

Sidekick 441

Chapter 441: Master Sheng to the Rescue (1)

Wherever the old woman was now, the video call between her and the car that Jian Yiling was in right now was being made over the Internet.

Both the old woman's image and Jian Yiling's image were being transmitted over the Internet.

If the call was long enough, one of Jian Yiling's contacts would be able to detect it.

As expected, the video was detected by one of Jian Yiling's contacts.

Almost at the same time, one of Master Liang's top computer experts and Huo Yu both detected the video call.

Master Liang was then informed about Jian Yiling's situation.

After seeing the old woman on the screen, Master Liang's brows furrowed.

"Ahh, this is a big problem. This witch isn't easy to deal with. She has the power from an international organization behind her..."

This was someone who could give Master Liang a headache.

This meant that it was incredibly dangerous that Jian Yiling had fallen into the hands of this old woman.

Then, Master Liang hurriedly said to his men: "Do not let her take Yiling on the plane!"

Once they left the country, it would be incredibly difficult to bring Jian Yiling back again!

"Check all the flights today. Also, check the approved private routes. Check the large airlines, small airlines, and even helicopters! Make sure to check everything that can fly!"

If only they could suspend all the flights for today.

That would buy them more than enough time.

However, Master Liang could not control the departure times of the major airlines.

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The vehicle that was carrying Jian Yiling drove on for another while. Then, in a corner without surveillance, they transferred Jian Yiling to another car.

The car then continued on its way to the Hengyuan International Airport.

The old woman was planning on taking Jian Yiling out of Hengyuan City. This was just as Zhai Yunsheng had predicted.

However, when they arrived at the airport, they were shocked to find out that the private flight that they had applied for had been restricted due to air traffic control. They had to wait for further information before they could take off.

All the flights on airport arrival and departure screens were red.

Almost all the international flights were delayed.

Delays were a common occurrence. Usually, there were often significant delays due to the weather and air traffic conditions.

However, today's delay was rather unfortunate. It seriously affected the old woman's plans.

After asking the airport, the airport was unable to give a new departure time to the old woman.

And thus, the old woman had no choice but to order her subordinates to take Jian Yiling to an unused factory that was next to the airport. The few of them were to wait there.

The car drove to the unused factory.

In their waiting time, the old woman called Jian Yiling again.

"Dr. F.S, please take this time to consider my offer. I hope that by the time I see you in person, your decision and attitude will have changed."

The middle-aged man in the car also tried to persuade Jian Yiling: "Miss Yiling, you clearly behaved intelligently at your school just now. Why are you making such a stupid decision now then? Cooperate with our boss! It will do you no harm!"

The middle-aged man had just finished talking to Jian Yiling when he saw people come out of the unused factory. The people appeared to look strong and well-trained.

They appeared out of nowhere. It was as though they had magically popped out of the corners of the factory.

Upon seeing this, the middle-aged man and his subordinates were shocked.

"What's going on? We decided to move here a few minutes ago! How can there be so many people in ambush?!"

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In no time at all, around a hundred strong bodyguards were standing inside the unused factory that had originally been empty.

Each of them was strong and powerful. They appeared to be trained to international standards.

This made the group of kidnappers feel stressed. They only had seven to eight people.

There was no doubt that if they were to fight, they were definitely no match for these men in front of them.

The middle-aged man politely said to the crowd: "My bad, we were just passing by. We accidentally intruded into your territory. I'm incredibly sorry for disturbing you all. We will leave now. Please let us go."

These people had arrived before they had reached the unused and abandoned factory.

And thus, the middle-aged man assumed that they might have stumbled into someone else's territory by mistake.

However, after the middle-aged man had finished speaking, the bodyguards in front of him not only did not move away but instead, surrounded the two cars. They made sure that the group did not have a chance to leave.

At the same time, there were pieces of iron that were scattered on the ground.

This meant that the two cars could not drive away.

A heavy expression appeared on the middle-aged man's face: "Friends, we are not enemies. We have done nothing to harm you. This isn't a good way to take things. We shouldn't get into such a situation. Although we only have two cars of people right now, the boss behind us is someone that you can't afford to mess with."

The hundred bodyguards in front of him were silent.

The middle-aged man knew that these people were not the ones who were in charge.

And thus, the middle-aged man raised his voice a bit: "Friend, we are really just passing by. We aren't looking for trouble. I hope you won't give us a hard time."

After the middle-aged man finished shouting, the bodyguards waited for awhile. Then, they moved to make way for someone.

Zhai Yunsheng stepped out of the crowd.

He was dressed in dark clothes. His expression was not as carefree as usual. The look on his face was incredibly scary.

The moment the middle-aged man saw Zhai Yunsheng, he immediately recognized him.

This was the man who played in the same tournament as Jian Yiling. They had seen this man during the time that they had been following Jian Yiling.

Because of this man, they had delayed their plans.

What the middle-aged man didn't expect was that after they took Jian Yiling away, this man had reacted so quickly.

Did this mean that these people were trying to take Jian Yiling away?

As he thought about this, the middle-aged man felt sweat on his forehead.

That meant that these people were hiding before they entered the factory...

How was that possible?

Suddenly, the man thought about all the flight delays...

Could it be..?

Zhai Yunsheng's gaze did not linger on the middle-aged man nor on his subordinates.

Instead, he looked at the back seat of the car.

He looked at Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was still being guarded by two women.

From this angle, what he could see was the side of Jian Yiling's face.

The fair and delicate skin on her face was now marked with a blood-red handprint.

Jian Yiling also saw Zhai Yunsheng through the car window.

This was something that she hadn't expected.

She knew that there would be people coming to help her. She also knew that they wouldn't get out of Hengyuan City. However, she didn't expect Zhai Yunsheng to be the first one to arrive.

Jian Yiling also noticed that Zhai Yunsheng's lips were a little different from their usual color. There were hints of purple on his lips.

When the heart was ischemic, the color of the lips would turn people.

He wasn't feeling well. Jian Yiling could almost 100% confirm this.

He should be in the hospital.

Instead of standing here!

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"Let her go," Zhai Yunsheng said to the middle-aged man and his subordinates.

However, his voice did not have as much energy as usual.

This made Jian Yiling even more certain that he was in bad health.

It was very dangerous for him to be like this. His physical condition was not the same as other people! He could die from this!

Jian Yiling, who had been sitting still in the car, suddenly lunged for the door.

The two women watching her immediately pushed her back into her seat.

Then, one of the women even tied Jian Yiling's hands behind her back.

The two women's actions were rather rough. Jian Yiling's delicate and fragile body was being basically tossed around by the two of them.

"Let her go!" Zhai Yunsheng suddenly raised his voice.

After raising his voice, he breathed in sharply. There was even more intense pain in his heart.

Zhai Yunsheng's doctor had warned him about this. He could not get too anxious, too excited, or too angry.

Any emotional ups and downs could lead to heart problems and even more dangerous situations.

However, Zhai Yunsheng never paid any attention to the doctor's advice.

He had never been angry about anything before.

Now, however, when he saw how violently and roughly Jian Yiling was being treated, a fire began to burn in his heart.

However, his heart could not handle this.

Zhai Yunsheng's bodyguards were shocked to see Zhai Yunsheng's reaction.

They were not shocked by his strength and voice. Rather, they were shocked and incredibly worried about his physical condition!

"Young Master!"

The nearby bodyguards immediately rushed over to help Zhai Yunsheng.

"Quick, take him to the hospital!"

The bodyguards realized that Zhai Yunsheng's physical condition was not so good.

In fact, Zhai Yunsheng's condition on the way to the airport hadn't been good. There were several times where he had felt a dull pain in his heart.

However, he hadn't said anything to anyone about this. He had instead traveled all the way here.

"Get lost!" Zhai Yunsheng growled. He forced his bodyguards back with a biting cold look.

As a result, his bodyguards did not dare to come any closer. They didn't want to further irritate and provoke Zhai Yunsheng.

His bodyguards could only carefully persuade Zhai Yunsheng: "Young Master, you must go to the hospital immediately! We will take care of this side! We promise to bring Miss Yiling back safely!"

Their Young Master's heart was congenitally deformed! His life could be in danger at any moment! It was too dangerous to go on like this!

Zhai Yunsheng completely ignored those comments. He looked in the direction of Jian Yiling and ordered his men:

"Do it. Spare no one."

At this moment, the middle-aged man also realized the extent of the problem. He had the two women pull Jian Yiling out of the car.

Then, he used Jian Yiling to threaten Zhai Yunsheng: "If you don't let us go, don't blame us for doing something to Miss Yiling."

"If you dare to lay a finger on her, I will make you and your boss pay with your life!"

Zhai Yunsheng's breathing was unstable. His body was in a really bad condition.

The middle-aged man was shocked by Zhai Yunsheng's words. This was the first time that he met someone who dared to threaten his boss like that.

"You should go see a doctor," Jian Yiling said quietly. Although she had her hands pinned behind her back, Jian Yiling didn't care about her own situation. Instead, she was worried about Zhai Yunsheng.

However, Zhai Yunsheng automatically ignored Jian Yiling's words.

"Leave for the hospital right now. There will be others to save me," Jian Yiling repeated.

However, Jian Yiling's words did not make Zhai Yunsheng change his mind.

Zhai Yunsheng took a look at Jian Yiling before he laughed: "Since I'm here today, I won't leave until I've taken you away."

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Jian Yiling stared at the man in front of her. He had a pained expression on his face, however, he was still smiling. It seemed as though he was planning to crack a joke at any time.

This was the first time in her life that someone was determined to save her without any regard for what she could do or what she could offer to them. In fact, they didn't even care about their own health and body.

Jian Yiling couldn't understand why he was doing this. However, there was a warm feeling in her heart.

When the middle-aged man saw the situation, he became a little nervous. However, the situation did not allow him to retreat.

Besides, he didn't believe that the young man in front of him could threaten his boss. The young man didn't seem to be in very good health. How could such a person achieve anything? How could he threaten their boss?

"Cut the crap, Miss Yiling is in our hands. If you don't let us go, none of us will leave here unscathed today!"

He intended to fight Zhai Yunsheng to the end. He had a hostage in his hands. Even if the other party had more people, they still wouldn't dare to make a move against them.

At that moment, the middle-aged man's phone rang.

He saw that it was a video call from his boss.

The middle-aged man immediately picked up the phone.

"Let her go! Give her back to the man in front of you!"

As soon as the call was answered, the old woman gave the middle-aged man an order.

The middle-aged man was puzzled to receive such an order: "But Boss... Even if we let her go right now... They might not let us leave..."

"I told you to let her go!" The old woman raised her voice. "Now! Now! Let her go right now!"

The middle-aged man was surprised to see his Boss like this. She never reacted like this.

“But Boss... This matter... I... I don't understand...”

“There's nothing that you need to understand! You can't afford to mess with these people! You have a chance to live if you let her go right now!”

The old woman had lost her confidence and composure from before.

Then, the middle-aged man heard the low voice of a man.

“Hurry up. I don't have much patience.”

The man's voice did not sound angry nor scary.

Although the man was not directly visible in the video, it could be seen from the old woman's face that the man's presence was incredibly intimidating.

The middle-aged man suddenly understood the seriousness of the situation.

Something had happened to his Boss.

Someone had gone straight to their Boss. In fact, they were even threatening their Boss.

As far as he could remember, there was only a handful of people who could make their Boss panic like that!

When the middle-aged man looked at Zhai Yunsheng again, his gaze and expression completely changed.

After a moment of contemplation, he hurriedly asked his subordinates to let Jian Yiling go.

The two women who were holding onto Jian Yiling loosened their grip.

The bodyguards around them acted immediately.

As soon as she was let go, Jian Yiling ran towards Zhai Yunsheng.

Zhai Yunsheng also attempted to run forward.

However, after only two steps, he felt that something was wrong with his body. And thus, he stopped in his tracks and waited for Jian Yiling to come to him.

Jian Yiling ran up to Zhai Yunsheng. She looked at him unblinkingly.

Zhai Yunsheng reached out his hand. However, he stopped halfway.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng said to his bodyguards, “Slap them.”

The empty factory was suddenly filled with a series of ‘slaps’.

One after another.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng looked back at Jian Yiling. He was about to speak.

However, a strong sense of discomfort hit him.

Following that, he was plunged into darkness.

Zhai Yunsheng's body began to collapse.

Jian Yiling instinctively opened her arms to try and catch Zhai Yunsheng's falling body.

At that moment, she forgot that she could not hold Zhai Yunsheng's body with her strength.

Fortunately, Zhai Yunsheng was surrounded by his quick-witted bodyguards.

The moment Jian Yiling's arms wrapped around Zhai Yunsheng's waist, his bodyguards were already holding him up.

Chapter 445: Promise Me One Thing

Inside the hospital ward.

There were two beds.

On the bed by the window, there was Zhai Yunsheng.

There was a lot of medical equipment that was attached to Zhai Yunsheng's body. The equipment monitored his body with a range of indicators.

On the bed by the door, there was Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling hadn't suffered any serious injuries. She only had a few bruises and mild swelling. However, she was escorted by Zhai Yunsheng's men to the hospital. They asked her to do a number of hospital examinations.

The entrance of the ward was guarded by Zhai Yunsheng's bodyguards and members of the Jian family.

The bodyguards didn't dare to let Jian Yiling leave. They were worried that Zhai Yunsheng would get worried and lose his temper if he didn't see her when he woke up.

However, they also did not dare to let anyone else inside. Too many people crowding the ward would disturb Zhai Yunsheng.

And thus, there were only two people in the ward.

When Jian Yiling woke up, she saw Zhai Yunsheng. Zhai Yunsheng hadn't gained consciousness yet.

However, his lips were no longer purple. Despite that, his lips were still a little discolored.

As Jian Yiling looked at him, she felt that he looked inexplicably frail. He didn't seem to be his usual self. The overbearing and dominating Zhai Yunsheng.

The medical equipment next to him showed that his heartbeat had returned to normal.

After a while, Zhai Yunsheng gradually regained his consciousness. He slowly opened his eyes.

The first person he saw when he opened his eyes was Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was still looking at him.

The two red marks had not yet completely faded from her fair and delicate face.

Jian Yiling looked at him with her bright and shining eyes.

It seemed as though she was rather concerned about him. Her eyebrows were slightly knitted together.

The two of them looked at each other quietly.

For a long time, they looked at each other in silence.

After a while, Jian Yiling finally broke the silence: "Are you... Are you feeling better?"

"I'm okay," Zhai Yunsheng responded. His voice was lower than usual and his tone was a bit more serious as well.

His eyes appeared to be deep in thought as well.

"Jian Yiling, I'm going back," Zhai Yunsheng suddenly said.

"You need to stay in the hospital for another night," Jian Yiling responded.

"I'm going back to the capital," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

He did not mean that he was leaving the hospital right now. Instead, he meant that he was planning to leave Hengyuan City.

Jian Yiling was stunned for a moment.

It was a bit sudden. However, it made sense as well.

He shouldn't have stayed in Hengyuan City for so long in the first place. It made sense for him to return to Beijing.

It was just that the timing of it seemed a bit off...

There was a strange feeling in her heart that Jian Yiling could not describe.

"Mhmm."

As Jian Yiling couldn't put her finger on what she felt, she could only respond with an "Mhmm."

"Promise me one thing," Zhai Yunsheng started again.

"Okay." Without asking what it was, Jian Yiling immediately agreed. It was as if she would agree to whatever he wanted to ask of her.

"In the future, don't go to the capital. The world is a big place. You can go anywhere you want. However, you must not go to Beijing."

Zhai Yunsheng's tone was incredibly serious and earnest. It did not seem as though he was joking.

He looked at Jian Yiling with sadness in his eyes. However, it was a sadness that Jian Yiling could not understand.

"Why?"

“There’s no reason. Just promise me that you won’t go there.”

Zhai Yunsheng stared into Jian Yiling’s eyes.

He knew that in his lifetime, he could never love anyone. In his lifetime, he could never get married either.

His congenital heart deformity was inherited from his mother. His mother had died from this condition.

There was a chance that his condition would be passed onto his children.

And thus, how could he love someone? How could he start a family? How could he allow his future wife to suffer the pain of having a husband and child who could both die at any moment?

However, he was a selfish man. He could only convince himself to let go of her only once.

Chapter 446: Won’t Let Go the Second Time

She couldn’t appear in front of him again.

Otherwise, he might not be able to let go of her the second time.

He might selfishly choose to confine her to his side.

He would selfishly ask her to suffer with him. She wouldn’t have hope for the future. She wouldn’t have a chance to regret her decision and escape either.

Jian Yiling looked into Zhai Yunsheng’s eyes. She tried to read his thoughts that were hidden deep in his eyes.

However, she failed to do so. For her, reading Zhai Yunsheng was more difficult than any maths or chemistry problem.

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Jian Yiling’s family waited anxiously outside the ward for a long time.

Finally, the door opened.

Jian Yiling walked out of the door.

“Yiling!”

Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan rushed forward to hug their daughter.

“Yiling, you scared your mother to death!” Wen Nuan cried out. To this moment, her voice was still shaking.

Jian Shuxing hugged his wife and his daughter. His eyes were red as well.

As Jian Yiling was being hugged, she raised her head and looked around her.

The corridor of the hospital was completely crowded.

In addition to Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan, there was also Jian Yuncheng, Jian Yunmo, Jian Yunnao, Jian Yumin, Jian Yubo, and Jian Yujie.

Next to them stood Master Liang and the researchers from the Huiling Medical Research Institution.

Other than Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian who stayed at home to wait for news, everyone else came to the hospital.

Today, all the people in front of her went out to look for her. Zhai Yunsheng wasn't the only one who had searched for her.

They were all concerned with her wellbeing and safety. They did their utmost to save her.

Jian Yunmo came forward and gently stroked Jian Yiling's hair with his hand.

It was a gentle gesture. He tried to soothe the shock that his sister had experienced in the day.

Jian Yujie breathed in deeply. He had only just arrived. He hadn't known that his sister had been kidnapped until after school.

Yiling's face had been red from the slaps. The doctor had said that she had been beaten in several other areas on her body as well.

Jian Yumin had gone to beat up those people a while ago.

However, his hatred had not lessened. He became angry again when he saw that his sister's palm-sized face was still red and swollen.

Jian Yubo remained silent. He seemed to be the calmest and most indifferent person in the room.

However, he and Jian Yumin were the first people to arrive in the unused factory today after Zhai Yunsheng.

Jian Yuncheng's expression was very dark and sullen.

However, it was evident that he was very worried about Jian Yiling.

It was just that he didn't typically show or express his emotions.

Jian Yunnao's eyes were red as he looked at his sister. He was also incredibly upset.

At this time, he should have gone up to comfort his sister. He should have gone forward to give her a hug. However, he could only stand by and watch her. He was unable to say a word of comfort.

Luo Xiuen and the others had an apologetic expression on their faces. Their research institution had failed to protect their data. This had led to the disclosure of Jian Yiling's identity. This was what had caused such a problem in the first place.

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The next day, Jian Yiling got up early to prepare breakfast.

The dish that she had prepared contained mushrooms and meat.

The dish that she prepared was then packed into a pink insulated lunch box. Then, Jian Yiling brought the lunch box to the hospital.

However, when she arrived at the door of the hospital ward, there were no longer any bodyguards guarding the door.

Jian Yiling walked to the door and pushed it open.

The ward was empty.

Following this, Jian Yiling visited the Yu Residence.

However, everything in the Yu family that had anything to do with Zhai Yunsheng had been taken away.

The Yu family told Jian Yiling that Zhai Yunsheng's bodyguards had come over last night to pack up his things.

He had left.

Just like he said.

He had left. He had departed from Hengyuan City.

They still had the finals of 'Zerg Invasion' to play. However, he had left early.

Chapter 447: Three Years Later

Three years later.

The capital, Beijing.

In a high-end residential building in the middle of the city.

In the house, the decor was very plain. The decor was mostly in black and white.

In the bedroom, a half-naked man was asleep on a king-sized bed.

The upper half of his body was toned and muscular.

The lower half of his body was covered by black cotton trousers. His legs were incredibly long.

The thin blanket that should have covered him during his sleep had slipped to one side.

The room was filled with music that was incredibly loud.

However somehow, the man was sleeping soundly to this somewhat noisy music.

On the bedside table, there were two pink cartoon lunch boxes. The lunch boxes did not fit in with the decor of the rest of the room.

Next to the lunch box, there was a picture frame on the bedside table.

However, the picture frame was not properly placed. Instead, it was faced down on the desk. And thus, the contents of the picture frame could not be seen.

At eight o'clock in the morning, the man opened his eyes.

He had a pair of almond-shaped eyes that looked like a phoenix. His eyes were bright and the corners of his eyes were long and sharp.

He was Zhai Yunsheng. He had changed a lot in the past three years.

From nineteen to twenty-two, he had become more mature.

Compared to his appearance three years ago, his face was more charming and mature now.

However, he was also more unpredictable.

In these three years, he had changed from his old ways. He no longer spent his days doing nothing.

Instead, he had taken over the Zhai family business.

This was something that he never wanted to touch before.

He was someone who could die at any time. What was the point of him touching those things in the first place?

However, after he left Hengyuan City three years ago, he had suddenly changed his mind.

This surprised many people who knew him in the capital.

The Zhai Yunsheng after this change was more intimidating to them.

Zhai Yunsheng got up from the bed. His legs hit the ground and then he walked to the bathroom.

Then, he washed up and changed his clothes.

His housekeeper came in on time. He reported to Zhai Yunsheng who had just finished washing up, about his schedule for the day.

When he heard his schedule, Zhai Yunsheng's gaze darkened.

It had been three years. Qin Chuan, the illegitimate son of the Qin family, had finally agreed to come to the capital.

In the past three years, Qin Chuan's own business had developed incredibly well.

The company that he had founded could now be traded on the exchange. Due to this, the company's value had skyrocketed.

Now, his ability had been recognized by everyone. Due to this reason, his return would no longer be questioned by the rest of the Qin family.

Qin Chuan's name reminded Zhai Yunsheng of Hengyuan City.

Three years had passed.

Jian Yiling was about to celebrate her eighteenth birthday.

Once the housekeeper finished reporting Zhai Yunsheng's schedule, he quickly left the room.

Zhai Yunsheng got up from his seat and walked over to his bed. He picked up the picture frame that was face down on the bedside table.

It was a group photo.

This group photo had been taken by the officials of the 'Zerg Invasion' tournament three years ago. Back then, they were competing in the same team.

He was in the photo with Jian Yiling, Yu Xi, and Jian Yujie.

Three years ago, in the final game of the offline tournament, the two main players of [Domination] did not turn up. Instead, they were replaced by two substitutes that hadn't played in the offline tournament before.

One could easily imagine the results. Not only did they lose the match, but they also lost the chance to win the tournament.

Many of their fans had turned into haters. They began to diss and reprimand [Domination.]

In fact, there was a lot of speculation at that time. Some people said that the team members of [Domination] had been paid to not play on purpose.

However, the memory of the Internet was short-lived.

In the past three years, many things have changed. The news that had been popular once upon a time had become long forgotten.

The game 'Zerg Invasion' was still a massive hit. However now, there were more professional players and stronger teams.

No one remembered the team that dominated and crushed in the first offline tournament of 'Zerg Invasion'.

Chapter 448: Master Sheng's Love Life is Blank

When Qin Chuan returned to the Qin family, the Qin family immediately hosted a large dinner party for him. They invited all the major families and famous celebrities in the capital to attend.

The dinner party was much bigger than the one that the Qin family had hosted in Hengyuan City three years ago.

Zhai Yunsheng was undoubtedly invited.

In the past few years, Zhai Yunsheng's every move had been a topic of great interest amongst the major families and celebrities of the capital.

Twenty-two-year-old Zhai Yunsheng held the power of the Zhai family. In addition to having money, he was also incredibly powerful and attractive.

Apart from his rumored poor health, there was nothing else that was wrong with him.

Such a man was basically the Prince Charming in the eyes of many of the women in the capital.

However, no matter how hard they tried, none of them could even meet Zhai Yunsheng.

If they couldn't even see him, there was no chance for their relationship with him to develop anywhere further.

In fact, as of now, Zhai Yunsheng's love life was still a blank slate.

He didn't even stand in the same photo with any woman. This meant that there were definitely no sex scandals related to him.

Everyone attempted to find out what kind of girls that Zhai Yunsheng liked. However, they all ended up empty-handed.

They needed something to refer to if they wanted to figure out what Zhai Yunsheng liked. However, Master Sheng never even had a girlfriend!

In the past few years, there was a rumor that Master Zhai wanted his future granddaughter-in-law to be an innocent and pure girl.

And thus, a lot of girls changed their dressing style.

As everyone knew that Zhai Yunsheng would be there at the Qin family's dinner party tonight, many girls dressed up with light make-up and light-colored clothes.

Other than Zhai Yunsheng, Qin Chuan, who was making his first appearance in Beijing today, was also a hot topic of discussion.

The crowd was looking forward to meeting Qin Chuan. There were rumors that said that Qin Chuan was as good-looking as Master Sheng.

Mo Shiyun was also present at the dinner party.

However, she hadn't been invited to the party. Instead, she had followed a friend to get into the party.

Three years ago, Mo Shiyun was a top-tier actress.

She had initially thought that it was only the beginning of her career. However, she didn't realize that it would be the peak of her career.

Ever since then, her acting career went on a downward spiral.

The movie that she starred in that had cost a lot of money was a box office failure. The investors had lost all their money.

In addition to this, the dramas that she had been cast in had failed to make it to the top of the charts.

In fact, she was considered to be bad luck in the entertainment industry.

In addition to this, there had been several scandals about her. This caused her popularity to fall even further.

However, the most damaging thing of all was that she had lost all her behind-the-scenes support in the entertainment industry.

Without a lot of resources and without her own connections in the entertainment industry, Mo Shiyun could do nothing.

Although she had a rather large fan base, she was no longer cast in any dramas. Then, she began to receive less attention and slowly faded from the entertainment industry.

If she never had made it to the top, she wouldn't have known the view at the peak.

However, she had made it to the top of the entertainment industry in the early years of her career. After her fall from fame, her life had become ever so dull.

After entering the ballroom, Mo Shiyun saw Qin Chuan.

Qin Chuan was dressed in an expensive suit.

His eyes were filled with confidence as he talked elegantly with the man in front of him. Whilst he did this, slowly swirled a red wine glass in his hand.

Qin Chuan was more dazzling than he was three years ago.

However, the distance between them had also increased.

In the past three years, Mo Shiyun had also been following Qin Chuan's news.

She had watched as his company grew. She watched his company have its initial public offering. And she watched as he returned to the Qin family...

Chapter 449: Jian Yiling Returns (1)

International Airport Terminal

Yu Xi was incredibly nervous.

Grandma Jian had just informed him that Jian Yiling was going to arrive in the capital this afternoon on an international flight. She asked him to come and pick Jian Yiling up.

It had been three years! God Ling was finally back!

Three years ago, Master Sheng had suddenly gone back to the capital. As a result, he hadn't even attended their final game.

God Ling had been missing as well.

Due to this, in the end, Jian Yiling's lackey, An Yang, and one of his friends had to fill in for them.

Yu Xi was very angry. However, he wasn't angry about the fact that Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling failed to play in their final game. He wasn't even angry that they had lost the chance to become the champions.

Instead, he was angry at what those two did!

They were teammates!

Yet the two of them had abandoned him just like that!

However, Yu Xi was only angry for a while. His anger quickly subsided.

Although games were important, it still wasn't as important as his friends.

After his anger fully subsided, Yu Xi returned to the capital to study at university.

As Zhai Yunsheng was no longer playing around, Yu Xi had to follow him back to school and finish his university studies.

During this time, Yu Xi heard that Jian Yiling did not have to wait until next year to take her college entrance exams. Instead, she passed the examination for an overseas university that winter. As a result, she was accepted directly into that university.

At the beginning of the following spring, she went abroad with her second brother.

For the past two years, Jian Yiling and her brother Jian Yunmo spent most of their time overseas.

The two of them would only come back briefly for the Chinese New Year.

And thus, Yu Xi hadn't seen Jian Yiling for three whole years.

According to Grandma Jian, Jian Yiling had only returned because there was an exchange program between her foreign university and the Beijing University.

As soon as Grandma Jian heard that Jian Yiling was going to the capital, she immediately asked Yu Xi to take care of her precious granddaughter. Grandma Jian knew that Yu Xi was currently in Beijing.

And thus, Yu Xi arrived at the airport with great anticipation.

He was also incredibly nervous at the same time.

Three years had passed. He wondered what kind of person God Ling had grown up to be.

Had she grown up to be a beautiful and gorgeous woman?

After the flight arrived, there were many people who came out from the exit.

Yu Xi stretched his neck to look for Jian Yiling.

Finally, he saw a girl wearing black slim-fitting jeans with a white t-shirt in the crowd.

She had bright eyes, a fair face, and a delicate figure.

Her long soft hair was tied up in a simple ponytail.

She looked exactly the same as the God Ling of his memory!

There was hardly any change! This included her height!

Yu Xi waved happily at Jian Yiling.

"Yiling! Yiling!"

Jian Yiling was currently on the phone. The person on the phone was telling Jian Yiling things to be aware of:

“Please be careful when you’re staying in Beijing. Don’t expose yourself. There’s a lot of people watching you over there. Also, if you don’t need the people I sent to pick you up, I will get them to go over to your residence and arrange everything.”

“You will be staying in Beijing for a month this time. Please be careful. It doesn’t matter if you don’t manage to achieve what we planned to do. Just be careful. You’re more valuable than anything else. Either way, you must come back in a month unscathed.”

When Jian Yiling saw Yu Xi, she ended the call for the time being.

When she saw Yu Xi, her heart stirred a little.

She had come to the capital after all.

Three years ago, Zhai Yunsheng had asked her to promise him that she wouldn’t come to Beijing. She could go anywhere else in the world.

But she had come anyway.

This was the first time that Jian Yiling had broken her promise to someone.

However, she had reasons as to why she had to come to Beijing. Even if she had to break her promise to him, she still had to come here.

Chapter 450: Jian Yiling Returns (2)

Yu Xi rushed forward to help Jian Yiling with her luggage: “God Ling, you haven’t changed at all!”

Yu Xi was filled with joy.

This was great! God Ling was still the same God Ling as before! Nothing had changed.

Time seemed to have gone back to three years ago.

God Ling was still cute and adorable. Of course, she still seemed cold to everyone.

“Three centimeters,” Jian Yiling replied.

The voice that came out of her mouth was still the same voice as Yu Xi remembered. Soft and sweet like sticky rice.

“Huh?” Yu Xi questioned as he looked at her.

“I’ve grown three centimeters taller.”

Three centimeters was still going taller.

Yu Xi paused for a moment. He tried very hard to hold back from laughing out loud.

He couldn’t laugh! He definitely could not laugh at God Ling! He hadn’t seen her for so long. They had finally reunited! He couldn’t make fun of her right away!

After suppressing his laughter, Yu Xi looked at Jian Yiling again. His expression became serious.

He had many questions that he wanted to ask her. However, he didn’t know where to start.

For example, what exactly had happened between her and Master Sheng three years ago?

And why did Master Sheng leave Hengyuan City immediately? Why did he leave right after rescuing her?

And why did he stay in the capital for the past three years? He hadn't left the city a single time ever since then.

Jian Yiling had also left the country. As a result, Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng had completely broken off contact with one another.

Yu Xi would not believe Jian Yiling if she said that nothing had happened between them.

However, what could have happened? Yu Xi could not think of a situation that could have caused this.

After pausing for a while, Yu Xi still did not ask about what happened three years ago. He didn't know how to phrase his question. Instead, he asked Jian Yiling a question that he thought was related to her age:

"God Ling, have you dated anyone in the past few years?"

Jian Yiling was silent for a moment.

Jian Yiling's silence made Yu Xi immediately assume things: "Wait, no way! Did you find a foreign boyfriend?! I guess it's normal for an eighteen-year-old girl to date someone... However, you can't just let someone from another country steal you away!"

"I haven't," Jian Yiling replied.

Her brother said that she couldn't date until she was twenty.

"Wait... Does that mean you haven't dated anyone? Or does that mean you don't have a foreign boyfriend?"

"Haven't for both questions."

"Well, you should hurry up and date someone when you're in the capital! Don't waste your youth! You can take a look at the guys in Beijing! They're much better than the ones from overseas!"

Then, Yu Xi commented: "Hmmm, Master Sheng hasn't dated anyone either. However, I haven't seen him much in the past few years. To be honest, if he did start to date someone, I wouldn't know about it either."

After Zhai Yunsheng started to work on the Zhai family business, Yu Xi had very few opportunities to meet him.

Yu Xi remembered that the last time he had seen Master Sheng was around two months ago.

"Mhmm."

When Jian Yiling heard Yu Xi mentioned Zhai Yunsheng, she merely responded calmly.

"Ohh, let's not stand around anymore. Let's walk over to my car."

And thus, Yu Xi walked with Jian Yiling to where he had parked the car.

After leaving the airport, Yu Xi asked Jian Yiling: "God Ling, have you found a place to live yet? If you haven't found one, I'll find a place for you."

"I found a place already."

"Ohh, that's good. Tell me the address, I'll send you there."

"Take me to the place where the Qin family is holding their banquet today."

"God Ling, what are you going there for?" Yu Xi asked curiously.

"I need to talk to Qin Chuan about something," Jian Yiling replied.

She didn't specify what she was going to talk about.

However, when Yu Xi heard this, he vaguely felt that it seemed as though God Ling was quite familiar with Qin Chuan.

Could it be that God Ling and Qin Chuan had been contacting each other during the past few years?

"God Ling, have you been in contact with Qin Chuan in the past three years?"

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied. She didn't deny Yu Xi's assumption.