

Sidekick 391

Chapter 391: Launch of a New Product (4)

He Yan couldn't help but comment: "Sister-in-law, was I wrong with what I just said? It seems as though Yiling's face is quite useful. We may still have to count on her for our family business."

He Yan could no longer hide the sour taste in her words.

No matter how nice her words were, Wen Nuan was not going to show her mercy. She didn't want to sugarcoat her words any longer!

Wen Nuan's face sank before she immediately replied: "Well if we have to count on Yiling, why don't we just hand over all the family business to Yiling? What do you think about that?"

He Yan was unable to reply to this.

He Yan was most concerned about the Jian family's assets. How could she possibly be willing to hand over all the family businesses to someone else? There was no way that she would be willing to do so.

He Yan smiled and explained: "Sister-in-law, you're misinterpreting my words. I'm just saying that Yiling is lucky to have such a face. It's good that she can help the family. It's not a bad thing."

Wen Nuan looked at He Yan coldly. She was not bothered to argue with her anymore.

In any case, her daughter wouldn't become involved in this.

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There were a lot of people who came to the launch of the new product. Qin Shixuan from the Qin family also attended. Qin Shixuan was representing the Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution.

As he managed an organization that also did chemical material research, he naturally had some interactions with Master Liang's company.

Qin Shixuan was quite curious about the new products that Master Liang had innovated.

He was also curious about the expert who had provided support in the final product.

In addition to the core technology that was required, the advancement of hardware technology was also incredibly important.

Without hardware upgrades, it was impossible to support a product with merely conceptual algorithms.

Master Liang's new product development had also been stuck on the hardware step.

"Uncle," Qin Yufan greeted. Upon seeing Qin Shixuan, Qin Yufan took the initiative to talk to him.

"Yufan, I didn't expect you to be interested in this launch too."

Qin Yufan had the talent and reputation to do many things. Her influence in the Qin family was much greater than Qin Shixuan's. This was because Qin Shixuan was merely a collateral relative whilst Qin Yufan was a direct descendant.

“There’s no reason for me not to come to Master Liang’s product launch. What about you though? Are you here for the new products?”

“I’m interested in the new products that Master Liang is putting into the market. However, I’m more interested in the expert who provided technical support.”

“Ahh, that’s true. You’re also in the same industry,” Qin Yufan replied. She could understand why her uncle was interested in such a person.

“Previously, the person who was responsible for Master Liang’s company had contacted us. They wanted us to provide relevant technical support. However, after our analysis, we realized that we could not meet Master Liang’s standards and requirements. Due to this reason, we had to refuse such an arrangement.”

Qin Shixuan wanted to collaborate with Master Liang’s company. However, his Institution was unable to meet the standard that Master Liang required.

“Ahhh, after you said that, I’ve also become interested in this person,” Qin Yufan replied. She was intrigued by Qin Shixuan’s words.

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Jian Yiling arrived at the event rather late. The venue was already full of people.

As Master Liang had invited her to attend, Jian Yiling couldn’t simply refuse the invitation.

As soon as she entered, she saw Qin Shixuan and Qin Yufan. The two of them were chatting.

When Qin Shixuan saw Jian Yiling, he took the initiative to greet her: “Miss Yiling.”

Qin Shixuan had a smile and a benevolent look on his face.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling nodded her reply. She didn’t know Qin Shixuan well. Due to this reason, her response to him was rather cold.

“Are you also interested in today’s new product launch?” Qin Shixuan asked. He was obviously more enthusiastic than Jian Yiling.

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“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied again. Her childish little face did not have any extra expression.

She seemed as though she didn’t care much about anything.

When faced with Qin Shixuan, a powerful man from the Qin family in the capital, it appeared as though she did not have any intention of climbing up the social ladder.

Jian Yiling had appeared the same way back when Qin Yufan had seen her at the Yu Residence the other day.

If it hadn’t been for the cartoon lunch box that she was holding in her hand, Qin Yufan would have assumed that she was an endearingly silly and carefree young girl.

However now, it merely seemed as though Jian Yiling was not interested in interacting with Qin Shixuan. It was as though she was only bothered to interact with a big shot like Zhai Yunsheng.

“I saw your parents just now. Did you not come with them?” Qin Shixuan asked with concern.

Jian Yiling did not know that Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan would also be at the launch today.

Jian Yiling glanced at the crowd in the venue. As expected, she saw Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan.

The two of them were currently talking to someone that they knew.

As Jian Yiling thought about whether or not she should go to her parents, Master Liang headed over to her.

Master Liang had instructed the people at the entrance of the launch to inform him when Jian Yiling arrived.

“Master Liang,” Qin Shixuan greeted politely.

Master Liang was well respected by everybody. Even if the Head of the Qin family was here, he would still show consideration and courtesy towards Master Liang.

However, Master Liang walked right past Qin Shixuan and Qin Yufan. He went straight to Jian Yiling.

“You’ve come at last.”

Master Liang smiled as he said this. It seemed as though he was blaming Jian Yiling for being late. However, at the same time, it seemed as though he was quite helpless.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied. Then she added, “I was a little busy.”

When Jian Yiling said that she was a little busy, the people around her felt that this child was incredibly unaware of the situation.

Qin Yufan couldn’t help but snicker in her heart. What was she busy with? Was she busy delivering lunch boxes to Zhai Yunsheng?

Even Qin Shixuan couldn’t help but frown.

He had indeed heard that Miss Yiling and Master Liang were acquainted. But no matter how they were acquainted, it was still inappropriate and disrespectful to talk to Master Liang like that.

Master Liang’s status in society was untouchable.

If she spoke like that, it seemed as though she didn’t know how to appreciate the kindness and treatment that she was getting.

On the other hand, the other people who were watching the scene felt that the Jian family’s young lady was a bit too arrogant.

It was fine for her to be rude and disrespectful to other people.

However, the person who was standing in front of her was Master Liang! This was a person that even her parents respected! Why was she so rude to such a person?! The Jian family had indeed spoiled her to oblivion!

However, Master Liang did not appear to be unhappy. He still looked at Jian Yiling with kindness and affection in his eyes.

At this time, Jian Shuxing and the others also noticed the situation at the entrance. Wen Nuan ran all the way over to Jian Yiling.

“Yiling?” Wen Nuan called her. Her gaze immediately turned soft when she saw her daughter.

Now that her daughter didn’t live with her anymore, she still had to find a reason to head to the Old Jian Residence every week. If she didn’t find a reason, she wouldn’t be able to see her daughter for that week!

Furthermore, even for the time she spent at the Old Jian Residence, she rarely got time to spend with her daughter. In fact, those times could be counted on her own fingers!

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling responded with a soft voice.

Jian Shuxing looked at his daughter. His daughter seemed so far away from them. His heart ached uncontrollably.

Their little girl was no longer close to them.

He Yan had also trailed behind Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan. Upon seeing Jian Yiling, she asked with a smile: “Oh? Why did you come here too? Did you come by yourself?”

“I invited her to come.”

Before Jian Yiling could respond, Master Liang had answered for her.

This protective attitude was Master Liang really surprised the people that were around him.

Jian Yiling had quite a temper. However, why did Master Liang still treat her so kindly and forgivingly?

“Thank you for inviting my daughter. It’s an honor for her to receive an invitation from you,” Jian Shuxing said. He thanked Master Liang on the behalf of his daughter.

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As a father, he was delighted that his daughter was loved by a highly respected man.

However, he was afraid that there was some sort of hidden conditions behind this love.

He didn’t want his daughter to become involved in business competition at such a young age.

Master Liang smiled before he replied: “You’re too kind Mr. Jian. Miss Yiling deserves it.”

Then, he lowered his head and told Jian Yiling: “Please take a seat inside the venue.”

During the period of time that they collaborated, Master Liang had learned some of Jian Yiling’s habits.

He knew that she didn't like to be surrounded by many people.

One could ask her academic questions. However, she didn't like having small talk with people.

Jian Yiling nodded her head before she went inside. She found a remote corner and sat down.

Wen Nuan accompanied Jian Yiling as she headed inside. She didn't want her daughter to be surrounded by people.

Master Liang also headed inside the venue with Jian Yiling.

He talked a while with Jian Yiling before he left. He also left his assistant to accompany Jian Yiling.

This treatment was definitely not available to other people.

Even Qin Yufan, the daughter of the Qin family from the capital, had not received such special treatment from Master Liang.

And thus, everyone's eyes were on Jian Yiling. Everyone had different thoughts in their head.

Some couldn't help but speculate the relationship between Jian Yiling and Master Liang.

An impolite and arrogant young lady, and a highly respected figure in the industry.

How could the two of them be possibly connected to each other?

He Yan looked at Jian Yiling and couldn't help sneer. Why were people fighting over such a brat? Was she worth protecting?

What was wrong with Master Liang? What exactly was he protecting such an arrogant girl for?

Qin Yufan was also puzzled. She asked Qin Shixuan: "Uncle, do you happen to know why Master Lian treats Jian Yiling this way?"

Master Liang was not related to the Jian family. If that was the case, why did he treat a junior with such affection and care?

This was Master Liang! Master Liang did not even have to be kind and considerate to the members of the Qin family!

Qin Shixuan shook his head. It seemed as though he was deep in thought. "I'm not sure either. However, I heard that Master Liang has given Jian Yiling a pink diamond. But in regards to today's situation... I don't know the reason behind it either..."

There were many reasons why an elder would give a valuable gift to a younger generation.

Sometimes, such a gift did not mean that the person receiving the gift had any merit.

The gift was sometimes given because of the business relationship between the two families.

And thus, initially, when Qin Shixuan heard about the incident, he had assumed that Master Liang had some business dealings with the Jian family.

However today, he saw how well Master Liang had treated Jian Yiling. It was different from his initial guesses.

Master Liang hadn't even treated Jian Yiling's parents the same way.

He only gave Jian Yiling special treatment...

"By the way, where is that expert?" Qin Yufan asked again.

The launch was about to start. However, there was still no sign of the person that everyone wanted to meet.

Qin Shixuan looked around before he shook his head. He didn't know about this either.

"Hmmm, maybe he's planning to show up at the end," Qin Shixuan guessed.

Or perhaps the company had asked the expert to not come to the launch.

If it was him, he would not want such a person at the launch.

Most technological companies would be scrambling to get such a talented person to join them.

He knew that there were definitely people present today who had the idea of recruiting such a person.

He Yan was also searching the venue of the expert who solved the technical problem that Master Liang's company was presented with.

However, she could not find the person either.

Chapter 394: Mysterious Expert (1)

He Yan followed Jian Yiling. She walked up to the area where Jian Yiling was currently sitting.

Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, and Jian Shuhong were all beside her.

Then, He Yan asked Jian Yiling: "Yiling, your father and your second uncle have recently been discussing business matters with Master Liang. Could you tell us a bit about Master Liang? What are his interests and habits?"

Although Wen Nuan forbade her to use Jian Yiling to get close to Master Liang, it was still okay for her to ask Yiling about his interests and hobbies right?

"I don't know," Jian Yiling replied. Her attitude towards He Yan was colder than her attitude towards other people.

This was not a lie. She indeed did not know his interests and habits.

She and Master Liang merely worked on a project together. Jian Yiling focused on her part of the work. She would not touch or ask about Master Liang's personal matters.

The only thing that Jian Yiling knew about Master Liang was the information that she had researched when she first contacted him. This was information related to his identity.

However, He Yan did not believe in Jian Yiling's words: "Yiling, this is something that everyone in our family is meant to care about. If you know anything, you should tell your father and your second uncle. It can potentially help with the Jian family's business."

He Yan smiled wholeheartedly and looked as though she was incredibly concerned about the matter.

"Sister-in-law, when do you plan to change this habit of yours?" Wen Nuan cut in sternly. "Stop thinking about pleasing the other party. The most important factor in a business deal is whether or not you have chips to bargain with the other party. You should have some achievements and accomplishments under your name. You shouldn't rely on pleasing the other party."

Upon hearing this, He Yan replied in a dejected and sour voice: "Well, I'm not as knowledgeable as you when it comes to business matters. However, I'm thinking about the Jian family. There's an old saying that comes from the 'Art of War' which states if you know yourself and you know the enemy, you will be unscathed even if you go through a hundred battles. This is why I asked Yiling about Master Liang. Was I wrong to do so?"

Feeling the tension in the atmosphere, Jian Shuxing attempted to mediate the conversation: "Ahh, it's okay. We're all from the same family. He Yan doesn't know much about business matters. She didn't mean any harm. It's not bad to ask. However, if Yiling doesn't want to talk about it, we won't force her."

Although Jian Shuxing was rather slow to get things, he could still feel the tension between his wife and his sister-in-law.

He didn't know what was going on. The two had suddenly become so at odds with one another.

It seemed as though He Yan was deliberately confronting Wen Nuan. There were questions that Wen Nuan did not want He Yan to ask Yiling. However, it seemed as though He Yan was determined to ask those questions.

"Then, do you happen to know the high-tech export that Master Liang is going to introduce to everyone today?"

"I do."

He Yan was surprised when Jian Yiling suddenly replied that she knew.

"Do you actually know?"

"Yes, but I'm not telling you," Jian Yiling replied.

There was no room for negotiation.

He Yan almost choked on her breath. She might as well have said that she didn't know!

Jian Shuxing hurriedly said to his wife: "Ahh, it's fine. We'll see him later on. Don't make Yiling unhappy."

He knew that his niece never liked to be bothered. In fact, she would get angry if she was bothered too much.

However, his niece and his wife's relationship was quite close before. Every time they met, they would always chat and laugh together. It was quite strange that they were at odds today.

Jian Shuxing was so busy with work that he hadn't seen Jian Yiling and He Yan in private for a long time.

Due to this reason, he didn't know anything that had happened recently.

He Yan restrained her anger. She didn't want to make things worse in the open.

She decided to put up with it. She knew that Yubo was going to help her sooner or later. Eventually, she would get her revenge against Jian Yiling and Wen Nuan.

And thus, the launch event officially started. Master Liang went onto the stage and introduced the new technology that had been developed by his company, Fei Yue Technology.

It had been many years since Master Liang had gone onto the stage to introduce a product.

From this, it could be seen that Master Liang was very happy with the final product.

After the product had been introduced, Master Liang began to introduce his technical team.

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Each member of the team was one of the best in the industry.

The dedication and commitment of each and every one of them made his final product possible.

Master Liang appreciated talented individuals. However, he was not a complete businessman. He cared about the product itself more than just purely making money.

This was one of the reasons why he was so respected in the industry.

One by one, he introduced his team members.

Finally, Master Liang said to the crowd: "In fact, apart from the technical difficulties, our company also encountered an additional problem this time. We had to solve a material issue..."

"This time, our product is to be placed into the human body to be used for medical life support. Due to this reason, the material used must be compatible with human blood. It must meet biocompatibility requirements and at the same time, satisfy all the various characteristics required for our product..."

Master Liang used a lot of words to describe the challenges that had been faced. He let everyone know that the development process was incredibly difficult. At the same time, he set the stage for what was to follow.

Quite a few people knew that Master Liang was about to introduce the high-tech talent that he had hired for this project.

"And thus, I'd like to introduce the biology expert who has solved this problem for our team — Mr. Jian Yunmo."

Upon hearing this, the crowd applauded with anticipation.

Most of the Jian family was shocked.

“Huh? What is this? The expert is Yunmo?” Jian Shuhong exclaimed. He looked at his brother and sister-in-law with astonishment.

“I don’t really know about this either...” Jian Shuxing replied. Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan had never heard of Jian Yunmo’s involvement in the development of Master Liang’s new project before.

However, they hadn’t ever gotten the opportunity to hear about it either. Their second son had stayed at the Old Jian Residence ever since he came back from abroad.

He was angry that the rest of the family hadn’t taken good care of Jian Yiling. Due to this reason, he didn’t want to talk to them much.

The members of the Jian family turned their heads to look at Jian Yiling.

However, Jian Yiling still had the same expression on her face. There was not a single trace of surprise and astonishment on her face.

At first, He Yan was shocked. After the shock faded away, she suddenly felt angry.

Why was it Jian Yunmo? Why did it have to be Jian Yunmo?

Jian Yunmo walked onto the stage. He was dressed in light colors. He gave off a gentle and elegant feeling.

He was 1.86 meters in height and there was a gentle and calm smile on his face.

The moment he walked onto the stage, there was thunderous applause.

Jian Yunmo smiled before he stood beside Master Liang.

Master Liang introduced Jian Yunmo to the crowd. He talked about Jian Yunmo’s past experiences.

There was another round of applause that followed.

Jian Yunmo was a student of one of the world’s leading biologists.

He had a master’s degree from an internationally renowned university.

He had been involved in many of the most prestigious experiments in the industry.

It was a magnificent and amazing resume.

Upon hearing this, Qin Shixuan was very excited. He wanted to have a chance to talk to Jian Yunmo alone when the launch was over.

However, there were many people in the audience who had the same idea as Qin Shixuan.

They all wanted to recruit such a talent under their wings.

After that, Master Liang asked Jian Yunmo to say a few words to the audience.

Jian Yunmo opened his mouth to talk. He spoke with his usual gentle yet magnetic voice.

He spoke about some product-related matters and ended his speech with a mention of his sister.

“I came back this time because of my sister. I plan to stay for quite some time. I will continue to further my research in biological sciences throughout my stay. I plan to do this because this was a wish that I had made with my sister a long time ago.”

Quite a few people had heard about the plagiarism incident that Jian Yiling was involved in. From that incident, it had revealed that Jian Yiling had quite some talent in the medical field.

There were already a number of well-known universities in China that already offered Jian Yiling a spot.

It seemed as though the two siblings planned to work and advance together in the field of biological science and medical science.

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After Jian Yunmo finished his speech, he did not go backstage. Instead, he walked off the stage and walked straight up to Jian Yiling.

When he was on the stage, he had already scouted for Jian Yiling’s position amongst the audience.

“Yiling,” Jian Yunmo called out to her. The smile on his face was much softer than the smile that he had on his face when he was on stage.

Jian Yunmo then pulled out a transparent plastic box from the pocket of his coat. The box contained a small dessert.

When Wen Nuan saw the dessert, she glared at him angrily.

Ever since Jian Yiling was young, Wen Nuan had been worried that it would be bad for her child to eat too many sweets. Due to this reason, she had set a limit of 200 grams of candy and sweet treats per week.

However, two of her sons were always spoiling Yiling with sweets.

Whenever she found out that her sons were smuggling sweets for Yiling, she could do nothing. She was angry yet helpless. The only thing that she could do was to glare at them.

And now, they had gotten used to her glares. Those angry glares were no longer effective.

“Yunmo, how did this happen?” Jian Shuxing asked. He was as curious as everyone else in the audience.

Four members of the Jian family all looked at Jian Yunmo. They waited for his answer and explanation.

He Yan’s heart felt incredibly sour. It was as though her heart had rolled through a sour sea.

Jian Yunmo smiled before he said: “Master Liang had contacted me. I took a look at the project and realized that it was rather related to what I’m doing right now. Since I’m back in China, it was possible for me to take on the project as well. However, the technical problems that Master Liang mentioned were not all completed by me. In all honesty, before I received the project, most of the problems had been solved already.”

Jian Yunmo had been confused by this. Many of the tricky problems had been solved already. He could not understand why only a bit had been left over. The person who had solved those problems could have easily completed the project.

However, Master Liang had told him that he was the only one who could complete the project. He could not find any other experts that were available in this field of work.

Jian Yiling was sitting down in a nearby seat. She was taking small bites out of the dessert that Jian Yunmo had brought her.

She looked as though she had nothing to do with this.

Suddenly, her mobile phone vibrated. She looked at the message. It was from Master Liang.

[Are you satisfied?]

[Yes.]

[Let's work together next time?]

[I'll see.]

Jian Yiling still sent messages in the same way. Cold and concise.

Master Liang looked at his phone and smiled.

The brother was undoubtedly a genius.

However, the sister was even better than that.

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At the end of the launch, Qin Shixuan walked over to talk to Jian Yunmo.

Even Qin Yufan came along with Qin Shixuan.

“Mr. Yunmo, do you happen to have any plans for the future?”

It was obvious that Qin Shixuan had a keen interest in Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yiling had good prospects for the future. On the other hand, Jian Yunmo was a ready-made talent that he could recruit.

“Sorry, I don't have any plans yet. My sister may have plans to go somewhere in the near future. If that's the case, I plan to accompany her. Due to this reason, I don't have any set plans for the time being.”

This was the first time that Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan heard that Jian Yiling was going on a trip.

Yiling hadn't ever gone anywhere by herself. The last time she went on a trip, it was with them.

Then where was she going this time with Jian Yunmo?

Upon hearing this, Qin Yufan's expression changed.

This was because she had recently found out that Zhai Yunsheng was also going on a trip.

Whenever Zhai Yunsheng was going somewhere, the Zhai family would make a lot of noise about it. Due to this reason, Qin Yufan had heard about the news.

Was it a coincidence? Did the two of them somehow plan to have a trip during the same time frame?

Then, more people came over to greet Jian Yunmo.

“Mr. Yunmo, this is my business card. If you don’t have any other plans, please consider our company.”

“Hello, would you be interested in biomedicine? Our company has been exploring this field recently.”

“Mr. Yunmo...”

Jian Yunmo lowered his head and whispered into Jian Yiling’s ear: “I find them rather bothersome. Why don’t we run off together?”

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“Okay,” Jian Yiling replied. She didn’t like people surrounding her either.

And thus, before everyone else could react, the two siblings rushed out of the venue.

“Yiling! Yunmo!”

Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan were too late to call out to the two of them. They watched as the pair of siblings ran away.

“Ahhh, these two kids! Why are they still like this!”

Wen Nuan didn’t know whether to be angry or happy.

Jian Yunmo and Jian Yiling’s relationship was still the same as before.

That meant that their daughter hadn’t left them yet.

Jian Yunmo and Jian Yiling kept running for a few hundred meters before they stopped.

The two siblings were not good at sports. After running for a while, they were both a bit out of breath.

Jian Yiling’s face was flushed. Jian Yunmo laughed before he said: “Since we’ve ran away already, let’s have some fun today.”

This was the kind of situation that would have gotten him scolded in the past.

However, although he had been scolded, he had still done it many times.

At that time, Jian Yiling was still young. Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan did not allow Jian Yiling to go to crowded places. They didn’t want her to go to food alleys, amusement parks, and street vendors.

However, Jian Yiling was curious and liked going outside.

And thus, she started to pester her second brother.

Jian Yunmo could never resist his little sister’s cute and tearful attacks. And thus, he would take her anywhere that she wanted to go.

Whenever they returned, he was always the one who got scolded by their parents. He would take all the responsibility and say that he was the one who dragged her outside.

And the result was a lot of scolding from their mother. Sometimes his mother would even cry!

When this happened, he didn't know what to do. Why did his sister and his mother both like crying so much?

"Let's go to the food alley to eat sugar paintings," Jian Yiling replied.

Somehow, she still had a lot of old memories.

"I wonder if the old lady who sold sugar paintings is still there."

The old lady sold sugar paintings for five dollars apiece. However, the piece that you got depended on what you drew out from the lucky draw.

Once, Jian Yiling pulled out the lowest probability card! The old lady spent a lot of time creating a double dragon sugar painting for them.

When Jian Yiling finally got the piece of oversized candy, she was overjoyed!

And thus, Jian Yunmo took Jian Yiling to the places that they used to go to secretly. They spent the entire day there.

By the time they returned to the Old Jian Residence, Jian Yunmo was, not surprisingly, lectured by Grandma Jian.

However, Grandma Jian swallowed the rest of her words after she took a look at Jian Yiling.

Ahh, forget it!

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When He Yan returned home, the smile on her face disappeared in a flash. It was immediately replaced with anger and irritation.

Jian Yunmo! The expert that had been praised to the skies and beyond was Jian Yunmo! He was Wen Nuan's son!!!

How did he even manage to do that whilst he did research?!

The mystery behind Master Liang's affection towards Jian Yiling had finally been solved. However, it was not the answer that He Yan had hoped for.

Initially, she assumed that the only person that she needed to be wary of was Jian Yuncheng.

However, she didn't expect Jian Yunmo to be an annoying opponent as well.

He Yan thought about it for a while before she decided to call Jian Yubo.

During the phone call, she told him what had happened today.

After a long talk, Jian Yubo replied indifferently with an: "Okay."

“Yubo, this is not a trivial matter! If Jian Yunmo has such a backing, then things might turn out to be very bad for us!” The more He Yan thought about it, the more she felt that it was a problem.

“He won’t be able to affect our plans. We will still get the Jian family’s assets,” Jian Yubo replied in a calm tone.

“Really?”

“Yes.”

After getting her answer, He Yan finally calmed down. She had seen Jian Yubo’s ability and efficiency over the past few days. She knew that his words were very credible.

Chapter 398: Jian Yubo’s Childhood Trauma (1)

Jian Yubo returned to the Old Jian Residence for the second time. This time, he also planned to talk to Grandpa Jian.

The first time he visited, he had said that he would visit three times. He would give Grandpa Jian three chances to choose.

This time, Jian Shuhong was also there.

However, even though Jian Shuhong was there, Jian Yubo still said the same thing.

Jian Shuhong couldn’t believe the words that were coming from his son’s mouth.

“Yubo, what is this?” Jian Shuhong asked. His face was in pain as he questioned Jian Yubo. He couldn’t understand the logic behind his son’s actions.

If he hadn’t heard it with his own ears, he would have definitely assumed that the person telling him about this was lying to him. His son could never have done such a thing!

Jian Yubo looked at his angry father with indifference. He saw his father’s reaction to his actions. However, he didn’t respond in any way.

He was incredibly calm. It was as though he was someone not related to the Jian family.

Grandpa Jian used a strict and angry tone to speak to Jian Yubo: “I will not give you the Jian family. If you want to destroy the Jian family, then go ahead and do so! My family is not afraid to start all over again from scratch!”

In the face of Grandpa Jian and Jian Shuhong’s anger, Jian Yubo calmly said to both of them: “I’ll come back next time.”

“Don’t come back! The answer will not change!”

Grandpa Jian was utterly furious.

This time, he was so angry that he once again smashed everything on the table. He made a lot of noise.

When Jian Yubo walked out of the door, he walked into Jian Yiling. She was waiting at the staircase.

Last time, it was a coincidence. However, this time, Jian Yiling had been waiting for him.

Unlike the last time when they were silent for the entire interaction, this time, Jian Yiling asked Jian Yubo a question.

“If I give you everything, will you still be my brother? If so, I’ll give everything to you.”

Jian Yiling did not know what was going on in Jian Yubo’s mind as of now.

However, if he merely wanted to inherit everything that the Jian family had, then Jian Yiling was willing to give everything to him. She just hoped that his relationship with the Jian family would not change.

Jian Yiling’s words made Jian Yubo freeze.

The frost in his eyes melted for a moment.

However, after standing there for a while, he walked away.

Jian Yubo’s body appeared to look determined and lonely as he left.

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Time traveled back to many years ago.

Inside one of the villas of the Jian family.

“You want this Go record, don’t you?”

A woman asked the ten year old boy in front of her. She held an out of print record in front of her.

The young boy reached out for the record.

However, as soon as he touched the record, the woman withdrew her hand again.

“Jian Yubo! Do you not understand the human language or something? How many times have I told you?! There’s no future in Go! Why don’t you put your mind on your studies right now! If you don’t do so, who will take over our family business in the future?! I’m doing this for your own good! You will understand what I’m trying to do when you grow up!”

The young boy was the woman’s second child. Her first child did not grow up to become the person that she had hoped for him to be.

And thus, she was now particularly strict on her second child.

She didn’t beat or scold her first child. However, she had done these with her second child.

The young boy didn’t reply. He did not agree with the woman.

His silence made the woman even angrier. She continued to scold him whilst pointed to the record in her hand:

“You don’t have anything to say? Fine! Isn’t this the record that you spent months looking for? Well, it’s in my hands now! And I’m telling you that you have to listen to me! You can’t do anything else! Studying hard is your only option!”

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After saying this, the woman tore up the record in front of the young boy. The record was incredibly important and precious to the boy.

The pages that were turning yellow were ripped into pieces. The pieces fell gently to the boy's feet.

The young boy stared at the pieces in front of him. It was as though he was unable to process what had just happened. Then, he looked at his mother.

When the last piece of paper fell to the ground, the young boy suddenly pushed the woman in front of him. He did not know where he had gotten the force from.

It was a gesture of rebellion against his mother's behavior.

However, the woman became angrier. How could a son push his mother?

The woman reached out and struck the boy.

One by one, the slaps fell on his body.

The woman kept asking the boy if he knew what his mistake was.

However, the young boy refused to answer.

As the woman raised her hand again, she accidentally knocked over the kettle of hot water that was on the table.

The boiling water tipped over the edge of the table and fell onto the back of the boy who was on the floor.

The pain was immediately transmitted from his nerve endings to his brain. It became a scar that lingered in the boy's memories.

The falling pieces of paper and the burning pain on his back became a memory that was permanently engraved in his heart.

When she saw the scene in front of her, the woman knew that she was in trouble.

She panicked. She couldn't let her parents-in-law know about this. She couldn't let her husband know about this either.

If her parents-in-law found out, they would be even more dissatisfied with her.

She was already disliked by her mother-in-law. If her mother-in-law found out that she had beaten and burnt her child, she would be in an even worse position.

Her husband would definitely be angry as well. He would not approve of the way that she had been disciplining her child.

The woman hesitated for a while before she decided to call the ambulance to take her child to the hospital.

During her hesitation, she did not notice that the young boy on the ground hadn't made a sound. He did not cry or scream in pain.

Later, the ambulance came and took the boy away.

The woman had lied to everyone in the family. She told them that she had enrolled her son in a summer camp.

She didn't let anyone else in the family know about the incident.

In fact, she did not go to the hospital either. She didn't want anyone to find out what she had done. Due to this reason, she had merely hired a carer to take care of her son.

The young boy stayed in the hospital for an entire week. No one else in the family knew about his condition.

When the boy returned home, no one in the family had noticed anything unusual about him either.

His father was still busy with his work. He still trusted his wife with his entire heart.

However, a little girl who was only two years old and crooked her head and asked him: "Does it hurt?"

She had seen him touching his back.

He hadn't replied to her.

Then she said: "I'll blow on your back. If I blow on it, it won't hurt anymore."

Later, when he turned seventeen, he took the opportunity to study elsewhere for university. He wanted to leave home.

However, he didn't show his happiness.

She had asked him why he was unhappy. He had replied that he had no freedom.

Then, she asked him what he needed to have freedom.

He had replied casually that he needed money.

That year, the day before he left for university, he had received a parting gift from her. It was a suitcase.

There was a large sum of money in the suitcase.

A huge sum of money.

As the daughter of the Jian family, even at the age of nine, she had a lot of money.

The jewelry that her mother had bought her were all genuine goods.

Furthermore, everyone gave her money during Chinese New Year.

She made a thorough search through her possessions. She gave him all that she could find.

Later, he had sent her a message. He asked her why she had given everything to him.

She said that she didn't need the money. However, he needed the money.

From that day, the young boy knew that the only family that he had was his sister.

Chapter 400: Zhai Yunsheng Appears at the Hotel with Jian Yiling

On the first day of the 'Zerg Invasion' offline tournament, related search content was already at the top of the search engine.

As the game had a huge player base, this made the game incredibly popular.

Everyone was looking forward to the top 20 teams' performance in the offline tournament.

[Only three of the top twenty teams are from China! These three teams must stand their ground!]

[I hope to see our domestic teams in the finals!]

[I wonder which of the three domestic teams will make it to the end! Will it be [Chasing the Clouds and Victory], [Domination] or [Rely on Others]?]

[I'm curious to see whether or not there are any female players in these teams.]

[I think there might be one or two. However, I don't think there will be many. After all, it's a shooter game. Shooters are considered to be a man's world.]

This statement was true to an extent. Proportionally speaking, the top players in shooter games were all men.

Mo Shiyun's new drama had been pushed back to second place in the search engine.

However, Mo Shiyun's company had helped her new drama reach the top of the search engine in the first place. Her company wanted Mo Shiyun to gain a lot of publicity through this.

Before they even began to shoot the drama, her company had already managed to push her name to the top of the search engine. What was going to happen when the drama began to air?

Mo Shiyun's special treatment was something that the other artists in the same company were incredibly jealous of. She had been given so many resources as well.

Furthermore, as a company's newcomer, she still managed to receive such a large investment. All the other artists and actors envied her. How did she manage this in such a short period of time?

A source from someone in the industry had revealed that the investor requested for Mo Shiyun to be the female lead in the upcoming drama.

This meant that someone was intentionally trying to make Mo Shiyun become famous. Everyone else was bound to be supporting roles.

But regardless of this, if it weren't for the 'Zerg Invasion' offline tournament, Mo Shiyun's upcoming drama would still be at the top of the search engine. However, there were way too many people who played 'Zerg Invasion'.

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The location of the 'Zerg Invasion' offline tournament was at a five-star hotel in Tonghai City.

Qin Yufan met Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng there.

Qin Yufan was accompanying the team that she had funded.

The five-star hotel in front of them was provided for the contestants by the officials of the tournament.

Qin Yufan never imagined that she would meet Zhai Yunsheng at such an occasion.

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling saw Qin Yufan. However, the two of them did not take the initiative to talk to her. Instead, they walked past her and into the hotel.

Qin Yufan looked at the back of the two people who were walking away from her. There was a bitter taste in her heart.

Following this, Qin Yufan immediately called someone. She needed to figure out the reason why Zhai Yunsheng came to Tonghai City.

What the hell was going on?! Why did Zhai Yunsheng appear at the hotel with Jian Yiling?

Just then, the only people Qin Yufan saw were Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling. However, there were actually three other people there as well. Yu Xi, Jian Yunmo, and Jian Yujie were all there.

After Jian Yunmo had finished up his business with Master Liang, he had come along with Jian Yiling.

Now that his condition was getting better, he had the chance to spend more time with Jian Yiling.

Jian Yujie initially thought that there would only be four members of their team. It was finally his chance to 'steal' his sister's attention and time.

However, Jian Yunmo had come along as well. He had lost his opportunity...

However, Jian Yujie was still incredibly happy. This time, it was his chance to be broadcasted with his sister!

Last time, Jian Yumin had been on a reality show with Yiling! That guy had stolen two days of her time away!