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Chapter 551: Awaiting for J10's Return

Right now, it just so happened to be the start of Zerg Invasion's Fourth Official Tournament.

If J10 wanted to return to the scene, this would be a great opportunity.

Furthermore, Zerg Invasion's fanbase had grown quite a bit over the past three years. As a result, many people began to follow the tournament much more closely.

As of now, the finals had been scaled up as well. In addition, the prize pool was millions of dollars. There were also other additional benefits on top of the prize money.

Most importantly, it was the glory associated with winning a major tournament.

Once upon a time, [Domination] had swept the entire tournament. Back then, the team had left a deep impression on the viewers. At the same time, the viewers were disappointed to not see the core members play in the finals.

And thus, now that J10 reappeared, some fans believed that [Domination] would return again.

As J10 still did not have a Weibo account, the fans could only message Jian Yumin. However, Jian Yumin's account right now wasn't used much. He had left the entertainment industry.

When he received these messages, Jian Yumin was alone in his office. It was late at night, yet, he hadn't gone home.

He would rather stay in the office by himself. He didn't want to go back to that cold place.

In the past, he did not spend much time at home. However, that place had always occupied a warm corner in his heart. However, things had changed.

When he saw the messages related to his sister on his Weibo account, his mind went back to a few years ago.

He thought of the memories he had with his sister. They attended a survival show together!

A rare smile appeared on Jian Yumin's face.

Those memories were incredibly precious to him.

Of course, there were also the memories of the days that he spent singing and dancing with his group.

He loved those days. However, he had to take on his responsibilities.

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When Mo Shiyun opened her computer, she saw the headline [J10's Return.] A chill hit her heart.

She reflected back on what happened that day.

After the series of events, she had gotten blacklisted by Qin Chuan.

From then onwards, she felt her life hit rock bottom.

The only consolation to her was the popularity that she managed to get back.

However, she had worked so hard to achieve this. Yet, Jian Yiling managed to achieve the same thing through a mere game.

Mo Shiyun kept staring at the screen. Then, she suddenly started to cry.

When Mo Huiqin saw her daughter crying, her heart felt crushed.

“Shiyun, don’t cry!”

Upon hearing her mother’s voice, Mo Shiyun attempted to hold back her tears. She wiped away the tear streaks on her face.

“Mother, I’m fine. I need to continue shooting videos. In addition, a director approached me for collaboration just now. I’m so happy that I cried.”

However, Mo Huiqin knew that her daughter was attempting to comfort her.

“Shiyun, I’m useless. I’m sorry that I made you suffer,” Mo Huiqin said quietly. She blamed herself for her incompetence.

If only she was a little more capable.

Then, she could stop holding her daughter back.

“Mother, I’m fine. Don’t think too much about it,” Mo Shiyun repeated. She held her mother’s hand to comfort her. “I’m just a little tired. There’s nothing else.”

Mo Huiqin glanced at Jian Yiling’s picture on Mo Shiyun’s computer screen.

She knew that her daughter was upset because of Jian Yiling.

Even though they went from Hengyuan City to Beijing, they still could not get rid of the Jian family.

“Oh, you need to do a live broadcast later at night. You must not make your eyes swollen from crying. It won’t look good on camera.”

Mo Shiyun mentioned that one of her collaborations asked her to open a live broadcast to advertise goods.

Doing so would help her get in touch with the viewers. In addition, if it was done well, she could gain quite a lot of fans as well.

Furthermore, she would be able to make commissions as well. As she could earn quite a lot, Mo Shiyun decided to give it a try.

Chapter 552: The Final Destination of the Shares

Qin Yufan did not expect to be saved by the women she met inside of the bar last time.

In fact, she did not expect that someone would blatantly attempt to run her over with a car.

When she was driving, her bodyguards got separated from her.

The other person crashed their car into hers. Then, they attempted to make a move on her when she got out of the car to deal with the accident.

However, that strange woman from last time showed up.

The woman's subordinates saved her in time.

Her first thought was that this woman had staged everything.

However, Qin Yufan went to look at the security camera footage afterward.

Upon viewing the footage, she realized that someone else had taken action against her. It was someone from the Qin Group.

Was it because of the deal between her and Lahaisen Hospital?

Was it because she was going to own a significant percentage of the equity of the Qin Group?

"Why did you help me?" Qin Yufan asked. At this point, Qin Yufan started to believe Jian Yichen.

"As I said before, I hope you're the next chairman of the Qin Group," Jian Yichen replied. He did not intend to hide anything, "I have a grudge against Qin Chuan."

Jian Yichen's answer was still somewhat unexpected.

Qin Yufan did not give him a clear reply right away. However, she kept Jian Yichen's contact details.

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In the end, Qin Yufan did not end up buying out all of Qin Hongrui's shares.

Over half was bought. However, there was still a significant portion that was left.

Jian Yiling did not know why Qin Hongzhi decided to do this.

Jian Yiling glanced at the message on her phone: [Your brother Jian Yichen seems to be interested in the Qin Group's shares.]

Upon reading this, she replied to the other party: [Then transfer the remaining shares under his name.]

Jian Yichen was stunned when he got told the news.

In fact, he began to doubt his life.

He looked at the person in front of him who claimed to be a lawyer. Then, he confirmed the situation over and over again.

"Wait, so you're saying that those shares are going to be transferred to me? And you're telling me that I only need to sign my name?"

"Yes," the lawyer responded in a serious manner.

"Is your brain okay? Why are you doing this? Why would the Qin Group shares be transferred to me?"

“I’m not sure about the reason behind this. You can attempt to figure out what kind of person wanted to give you these shares.”

However, this wasn’t the question that Jian Yichen was wondering about. Instead, he was wondering why.

There were very few people who could achieve this in the first place!

Jian Yichen began to ponder. The only person that flashed into his mind was Qin Yufan...

Among the people he knew, only Qin Yufan could do such a thing!

However, why would Qin Yufan transfer these Qin Group shares under his name?

There was no reason for this!

Could it be that... Did she take a fancy to him?

Was this... Was this a betrothal gift?

Or was this a dowry?

Woah! Qin Yufan was kickass!

Jian Yichen had heard about the matters between Qin Yufan and Zhai Yunsheng. A few years ago, Qin Yufan had taken the initiative to pursue Zhai Yunsheng.

In fact, apparently, she even went to great lengths to create a team called [Chasing the Clouds and Victory] to express her love for him.

Was this Qin Yufan’s new way of pursuing love?!

As Jian Yichen thought about this, he told himself that if it weren’t for the fact that he harbored deep hatred towards the Qin family, he would be touched by her actions.

When Jian Yichen returned home in the evening, he immediately talked to Jian Yiling.

“Yiling, I think someone has taken a fancy of me.”

“Taken a fancy of you?”

“Yeah! You might have a sister-in-law soon.”

“Who?”

“Errr.... There’s this wealthy woman... She transferred a bunch of shares under my name.”

And it wasn’t any ordinary old shares! These were shares from the Qin Group!

These shares were worth a lot of money!

Jian Yiling: “...”

Something did not seem right...

Chapter 553: She Bullied My Sister

In a dimly lit KTV room.

Jian Yichen was seated on a sofa. This time, he wore casual clothes. His face looked handsome and harmless.

However, the expression on his face was particularly frightening.

“Young Master Yichen, this is the man who negotiated the collaboration with Mo Shiyun.”

A middle-aged man was dragged into the KTV room.

The man was average in height and had a slightly chubby stomach.

He wasn't the boss of any company. Instead, he was merely a department manager with some authority in his hands.

“Young Master Yichen... About this matter...”

There was a devilish smile on Jian Yichen's face as he said: “Hm... I vaguely recall that I said that no one is allowed to give Mo Shiyun any resources. Apparently, someone refuses to listen to me.”

“Young Master Yichen, I really don't know about this matter.”

The middle-aged man hurriedly attempted to defend himself.

In reality, the middle-aged man actually did not know about this. He only knew that Mo Shiyun was rising to fame again. As a result, he wanted to use her to make some money.

After the middle-aged man finished speaking, he nervously looked at the treacherous man who was seated on the sofa.

Jian Yichen suddenly got up and approached the middle-aged man. It was as though he was a cheetah that got released from his cage.

“Young Master Yichen!” the middle aged-man cried out in fright.

“Well, you've ruined all my plans now. How are you going to compensate me?”

“I... I will immediately terminate the contract I have with Mo Shiyun!” the middle-aged man stammered.

“That's not enough,” Jian Yichen replied coldly.

“Young Master Yichen, what do you want me to do? I will do whatever you say,” the middle-aged man replied hurriedly.

Jian Yichen lowered his head and took another look at the man in front of him. He suddenly thought of something. His lips curled to reveal a fox-like expression.

Then, he told the middle-aged man what he wanted him to do.

Upon hearing Jian Yichen's words, the middle-aged man widened his eyes in disbelief.

“So, do you understand?” Jian Yichen asked in a cold and creepy voice. However, his face was still filled with smiles.

This was especially frightening to the middle-aged man.

“Yes! Yes! I understand!”

After explaining the matter to the middle-aged man, Jian Yichen got someone to send him out.

Then, another man walked in from the outside. The young man seemed to be well acquainted with Jian Yichen.

“Young Master Yichen, what’s the point of this? Is this really necessary? I get that you have a problem with the Qin family. However, why are you doing this to an actress that no one even knows? Did she cheat on you or something?”

“She bullied my sister. Is that reason not enough?” Jian Yichen asked as he sat down on the sofa again.

His eyes and expression were cold and resolute.

“Ahh, it’s enough,” the man replied.

You really couldn’t underestimate the power of revenge.

Young Master Yichen refused to end Mo Shiyun. Instead, he wanted to see her struggle at the edges of the entertainment industry.

Then, the young man said to Jian Yichen: “By the way, I checked up on the information that you wanted. The shares were transferred out under Lahaisen Hospital’s name.”

“Lahaisen Hospital?”

Ahh, that made sense as well.

Qin Hongrui had just received treatment from Lahaisen Hospital.

But why was Lahaisen Hospital transferring the shares to him?

“Young Master Yichen, did you do some good deeds or something? How exactly did this even happen? It’s a huge sum of money.”

Although the shares that Jian Yichen received were not the entirety of Qin Hongrui’s shares, the monetary value was already worth a lot of money. In fact, an average person could not earn that much money in their entire lifetime.

And thus, Jian Yichen was incredibly confused about the situation.

Chapter 554: Jian Yubo Hands Over His Shares

Jian Yiling looked at the lawyer in front of her. She could feel a bad premonition.

“Miss Yiling, I am the lawyer for Mr. Jian Yubo. He wishes to transfer a part of the shares under his name to your name.”

Three years ago, Jian Yubo had taken away Grandpa Jian's shares. At the same time, he also became the Chairman of the Jian family business.

However, he handed over the management rights to Jian Yuncheng.

In the past three years, the company was well-managed by Jian Yuncheng. In fact, the value of the company increased.

However, Jian Yubo also honored his initial words.

He decided to hand back the shares to the rest of the Jian family.

"How much did he hand over?" Jian Yiling asked.

"Mr. Jian Yubo divided the shares under his name into eight equal parts. He gave them to the eight grandchildren of the Jian family."

Eight equal parts.

In other words, he did not keep any of the shares for himself.

He took the entirety of Grandpa Jian's shares, yet in the end, he left nothing for himself.

And thus, he was severing off the only connection that he had with the Jian family.

He waited three years. Three years later, Jian Yiling, who was the youngest amongst them, had turned eighteen.

And thus, he handed everything to them. He did not leave any of the shares for the older generation.

Jian Yubo did not want his parents to get any of the money.

"Where is he?"

Jian Yiling did not want to sign the share transfer contract in front of her.

"I'm very sorry Miss Yiling. I'm unable to answer your question. I'm only Mr. Jian Yubo's lawyer. And thus, I am only responsible for handling matters regarding the ownership of these shares. I don't know Mr. Jian Yubo's whereabouts."

Jian Yiling looked at the lawyer in front of her for a while. Then she said, "I'm not signing the contract."

"Miss Yiling, Jian Yubo is handing the shares to you for free."

Over his career, the lawyer had seen people compete over shares. However, it was quite rare for someone to not accept shares that were given to them for free.

"I'm not signing it," Jian Yiling repeated. Her attitude was very firm.

"Miss Yiling..." the lawyer started again. He attempted to convince Jian Yiling.

"I'm not signing it," Jian Yiling replied again. Her reply did not change. She did not intend to say anything else to the lawyer.

And thus, the lawyer had no choice but to say: “Well, please reconsider your decision Miss Yiling. I will visit you another day.”

Then, the lawyer left.

Jian Yiling pondered about the matter for a few minutes. Then, she decided to look for Jian Yubo.

However, it was not easy to find Jian Yubo’s whereabouts.

As of now, Jian Yiling could easily locate an ordinary person’s whereabouts.

However, Jian Yubo was not classified as an ordinary person.

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In a small, nameless mountain village.

In a simple and unadorned building.

The courtyard of the building seemed to have hundreds of years of history.

There was a small bridge over a flowing stream. In addition, there were limestone steps on a nearby path.

Jian Yubo was dressed in plain clothes. He was sitting cross-legged on the wooden corridor.

The phone next to his hand looked incredibly out of place.

The latest message on the phone was sent to him by his lawyer.

Jian Yiling refused to accept the shares.

Jian Yubo looked at the message in silence.

An old man walked over.

“Ahhh, your heart is still unable to calm down. Your tendencies are still there.”

Jian Yubo had already let go of his painful memories. However, he still could not feel peace.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yubo did not respond.

The old man shook his head and let out a sigh: “Every heart is born alone and incomplete. Most people spend their lives with this incompleteness.”

Jian Yubo turned his head again to look at the message on his phone.

Chapter 555: The Wen Family Encounters Trouble (1)

In the next few days, the Wen family encountered a bit of trouble.

It wasn’t a massive issue, however, it was still rather bothersome.

Cai Qinyue hit someone whilst driving. The person that she hit ended up hospitalized.

Cai Qinyue was the one to blame for the accident. She wanted to settle the matter privately with the other party, however, the other party insisted on going to court.

After asking around, Cai Qinyue realized that the person she hit had considerable influence.

It wasn't about the money. Rather, it was about not offending influential individuals in Beijing. The Wen family did not want to be involved with unnecessary problems.

And thus, if someone could act as a mediator to reconcile the matter, the problem would be solved easily.

However, it was quite difficult to find someone to do this.

It would be best to find someone that was influential in society. In fact, the status of the other individual had to be convincing as well.

As she thought about this, Cai Qinyue's mind went to Liang Shuo. She saw Master Liang at Jian Yiling's birthday party.

Master Liang would be most suitable for such a situation. He could definitely help them reconcile the matter easily.

And thus, Cai Qinyue suggested this to her husband. She wanted Wen Cheng to ask the Jian family.

However, Wen Cheng refused to do so. He felt that doing such a thing was rather embarrassing and unnecessary. "Let's wait for a bit longer. Let me think of another way. If I can't think of another solution, I will go ask my sister and brother-in-law for help."

As her husband refused to help her, Cai Qinyue decided to ask Jian Yiling and Wen Nuan herself.

And thus, her daughter took the initiative to ask Jian Yiling to hang out.

Wen Ruo invited Jian Yiling to go out to a painting and calligraphy exhibition.

However, Jian Yiling stated that she was busy on that day. She politely declined the invitation.

Wen Ruo told her mother about Jian Yiling's rejection of her invitation.

Upon hearing this, Cai Qinyue felt that her daughter approached the situation incorrectly: "Why are you inviting her to a painting and calligraphy exhibition? She doesn't know anything about those things."

Her daughter was proficient with the four arts. However, Jian Yiling knew nothing about the zither, Go, calligraphy, and paintings. They were not the same kind of person.

"Hmm, why don't you invite her to go shopping? You can eat and watch a movie together as well," Cai Qinyue suggested.

And thus, Cai Qinyue asked Wen Nuan to go shopping. She suggested bringing their daughters as well.

As Grandma Jian's condition was becoming stable, Wen Nuan considered Cai Qinyue's offer. She hadn't gone shopping with her daughter in quite some time. Furthermore, they hadn't explored Beijing together either.

And thus, Wen Nuan agreed to go.

Later at night, Wen Nuan mentioned this to Jian Yiling. She was incredibly careful with her words.

“If it’s not convenient for you, it’s okay as well. I’ll wait for next time.”

Jian Yiling looked at Wen Nuan’s moist eyes. In the end, she could not bear to say no.

And thus, early on the weekends, Jian Yiling went shopping with her mother, her aunt, and her cousin.

For girls her age, it was quite normal to go out with friends. Shopping was a very normal thing as well.

However, this experience was incredibly strange for Jian Yiling. She never went clothes shopping before.

Whilst they were shopping, Wen Nuan bought a lot of things for Jian Yiling.

Cai Qinyue kept praising Jian Yiling throughout the entire morning as well.

When they sat down to eat together, Cai Qinyue finally mentioned her intentions:

“Yiling, I’ve encountered a little trouble recently. Could you do me a favor?”

When Wen Nuan heard this, the soft smile on her face disappeared.

However, Cai Qinyue continued to speak: “It’s a very small thing. I remember that Master Liang came to celebrate your birthday. Could you ask him to mediate a situation? As long as he does so, the problem that I encountered will soon be solved.”

Upon hearing Cai Qinyue’s words, Wen Nuan said in a low voice: “Sister-in-law, I thought we were just shopping today.”

Cai Qinyue smiled awkwardly before she said: “Yes, we are. I did not mean anything else. I just mentioned it in passing. It’s because we’re relatives. That’s why I mentioned it to Yiling. You don’t want to see your relatives get into trouble, do you?”

Chapter 556: The Wen Family Encounters Trouble (2)

However, Cai Qinyue was thinking about something else in her mind. If it weren’t for Master Liang, she would never bow her head to the Jian family. However, this time around, the Jian family had connections that they did not.

The Jian family was nothing in Beijing compared to the Wen family. If it weren’t for this accident, the Wen family would never seek help from the Jian family.

On the other hand, Wen Nuan just wanted to have fun with her daughter today.

However, she quickly realized that her sister-in-law had other motives.

If she had known this in advance, Wen Nuan would have never agreed to Cai Qinyue.

However, Jian Yiling did not answer for a long time. When Wen Ruo saw this, she asked again: “Cousin, what do you think?”

“I don’t think I have that sort of relationship with Master Liang. I don’t want to owe him anything.” Jian Yiling responded honestly.

She merely had a cooperative relationship with Master Liang.

Jian Yiling treated most people in this way. She made sure not to owe anyone anything.

However, the only exception was Zhai Yunsheng.

“However, he attended your birthday party. He even gave you a birthday present,” Cai Qinyue said. If they were that close already, she wouldn’t be owing him anything.

Upon hearing her sister-in-law speak again, Wen Nuan’s face sank even more.

“Sister-in-law, Yiling already said that she doesn’t want to owe Master Liang a favor.”

“Wen Nuan, you need to understand the situation. This matter can become a big problem for the Wen family. In addition, you grew up in the Wen family. I’m your sister-in-law. Just because you don’t want to owe someone else a favor, would you not care about your relatives when they’re in trouble?”

Wen Nuan stared at Cai Qinyue. If she was saying this to her today, then Wen Nuan would be willing to accept these words.

However, this was her daughter. Her daughter did not owe the Wen family! And thus, Wen Nuan began to become frustrated.

Furthermore, Cai Qinyue had never mentioned this before now. Previously, she merely said that they were going to go shopping.

“Yiling, let’s go,” Wen Nuan said. She picked up her bag to leave.

When Cai Qinyue saw Wen Nuan do this, her temper began to flare as well.

“I’m your sister-in-law! I’m just asking you to help! Do you have to be like this?!”

“If you want us to help, just say so in advance! However, you can’t trick us like this! Furthermore, you heard what Yiling said! You’re the one who is unwilling to relent. You said that we’re going to go shopping together, however, you only want Yiling to help you solve your problem!”

Wen Ruo gently tugged at Wen Nuan’s arm. She attempted to console her mother and her aunt: “Please don’t argue. It’s nothing much. It’s okay if Yiling does not want to help us. We just mentioned it in passing. We’re not demanding you to help us. Furthermore, my mother is just stressed about the situation. She’s not being unrelenting about it.”

Upon hearing this, Cai Qinyue said: “That’s true. My daughter is most reasonable.”

However, Wen Nuan still decided to leave.

She did not have a good relationship with her daughter in the first place. She did not want to keep her in such an awkward situation.

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When Zhai Yunsheng got home, he realized that his little rabbit had gotten into a daze four times today. It seemed as though his little rabbit had encountered some kind of problem.

And thus, Zhai Yunsheng poured Jian Yiling a cup of warm milk. Then, he asked her: "What's the problem?"

Jian Yiling was wearing a white velvet nightgown. The gown was a little puffy. It made her look small and cute.

In addition, the nightgown only reached her knees. Her slim calves were exposed and her small feet were tucked away into her cotton slippers.

She was too damn cute.

Chapter 557: What About Me?

Zhai Yunsheng hurriedly moved his gaze away.

He couldn't look at her any longer.

And thus, Jian Yiling told Zhai Yunsheng about the two matters that she had doubts for.

The first matter was related to Jian Yubo. Jian Yubo transferred all of his shares to the grandchildren of the Jian family. However, he didn't leave any of the shares for himself.

The second matter was the encounter today with Cai Qinyue and Wen Ruo.

In regards to the first matter, she was worried about Jian Yubo.

On the other hand, for the second matter, Jian Yiling wasn't sure about whether she dealt with the matter correctly.

She wanted to handle such problems better in the future.

"Regarding the second matter, I feel like you handled the situation correctly. Just ignore them. You did the correct thing. In the future, no matter what you encounter, you should always follow your heart. Don't deliberately cater to their views. If something really happens to you, I will take care of it for you."

"Regarding the first matter, I can help you find Jian Yubo. I will ask him what he really wants."

It was a simple brute force way to solve the problem.

Zhai Yunsheng was used to solving problems this way.

"Don't force him," Jian Yiling said as she shook her head. She did not want to force Jian Yubo to do anything.

Zhai Yunsheng smiled before he said: "Well, stop worrying then."

"I'm not worrying," Jian Yiling replied. From her perspective, she was merely thinking about the problem.

However, Zhai Yunsheng saw the situation differently. Whenever Jian Yiling was in a daze, it made him want to tease and make fun of her.

“By the way, who are you knitting the sweater for?” Zhai Yunsheng asked. He noticed the sweater next to Jian Yiling’s hands.

It was Jian Yiling’s habit to knit in her breaks. She took this opportunity to take a break from using her brain.

Jian Yiling began to knit this sweater after she moved into this apartment.

The sweater was about to be finished.

“It’s for Jian Yubo,” Jian Yiling replied.

However, this was not the answer that Zhai Yunsheng wanted.

“What about me?” Zhai Yunsheng asked as he gazed at Jian Yiling. His burning eyes revealed a slither of hope.

His expression was slightly embarrassed as well.

After all, he could receive a merciless response from this little rabbit. Sometimes, she couldn’t understand what he meant. And thus, it could be quite embarrassing to receive a such a response.

Zhai Yunsheng did not mind losing face in front of other people. However, it was different in front of Jian Yiling.

“You don’t wear turtleneck sweaters,” Jian Yiling responded quite seriously.

This answer made Zhai Yunsheng quite happy.

Oh? She remembered his habits?

“I will wear it if you knit one for me,” Zhai Yunsheng responded. His eyes and lips were filled with smiles. “I will only wear the ones that you knit.”

Jian Yiling blinked her eyes twice before she stared at Zhai Yunsheng. After a while, she said: “Okay, I will knit a sweater for you next.”

Ahhh, she was in a daze again. Whenever she was in a daze... He wanted to tease her... With a kiss.

“Okay,” Zhai Yunsheng replied happily.

“Do you want yellow or green[1]?” Jian Yiling asked.

“Why those two colors?” Zhai Yunsheng replied with a frown.

“You like those colors.”

“I don’t like those colors.”

“But your car?”

“Oh, that was random.”

“Huh?” Such an explanation was not very convincing to Jian Yiling.

“Well, I don’t like those two colors. Pick a normal color for me.”

When Zhai Yunsheng chose a color for his car, he picked colors that people typically would not choose.

There weren’t many green cars on the road.

However, he switched his car from green to yellow because of her[2].

And now, she was asking him whether he wanted a green sweater?

Anyone could give him a green gift[3], however, she must not.

[1] Translator Note: Refer to Chapter 113 Calm and Collected Duo. Back in that chapter, Jian Yiling had noticed that Zhai Yunsheng switched his car from green to yellow.

[2] Translator Note: The word “green” in Chinese means having an affair or cheating. In a sense, Zhai Yunsheng was afraid of Jian Yiling “cheating” on him. Thus, he changed his car to another colour.

[3] Translator Note: Refer to the above notes. In this context, Zhai Yunsheng is also afraid of Jian Yiling leaving him.

Chapter 558: Inter-University Talent Contest (1)

Cai Qinyue was incredibly frustrated about the incident.

However, she did not want to ask Jian Yiling and Wen Nuan for help again.

She never liked the Jian family in the first place. Begging them once was already embarrassing enough. She couldn’t get over the hurdle in her own heart to ask them again.

Furthermore, she argued with Jian Yiling and Wen Nuan the last time.

And thus, Cai Qinyue decided to go to visit Master Liang. She planned to ask him for help directly.

Typically, Master Liang did not see anyone if they did not have an appointment with him. However, as Cai Qinyue stated that she was Jian Yiling’s aunt, Master Liang decided to meet her.

However, when Master Liang heard the reason for her visit, he decisively said no.

Furthermore, Liang Shuo said with certainty that she must have come here without Jian Yiling knowing.

After that, Liang Shuo asked Cai Qinyue to leave.

Cai Qinyue felt angry and humiliated when she left.

However, in the end, the matter was settled.

Wen Cheng asked one of his business friends to come and settle the matter. However, by doing so, he ended up spending a lot of money on this.

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Beijing University had an inter-university talent contest. Many of the universities in Beijing participated in this talent contest.

This meant that the students who participated in the talent contest not only represented themselves, they also represented their university.

There were also scholarship prizes for the winners of the contest.

The three entries with the highest scores would receive a generous amount of money. In addition to the money, they would also win glory for their university.

Furthermore, the best entries would also be selected for an exhibition.

Wen Ruo's university was also participating in the talent contest.

Ever since young, whenever there was a talent-related contest at school or university, the teachers would immediately think of Wen Ruo. This time was no exception.

Wen Ruo took this talent contest very seriously as well. She spent a whole night planning a sketch of an ink wash painting. Then, she drew up the painting.

When Cai Qinyue saw her daughter's work, she was incredibly satisfied.

It seemed as though her daughter was yet again, going to win first place in a talent contest.

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Jian Yiling's mentor signed Jian Yiling up for the talent contest as well.

The reason for this was because every mentor had to sign up one of their students.

Jian Yiling's current mentor only had one student.

And thus, Jian Yiling's mentor signed her up. She only had one student anyways. Who else would she sign up?

It was Jian Yiling's business whether or not she handed in a piece of work. Under such a situation, the quality of the work would not matter anyway.

However, surprisingly, Jian Yiling still handed in a piece of work.

She used fondant to create a pre-Tang dynasty beauty.

The craftsmanship of the work made the beauty look vivid and lifelike. Every detail on the eyes, nose, and mouth was portrayed.

The most amazing parts were the hair and clothes on the beauty.

The hair appeared to be as smooth as silk.

In addition, the clothes appeared to be flowing and graceful.

It was as though the beauty was alive and dancing in front of them.

Her mentor was stunned when she saw Jian Yiling's craftsmanship.

“Oh my goodness! I was just filling in your name as I didn’t have any other students. However, now, it seems as though you’re going to help our university win the prize!”

Jian Yiling’s current mentor was a woman. She was in her early forties and was incredibly chill about everything.

She was stunned to see the work produced by her student. In fact, was she holding up her student with academic research? Jian Yiling could easily become an artist!

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Out of all the works submitted, Wen Ruo’s painting and Jian Yiling’s sugar art were the works that stunned the judges the most.

Wen Ruo’s ink wash painting was rendered with varying thicknesses and types of strokes. In addition, the concept and construction of the painting were incredible.

The judges recognized Wen Ruo’s skills.

She was definitely a professional ink wash painter!

However, the sugar art beauty caught everyone’s eyes.

That posture, those brows, and those eyes! They were so realistic!

Chapter 559: Inter-University Talent Contest (2)

As this was only the preliminary round, the judges were not required to decide on a winner. In the final round of the talent contest, the contestants were required to create a piece of art on the spot. Then, student and teacher representatives would vote to determine the final ranking.

And thus, these two pieces of work were undoubtedly selected by the judges.

After the list of names was published on the official website, Wen Ruo was not surprised to see her name on the list.

However, why was Jian Yiling’s name also on the list?

In her recollection, her cousin was ignorant and incompetent. She had no special skills at all. The only thing that she did was eat. Furthermore, she was pampered to oblivion by her brothers.

And thus, Wen Ruo talked to her mother about this matter in the evening.

“When did your cousin get artistic cells?”

“I don’t know.”

“Well, she has to create a piece of art on the spot for the final talent contest. I don’t think she would register with a piece of work that isn’t hers. Hm... It seems as though she inherited some of the artistic cells from the Wen family. By the way, do you know what she submitted?”

“I don’t know about that either.”

The website only published a list of names. It did not specify the works submitted by each contest.

“Hm... I’m curious as well. I wonder what talent she has.”

“Well, you’re going on the day anyway. You’ll see it then, no?”

“Yeah, that’s true.”

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When Grandma Jian heard that Jian Yiling was participating in a talent contest, she immediately ordered both of her daughters-in-law to go and support Jian Yiling.

The final rank did not matter. What mattered was participation!

However, Jian Yiling did not expect to see Wen Nuan and Nie Yun.

They even made a support sign for her...

The venue of the talent contest was inside a lecture hall of Beijing University. The capacity of the lecture hall was 1000 people.

Many parents showed up. However, not many people made a support sign. Nie Yun stood out from the crowd.

When Cai Qinyue saw Wen Nuan, she glanced at Nie Yun who was standing beside her. She subconsciously kept her distance from Nie Yun.

Nie Yun was from a well-off family. However, her behavior was quite wild and erratic.

On the other hand, Nie Yun did not care about her behavior at all. She adored her niece. What was wrong with giving her niece some support?

When Cai Qinyue’s eyes met with Wen Nuan, the two of them looked away at almost the same time.

The situation still felt awkward from last time.

The rules of the contest were quite simple. All the contestants got onto the stage one after another to show off their talent.

The officials set a time limit of half an hour. This limit was quite unfriendly to some of the works which required a long time to complete.

However, to ensure the smooth running of the contest, this had to happen.

Among the crowd, only the first two rows were reserved for the parents and family members of the contestants. The student and teacher representatives from each university made up the rest of the crowd. Each of them had a vote in their hands.

The first person on the stage performed calligraphy. They wrote a handful of lines in front of the crowd.

The calligraphy was beautiful and the strokes were strong and powerful.

However, something was missing.

The calligraphy appeared to be a little puerile.

However, in terms of talent for a university student, this was already not bad.

However, Cai Qinyue looked at the calligraphy in disdain. This could not be compared to her daughter's work.

The second performance was a zither piece.

This performance was originally recorded and sent to the judges.

However, the effect of the live performance was much better.

Wen Ruo was fifth to go up.

She drew up an ink wash painting on the spot.

Wen Ruo's technique was sophisticated and her grip on the brush was strong.

She used a few strokes to outline the mountains and rivers. Then, after a few more strokes, she already created the artistic mood for her piece.

Chapter 560: Inter-University Talent Contest (3)

Although most of the spectators could see how skilled Wen Ruo was, they did not understand the full extent of her abilities. However, those in the judging panel who had expertise in such an area were very impressed by Wen Ruo's abilities.

In fact, there was a judge who loved Wen Ruo's work. The judge could not help but praise Wen Ruo to the other judges around him.

Finally, Wen Ruo's ink wash painting was complete. The painting received unanimous praise from the crowd.

It was rare for a young girl to be able to paint such a skillful ink wash painting.

Thunderous applause could be heard from the lecture hall.

Everyone's applause was expressing their recognition of Wen Ruo.

The next few performances could not surpass Wen Ruo's work.

However, Jian Yiling was tenth.

As soon as Jian Yiling appeared, Nie Yun began cheering: "Yiling! Yiling! You're the best!"

Nie Yun was incredibly loud. Everyone turned around to look at her.

Ahhh, how embarrassing... Cai Qinyue thought in her heart. There was a hint of disgust that appeared in her eyes.

As soon as Jian Yiling appeared, the staff helped her bring up a table. Then, they brought up many bowls.

Upon seeing this, the crowd was incredibly puzzled.

How was this displaying talent?

Was she just here to cook?

It looked like there was a pile of ingredients.

A sneer appeared on Cai Qinyue's face. What the hell was Jian Yiling doing? Was she going to cook?

How did the judges let her pass the preliminary selection?

However, after a while, the crowd realized that there was sugar and fondant in the bowls.

As the performance time was limited, everything was brought to the stage in insulated containers.

And thus, Jian Yiling was going to use these ingredients to create a work of art.

At first, everyone was rather confused.

However, they saw Jian Yiling's hands move. Her hands were incredibly fast, yet every movement was quite precise.

She seemed to be very familiar with what she was doing.

Gradually, the work of art began to form in Jian Yiling's hands.

After a while, there were many more details on the piece. An intricate and refined figurine began to appear in front of the crowd.

It was exquisite and lifelike.

How was this even possible?! Could you really use sugar and fondant to create this?!

She was way too skillful with her hands!

Although the work of art was not yet completed, the audience was already stunned.

Lovers and enthusiasts of the two-dimensional world were incredibly fascinated by Jian Yiling's work. Furthermore, those who were interested in historical times were also intrigued by this piece of art.

Nie Yun could not help but praise her cutest niece: "As expected of Yiling! Her hands are amazing! In the past, she loved to eat sugar figurines and candy. However, she's making them by herself now! It's better than the ones seen in the malls!"

Wen Nuan gazed at the girl on the stage. The look in her eyes was soft and gentle.

Her daughter... Her daughter was becoming more and more capable.

Upon hearing Nie Yun's voice, Cai Qinyue laughed in her heart. So what? You would only see such arts on the street! This wasn't even comparable to traditional Chinese paintings!

Jian Yiling's work of art needed to take a while longer than the other contestants.

And thus, the crowd was a little worried about whether she could finish in the time limit of half an hour.

Jian Yiling started to create the clothes. The crowd watched in anticipation. They could see the details in the piece. However, what if she was eliminated because she could not finish in time?

