak out. His first reaction was to leave the place immediately.

Jian Yumin was just about to get up from the bed when he suddenly realized that he wasn't wearing any clothes.

The blanket slipped down and revealed his abs. He had developed abs from the years of dancing.

“Wow~” Luo Xiuen commented. She stared at Jian Yumin's abs before she exclaimed presumptuously: “My idol is indeed worthy of being my idol. Even his abs are as good as mine. But this is my dream so it's probably based on my own imagination. I wonder if he has abs in real life.”

“Hey, wake up! Get up! This is not a dream!” Jian Yumin shouted at Luo Xiuen as he frantically searched for clothes to put on.

Luo Xiuen froze for a moment before she reached out and slapped herself in the face.

“Crap!”

This isn't a dream?!

This is reality?!

No way! If this wasn't a dream... Then why was she in the same room as Xie Minyu? And it was also...

Crap! Crap! Crap!

What had even happened last night?

Luo Xiuen desperately tried to remember what happened yesterday. However, she only managed to remember that she was drinking with other people. She couldn't recall how she got into the room or how she got into the bed.

Was she that drunk? Did she force him to do something whilst she was drunk?

Oh my god, did she act on things that she had imagined in her spare time?!

Luo Xiuen, Luo Xiuen, you've gone way too far! You can't use violence and force against your idol! Luo Xiuen thought to herself.

Luo Xiuen looked at Jian Yumin. Her heart was full of remorse and regret.

She really shouldn't have done that!

Jian Yumin did not know what Luo Xiuen was imagining. Instead, he was trying to look for his clothes. However, he couldn't find them anywhere.

"Where did you put my clothes?!" Jian Yumin yelled out with exasperation.

"Wait... I didn't tear them up, did I?" Luo Xiuen said quietly. She didn't say this with much confidence.

She didn't know what she did last night. Other than the drinking, she couldn't remember anything else.

"You..." Jian Yumin started. He was speechless.

What the hell was this!?

Was there anyone who could tell him what had happened last night?!

As the two of them were staring at each other, there was a knock on the door of the hotel room.

"I'll go open the door. You can hide under the covers."

As Luo Xiuen discovered that she was still wearing her clothes, she got out of bed and ran to answer the door.

On the other hand, Jian Yumin had to stay under the bedsheets.

When the door opened, Luo Xiuen saw Cheng Yi.

"I'm here to bring your idol a change of clothes," Cheng Yi said. He handed a bag with clean clothes to Luo Xiuen.

Luo Xiuen took another look at the situation before she pulled at Cheng Yi's hand. She whispered to him:

"Cheng Yi, tell me what happened last night. Did I do something immoral?"

"It's not that immoral. You both had too much to drink last night. Then, you said that you wanted to be sworn brothers with him."

"Sworn brothers?" Luo Xiuen stammered. She couldn't believe what she was hearing. "Then, then... Why were we sleeping in the same room? And his clothes... His clothes..."

Chapter 362: Don't Tell Yiling

"You puked on his clothes... You were the one who puked all over him. However, you somehow managed to not get any vomit on yourself. Because you puked all over Yumin, we had to strip him of his shirt and trousers... As for why the two of you were in the same room..."

"What's the reason for that?"

“Well, you said that you wanted to take him back to his room. You said that since you threw up all over him, you were responsible for him. And thus, you wanted to personally send him back to his hotel room. No one could stop you. And thus, you dragged him all the way to this room and collapsed here as well.”

“Were you there?”

“Of course. Professor Xu was there as well.”

“Then why didn’t you carry me out of the room?”

“Sister En, we do not dare to touch or move you!”

No one in the Institution dared to touch Sister En. No one had a death wish.

They didn’t know whether or not Sister En had collapsed in the room on purpose.

And thus, they chose to walk away and locked the door on the two of them.

Luo Xiuen breathed a sigh of relief: “Thank goodness. I didn’t do anything bad. I thought I did some immoral things.”

After a moment, Luo Xiuen felt a little disappointed.

However, she didn’t know what she was disappointed about.

Then, Luo Xiuen said to Cheng Yi, “By the way, don’t you dare tell Yiling about what happened today!”

“Why?”

“What do you mean why? I nearly did immoral things to her cousin! I can’t let her know about this! Are you a wooden club or something?”

Cheng Yi hung his head down. He pushed his glasses with one hand and couldn’t help mutter to himself: “I wonder which wooden club chased after Yiling’s cousin last night and said they wanted to be sworn brothers with him...”

Luo Xiuen noticed Cheng Yi’s eyes darting around: “What are you thinking about now?”

“Nothing, nothing. I’m not thinking about anything,” Cheng Yi replied in a rush. “Hmm, Sister En, do you want to give him a change of clothes first? In any case, he’s still an idol...”

“I know he’s an idol! Also, why are you asking me to give him the change of clothes? Give it to him yourself! I’m leaving!”

Luo Xiuen shoved the bag back into Cheng Yi’s hands and walked away without looking back.

As she walked away, she muttered: “Damn, if someone caught me on camera, it would seem like I did something to him! Do I seem like the type of person to do that?”

Cheng Yi looked at the bag in his hands and walked into the room with a helpless expression on his face.

After changing into clothes, Jian Yumin warned Cheng Yi: “Don’t tell Yiling what happened today!”

“Why?”

“My sister is still young! Don’t lead her astray!”

“...”

Lead his sister astray?

Psh, what knowledge of the human body did Yiling not know? A man and woman sleeping together in a hotel didn’t mean anything to her!

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After the broadcast, the Jian family had also been affected.

Grandpa Jian was in a bad mood.

“Old man, isn’t this a good thing? Ever since the broadcast, many of your friends and business associates have been calling you about it. They’ve expressed their envy and jealousy. However, why are you upset about this?”

When Grandma Jian looked at Grandpa Jian, she couldn’t help but wonder why he was sulking.

“What is there to be jealous of? If I have to rely on my granddaughter to make me look good, then my life would have been in vain!”

Grandpa Jian didn’t need his granddaughter to improve his reputation.

The achievements that he had made in his life alone were enough to make people look at him with admiration.

He didn’t need to be concerned about what his granddaughter did.

“Well, even if you don’t care about the respect that your granddaughter is bringing to you, you don’t have to put on a frown, do you? It’s a good thing, not a bad thing!”

Chapter 363: Finding Excuses to Visit the Old Jian Residence

“You silly old woman, if our darling takes her college entrance exams ahead of time, she will have to go to university afterward! If she wants to attend a really good university, wouldn’t she have to go to another city?”

“Oh, that’s true!” Grandma Jian suddenly realized.

That was a big deal!

Jian Yiling was studying locally for high school, however, she wouldn’t necessarily study locally for university!

Initially, there would be still two and a half years before Jian Yiling went to university. However, that time frame had suddenly been shortened to six months!

Grandpa Jian continued to mutter unhappily: “And you’re still asking me why I’ve been unhappy? She hasn’t even stayed with us for a long time. And now, she’s going to leave so soon. Why would you be happy about this?”

After realizing this, Grandma Jian was indeed not happy anymore.

Then, Grandpa Jian suggested to Grandma Jian: "Hey, old woman, why don't you suggest to Yiling to study at a local university? I think Hengyuan University is not bad. It's one of the best universities around here."

"No, no. You're being unreasonable. She's grown up already. You can't restrain her like that."

Grandma Jian was determined to not do this.

She didn't want to keep her darling to herself. She wanted to support her granddaughter to do what she wanted to do. She didn't want to hold Yiling back.

As Grandma Jian and Grandpa Jian argued about Yiling's future, Wen Nuan and Jian Yuncheng arrived at the Old Jian Residence.

Grandma Jian said in a bad mood: "Can you guys stop coming over as soon as something happens? The excuses that you guys are finding are terrible."

As her motive got exposed by Grandma Jian, Wen Nuan retorted in a quiet voice: "Then why don't you let us take Yiling back home? We won't have to find excuses to come to the Old Jian Residence anymore."

Wen Nuan felt a bit upset. However, she didn't have much confidence in her words.

"No! That won't do! Since ancient times, it's hard for a girl to come back once she's been sent out of the house!" Grandma Jian replied with an unfriendly tone. Despite this, she still cared inside.

Either way, she wouldn't listen to their suggestion! They couldn't take Yiling away from her! Her darling had said that she wanted to stay with her!

"It's still the Jian household though," Wen Nuan said in a hurry.

Grandma Jian turned her head to speak to Grandpa Jian: "Grandpa Jian, our family has already split up, right? Our sons have all gone to live in their own homes, haven't they? Doesn't that mean that we're not in the same family anymore?"

"Yeah, we've split. We have nothing to do with them anymore."

Grandpa Jian waved his hand and had an expression of disdain on his face.

Then, Grandma Jian added: "Besides, Yiling said that she's willing to live with us. It's useless for you to say anything else."

The old couple who had just been arguing about their darling's future were now united against the 'outsiders'.

"But you're still my parents-in-law. That means I can come back to visit you right? Can't I bring my other children to your house? There's no rule that says that I, as a daughter-in-law, can't visit every day right?"

Wen Nuan started to act shamelessly as well.

Even if she couldn't take Jian Yiling away with her, Wen Nuan refused to leave easily with just a few words from Grandma and Grandpa Jian.

She had found a good excuse today. And thus, she was determined to have dinner with her daughter before she went home.

Furthermore, she would find excuses to visit, tomorrow, the day after, and the day after that as well.

Nowadays, they felt that their daughter was becoming more and more distant from them. She had her own social circles that were completely separate from theirs.

The news of Jian Yiling's involvement with the Huiling Medical Research Institution and Dr. F.S. meant that their daughter was quite capable and had good future prospects. However, at the same time, this meant that their daughter had become independent on her own.

The distance between them and her was growing.

If they didn't visit the Old Jian Residence more often, they might not have the chance to be close to their daughter in the future.

Wen Nuan felt incredibly sad as she thought about this.

Chapter 364: Change in the Plot

After the Institution's press conference, Jian Yuncheng continued to investigate the organization that had accused Jian Yiling of plagiarism.

However, before Jian Yuncheng could thoroughly investigate the matter, the organization came forward to apologize.

They issued a statement saying that the person who handled Jian Yiling's submissions was a casual worker. And thus, there was a misunderstanding due to the mishandling of the submission.

Such an explanation was hardly convincing. However, as there was no substantial evidence to counter that statement, for the time being, nothing else could be done. Furthermore, the agency was not located in Hengyuan City.

However, the doubts of the Internet about Jian Yiling had been completely put to rest.

Not only did Jian Yiling get rid of people's suspicions that she had plagiarised, but she also managed to skip a grade and take the college entrance exams ahead of time.

Shenghua High School even offered to place Jian Yiling in the Class for High Achievers for the Final Year of Senior High. They wanted her to attend those classes.

However, Jian Yiling had declined such an offer.

She accepted the offer to take the college entrance exams ahead of time however, she refused to change classes.

The school did not force her to do so either. They choose to respect her decision.

And thus, this made Jian Yiling become the new goddess and top student in the eyes of many students at Shenghua High School.

This was something that had never happened to Jian Yiling in the original novel.

At the same time, Mo Shiyun was spending less and less time at school. She was spending that time filming. It appeared as though she was determined to develop her career in the entertainment industry.

However, this did not happen in the original novel.

In the original novel, Mo Shiyun only took on one or two commercials in her senior year of high school. She did not decide to shoot in a drama series that required more time.

She knew that school was the most important thing for her at this stage in life.

It wasn't too late to wait until she was in university to continue her career in the entertainment industry. However, if she missed out on her college entrance exams, she wouldn't be able to do them again in her entire lifetime.

And thus, back then, Mo Shiyun had waited until she got into university before she started to pursue her acting career.

However, for some reason, Mo Shiyun's approach had completely changed.

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Because of what had happened last time, Qin Yufan paid some attention to Jian Yiling's plagiarism incident.

However, by the end of it, she was bored to oblivion.

Qin Yufan was a genius. She had been admitted to one of the top universities in China at the age of fifteen. Due to this reason, she wasn't surprised by Jian Yiling's attempt to move her college entrance exams to an earlier date.

If it weren't for the special treatment that Zhai Yunsheng gave to this girl on that occasion, she wouldn't waste her time on this.

However, from her observation in the past few days, it appeared as though Zhai Yunsheng's actions on that day did not have any special meaning.

Maybe he simply wanted to embarrass her that day. Or perhaps, he just felt playful.

The reason for this was because, during this period of time, she did not see or hear about any interaction between Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

Especially when Jian Yiling was accused of plagiarism, Zhai Yunsheng did not act at all.

If Zhai Yunsheng cared about a girl and she was in trouble, he would never stand by and do nothing.

And thus, this made Qin Yufan feel a lot more at ease.

As of now, she wanted to give a gift to Zhai Yunsheng. She had prepared the gift for a long time.

Some time ago, Qin Yuan discovered that Zhai Yunsheng was playing 'Zerg Invasion'.

And thus, she paid people to play in a team for the 'Zerg Invasion' tournament.

She invited players that were ranked at the top of the server to join her team.

Furthermore, she had them start from the auditions before they worked their way up to the top 20 in the world. Becoming one of the top 20 teams in the world allowed them to qualify for the offline tournament.

She planned to give this team to Zhai Yunsheng as a gift. Qin Yufan believed that Zhai Yunsheng would appreciate this special gift of hers.

Chapter 365: Master Sheng's Difference in Treatment

Qin Yufan and Jian Yiling met at the Yu Residence.

It was obvious that Qin Yufan dressed up before arriving at the Yu Residence. Her make-up was delicate and her medium length hair was just above her shoulders. The way she dressed made her look competent and elegant.

On the other hand, Jian Yiling's hair was still in a ponytail. She wore trousers and a long-sleeved shirt. She dressed in monotonous colors as well.

Qin Yufan noticed that Jian Yiling had a cartoon lunchbox in her hands.

She couldn't help but think to herself: How childish and immature. She's fifteen and she's still using a cartoon lunchbox?

On the other hand, Yu Xi was getting a headache. Initially, he invited Jian Yiling to discuss the details regarding their next match.

However, Qin Yufan had turned up without being invited. Despite this, he couldn't ask her to just leave as she was from the Qin family! He couldn't afford to offend her!

As Qin Yufan was here, he could no longer talk to God Ling about the details of the tournament.

Yu Xi also knew that Qin Yufan was most likely here for Master Sheng.

However, Master Sheng was not interested in seeing Qin Yufan. He didn't dare to wake up Master Sheng who was taking a nap just for Qin Yufan.

Qin Yufan was in no hurry to leave. Instead, she patiently said to Yu Xi: "I've prepared a gift for Master Sheng. Can you call him down for me?"

"Miss Qin, thank you for your kindness. However, Master Sheng does not lack anything. He typically won't accept gifts from others," Yu Xi replied politely.

This was the truth. Typically, Master Sheng would not accept gifts from anyone at all. He especially did not accept gifts from women.

Upon hearing Yu Xi's words, Jian Yiling hesitated for a moment. Then, she silently put the lunch box in her hand back into her small bag.

Qin Yufan continued to tell Yu Xi: "My gift is very special. I believe that Master Sheng will definitely like it."

Qin Yufan spoke with certainty.

If she hadn't been preparing in advance, she wouldn't have rushed over to give him the gift.

Yu Xi had an awkward expression on his face as he said: "Miss Qin, I really can't do anything about this. You know Master Sheng's temper."

"I understand," Qin Yufan replied. Qin Yufan knew that it was useless for her to talk with Yu Xi, "Then how about this, you let me wait for him here and when he comes downstairs, I will talk to him personally."

Yu Xi thought to himself that he couldn't say no. However, if he allowed Qin Yufan to sit in his living room, where would he talk to God Ling about the details of the upcoming tournament?

Yu Xi looked in Jian Yiling's direction. However, he saw that Jian Yiling had already gotten up and was ready to leave.

"Where are you going?" A sudden magnetic voice called out to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling looked up and saw Zhai Yunsheng. Zhai Yunsheng had just woken up.

He wore black trousers and a white blouse. His blouse was buttoned up poorly for some reason and it revealed skin on his chest.

With his hands in his trouser pockets, Zhai Yunsheng walked down the stairs, step by step.

He narrowed his eyes. One could not tell whether his eyes were narrowed because he had just woken up from a nap or because he was in a bad mood.

"Master Sheng," Qin Yufan said. She immediately got up and looked at him with a burning gaze.

Zhai Yunsheng walked past Qin Yufan and walked straight up to Jian Yiling. He extended his hand as if he was asking her for something.

"What?" Jian Yiling asked.

Her voice was soft and sweet. However, it was obvious that she was quite confused.

"Lunch box," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He had just seen that Jian Yiling had brought a lunch box in with her.

It was the same as the one he kept in the draw of his bedside table. That lunch box belonged to her as well.

Jian Yiling took out the lunch box again.

Zhai Yunsheng immediately took the lunch box from Jian Yiling's hands.

"Remember to return the lunch box to me," Jian Yiling said. She assumed that the first lunch box that she had given to him had already been thrown in the trash.

As Yu Xi watched the scene in front of him, his face hurt a little. He had just told Qin Yufan that Master Sheng did not accept gifts. However, soon after, Master Sheng took the initiative to ask God Ling for something.

Chapter 366: Suited to Be His Girlfriend

Zhai Yunsheng replied “Mhmm,” before he took the lunch box and headed to the table to eat.

Qin Yufan was watching the entire time. However, she was left hanging by Zhai Yunsheng.

Suddenly, the way that Qin Yufan looked at Jian Yiling became very unfriendly.

Qin Yufan couldn't help but feel that Jian Yiling was doing these things on purpose.

At such a young age, she had already learned to serve food to men.

It wasn't like the Yu family didn't have a chef in their residence.

That girl was young, yet she was quite sly.

Did Jian Yiling think that Master Sheng liked that type of girl?

Qin Yufan was convinced that Master Sheng would not like a girl who was delicate and acted like a caring and loving mother.

Qin Yufan walked to the table and said to Zhai Yunsheng: “I've heard that recently you've been playing the game 'Zerg Invasion'. I've formed a competitive team a while ago. As of now, this team has reached the top 20 in the world. According to the official tournament rules, the top 20 teams will become the official teams for the offline competition. I've heard that the games will also be broadcasted on multiple streaming platforms.”

Qin Yufan assumed that her words would attract Zhai Yunsheng's attention.

Qin Yufan continued to explain her gift to Zhai Yunsheng. She wanted to strike the iron while it's hot, “I want to give this team to you. If you're interested in playing the game, you can experience playing the game in an offline tournament. Furthermore, you can compete with the game's professionals.”

Qin Yufan supported men playing video games. She not only did not dislike them playing videos game but she also fully supported them.

She would never ask a man who was more important, her or the video game.

She wanted Zhai Yunsheng to know that she was the only person that was suited to be his girlfriend.

She would like the things that he liked. She would accompany him with the things that he wanted to do.

Qin Yufan's words surprised Yu Xi who was standing next to her.

If it was before, Yu Xi who was a game lover would have jumped up and down in excitement when he heard such news.

However, now Yu Xi did not show too much excitement.

The top 20 teams for the 'Zerg Invasion' offline tournament were already announced.

Out of the 20 teams, only three teams were from China. The rest of the 17 were teams from other countries.

And their team 'Domination' was one of those three.

So now, Yu Xi was at most surprised that the owner of one of the two remaining domestic teams was Qin Yufan.

Other than that, there was nothing to be excited about.

Compared to Qin Yufan's team, their team had competed together and achieved the top 20 with their own skills!

That was much more meaningful than paying to create a team!

However, Yu Xi could not deny that Qin Yufan's gift was indeed quite thoughtful.

If this gift had been prepared for him by his girlfriend, he would have probably kneeled down and proposed immediately.

However, Zhai Yunsheng did not even raise his head. He concentrated on the food in the lunch box in front of him.

The food was quite nice. However, there were too many vegetables.

Furthermore, the portion was also a little small.

Qin Yufan waited for a while. However, she did not receive a response from Zhai Yunsheng.

Qin Yufan couldn't believe Zhai Yunsheng's reaction. Could it be that this unique gift that she had prepared was worse than a meal from Jian Yiling?

After thinking for a moment, Qin Yufan continued to have a one-sided conversation with Zhai Yunsheng: "Master Sheng, I feel like you're probably quite good at this game. You wouldn't necessarily lose against those professional players. You'll be quite dazzling when you stand on the professional stage."

However, Zhai Yunsheng still did not respond to Qin Yufan. This made the atmosphere quite awkward.

Chapter 367: What About This Little Girl Then?

As Yu Xi felt that the atmosphere was a little awkward, he broke the silence and said to Qin Yufan: "Miss Qin, your gift is indeed incredibly thoughtful, however, Master Sheng does not need such a gift."

As Yu Xi explained the situation to Qin Yufan, Zhai Yunsheng spoke to Jian Yiling: "Next time, put more meat in the lunch box. I don't want carrots either. I'm not a rabbit."

Jian Yiling didn't respond. Instead, she silently reached out for the empty lunch box.

However, Zhai Yunsheng held the lunch box away from her: "I'll get Yu Xi to wash the lunch box and return it to you."

And thus, Jian Yiling could merely withdraw her hands.

Upon hearing this, Yu Xi grumbled to himself: "I don't know how to wash a lunch box... I don't even know how to wash a sock..."

However, after muttering a couple of words, Yu Xi realized that Zhai Yunsheng was staring at him. He immediately changed his words: "Never mind. I feel like my potential for washing dishes is very good!"

And just like that, the son of the Yu family had been reduced to a dishwasher. What had happened to him?

If Zhai Yunsheng stared at him a few more times, Yu Xi would probably be willing to say that he was a dishwasher in his previous life.

Qin Yufan was still waiting for Zhai Yunsheng's answer. However, it appeared as though he was merely interested in talking about lunch boxes with Jian Yiling.

Why was a cartoon lunch box worth talking about for half a day?

"Master Sheng, are you really not interested?" Qin Yufan asked again. She was undeterred by Zhai Yunsheng's lack of response.

If it had been someone else in front of her today, Qin Yufan would not have had such patience and such a temperament.

However, Zhai Yunsheng had always been like this. Not only with her, but with others as well. He had always acted this way.

And thus, Qin Yufan was prepared to face such an attitude.

She wasn't surprised by Zhai Yunsheng's attitude towards her today. However, she was surprised by his attitude towards Jian Yiling.

Zhai Yunsheng's actions towards this little girl were quite different.

"No," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He finally paid attention to Qin Yufan. However, he only replied to reject her gift mercilessly.

"Master Sheng, are you not interested in the gift itself, or are you not interested in accepting a gift that's from me?"

Qin Yufan wanted to know whether or not her gift did not appeal to him or whether he just didn't want anything that she gave to him.

"I'm not interested in either," Zhai Yunsheng replied with a snort. "Miss Qin, if I'm interested in something, I will get it myself. I do not need anyone to give it to me. People or things, they're all the same."

Such a decisive and ruthless rejection would have been too much for a normal girl.

However, Qin Yufan was not a normal girl. If she was, she wouldn't have visited the Yu Residence today.

Qin Yufan always believed that if you wanted something, you had to take the initiative to get it. You can't just let an opportunity slip by.

She liked Zhai Yunsheng. And thus, she had to express it and act upon it.

She wouldn't be one of those timid and shy girls who schemed for a so-called 'chance encounter'.

"Ahh, it seems like you don't like me. What about this little girl then?"

Qin Yufan wanted to hear Zhai Yunsheng's opinion of Jian Yiling.

She could understand that she was not liked by Zhai Yunsheng. However, she would refuse to accept that such a notorious little girl would be favored by Zhai Yunsheng.

Zhai Yunsheng glanced at Jian Yiling. He realized that Jian Yiling was also waiting for his answer.

Jian Yiling was also not sure why Zhai Yunsheng was helping her again and again. He helped her without asking for anything in return.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling for quite some time. His eyebrows were slightly knitted and his eyes seemed to be deep in thought. However, he did not answer for a long time.

When Yu Xi realized that the atmosphere was not right, he attempted to help Zhai Yunsheng explain the situation: "Miss Qin, Master Zhai said that he wanted to recognize Jian Yiling as his adopted granddaughter. In a sense, Miss Yiling would be Master Sheng's little sister."

Such an explanation would be more acceptable to Qin Yufan.

Chapter 368: Mo Shiyun Becomes Popular

Everyone from the capital knew the situation in the Zhai family. Although the Zhai family was quite well-off, there were only three members in the family. Furthermore, all three of them were single men.

And thus, if Master Zhai said that he wanted to accept a few granddaughters into the family, everyone would definitely believe it.

"No."

Before Qin Yufan could accept Yu Xi's explanation, Zhai Yunsheng immediately rejected such an explanation.

His grandpa had mentioned to Zhai Yunsheng the idea of accepting Jian Yiling as his granddaughter. However, Zhai Yunsheng had rejected the idea back then as well.

Zhai Yunsheng denied Yu Xi's claim. However, he didn't give a clearer answer.

He didn't give Qin Yufan any more time to ask further questions either. Instead, he asked his bodyguards to send her off.

His bodyguards came forward and separated Zhai Yunsheng and Qin Yufan.

"Miss Qin, please leave. Our Young Master is going to rest."

The bodyguards were skilled at lying through their teeth. In fact, that skill had been brought to a level of perfection. There was no way that Zhai Yunsheng was going to rest as Jian Yiling was still at the Yu Residence.

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Mo Shiyun's acting career had unexpectedly developed incredibly successfully. Even Mo Shiyun herself did not expect that she would become popular so quickly.

With the help of Mrs. Qian and He Yan, Mo Shiyun managed to become the female lead for the web drama that had originally cast her as the third female lead.

As the drama had an original fan base, as soon as it broadcasted, the popularity of the drama soared. It became the hottest drama on the Internet.

As the female lead, Mo Shiyun quickly became popular and her number of fans skyrocketed.

Then came all sorts of offers, commercials, variety shows, and film contracts.

Accepting a single commercial would pay Mo Shiyun millions of dollars.

This was something that Mo Shiyun and her mother, Mo Huiqin had never dared to think about before.

Now, Mo Shiyun was signed with a company. She had her own manager and assistant. All of a sudden, her life changed dramatically from what it used to be.

Mo Huiqin no longer had to work anymore. The only thing that she needed to do was to concentrate on taking care of her daughter.

When He Jianjun saw that his daughter had really made money, he felt that he had made the right decision. He stopped harassing Mo Shiyun and her mother.

He didn't know that although Mo Shiyun promised him money, she was secretly gathering evidence to prepare for the upcoming divorce lawsuit.

Without any worries, Mo Shiyun's work went more and more smoothly.

The company that signed Mo Shiyun helped her become a guest in a reality show.

The reality show would be broadcasted once a week. Every week, they would bring their guests to different locations to play games. Some of the games would include surviving in the wilderness and treasure hunts.

Each episode would record the guests' actions and broadcast them live for the audience to see.

Mo Shiyun knew that a reality show was a great way to build up her popularity and fanbase.

Furthermore, this particular show was hosted by a television station that had previously hosted many great variety shows. Their current program was expected to be the next popular hit.

And thus, many celebrities were vying for this opportunity.

Mo Shiyun was able to get this opportunity thanks to He Yan's connections in the entertainment industry.

When she asked about who else was going to be on the show, Mo Shiyun discovered that Jupiter's Xie Minyu was also going to be one of the guests.

Jupiter was a very popular idol group. And thus, it was only natural that Xie Minyu was invited by the show.

Reality shows needed to attract different types of viewers. And thus, they needed to invite handsome idol boys.

Mo Shiyun did not know that Xie Minyu was Jian Yumin. The only thing that she knew was that Jupiter and Jian Yiling had filmed a music video together.

She assumed that Jian Yiling and Xie Minyu merely had a collaborative relationship and not necessarily a personal one.

She had met a lot of those people since she had started filming. Most of them didn't even share their contact information whilst they collaborated.

Due to this reason, Mo Shiyun did not care too much about Xie Minyu.

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The first episode of the show was quite good. Mo Shiyun performed especially well in the show.

The show tested the guests' intelligence and their ability to survive in the wild.

Mo Shiyun's performance in this area was far superior to the other guests.

All the hardships and life skills that she had learned as a child with her mother had come in handy at this time.

From choosing her equipment before starting, to her survival skills in the wilderness, to cooking, to solving riddles that had been prepared, Mo Shiyun excelled in all of them.

And thus, she attracted a large number of fans and her popularity rose even further.

At this rate, Mo Shiyun would soon be in the top tier of actors. She was bound to have a great future.

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On the other hand, Jian Yumin was suffering.

Although he wasn't performing that badly, he was not a stand-out performer on the show. However, his straightforward personality and his muscular abs still caused his fans to squeal with excitement.

The response from his fans was so good that his manager praised him for it.

However, Jian Yumin was not satisfied with this. He didn't want to lose! That would be humiliating!

If you're playing a game, you would want to win! What was the purpose of losing?

"Eldest brother, please calm down. The audience reacts well to you. They like you the way you are," Jian Yujie said to Jian Yumin.

"No. I want to win," Jian Yumin replied. He didn't want his performance to be the same in the second week. This was not the outcome that he wanted.

“But eldest brother, you don’t have the advantage in IQ. Furthermore, you don’t have any life skills either,” Jian Yujie said to his brother. He was ruthless in his commentary.

His brother had the advantage when it came to his appearance and figure. He was also quite talented at singing and dancing.

Jian Yumin ignored his brother. Instead, he said: “In the next episode, they want us to bring a family member. I want to bring someone with a high IQ.”

“Oh? Do you plan to bring me? I’m not available though.”

“Huh? What are you thinking? Who’s bringing you? Do you have a higher IQ than me? Of course not! I’m planning to bring your second brother.”

“Wait, but he’s not here. Are you going to call him to come back?”

“Well, perhaps? He’s won so many prizes in Go. Technically, he can be on this show to increase his popularity as well!”

And thus, Jian Yumin called his second brother, Jian Yubo.

On the phone, Jian Yubo’s voice was low and unruffled as usual.

“I’m sorry. I’m busy for the time being.”

“Well, okay then. I won’t bother you.”

Jian Yumin didn’t try to continue the conversation with Jian Yubo. If he didn’t have time, there was no need for him to insist. After a few more words, he hung up the phone.

However, Jian Yubo, who was supposed to be in another city, was in a hotel in Hengyuan City at the moment.

He was standing in front of the hotel’s french windows. He had just showered. As his brother had called him suddenly, he didn’t have a chance to put on his shirt yet.

The light shone on his back. There was an obvious burn mark across his back.

Jian Yubo picked up the bracelet that he had taken off before the shower. He put it back on his wrist.

His thumb habitually brushed over a different bead.

There was a flash of an image from a long time ago.

On a sunny spring afternoon, in the courtyard of the Jian Residence, the sun shone through the trees and cast dappled shadows on the ground.

There was a handsome young boy sitting on the grass with his back against the tree trunk.

The boy held a heavy and thick book in his hand.

From afar, a young girl walked up to him. She pouted her lips before she said:

“Brother Yubo, have you seen my headband? It’s my favorite headband! There are a few rabbit beads on that headband.”

The little girl’s hair was loose and it draped softly over her shoulders.

Her mouth was slightly agape and she appeared to be a little unhappy.

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“Nope,” Jian Yubo replied. Jian Yubo was a teenager. However, somehow his voice managed to sound a little too old and deep for his age.

“Ahh, all right then,” the girl replied. She appeared to look a little disappointed to hear such a reply.

The little girl turned her head to leave, however, she hesitated for a moment. Then, she turned around again: “Brother Yubo, will you come and play with me? Let’s not read books! Books aren’t fun!”

“I don’t want to play,” Jian Yubo responded. His face was expressionless.

“Ahh, okay.” The little girl pursed her lips in disappointment before she ran away again.

After the girl left, the boy looked up. He gazed at the little girl who was running happily in the distance.

Then his eyes fell back to the book in his hand. There was a little girl’s headband with rabbit beads in his left palm.

A ringing at the door interrupted Jian Yubo’s thoughts.

Jian Yubo unlocked the door with a remote control to allow the person in.

A smartly dressed woman came through the door. She had a pile of information in her hands.

“Boss, here’s the information that you wanted. In addition, the internal secrets of the Jian family that you have in your hands have been released to their competitors. This should cause some damage to the business of the Jian family.”

The woman reported the whole thing in a formulaic manner. She didn’t look anywhere else. She had her gaze fixed on Jian Yubo.

“Furthermore, according to your mother’s instructions, we have given the best resources to the girl named Mo Shiyun. The evidence of Mo Shiyun’s mother’s theft has also been destroyed.”

“Understood. Continue to keep an eye on Jian Yuncheng,” Jian Yubo replied. The look on his face was as cold as his tone. Not a single slither of warmth could be felt from Jian Yubo.

“Yes, boss.”

Then, the female assistant left the room.

Jian Yubo picked up the information that had been left on the desk and flicked through it.

A shadow passed over his expressionless face.

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In the end, Jian Yumin approached Jian Yiling. He asked her to accompany him for the second episode of the reality show.

Jian Yumin sought after Jian Yiling not only because he was interested in Jian Yiling's IQ, but also because this was a way that he could spend some alone time with his sister on the weekend.

Ever since Jian Yunmo had returned from overseas, that guy had stolen Jian Yiling's weekends.

The two of them were either at home doing experiments, doing academic research, or in Grandpa Jian's greenhouse growing flowers and studying plants together.

No one else could interfere with them.

Even if Jian Yumin returned to the Old Jian Residence on the weekends, he wouldn't be able to get the attention of his sister.

However, it would be different if Jian Yiling accompanied him for the show.

The mere thought of surviving together in the wilderness and solving puzzles together was very exciting for Jian Yumin.

It took a lot of coaxing and shamelessly persisting before Jian Yiling finally agreed. Furthermore, he had to convince Grandma Jian to ask Jian Yiling as well.

Grandma Jian was only willing to help Jian Yumin because she was a fan of the show as well!

She had watched the first episode air with Grandpa Jian.

Initially, she watched the show because of her grandson. However, whilst Grandpa Jian was complaining about his grandson's stupidity the entire time, Grandma Jian was laughing her face off. It was quite funny to watch Jian Yumin make so many mistakes.

Grandma Jian's friends also watched the reality show. After watching the episode, they joked about Xie Minyu. What a straightforward yet simple-minded boy!

And thus, Grandma Jian was looking forward to seeing how her darling would perform in the show.

Grandma Jian was not concerned about Mo Shiyun being in the show as well. The guests could choose to go their own way and thus, there would not be much interaction between the guests.

Furthermore, they were not at fault for anything in the first place. There was no need to intentionally avoid Mo Shiyun.

After Jian Yiling agreed to Jian Yumin's request, Jian Yumin was delighted for quite some time.

Then, Jian Yumin began to explain the rules of the show to Jian Yiling. He told her about what they had to do.