

Sidekick 561

Chapter 561: Inter-University Talent Contest (4)

Not only was the audience anxious, but the judges were also incredibly anxious.

This work of art was going to be amazing. It would be a pity to leave it unfinished.

And thus, everyone held their breath and concentrated on Jian Yiling. They quietly watched Jian Yiling work her magic.

The entire lecture hall was silent.

It was as if you could hear the sound of Jian Yiling's fingers working away.

In the last few minutes, Jian Yiling finished her work of art.

A fondant pre-Tang Dynasty male figurine appeared in front of the crowd.

The figurine was exquisite and outstanding. Jian Yiling's hands almost brought the figurine to life.

It was such a stunning piece of work. How was this created by sugar?

Jian Yiling completed this work of art incredibly quickly.

Although she took much longer than the other contestants, her speed of making such a piece of work was already very fast.

Everyone had watched her. Her skills spoke for herself.

As soon as Jian Yiling finished, thunderous applause could be heard from the crowd. This time, the applause lasted for quite a while.

Some of the girls who loved historical pre-Tang Dynasty content even stood up to applaud.

After Jian Yiling's display of talent, no other contestants made the crowd go wild again.

Finally, all the contestants had shown off their talents.

Thus, the next step was the voting stage.

Every person in the audience had one vote to cast for their favorite piece of work.

The four judges had 100 votes each.

The total sum of votes was 1400.

Soon, the final voting results came out. Jian Yiling was placed first. She had 773 votes. This made her first by a large margin. Wen Ruo was placed second with 225 votes. The third-place contestant had 197 votes.

And thus, it could be seen that Jian Yiling's work was most popular.

For one, her piece of art embodied technique and beauty. Furthermore, it was also very in touch with the audience. Everyone could easily appreciate her work from a glance. Furthermore, a lot of the student representatives adored her work.

Such a result made the expressions on Cai Qinyue and Wen Ruo's faces very ugly.

Cai Qinyue was unwilling to accept such a result.

Most of the people who voted were students. They did not know how to appreciate traditional Chinese paintings. They did not understand the beauty and technique involved in creating an ink wash painting.

They only looked at things on the surface level.

That was why Jian Yiling received such a high number of votes.

The expression on Wen Ruo's face was incredibly ugly.

When she received her award, there was no joy on her face.

Ever since young, she had always won first place in art-related contests and competitions.

She did not believe that her work of art was worse than Jian Yiling's.

However, most people here did not have enough appreciation for traditional Chinese paintings.

And thus, such a way of judging was not fair to her.

After the contest ended, Jian Yiling returned to Wen Nuan and Nie Yun's side.

Unlike Wen Nuan's reserved and introverted personality, Nie Yun rushed to Jian Yiling and embraced her in a hug.

"Yiling! You're awesome! I'm so proud of you!"

Jian Yiling did not know how to respond to Nie Yun's enthusiasm. She was at a loss for words.

Wen Nuan silently hung her head down.

Her heart was aching.

Although she was happy for her daughter, her heart ached more.

The more capable her daughter was, the more distance she felt was between them.

However, Wen Nuan knew that she was the one who pushed her to such a distant position.

Yet, she did not want this. She was unwilling to accept this. She wanted to go back to the old days.

Wen Ruo also returned to her mother's side. For some reason, Nie Yun's laughter was ear-piercing to her.

Chapter 562: Why are those Two Pink Lunch Boxes here?

Although the weekends were a rare time for rest, Jian Yiling still got up early in the morning.

However, Zhai Yunsheng did not get up at the same time as usual.

And thus, Jian Yiling went to knock on Zhai Yunsheng's door. She waited for a while, however, she did not receive a response.

As Jian Yiling was worried about Zhai Yunsheng's health, she opened the door and went in.

There was noisy music playing in Zhai Yunsheng's room.

The sound of water was also coming out of the bathroom.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yiling realized that Zhai Yunsheng had gotten up early to take a shower. However, because of the sound of music and water, he did not hear Jian Yiling's knock on the door.

After entering the room, Jian Yiling noticed the two pink cartoon lunch boxes on the bedside table.

It seemed as though they were her lunch boxes.

She had given them to him.

However, why were they here?

At this moment, the bathroom door opened. Zhai Yunsheng came out with only a bath towel around his lower body.

There were still droplets of water on his body. His hair was also wet.

As soon as Zhai Yunsheng saw Jian Yiling in his room, he asked: "How did you get in?"

"You didn't get up on time."

"I'm fine, I just went to take a shower."

Then, Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling. Jian Yiling was currently wearing her pajamas. She was incredibly small and cute. Furthermore, she was standing less than two meters from him.

The two of them looked at each other somewhat awkwardly for a while.

After a long period of silence, Jian Yiling pointed to the lunch boxes placed on the bedside table. "Why are they here?"

"Why do you think they're here?" Zhai Yunsheng asked instead of answering.

"They're my lunch boxes."

"You gave them to me."

"Well, it's not suitable for you to use."

"But I want to keep them."

"Why?"

Zhai Yunsheng did not answer this question. Instead, he replied: "Well, I'll leave that question to you to think about."

Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng with confusion in her eyes.

She was finding it difficult to understand the meaning in Zhai Yunsheng's words.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng clenched his teeth. He felt angry and frustrated as he asked: "Are you only thinking about those two lunch boxes when you're looking at me?"

She wasn't shy at all! She wasn't embarrassed at all!

Was he not attractive enough? Or did she not have anything else in her wooden brain other than knowledge?

"Good-looking," Jian Yiling suddenly commented.

"What?"

"You're still very good-looking," Jian Yiling repeated.

Jian Yiling thought that he was good-looking from the first time she saw him.

After saying that, Jian Yiling left Zhai Yunsheng's room.

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng began to laugh. At least she had good taste.

Then, Jian Yiling began to prepare breakfast. Zhai Yunsheng stayed beside her to help.

After breakfast, Jian Yiling was busy again.

However, Zhai Yunsheng did not want her to be exhausted. When he approached her, he realized that Jian Yiling was looking into the Jian family business.

"Are you interested in these?"

Jian Yiling shook her head. She wasn't interested in business.

"Then why are you looking into these things?"

"Planning," Jian Yiling responded. She wanted to plan some of the matters for the Jian family.

It seemed as though she could not stop some things from happening.

Grandma Jian's stroke had come as scheduled.

And thus, instead of just running away from such incidents, Jian Yiling decided to face these things head-on.

If the Qin family was going to attack the Jian family in the future, the Jian family had to become stronger in advance.

Jian Yiling wanted to protect the Jian family. This was Grandma Jian's home. It was also her brothers' home.

And thus, Zhai Yunsheng decided to sit down next to Jian Yiling. He watched her with interest.

The situation of the Jian family was well understood by Zhai Yunsheng.

However, out of everyone in the Jian family, he knew the least about Jian Yiling.

At the very least, he did not expect to meet Superintendent Ruan a few days ago.

Chapter 563: Not Easy to Gain Connections

“Collaborate with me then. It would be the best way,” Zhai Yunsheng said to Jian Yiling.

It was a very sincere and objective suggestion.

However, Jian Yiling shook her head. She refused his suggestion. She wanted to rely on herself.

The reason for this was because she did not want to owe Zhai Yunsheng anymore. Furthermore, this was not in line with her original intentions.

“But this is the best option. You need to be a qualified businesswoman. You need to learn how to maximize your benefits.”

Zhai Yunsheng attempted to direct Jian Yiling’s mindset.

However, Jian Yiling replied: “Well, you’re not a qualified businessman then. If I maximize my benefits, your benefits will not be maximized.”

Zhai Yunsheng’s suggestion was slammed down by Jian Yiling.

When it came to logic, Jian Yiling’s mind was always very nimble.

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After Wen Ruo lost the talent contest, she shut herself in her room for two days. After dinner, she immediately returned to her room. Cai Qinyue attempted to convince and persuade her daughter. However, she failed to make her daughter become happier.

As Cai Qinyue stood at her daughter’s closed door, she couldn’t help but mutter: “Ahh, this is all Jian Yiling’s fault. Why did she have to steal the limelight?”

However, Cai Qinyue was not only annoyed that Jian Yiling stole her daughter’s first place. She was also annoyed to discover that Jian Yiling was actually studying at Beijing University. She realized this when the results were announced by the judges.

So Wen Nuan was telling the truth?

This made Cai Qinyue’s heart feel incredibly uncomfortable.

In the past, her daughter had been much better than Jian Yiling.

However, now, the reality seemed to tell her that Jian Yiling got into a better university than her daughter. Cai Qinyue found this hard to believe.

And thus, it was not surprising that her daughter was upset. Cai Qinyue was rather upset as well.

As Cai Qinyue stood at the door, her husband Wen Cheng returned.

Wen Cheng noticed that something was wrong with his daughter in the past few days. For two days in a row, she refused to leave her room when he returned home.

Wen Cheng asked his wife: "What's up with our daughter? Is she upset about something?"

Upon hearing this, Cai Qinyue quickly answered: "It's nothing. She's just encountered some trouble in her studies. She will be fine in a few days."

Cai Qinyue did not dare to tell her husband about the matter. Her husband might be still biased towards his younger sister's daughter.

"By the way, how are things going with the company?" Cai Qinyue asked with concern.

Wen Cheng shook his head sadly. Things had not been going very well. They were hoping to expand the business of the Wen family. However, they were not making a lot of progress.

Wen Cheng gradually understood that it was impossible to rely on yourself to expand a business in Beijing. This was especially the case when it came to antiques.

Then, Cai Qinyue asked: "Someone suggested for us to talk to the Qin family's relatives. Have you tried that?"

If their family could gain connections with the Qin or Zhai family, their business might be able to process further.

"How is that easy? Even if they're relatives of the Qin family, they're still considered members of the Qin family. It's not easy to meet them," Wen Cheng responded as he shook his head.

It was difficult to even meet the relatives of the Qin family. Let alone for the three masters of the Zhai family.

The Qin family was rather large. They had many relatives in Beijing. On the other hand, the Zhai family structure was very simple. Three men supported the massive business.

Due to Master Liang's incident, Cai Qinyue did not mention Jian Yiling again. She knew that Qin Chuan tutored Jian Yiling for quite some time.

However, Wen Nuan and Jian Yiling would pretend to be aloof of any material pursuits again. It was unlikely for them to agree to help.

Furthermore, Qin Chuan was only the tutor of Jian Yiling. He was already being very kind to pay a visit to Grandma Jian. However, this did not mean that he was well acquainted with the Jian family.

Chapter 564: Accompanying the Little Rabbit to Visit Grandma Jian

In the afternoon, Jian Yiling headed to the hospital again to visit Grandma Jian.

This time, Zhai Yunsheng accompanied her.

In the ward, Grandpa Jian, Jian Yuncheng, Wen Nuan, and Nie Yun accompanied Grandma Jian.

As soon as they saw Zhai Yunsheng, other than Nie Yun, everyone else's expressions were not particularly happy.

However, this wasn't because everyone had a bad opinion of Zhai Yunsheng. Rather, everyone thought of what Master Zhai had said when he came last time.

They found his words hard to believe. Yet at the same time, they were anxious and afraid.

They felt that Zhai Yunsheng was going to steal Jian Yiling away from them.

Grandma Jian, Grandpa Jian, and Jian Yiling's parents did not know that Jian Yiling was living under the same roof as Zhai Yunsheng.

If they knew about this, they would be hopping mad.

Grandma Jian called Jian Yiling over. She held Jian Yiling's soft hand and said: "Darling, I'm going to be discharged from the hospital soon. The doctor told me that my health indicators are very good. I'll be fine from now on."

As soon as she saw Jian Yiling, Grandma Jian wanted to tell her this news.

She wanted her darling to be at ease.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling responded quietly.

However, in reality, Jian Yiling knew about this before Grandma Jian.

This was the first time Nie Yun saw Zhai Yunsheng. She did not know who he was. As there were no photos of Zhai Yunsheng on the Internet, no one really recognized Zhai Yunsheng.

Nie Yun took a look at Zhai Yunsheng. Then, she looked at her precious niece.

After looking at them for a while, Nie Yun smiled and said: "Yiling, you're so cheeky! Your brothers are still single. Yet, you've already brought your boyfriend to meet your grandma? You're indeed much better than your brothers!"

Upon hearing this, everyone else in the Jian family gave Nie Yun a meaningful look. The rest of them knew Zhai Yunsheng's identity.

Zhai Yunsheng smiled and greeted the third aunt of the Jian family: "Hello, I'm meeting you for the first time."

It seemed as though Zhai Yunsheng was acknowledging Nie Yun's words.

However, Grandma Jian explained the situation to Nie Yun. She was not rushed with her words: "Nie Yun, this is Master Sheng. He was Yiling's teammate during a Zerg Invasion tournament. He's not her boyfriend. Yiling is still young."

Grandma Jian had discussed this matter with Grandpa Jian. They believed that Yiling should grow up a bit more before dating.

Furthermore, if Yiling were to date someone, it would be best for her to date someone like Yu Xi.

Upon hearing the words 'Master Sheng', Nie Yun was stunned for a moment.

If it wasn't for the fact that Master Zhai had visited two days ago, she wouldn't have understood what was happening.

Was this the 'brat' that Master Zhai was talking about?

He looked rather attractive! In fact, he had class as well!

From this perspective, he was quite a good match with Yiling.

However, her niece was still better!

Zhai Yunsheng lowered his head to look at Jian Yiling. When he saw that Jian Yiling wasn't making a comment about being too young to date, he quickly understood that she agreed with her grandparents.

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Jian Yuncheng called Zhai Yunsheng to talk outside of the ward. They stood near a flight of stairs to speak.

"Master Sheng, you shouldn't ask my sister to live at your place."

Jian Yuncheng knew that Jian Yiling was currently living with Zhai Yunsheng. However, he hadn't told the rest of the family yet.

"Who are you to tell me this?" Zhai Yunsheng asked as he placed his hands in his pockets. There was a playful expression on his face.

Chapter 565: Don't Meddle with This

Zhai Yunsheng was a very vindictive person.

Back then, Jian Yiling was facing emotional abuse in Shenghua High School. However, Jian Yuncheng, as a person who had the ability to help her, did not appear at all.

This was something that Zhai Yunsheng still remembered.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yuncheng replied in a quiet and reserved voice: "I'm her eldest brother. If someone plans to take advantage of her, I won't watch by the sidelines."

In Jian Yuncheng's mind, it seemed as though Zhai Yunsheng had swindled Jian Yiling. That was the only reason why the two of them were living under the same roof.

However, Jian Yuncheng knew that Zhai Yunsheng wouldn't take advantage of Jian Yiling.

However, 'co-renting' was already a step too much.

"Well, you should know that you can't do anything to me."

This was in Beijing. Furthermore, even if they were still in Hengyuan City, Jian Yuncheng could do nothing to him.

Otherwise, based on Jian Yuncheng's temper, he would not be standing here talking to him.

Jian Yuncheng's eyes darkened. There was a grave expression on his face. The muscles on his face were also strained and tense.

Zhai Yunsheng was nine years younger than him. However, he could say and do nothing to him. He was not in an advantageous situation.

Zhai Yunsheng continued to speak to Jian Yuncheng: "You only need to understand a single thing. I do not treat Jian Yiling worse than you guys. Thus, you are not qualified to say anything. You do not have the right to tell me to stay away from her. Do you understand?"

Jian Yuncheng could not refute this point.

A slither of pain flashed across Jian Yuncheng's grave and stern face.

He had lost his sister after all.

He had lost the right to protect her.

"Furthermore, as for how we get along, I don't think you should meddle with such matters. Yiling and I are both adults. We know what we're doing."

Zhai Yunsheng's attitude was arrogant as he said this. It was as though he saw no point in talking to Jian Yuncheng.

After he finished speaking, Zhai Yunsheng turned around and walked in the direction of the ward.

"Zhai Yunsheng," Jian Yuncheng called out.

"If one day, I realize that you're bullying and mistreating Yiling, everyone in the Jian family will not let you go. It does not matter that you're the Young Master of the Zhai family."

Zhai Yunsheng smiled after hearing this. His eyes seemed to mock Jian Yuncheng. However, he did not mock Jian Yuncheng any further.

Instead, he returned to the ward.

In the ward, Jian Yiling was still seated with the other three women. The other three women were speaking a lot. Jian Yiling was merely sitting there listening to them.

Zhai Yunsheng leaned against the door frame. He decided against disturbing them.

Instead, he gazed at the little girl. However, this time, other than the usual evil in his eyes, there was also some doting.

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In a teaching block of the Beijing Finance and Trade University.

An Yang's class just ended. He just left the classroom.

"An Yang! Your wife is here to see you!"

An Yang's roommates called out when they saw Hu Jiaojiao. They began to tease him again.

Ever since An Yang broke his hand, a wife appeared by his side. This girl was in her first year of university.

An Yang always called her 'Pepper[1]'. And thus, when they ate instant noodles in the dorm rooms at night, they would add pepper. When they did this, they would not forget to shout 'Pepper' at An Yang.

Today, Hu Jiaojiao visited again. She brought food for An Yang.

As soon as An Yang saw Hu Jiaojiao, his expression became strange. His eyes began to dodge hers.

When Hu Jiaojiao stood in front of him, he glanced at the packed food she was carrying. Then, he hurriedly turned his face away. He did not look at her directly.

"I told you that you didn't need to do this. I will ask my mates to get me some food."

However, An Yang's mates were on the same wavelength.

"Pepper, Brother Yang is counting on you."

"Yeah! The rest of us will be going to the cafeteria! We're going to leave Brother Yang to you!"

Then, An Yang's mates quickly left the two of them.

They left An Yang in Hu Jiaojiao's care. Currently, An Yang's hand was still in a cast.

[1] Translator Note: Hu Jiao means pepper in Chinese. This is a nickname for Hu Jiaojiao

Chapter 566: An Yang's Wife

Hu Jiaojiao carried the packed lunch box into the classroom. This was the classroom where An Yang had just attended class.

There were no fixed classrooms in university. Students had different classes at different times. And thus, the classroom was currently empty.

Hu Jiaojiao started to unpack the lunch box. She quietly replied to An Yang's words. Her voice sounded soft and weak: "Yiling told me to take care of you. I need to do this well."

By speaking and acting meekly, Hu Jiaojiao really lived up the nickname that An Yang's roommates gave her.

"It's okay. I'll tell Yiling later on. You don't have to come over to visit me," An Yang said quickly.

Upon hearing this, Hu Jiaojiao was suddenly annoyed. She said: "Oh? You don't want to see me?"

As she was annoyed, Hu Jiaojiao's words were considerably louder than usual. However, she was not scary or imposing at all. Furthermore, the expression on her face made it seem like she was wronged.

"No... I didn't mean it that way..." An Yang hurriedly explained.

"Then, what do you mean? Do you want Mo Shiyun to come over and take care of you?" Hu Jiaojiao suddenly commented.

"No. Don't be ridiculous."

That was many years ago. Why did Hu Jiaojiao suddenly mention such a thing?

Hu Jiaojiao looked at An Yang before she huffed: "Well, who knows?"

Back then, everyone in Shenghua High School knew that An Yang was pursuing Mo Shiyun's love. He made a big deal out of it.

"What are you babbling on about?" An Yang cried out. As he was slightly annoyed, An Yang raised his voice.

As An Yang's voice was loud already, it was quite scary when he raised his voice. In addition, he was usually crazy and unpredictable.

And thus, when Hu Jiaojiao heard An Yang's roar, her eyes began to become red.

"What... Why... Why are you crying?" An Yang said with a shocked voice. His voice immediately softened.

He wasn't trying to scare her. It was just a habit of his.

However, Hu Jiaojiao's tears were spinning in her eyes.

"Don't... Don't cry... Ahhh... I... I'm wrong..."

When it came to such a situation, An Yang decided to quickly admit his mistake. However, he did not know what he did wrong.

"What did you do wrong?" Hu Jiaojiao asked as she glared at An Yang.

"I... I don't know," An Yang replied quietly. He did not know what he did to make Hu Jiaojiao upset. "Either way, Mo Shiyun's matters have nothing to do with me now. Those things happened like eight hundred years ago."

"But... But you still don't want me to visit you..."

"I don't want you to exhaust yourself. You need to study," An Yang explained.

Upon hearing this explanation, Hu Jiaojiao raised her head. She looked at An Yang with burning eyes.

An Yang's heart began to beat faster: "Then... Were you... Were you angry because you thought I didn't like you visiting me?"

Hu Jiaojiao pouted before she turned her face away.

She did not deny nor accept.

All of a sudden, An Yang realized something.

"Pepper, do you like me as well?"

Hu Jiaojiao gasped: "Who would like you? And what do you mean by as well? Who confessed to you?"

"No no. I don't mean it that way. No one else likes me. I just... I just... It's me. I like you."

An Yang hurriedly explained. However, as he was incredibly nervous, he started to stammer over his words.

Upon hearing this, Hu Jiaojiao was completely dumbfounded.

Then, she lowered her head.

An Yang was desperate to hear Hu Jiaojiao's answer. He paused for a moment before he asked: "Then... Then do you like me as well?"

The two of them got to know each other because of Jian Yiling. By now, they've known each other for three years.

However, Hu Jiaojiao did not lift her head. She did not make a sound to deny his question either.

Suddenly, An Yang realized something else.

"Pepper," he called out.

Then, he lowered his head and kissed Hu Jiaojiao.

Although it was his first time kissing a girl, it was as though such an action was built into his instincts.

Soon after, the two of them broke apart.

However, both their faces were as red as cooked crabs.

Chapter 567: Mutual Jealousy (1)

Zhai Yunsheng encountered Qin Yufan at a dinner party hosted by the company founded by Qin Chuan.

As Zhai Yunsheng was the young master of the Zhai family and Qin Yufan was the young lady of the Qin family, the two of them naturally became the focus of attention.

However, by itself, it was already quite intriguing for Qin Yufan to attend a dinner party where Qin Chuan was the host.

This was a company founded by Qin Chuan. And thus, in theory, this company had nothing to do with the Qin Group.

Furthermore, everyone knew the relationship between Qin Chuan and Qin Yufan.

And thus, it was reasonable to assume that Qin Yufan would not attend such an occasion.

However, there was no surprise when everyone saw Qin Yufan walk towards Zhai Yunsheng.

This was not alarming to anyone within their social circles.

It was no secret that Qin Yufan had been chasing after Zhai Yunsheng for years.

However, when he saw her approach, Zhai Yunsheng's attitude towards Qin Yufan remained indifferent.

"Master Sheng, you don't need to avoid me so much. I know you already like someone. I'm not going to be shameless. However, I still feel like the way you look at things is incredibly strange. Why would you like that brat?"

Qin Yufan's attitude was still arrogant and haughty. Although she admitted her defeat, she refused to show any weakness.

In fact, it was her pride that stopped her from chasing after Zhai Yunsheng. She knew that he had someone else in his heart.

It wasn't easy to accept this though. Over the years, she had invested so much time, energy, and money. Yet, she did not want to appear weak in front of anyone.

"Miss Yufan, please watch your words," Zhai Yunsheng warned.

"Oh? You're worried about her already?" Qin Yufan commented.

In her heart, she looked down upon Jian Yiling when she said this. However, she was also heartbroken. In reality, the heartbroken feeling outweighed everything else.

She knew that if this man fell in love with someone, there would only be a spot in his heart for that one person.

It was a pity that that person was not her.

Ahh... Reality was difficult to accept.

Zhai Yunsheng did not reply to this. He was willing to worry about her. However, this was not related to anyone else. It was his business.

Qin Yufan sorted out her emotions before she asked Zhai Yunsheng: "Why did you not bring her along today?"

"She doesn't like to come to such occasions," Zhai Yunsheng replied. Jian Yiling did not like noisy occasions.

"Oh, that's not necessarily the case. Qin Chuan organized this dinner party. Please don't forget that she was present at such an occasion before."

Qin Yufan intentionally mentioned this. As she expected, Zhai Yunsheng's face darkened when he heard this.

Suddenly, Qin Yufan felt much better.

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Wen Cheng, Cai Qinyue, and Wen Ruo also attended this dinner party.

All three of them were dressed up. Cai Qinyue and Wen Ruo's outfits were simple yet elegant.

Whether it was the company founded by Qin Chuan or the Qin family that was behind everything, both were an existence that countless people looked up to.

Qin Chuan's company was about to hit the market. After this happened, Qin Chuan's value would skyrocket.

And thus, this was the reason why Qin Chuan was respected in Beijing. Although he was an illegitimate son of the Qin family, he was still incredibly capable.

“Mother, who is that man?” Wen Ruo asked as she gestured towards Zhai Yunsheng.

Then, she could not move her eyes off him.

Last time, she was stunned when she saw Qin Chuan.

However, this man gave off an even stronger charm.

Cai Qinyue followed her daughter’s line of sight. She saw a handsome young man with impeccable features. However, the young man appeared to be indifferent towards everything.

“I’m not sure. A lot of people are attending this dinner party. There will be all sorts of people here today.”

Today, the host of the dinner party was not the Qin Group. Rather, it was Qin Chuan.

Qin Chuan started his company from nothing. As his company was performing well, the managers and executives became rich incredibly quickly.

And thus, in Cai Qinyue’s eyes, the young people here today were merely the newly rich.

Chapter 568: Mutual Jealousy (2)

Wen Ruo’s eyes burned as she gazed in the direction of Zhai Yunsheng. However, when she looked in that direction, the man had already moved away from his original position.

Cai Qinyue’s eyes swept over the venue. Her eyes fell on Qin Yufan.

Then, she said to Wen Ruo: “That young lady is Qin Yufan. She’s the Young Lady of the Qin family. If you have an opportunity, you should try to be friends with her.”

Wen Ruo nodded before she looked at Qin Yufan.

Qin Yufan was currently speaking to the big shots and business elites. She was brimming with confidence when she spoke to them. In fact, she was not timid at all. Rather, she took a dominant position. It was as though she was a queen.

Ahhh, so that’s the Young Lady of the Qin family.

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Unexpectedly, Zhai Yunsheng saw Jian Yiling.

Today, Jian Yiling wore a black evening dress which highlighted her delicate figure.

The knee-high dress was simple in style. It had shoulder straps and a girdle.

Her hair that was usually tied in a ponytail was also let down. In addition, there was a simple decoration that fixed her hair in place.

Jian Yiling's figure was as slim as before.

However, she usually wore comfy clothes. Those clothes did not highlight her figure.

Jian Yiling did not see Zhai Yunsheng. However, Qin Yufan took the initiative to greet Jian Yiling.

"Oh, you really did come," Qin Yufan commented with a smile on her face.

"Mhmm."

"The black diamond on your hair is nice," Qin Yufan complimented.

The ordinary looking headpiece on Jian Yiling's hair was a very rare black diamond.

Black diamonds could be discovered but could not be sought after. Even with a large sum of money, sometimes, these diamonds could not be bought.

If Qin Yufan remembered correctly, Jian Yiling's hair decoration was the one which was sold in the Jia Shi auction one year ago.

If she remembered correctly, that diamond was auctioned off by a mysterious person. Was that person a member of the Jian family?

"Thank you."

"Are you here today because of Qin Chuan?"

"I suppose so."

Upon hearing this answer, Qin Yufan had a feeling that she would be able to see the drama unfold today.

As Qin Yufan was talking to Jian Yiling, Cai Qinyue and Wen Ruo came over as well.

"Cousin," Wen Ruo called out. Then, she looked at Qin Yufan and asked: "Who is she? Is she a friend of your?"

"She isn't," Jian Yiling replied.

Jian Yiling did not categorize people as her friends indiscriminately.

Furthermore, she assumed that Qin Yufan would not want others to classify her as a friend as well.

Qin Yufan's words were caught in her mouth.

Typically, she usually answered no to these questions. However today, Jian Yiling answered no for her.

Hmm... This girl really had the ability to annoy people.

Qin Yufan extended her hand. She took the initiative to shake hands with Wen Ruo. Then, she introduced herself: "Hello, my name is Qin Yufan."

Wen Ruo hurriedly replied: "Hello, my name is Wen Ruo. I'm Jian Yiling's cousin."

When Wen Ruo's hand came into contact with Qin Yufan, Wen Ruo was quite excited.

On the side, Cai Qinyue's face was full of smiles as well.

"Yiling, why are you here by yourself?" Cai Qinyue asked. Her tone was filled with concern.

Did Qin Chuan only invite Jian Yiling? Was that reasonable?

Or was their relationship not that simple?

Did Jian Yiling attract Qin Chuan with her looks or something?

If that really was the case, then it seemed as though the sparrow was going to become a phoenix.

"Something came up," Jian Yiling replied.

"Well, you should stay with us then. We can take care of you," Cai Qinyue said. She enthusiastically invited Jian Yiling to sit with them.

"Nah, she can come with me. After all, I know the friend she plans to see," Qin Yufan said with a smile.

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After she finished speaking, Qin Yufan took Jian Yiling's hand and led her towards a lounge room.

Qin Chuan was currently in the lounge.

In reality, the tension between Qin Chuan and Qin Yufan had eased up.

Because of the shares incident, two things had happened to them.

First of all, Qin Chuan lent Qin Yufan money. He helped her purchase some of the shares from Lahaisen Hospital.

Secondly, Lahaisen Hospital sent her a video. It was a video of Qin Chuan requesting something from Lahaisen Hospital.

These two things eased the conflict between Qin Chuan and Qin Yufan.

All this time, Qin Yufan's heart was aware that the fault did not lie with Qin Chuan. However, she was unable and unwilling to accept this. She always felt that Qin Chuan and his mother were here to steal away everything that belonged to her and her mother.

In the lounge room, Qin Chuan was currently explaining something to his subordinates.

He did not want to waste any time.

When he saw people at the door, Qin Chuan hurriedly ended the conversation with his subordinates. Then, he quickly walked over to the door to greet them:

"You're here."

It appeared as though the two of them knew each other quite well.

"Oh, you know each other very well!"

Before Jian Yiling replied to Qin Chuan's question, she heard Zhai Yunsheng's voice. Zhai Yunsheng's voice was unique and magnetic.

Jian Yiling turned around to look at Zhai Yunsheng. Currently, Zhai Yunsheng's eyes were fixed on her.

When Jian Yiling appeared at the dinner party, Zhai Yunsheng decided to restrain himself. He wanted this little rabbit to come and find him. However, something completely different happened.

She did not come to find him. Instead, she went directly to Qin Chuan.

When Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng, something changed in her eyes.

However, the only person who saw this change was Qin Yufan.

Even Jian Yiling herself did not notice this change.

When she looked at Qin Chuan, her eyes were calm, cold and detached. In fact, there was also a bit of resistance hidden beneath the surface.

However, when she turned her head to look at Zhai Yunsheng, her eyes had a hint of warmth in them. A hint of humaneness.

Qin Yufan smiled when she saw this. Then, in order to annoy Zhai Yunsheng, she intentionally said to Qin Chuan: "Well, I will leave Miss Yiling in your care. Please take good care of her. I will look after Master Sheng."

Then, Qin Yufan turned around and smiled at Zhai Yunsheng: "I guess I will be your female companion for tonight."

Qin Yufan was about to walk over to wrap her arm around Zhai Yunsheng's arm.

However, when Qin Yufan got close to Zhai Yunsheng, Jian Yiling suddenly ran over.

She got there one step ahead of Qin Yufan.

Jian Yiling grabbed Zhai Yunsheng's hand and attempted to increase the distance between Zhai Yunsheng and Qin Yufan.

No one expected Jian Yiling to do such a thing.

She actually pulled Zhai Yunsheng away. She did this to prevent Qin Yufan from touching him.

However, in reality, Qin Yufan did not plan to get too close to Zhai Yunsheng. She was just joking around.

Even if she wanted to get close, Zhai Yunsheng would not allow her to do so.

Yet, Jian Yiling appeared to have taken the matter seriously.

The person who was most shocked was Zhai Yunsheng. He lowered his head and looked at Jian Yiling.

Did she... Did she know what she was doing?

Jian Yiling did not let go of Zhai Yunsheng's hand. Instead, she told Qin Yufan: "I'm his female companion."

Jian Yiling did not want to give Zhai Yunsheng to someone else.

She remembered how it felt when she hugged Zhai Yunsheng.

She also remembered how she felt when he kissed her.

And thus, when Qin Yufan approached Zhai Yunsheng, a strange feeling arose in Jian Yiling's heart. A voice in her head told her that she did not want anyone else to touch Zhai Yunsheng.

Then, her body suddenly followed the voice in her head.

Jian Yiling could not explain why she did this.

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Zhai Yunsheng lowered his head and fixed his eyes on Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling's expression was very serious. She let go of his hand. However, her other hand was still latched onto his arm.

Although Jian Yiling's hands appeared small and soft, she had quite a lot of strength in them.

She firmly held onto Zhai Yunsheng's arm. It was as though she was worried that Zhai Yunsheng would run away from her.

After a while, Zhai Yunsheng finally reacted. He began to laugh.

He tried to use his hand to cover his smile. However, that only made his smile even more obvious.

His smile became more and more unrestrained.

Jian Yiling was rather confused. She raised her head to look at Zhai Yunsheng.

Qin Yufan and Qin Chuan also stared at Zhai Yunsheng...

After laughing for a while, Zhai Yunsheng said to Jian Yiling: "Let's go."

Zhai Yunsheng gestured for Jian Yiling to leave with him.

However, Jian Yiling did not understand Zhai Yunsheng's words.

Ahh... Sure enough, her brain did not work very well when it came to these kinds of things.

Zhai Yunsheng took a look at her confused face before he said: "Well, aren't you my female companion? Shouldn't you come along with me?"

Jian Yiling paused for a moment. It seemed as though that made sense.

However, she was still wondering why she reacted like that just now.

Despite that, she left the lounge room with Zhai Yunsheng.

However, when they exited the lounge room, Jian Yiling began to feel embarrassed. There were a lot of people outside.

As she tried to let go of Zhai Yunsheng, he suddenly pulled at her hand.

The smile was still there on Zhai Yunsheng's face.

He lowered his head and whispered in Jian Yiling's ear: "You can't get out of this. Miss Yufan said that she was going to be my female companion for tonight. As you shooed away my female companion, shouldn't you compensate for my loss?"

"I guess..." Jian Yiling replied in a small voice. She did not have much confidence as she said this.

Ahhh, impulsiveness was the devil.

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng's smile intensified.

Then, he glanced at Jian Yiling's neck: "Don't hide the jade pendant."

Jian Yiling was wearing the jade pendant given by Zhai Yunsheng.

Typically, Jian Yiling would hide the pendant in her clothes. Today, she hid the jade pendant in her evening dress.

It was reasonable for Jian Yiling to hide the pendant when she was wearing casual clothes.

However, she must show the pendant today.

And thus, Zhai Yunsheng adjusted the pendant for Jian Yiling. He made sure that the pendant could be seen on her fair neck.

The black rope and nearly transparent jade pendant complemented Jian Yiling's outfit today.

Furthermore, it looked nice with Zhai Yunsheng's suit as well.

Qin Yufan remained in the lounge room. Her expression was not very happy. As there were no outsiders in the room, a slither of hurt appeared on her face.

She knew that she lost. She lost completely.

This was the first time that she saw Zhai Yunsheng smile in that way.

That smile was filled with love and happiness. That smile was from the bottom of his heart.

It was something that she wanted in the past.

However, he gave it all to Jian Yiling.

And thus, she lost. However, the reason for her defeat had nothing to do with Jian Yiling. She knew him well before he knew Jian Yiling. However, she still failed to get him to like her.

Despite this, she was still jealous of Jian Yiling. Only Jian Yiling would receive his full attention and affection.

Yet, it was only jealousy.

Qin Yufan glanced at Qin Chuan. She noticed that he was looking in the direction of the door. Qin Chuan had an anxious expression on his face: "Hm? Are you upset? Then why did you not do anything?"

“Why didn’t you do anything?” Qin Chuan asked rhetorically.

“I’ve tried everything already.”

“Well, I don’t like her in that way. I’m just worried about her,” Qin Chuan explained.

“Stop lying to yourself. Be true to yourself. Anyone can see that you treat her differently,” Qin Yufan said. It was as though she could read his heart.

Then, Qin Yufan also left the lounge room.

After Qin Yufan left, Qin Chuan stayed in the room for a long time. He did not move at all.

Qin Yufan’s words were still echoing in his ears.