

## Sidekick 431

### Chapter 431: Surrendering the Company

It seemed as though his second brother was merely mechanically carrying out the plan that he had set up in his head.

It felt like he couldn't feel hate or love.

Jian Yubo looked at Jian Yumin. He was silent and did not answer his brother's question.

However, Jian Yumin saw the answer from Jian Yubo's eyes. It was an answer that he did not want to see.

Jian Yubo did not see them as his family anymore.

He didn't hate them. However, he couldn't love them either.

This was because they were absent from the time when he needed their love and care the most.

Perhaps he wanted to continue to care for them. However, it was impossible for him to do so.

At this moment, tears welled up in Jian Yumin's eyes.

His family... His family was really breaking apart...

Then, Jian Yubo turned around and spoke to Jian Yuncheng: "I want to make a deal with you."

"What?" Jian Yuncheng questioned. He was rather confused.

"I want you to replace your father as the new CEO. As long as you manage the company well, after three years, I will give you 30% of the shares I hold under my name. The rest of the shares will be given to everyone else in the Jian family in a certain proportion. Of course, this excludes Jian Shuhong and He Yan."

Jian Yubo's words once again shocked the crowd.

He had gone to such lengths to force Grandpa Jian to agree to his request. However, in the end, he was planning to surrender and give away the power and the shares that he had just gotten?

He Yan, who was limp on the ground, had no energy left. She didn't even have the strength to be shocked.

Her son was a madman! He was utterly crazy!

"Why?" Jian Yuncheng asked.

"You're more ruthless than your father."

Jian Yubo knew that Jian Shuxing was a soft-hearted person when it came to his family. He knew that if he gave the shares of the Jian family to Jian Shuxing, he would definitely give some of them to his brother in the end.

However, Jian Yuncheng wouldn't do such a thing. He was more like Grandpa Jian than anyone else in the family.

"You can do it yourself, can't you?" Jian Yuncheng said. He couldn't understand his cousin's actions.

Jian Yubo said with certainty: "You will accept this."

Jian Yuncheng had no reason to refuse Jian Yubo's offer. Either way, it was a gain for him.

This was something that Jian Yubo had calculated already.

"Okay, I will accept your offer," Jian Yuncheng replied. "However, I will give you the opportunity to back out of the deal. You're still part of the Jian family. You have the right to hold these shares. In fact, you can back out of the deal at any time during these three years."

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After the conference, everyone left with a heavy heart.

No one felt happy.

Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan were both unhappy. It was good that He Yan had gotten what she deserved. However, seeing Jian Shuhong and their nephews in such a state wasn't what they wanted.

Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo were the last to leave the conference room.

Before leaving, Jian Yiling walked up to Jian Yubo who was sitting in the chairman's spot.

Jian Yiling took out a wrapped present from her bag and put it on the table in front of Jian Yubo. Then, she turned her head and left.

Jian Yunmo didn't leave right away. Instead, he said to Jian Yubo: "My sister made this in her spare time during the tournament. She made it with great care."

Jian Yiling didn't know what she could do to help Jian Yubo feel less pain.

Other than convincing her grandpa to give her part of the shares to him, Jian Yiling didn't know what else to do.

In the end, she had made a gift for him. The gift represented her good wishes and hope for him.

Jian Yunmo could not bear the thought of his sister's gift being trampled on by someone else. And thus, he made it clear to Jian Yubo.

Jian Yubo stared at the gift on the table for a long time. He was speechless. His eyes seemed to be glued to the gift.

### **Chapter 432: Her Gift and Her Thoughts of Him**

Then, Jian Yunmo left the conference room.

Jian Yubo was left alone in the empty conference room.

After looking at the wrapped gift on the table, Jian Yubo hesitated for a while.

Then, with a pair of slender hands, he slowly unwrapped the wrapping paper.

There was a glass box underneath the wrapping paper. Inside the box was a beautiful painting.

It was a vivid and lifelike scene that Jian Yiling had created with her clay sugar art.

Under a banyan tree, there was a young boy dressed in light-colored casual clothes was sitting on the lush grass. The boy had his back against the tree trunk.

That banyan tree was the one that was found in the Old Jian Residence.

All the details were exquisitely done and the whole scene was reconstructed marvelously.

The scene had indeed happened in Jian Yubo's memories.

In Jian Yubo's memory, he had been sitting under the tree with a book in hand. In the distance, Jian Yiling was playing with the others.

Twice, she had come up to him to ask if he wanted to play with her.

He had refused and secretly hid the headband that she had dropped.

However, there was something different in the sugar painting.

In Jian Yubo's memory, he had been holding a book in his hands.

However, in Jian Yiling's painting, he was holding a black piece.

There was a Go board in front of him.

Jian Yubo was sitting in the painting. He had his eyes focused on the chessboard. However, there was no sadness or indifference in his eyes.

In the glass box, Jian Yiling had created what Jian Yubo really wanted to do with his life.

In the painting, his mother wasn't forcing him to do anything. There wasn't any scolding or reprimanding. There was no pain.

In addition, there was a document that was underneath the gift box. The document was a transfer of shares.

This document had been signed by Jian Yiling and her guardian.

Jian Yubo's hand reached out to touch the beads on his left hand.

The fingertips of his fingers twirled over the plastic bead that was of little value.

"Brother Yubo, come and play with Yiling! Books are boring."

"Brother Yubo, I learned how to play Go! Can I play with you? If I line five of them together, I will win! You can't win against me!"

"Brother Yubo, why are you unhappy?"

"I can't use the money but you can."

“...”

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After leaving the company, Jian Yumin and Jian Yujie followed Jian Yiling and the others back to the Old Jian Residence. This was requested by Grandma Jian.

Grandma Jian wanted the two children to be able to move on from their family's unhappiness as soon as possible.

Of course, there was also Jian Yubo. It would be best for him to stay at the Old Jian Residence as well.

Jian Yumin and Jian Yujie were indeed sad. However, the situation was not that bad.

They weren't young. They knew a lot of things. They knew why this was happening.

The divorce had been quite sudden. However, the seeds for the divorce had been planted a long time ago.

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The moment Jian Yiling got home, she went straight upstairs and locked herself in her room.

Jian Yunmo assumed that today's events had affected her. He ran after her and knocked on her door.

However, Jian Yiling did not answer the door.

“Yiling, if you don't come out, I'll call the police.”

“The door... It's unlocked.”

Jian Yiling's quiet voice came out of the room.

Only then did Jian Yunmo open the door.

He saw Jian Yiling lying on the bed. She was curled up into a ball.

Her body was buried under the blanket. Only her head was peeking out from under the blanket.

Her small palm-sized face looked at Jian Yunmo.

Jian Yunmo took one look at her before he laughed and said: “Silly girl, I thought something bad had happened. Wait for me, I'll go make you some ginger and brown sugar tea.”

Upon hearing this, Jian Yiling immediately burrowed her head into her blankets as well.

She was so embarrassed...

### **Chapter 433: Zhai Yunsheng Looks For Jian Yubo**

Zhai Yunsheng went to the hotel where Jian Yubo was staying to look for him.

It was not easy for other people to find Jian Yubo. However, Zhai Yunsheng could find him rather easily.

This was because Jian Yubo had worked under Zhai Yunsheng's uncle. Zhai Yunsheng's uncle was also known as the Second Master of the Zhai family.

Jian Yubo was a wolf that was raised by the Jian family. However, his claws and fangs were honed by the Second Master of the Zhai family.

Zhai Yunsheng's uncle had told Zhai Yunsheng that Jian Yubo had worked under him. It was because of his wolf-like nature that he was willing to take him under his wing.

Later, when Jian Yubo wanted to achieve something by himself, the Second Master of the Zhai family hadn't kept him. In his words, you could raise a wolf, however, you can't keep it in captivity.

When Zhai Yunsheng met Jian Yubo, he was sitting in front of the French window in his hotel room.

There was a Go board in front of him. However, the game on it was a stalemate.

Outside the window was the bustling city. There was an endless stream of cars and other vehicles.

However, despite that, there was a deathly silence in the room.

Jian Yubo knew that Zhai Yunsheng was here. His assistant had already informed him before that Zhai Yunsheng had arrived.

Zhai Yunsheng didn't say anything. Instead, he sat down opposite Jian Yubo and began to collect the black pieces on the Go board.

Jian Yubo looked at Zhai Yunsheng for a moment. Then, he began to remove the white pieces off the board.

After this, the two of them began to play.

The first match went on for quite a long time. However, in the end, Jian Yubo won.

Jian Yubo was a professional in this field.

Despite this, Zhai Yunsheng was not weak either. Zhai Yunsheng had played against Jian Yubo for quite some time.

"Go and stay at the Old Jian Residence for a week," Zhai Yunsheng said to Jian Yubo.

This was a demand and not a request.

Zhai Yunsheng's demand was rather strange.

Jian Yubo looked at Master Sheng for a moment before he asked "Reason?"

Zhai Yunsheng's tone was rather indifferent as he said: "There's a little rabbit that lives next door. Even though we have a tight schedule, she still takes time out of her day to make small sugar clay figures."

Jian Yubo knew who Zhai Yunsheng was talking about. In fact, he had already seen the small sugar clay figures that Zhai Yunsheng was talking about.

However, Jian Yubo remained silent. He did not give an immediate answer.

A smile played at the corners of Zhai Yunsheng's lips. His tone was carefree yet evil as he said: "Give me an answer. Don't make me do something to you that's akin to the things that you've done to Jian Shuhong and He Yan."

Zhai Yunsheng was very clear about the situation. Although Jian Yubo appeared to be cold-blooded, there were still things that he cared about.

As long as someone cared about something, that was his weakness.

Jian Yubo looked at Zhai Yunsheng again. This time, he tried to read the man in front of him. He tried to read his intentions and his motives from his words and actions.

After considering his possible decisions, Jian Yubo responded: "Okay, I promise you."

"Very good. Move over there today then."

Zhai Yunsheng had expected this answer from Jian Yubo. He knew that Jian Yubo would agree.

This was because his demand wasn't much of an ask. In addition to this, Jian Yubo knew exactly what Zhai Yunsheng would do if he did not agree to his demand.

Zhai Yunsheng didn't care about what happened after Jian Yubo moved into the Old Jian Residence.

Yu Xi was waiting at the door for Zhai Yunsheng. When Zhai Yunsheng walked out, Yu Xi asked in a small voice:

"Master Sheng, are you worried about God Ling?"

"No," Zhai Yunsheng denied.

"If you're not worried about her, then why did you come all the way here to look for Jian Yubo? Why did you threaten him?"

Yu Xi couldn't believe what he was hearing.

"For our team. I don't want a teammate's physical and mental health to be affecting our overall gameplay."

For real? Yu Xi wondered when he heard this.

However, after he pondered about it for a bit, Zhai Yunsheng's words made sense to him.

Jian Yubo's matters affected God Ling. It also affected Jian Yujie.

If what happened to Jian Yubo made Jian Yujie absent-minded in the finals, that would not be advantageous to their team.

#### **Chapter 434: Once Again Jian Yubo Returns to the Old Jian Residence**

The sudden move of Jian Yubo to the Old Jian Residence made everyone incredibly surprised and happy.

Jian Yujie's eyes immediately became red.

He then rushed forward to help Jian Yubo with his suitcase.

Jian Yubo's suitcase was rather light. It contained very little luggage. There were just a few changes of clothes.

It appeared as though he didn't seem to plan to stay for a long time. He was only really here to complete his one-week stay because of Zhai Yunsheng's threats.

Jian Yubo only spoke a few sentences to everyone. It was as though he was merely completing a task that was given to him.

In the evening, Jian Yiling and Jian Yunmo took charge of the kitchen. They cooked for the family.

Jian Yunmo was the main chef. Jian Yiling played a supporting role. As a supporting role, she was responsible for... Adding seasoning and flavoring to the dishes.

Jian Yunmo had done all the washing and chopping.

Jian Yiling wanted to help Jian Yunmo. However, Jian Yunmo refused to let her help him. He didn't want her to come in contact with cold water.

Jian Yunmo wore an apron and held a spatula in his hand. He looked quite professional.

Jian Yunmo knew how to cook.

Back when Yiling was younger, she had forced him to learn.

Yiling loved to eat when she was younger.

Back when the two siblings stayed in the laboratory until midnight, Jian Yiling would ask Jian Yunmo to feed her food. She insisted on him making her food.

And thus, Jian Yunmo had to listen to her. He would make her fries, fried chicken, fried meatballs, and other fried food.

In fact, he had tried making takoyaki, crispy cold noodles, pancakes, and various other local delicacies.

After spending so much time abroad, Jian Yunmo's cooking skills were a hundred times better than their mother's.

When the two siblings arrived at the dining room, they realized that there were a lot of people that were seated at the dinner table.

Jian Yubo was also there.

"Yubo, you have to try the food that Yiling cooked! It's super delicious!"

Jian Yujie cried out. He immediately recommended the dishes to Jian Yubo.

Jian Yubo remained very quiet. He seemed to be at odds with the noise around him.

However, Jian Yujie didn't mind this. He kept having a one-sided conversation with Jian Yubo.

As long as Jian Yubo didn't think he was annoying, he could keep on talking.

Other than this, Jian Yujie didn't know what else to do or say. He wanted to have a better relationship with his second brother.

Today, Grandma Jian and Grandpa Jian allowed their grandchildren to make a scene at the dinner table. Everyone was chattering away.

Jian Yumin even started singing after he drank a little wine.

He took an empty bowl and started to ask everyone to give him a tip.

Everyone looked at him in disgust and amusement. They opted to give him nothing. However, Jian Yiling gave him a handful of one-dollar coins.

The dinner took almost two hours to finish because of their antics.

Jian Yubo remained silent during the process. However, he realized that the noise in front of him truly existed.

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Luo Xiuen called Jian Yiling. She sounded quite worried as she said: "Darling, don't come to the research institution in the next few days."

"What happened?"

"Someone broke into the Institution."

The security system of the Institution was always very strict and secure.

If the other party could break into the security system and enter the Institution, they were definitely not ordinary thieves.

Luo Xiuen cursed again: "Ahhh, our security system is usually fine! However, these people worked together with the patients of the Institution to break in! Even so, I don't know how they managed to get into the work area!"

There was a gate between the inpatient area of the Institution and the researchers' work area. Even at night, the place was incredibly secure.

A common thief would not be able to get past the security.

### **Chapter 435: Research Institution's Employee Data was Viewed by the Intruder**

"What's missing?" Jian Yiling asked.

"That's the strange part. The data at our institution is stored separately. So far, they've only broken into our internal staff database."

A lot of the Institution's data was not stored on the Internet. Instead, the data was stored locally to ensure the security of the data.



Furthermore, the researchers used a local area network on a day-to-day basis. They didn't connect to the external network.

The most valuable thing in their Institution was the data they collected.

Someone had gone to the trouble of sneaking into their Institution. However, instead of getting into the vault where they stored their research data, they had chosen to open the Institution's staff database instead.

This was somewhat puzzling.

Out of all the staff at the Institution, the one whose identity was by far the most mysterious to the outside world was Jian Yiling.

Dr. F.S's name was already well known in the industry. There were many people who had recently approached the Institution. They wanted Dr. F.S to perform surgery for them.

However, the Institution had turned them all away.

Some of the people who were rejected by the Institution were very important people in society.

There was no guarantee that they would give up easily. It was possible that they'd do things to cause the Institution some trouble.

And thus, everyone was quite worried about Jian Yiling.

It would be best for Jian Yiling to not come to the Institution anytime soon.

"Darling, don't come to the Institution until we've investigated this matter thoroughly," Luo Xiuen warned repeatedly. "Damn it, if I find out who did this thing, I'll skin them alive!"

However, Luo Xiuen knew in her heart that it wouldn't be easy to skin that person.

It wasn't an ordinary thief that did this. This thief had a powerful force behind him. Such an intrusion was definitely planned in advance.

"Okay," Jian Yiling replied.

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Because of the offline tournament, Jian Yiling had taken a long leave from school.

As she was free today, she went back to school.

As soon as she reached the school gates, An Yang led a bunch of lackeys and greeted Jian Yiling warmly.

"Boss, you're amazing! You're my idol!"

"Yeah! Brother Yang hasn't missed any of your matches in the past two days! He's even secretly printed many posters of you!"

An Yang's lackeys were not afraid to embarrass him.

An Yang glared at them with hatred.

Then, he turned to Jian Yiling and asked: “Why are you at school? You should use this time to rest. Studying wears you out. You should just sleep and eat well at home. Do what makes you feel comfortable...”

An Yang continued to speak to Jian Yiling. He kept talking until they reached Jian Yiling’s classroom.

Jian Yiling sat down at her seat. She saw a lot of cards and gifts from the other students.

In fact, there were so many cards and gifts that everything could not fit on the table. Some of the gifts were placed on the ground.

Hu Jiaojiao had to squeeze out space to sit down.

All the students in the class were very happy to see Jian Yiling.

“Yiling! You’re back!” Hu Jiaojiao cried out happily.

Then, Hu Jiaojiao told Jian Yiling a ‘secret’. “Yiling, during your absence, Brother Yang came over every day to help you sort out the cards and gifts on your desk. He helped you wipe your desk and clean things up. In fact, he even helped you sort out the piles of homework that were given out by the teacher!”

In high school, if you were absent for a week, the papers and assignments could be piled together to form a mountain.

An Yang came over regularly to clean Jian Yiling’s desk. He also asked Hu Jiaojiao to help Jian Yiling write notes.

At first, Hu Jiaojiao was afraid of An Yang because of his ‘reputation’.

But gradually, she was no longer scared of him. Hu Jiaojiao told An Yang that Jian Yiling didn’t need their notes!

“Shut up Jiaojiao! You’re talking nonsense,” An Yang said as he glanced out the window.

### **Chapter 436: Come with Us Miss Yiling**

At lunchtime, An Yang followed Jian Yiling and Hu Jiaojiao.

An Yang said that the reason for this was because the school was too crowded. He didn’t want strange people to come up to Jian Yiling and harass her. And thus, he had to be close to Jian Yiling to protect her.

If it wasn’t for the fact that Jian Yiling didn’t like being with a huge group of people, An Yang would have brought his lackeys along as well.

The effect of An Yang standing next to Jian Yiling was rather good. When people saw An Yang, they were too afraid to come up to Jian Yiling to ask for an autograph. With An Yang there, they would definitely not harass Jian Yiling in any way.

Jian Yiling, Hu Jiaojiao, and An Yang sat down in a corner of the school cafeteria. Suddenly, a few well-dressed men suddenly came in and sat down around them. Their movements were nimble and quickly surrounded Jian Yiling and the others.

They blocked Jian Yiling’s way out.

One of the men sat down directly opposite Jian Yiling.

As soon as the man sat down, An Yang realized that something was wrong.

An Yang immediately got up and asked the men: "Who are you? What do you want?"

The men ignored An Yang. They didn't care that he was acting aggressively. Instead, they looked at Jian Yiling intently.

"We're here to ask Miss Yiling to come with us."

The person who spoke was the middle-aged man who sat across from Jian Yiling. He had an ordinary face.

However, the man looked well-trained. Despite his face, he did not seem like an ordinary person.

"Why do you want me to come with you?" Jian Yiling asked calmly. Her voice was quiet.

"There's no need to beat around the bush. We already know your identity," the middle-aged man said with great certainty.

All of a sudden, Jian Yiling remembered the phone call that Luo Xiuen had made to her. She recalled that the research institution's staff database had been accessed by intruders.

From the man's words, it was probably their work.

If these people were able to infiltrate the Institution without leaving any traces, their ability could not be estimated. This was something that ordinary people could not manage.

"And what if I refuse?"

"Then, we may have to apologize to you later."

Upon hearing this, An Yang was furious. "What do you mean? Are you going to use force if she doesn't agree to come with you?"

An Yang's anger was brewing. Just as he made a move, the man next to him put him back in his seat.

However, An Yang refused to give in. He started to struggle.

As he struggled to stand up, the man who was holding him down used more force.

An Yang could not get out of the man's grasp. As he tried, it appeared as though the veins in his neck were about to pop.

"Don't touch him. It's me you're looking for," Jian Yiling said with a stern tone. Her voice was soft but it still had strength in it.

"Please don't worry. As long as you agree to cooperate with us, we promise not to hurt your friend," the middle-aged man responded with a smile on his face. "You wouldn't want your two friends to be hurt either, would you? You're a smart person. You should know what to do."

They had been following Jian Yiling for a long time.

From Hengyuan City to Tonghai City and back to Hengyuan City again.

Today, they had finally found a good time to strike.

Before that, Jian Yiling had been with a group of very powerful people. Back then, they didn't dare to make any rash moves.

They didn't dare to mess with those people.

However, if it was just the Jian family, they could deal with them.

"What do you want me to do?" Jian Yiling asked. Her tone of voice was still very calm.

"I'm not meant to tell you what I want you to do. But you'll find out when you leave with us," the middle-aged man said. "In fact, Miss Yiling, you should know that I'm only being patient right now because I don't want to cause a fuss. We don't want to force you to come with us until we have to."

### **Chapter 437: Master Sheng Becomes Worried (1)**

"You can't go with them!" An Yang cried out to Jian Yiling.

An Yang did not know what was going on. Nor did he know who these people were.

However, he knew that these people were dangerous! He knew that Jian Yiling must not go with such a dangerous group of people!

An Yang desperately tried to break free from the grip of the man beside him. His face began to turn red as he struggled to break free.

Jian Yiling glanced at An Yang who was desperately trying to break free. Then, she glanced at Hu Jiaojiao. Hu Jiaojiao was in a state of panic. She had no idea of what to do.

"I'll deal with it," Jian Yiling said to the two of them. Despite the situation, her expression was cold and calm as she said this.

Then, Jian Yiling turned around to speak to the man in front of her: "Let's go."

"Miss Yiling is indeed a smart person. I like to talk to smart people. There is no need for me to waste time or do anything unnecessarily," the man commented with a smile.

An Yang watched at Jian Yiling was taken away. He was furious and anxious at the same time.

If he had known that this would happen, he should have brought along his lackeys! If he did, at least he would be able to retaliate a little! Right now, he couldn't do anything!

However, even if his lackeys were there, it would still be difficult for them to fight back. The people that had surrounded them were professionals. There was very little that they could do to help Jian Yiling.

However, his intention to help had been conveyed to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling followed these people to the entrance of the school and then got into their car.

There were a few people that were left behind to watch An Yang and Hu Jiaojiao. After Jian Yiling was taken away, the two of them were released from their custody.

As soon as they were free, An Yang rushed to call for help.

However, there was no one in his contacts list that could help him.

An Yang was so angry that he slammed his phone on the desk.

“Damn!”

An Yang started to curse in anger.

Hu Jiaojiao was also in a state of stress and panic. However, she remembered that she had saved Luo Xiuen’s contact information. And thus, she immediately called Luo Xiuen and told her that Jian Yiling had just been taken away.

After that, Hu Jiaojiao ran to the principal’s office. She reported the incident to the principal.

Jian Yiling’s parents were contacted as well.

When the principal heard about this, he was shocked and frightened.

It was no small matter that a student had been abducted from their school. They immediately contacted everyone that they could.

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Half an hour ago.

At the Yu Residence.

Zhai Yunsheng’s bodyguard came to report to him: “Master Sheng, the people who followed us to Tonghai City have followed us back to Hengyuan City.”

When they were in Tonghai City, Zhai Yunsheng’s men had already discovered traces of the other party.

After they had discovered this, they began to keep a close watch over the other party as well.

“Mhmm,” Zhai Yunsheng replied. He wasn’t interested in what his bodyguard was telling him.

“But there’s one thing that we seem to have gotten wrong. At first, we thought that they were following us. However, we just discovered that they weren’t targeting us. Instead, the target that they were following just happened to be with us at that time.”

Zhai Yunsheng opened his eyes and looked at his bodyguard.

“Who were they following?”

“It’s your teammate, Jian Yiling. Just now, the people that we sent to monitor the other party told us that they went to Shenghua High School.”

“Say that again!”

“That... That they went to Shenghua High School...”

Zhai Yunsheng’s bodyguard was startled by Master Sheng’s sudden change in temper.

The Master Sheng that they had known had always been indifferent about everything.

“Go to Shenghua High School!”

Zhai Yunsheng got up straight away.

His bodyguards rushed after him.

By the time Zhai Yunsheng arrived at Shenghua High School with his men, Jian Yiling had already been taken away.

An Yang and Hu Jiaojiao had skipped class to look for Jian Yiling.

Zhai Yunsheng grabbed An Yang by his clothes and asked: “Where is she?!”

### **Chapter 438: Master Sheng Becomes Worried (2)**

At first, An Yang was intimidated by Zhai Yunsheng. However, when he saw Zhai Yunsheng’s face, he recognized him as Jian Yiling’s teammate. It was ZYS!

Knowing that Zhai Yunsheng was Jian Yiling’s friend, An Yang quickly told him: “My boss was just taken away by a group of people! They left five minutes ago!”

Zhai Yunsheng was a step too late. Jian Yiling had just been taken away!

Zhai Yunsheng let go of An Yang and turned around to give an order to his men: “Send someone to go and find her before she leaves Hengyuan City!”

Zhai Yunsheng already knew that these people were from an international organization.

If they had taken Jian Yiling away, then they definitely did not plan to stay in Hengyuan City for long.

Zhai Yunsheng had to stop them before they left with Jian Yiling.

If these people took Jian Yiling to another country...

Zhai Yunsheng suddenly frowned. A dull pain came from his heart.

“Master Sheng, are you okay?” His bodyguards were very nervous when they saw the expression on Zhai Yunsheng’s face.

They were afraid that something was wrong with Zhai Yunsheng’s health.

Master Sheng couldn’t be anxious or worried! Such emotional states would have a certain probability of causing problems to his heart.

“Get to work!”

Zhai Yunsheng’s gaze was cold as he ordered his men. However, his lips were starting to turn purple.

His bodyguards didn’t dare to ask any more questions.

Zhai Yunsheng knew that at this juncture, they had to act quickly.

To ensure that nothing went wrong, Zhai Yunsheng called his second uncle.

Zhai Yunsheng took out a special phone. This phone was used only to make calls to certain people.

Almost instantly, the call was answered.

“Second uncle.”

The voice on the other end of the phone was low and imposing:

“You’re finally willing to use this phone.”

The Second Master of the Zhai family had told Zhai Yunsheng that if there was anything that he couldn’t handle, he should call this number.

However, Zhai Yunsheng had never called him.

Zhai Yunsheng never really cared about anything. This meant that there was never anything that he couldn’t handle.

“I need you to do me a favor.”

“Just say it. Everything that I have is yours.”

Zhai Yunsheng quickly told the Second Master of the Zhai family what he wanted.

“Okay, I’ll send people over immediately. I will also help you contact people. However, can I ask you a question? Who is that little girl? Is she my future niece-in-law?”

“No,” Zhai Yunsheng answered. “I have things to do. I’ll contact you later.”

Zhai Yunsheng hung up the phone after that.

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The news of Jian Yiling’s disappearance from school soon reached the Jian family.

Jian Yiling’s teacher had contacted Grandma Jian.

When Grandma Jian received the call, Jian Yumin and Jian Yubo were next to her.

Grandpa Jian was in his greenhouse.

Jian Yunmo was out of the house. Today, he had work-related matters to deal with.

After hearing that Jian Yiling had disappeared, Grandma Jian was so shocked that her face turned white. She hurriedly called out to the maids: “Go and call Grandpa Jian! Please hurry! Something happened to my darling!”

The maids rushed to the greenhouse.

“What’s wrong, Grandma? What happened to Yiling? What’s the matter? Is it serious? Where is she right now?”

Grandma Jian’s voice trembled as she said: “Yiling was taken away by some people. According to her classmates, the other party had a lot of people. They threatened her to leave with them.”

Upon hearing this, Jian Yumin was incredibly angry and anxious.

“I’m going to school right now!”

Jian Yumin rushed in the direction of the garage. He needed to get to his sister’s school.

He couldn’t let anything happen to her!

Jian Yubo pulled Jian Yumin back.

“It’s no use. She’s already left the school. She won’t go back there.”

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Jian Yubo’s reaction was much calmer than that of Jian Yumin’s. However, compared to the time in the conference room, he still reacted slightly differently.

After saying that to Jian Yumin, Jian Yubo took out his phone to make some calls.

He instructed people to keep an eye on the several major traffic routes leaving Hengyuan City.

At the same time, he had someone retrieve the road surveillance footage from the entrance of Shenghua High School. From there, he considered all the possible routes to be taken by the other party.

This was to find the whereabouts of the vehicle that took Jian Yiling away.

Grandpa Jian hurried out of his orchid greenhouse.

“What happened? Who touched my darling!?”

As Grandpa Jian rushed over here, his hands were still covered in mud.

“I don’t know! You have to get someone to investigate this! If anything happens to her, I won’t be able to live!” Grandma Jian cried out in anxiety.

She only had one darling granddaughter. How would she live without her? She couldn’t lose her!

Grandpa Jian was also incredibly worried and anxious.

His granddaughter was now in the hands of bad people. His heart felt as though it had been crumpled to thousands of folds.

Grandpa Jian knew how serious the matter was.

It was impossible for ordinary people to go to school to take Jian Yiling away.

In Hengyuan City, no one would dare to openly take his granddaughter away.

This meant that the person who did this was not an ordinary individual.

Grandpa Jian immediately contacted his connections and asked them to help him.

As Grandpa Jian did this, Jian Yubo and Jian Yumin left the Old Jian Residence.



They couldn't just sit in the house and wait!

They had to act!

This was the first time the two brothers had acted together after so many years.

If Jian Yiling wasn't in trouble, Jian Yumin would be happy that he was finally doing things with Jian Yubo again.

However, he wasn't in the mood to think about this right now.

Grandma Jian cried for a while. Then, she remembered to call Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng.

When he heard the news, Jian Yuncheng's face turned pale.

Jian Yuncheng immediately contacted Huo Yu. He asked him to investigate the matter.

All the family's resources and contacts had been mobilized.

What Jian Yuncheng needed to do was to get help in areas that the rest of the Jian family couldn't get help from.

They needed to find Jian Yiling in the shortest time possible. They had to ensure her safety.

As soon as Huo Yu heard that something had happened to Jian Yiling, he immediately put his other work aside. He started searching through the internet for clues.

In order to speed up the process, Huo Yu even contacted his friends in his circle to help him with the search.

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In the car, Jian Yiling was silent.

There were two women in suits that sat on her left and right. The two of them were watching her every move.

When they got into the car, they had already taken away Jian Yiling's phone. They placed her phone into a signal insulated case to ensure that no one could locate Jian Yiling through the location setting of her mobile phone.

The middle-aged man who had talked to Jian Yiling was seated in the front passenger seat.

There was a small screen at the back of that seat. The screen lit after the car had driven for a while.

A woman with white hair appeared on the screen. The woman looked quite old.

Through the screen, the woman said to Jian Yiling: "Dr. F.S, it was incredibly difficult to invite you here. We have sent many requests to your Institution. However, all those requests were rejected. And thus, we had to resort to this."

Jian Yiling looked calmly at the woman on the screen. She didn't have a slither of emotion visible on her face.

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The woman with white hair continued with a smile: "I know that we're using a method that you may dislike. However, as long as Dr. F.S cooperates with us, I will guarantee that you will receive a substantial payment."

"I refuse," Jian Yiling replied.

The old woman continued to speak: "Well, if you're alone in this world, then there would be nothing that we could do if you refused. However, as far as I know, Dr. F.S has quite a large family."

The old woman had sent someone to follow Jian Yiling for a long period of time. As a result, she had quite a thorough understanding of all the members of the Jian family.

From just the tournament, she knew that Jian Yiling was quite close with at least two of the brothers from the Jian family.

As the old woman said this, she switched the screen.

There was a picture of Jian Yiling's family on the screen. In addition to that, there was information regarding their daily activities, where they studied and worked and even places that they liked to go.

The old woman was confident that Jian Yiling would be more cooperative after seeing this information.

Then, the screen switched to something else again.

This time, there were a bunch of chemical formulas and words on the screen.

"I hope Dr. F.S will help me complete this project. As long as you do that, not only will your family be safe, but I will also pay you a good amount of money."

Jian Yiling swept her eyes across the screen.

Then, it quickly became clear to her that this was a dangerous project. This project should not be continued.

The project wasn't creating a cure for a disease. If completed, this was a project that would bring harm to people.

"I refuse," Jian Yiling repeated. Her answer did not change.

No matter whether the other party was threatening or enticing her, such a project would not be accepted by Jian Yiling.

"Dr. F.S, don't be so hasty to answer me. Do you really not care about your brothers' lives? Do you really think you can protect your family? You should understand that if we dare to take action against you, it means that we don't care about your family's power or influence."

From the time that they were able to obtain information about Jian Yiling from the Huiling Medical Research Institution, Jian Yiling knew that the other party had strength and influence.

"I will kill myself first," Jian Yiling said.

“What do you mean by that? If you die, I won’t spare any of your brothers.”

“Then we will be brother and sister in another life,” Jian Yiling replied expressionlessly.

The voice was still the same soft voice as before. However, that soft voice did not even fear death.

“Do you want to do this the easy way or the hard way? Do you really think that I don’t dare to do anything to you?” The old woman growled. Her voice was cold as she ordered her female subordinates who were seated next to Jian Yiling: “Slap her twice. Make her realize what she’s up against.”

The female subordinate raised her hand and slapped Jian Yiling in the face.

The female subordinate had been professionally trained. As a result, she had a lot of force in the slaps.

After the two slaps, two bright red marks appeared on Jian Yiling’s fair and delicate cheeks in just a few seconds.

Her face, which was already rather small, was now almost entirely covered with bright red palm marks.

“You won’t be able to leave Hengyuan City.”

“Even at this point, you’re still acting tough?”

The old woman did not know that Jian Yiling was deliberately provoking her. She was trying to prolong their video call.