

Sidekick 641

Chapter 641: Darts Competition (1)

Xing Wei pulled Han Mengyu aside and asked: "What do we do about this? Sister Ping seems to be unable to accept that Master Sheng is engaged."

"Well, we can't do much about this. Sister Ping has liked Master Sheng for a long time already. Out of everyone in our group, she's also the most compatible with Master Sheng. How do you want her to accept this?"

Han Mengyu's voice was filled with helplessness.

Qin Yufan did not usually hang out with them.

As a result, out of the people who they hung out with, Yao Moping was the most outstanding female in terms of background, appearance, and ability.

And thus, everyone believed that Master Sheng and Yao Moping would eventually get together.

Xing Wei was also quite worried: "Then what do we do? Do we watch Sister Ping bully Miss Yiling? If Yiling gets bullied, Master Sheng won't be happy!"

"Well, that's not necessarily going to happen. You saw what happened during our billiards match. This is someone who Master Sheng took a fancy for. And thus, even if she loses, she won't lose badly. She's insanely talented," Han Mengyu commented. Han Mengyu was still relatively confident in Jian Yiling's abilities.

"Well, it's also not good for Sister Ping to lose. We're all friends. We shouldn't make things awkward."

"Ahhh, we honestly can't do much. Let's just watch for now. Later on, let's try to persuade Sister Ping again."

Han Mengyu patted Xing Wei on the shoulder. Then, the two of them returned to the darts match.

When they got closer, they saw Jian Yiling throwing the dart.

Her posture was professional and her throw landed firmly on the target.

When they played darts, they would pick a random number. Then, the two players would try to score the number of points that matched the random number. The first person to reach exactly that number would win.

And thus, after they got the number, the players would have to mentally calculate their throws.

If one of their darts deviated from their expectations, the player would have to make quick adjustments to their previous plans. They would have to recalculate everything.

Jian Yiling and Yao Moping had people tallying up their scores.

Xing Wei walked over to take a look at the score.

When he did, he found out that Jian Yiling was actually ahead.

Jian Yiling's darts had all landed on sixty.

Upon seeing this, Xing Wei widened his eyes in surprise.

The triple area was very small. Therefore, it was incredibly difficult for the dart to land there.

However, Jian Yiling's dart hit sixty every single time!

Jian Yiling was amazing!

And now, Xing Wei completely believed in Zhai Yunsheng's words. Jian Yiling was incredible at controlling the force and direction of her hands. She was way too talented at doing this!

As Xing Wei lamented about this, Jian Yiling scored another sixty.

Everyone around him cheered in unison.

At the start, they did not have high hopes for Jian Yiling. However, Jian Yiling managed to score sixty several times in a row. By now, they started to cheer for Jian Yiling.

With this dart, Jian Yiling had already scored seven sixties.

The random number that was drawn was five hundred and twenty-one. And thus, Jian Yiling's score had already reached four hundred and twenty. She only had one hundred and one point to go.

Yao Moping began to feel the pressure. She glanced at Zhai Yunsheng.

Then, she noticed that Zhai Yunsheng's eyes were firmly locked on Jian Yiling's body.

Upon seeing this, she started to become nervous.

Her hands were no longer as steady.

And thus, her next dart deviated from her expectation.

Therefore, she had to recalculate her plans.

By now, Jian Yiling threw out her eighth dart. Everyone could guess where the dart would land.

As expected, the dart landed on the triple area of seventeen.

This meant that she was only fifty points away from the target score of five hundred and twenty-one.

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If Jian Yiling continued to play at this level, she would instantly end the game if her next dart hit the bullseye.

On the other hand, Yao Moping was still ninety-eight points short. And thus, it was not possible for her to finish the game with a single dart.

The only way for Yao Moping to win was if Jian Yiling missed her next shot.

However, with the way she played just now, how would that be possible?

Then, Jian Yiling made a throwing motion. She was just about to throw her next dart.

Suddenly, a girl tumbled out of the crowd and bumped into Jian Yiling.

This caused Jian Yiling's dart to hit ten points instead of the bullseye.

All of a sudden, the atmosphere froze.

Han Mengyu and Xing Wei's expressions changed as well.

The girl who tumbled into Jian Yiling had a very good relationship with Yao Moping. In fact, she was basically Yao Moping's lackey.

And thus, it was rather strange that she tumbled out of the crowd at this exact moment. Her tumble had caused Jian Yiling's dart to miss its original target.

Therefore, her actions were rather suspicious.

Jian Yiling turned around to look at the girl.

The girl who bumped into Jian Yiling hurriedly apologized: "I'm so sorry. I tripped over my own feet."

"I don't accept your apology," Jian Yiling replied.

Jian Yiling's reply was calm and collected. It did not seem like she was angry.

However, her words made the atmosphere reach a freezing point.

These words stunned the girl who bumped into Jian Yiling.

Everyone else in the room stared at Jian Yiling as well.

Instead of explaining herself, Jian Yiling slowly walked over to the dartboard. Then, she pulled out the dart that she had just thrown.

Finally, after retrieving the dart, she returned to her original spot before throwing it again.

This time, the dart hit the bullseye. That meant that she gained fifty points.

Jian Yiling did not need the girl's apology. Instead, she wanted to rethrow the dart that missed her target.

The girl who tumbled into Jian Yiling stood there awkwardly.

Jian Yiling walked over to Zhai Yunsheng and said: "I won."

"Mhmm."

Then, Zhai Yunsheng's gaze swept over the crowd.

It seemed as though he was asking if anyone had any objection about the final result.

When the crowd saw Zhai Yunsheng's gaze, they quickly cheered and applauded for Jian Yiling.

After that, the judge announced Jian Yiling's victory.

Upon hearing this, Yao Moping felt incredibly embarrassed.

She was the one who wanted to compete against Jian Yiling. However, she still somehow managed to lose.

Everyone else looked at her awkwardly as well.

They knew what she was thinking. They also knew what she was trying to prove by doing this.

However, she only ended up worse off. She acted as the background which brought out Jian Yiling's brilliance.

In order to ease the awkwardness, Han Mengyu quickly proposed to start the escape room.

The venue of the escape room was right next door. This was specially arranged by Han Mengyu and Xing Wei.

This escape room was much more intense than normal ones. The owner of this escape room was a retired crime investigation officer. As a result, he had a lot of experience in criminal investigation.

Furthermore, his shop assistant was also an incredibly intelligent individual.

The rooms in their business would be updated every once in a while. As a result, many escape room enthusiasts would come to play.

However, the escape rooms were incredibly difficult compared to other escape rooms.

After entering the venue, Han Mengyu warned Jian Yiling: "Yiling, the owner of this store likes to put scary things in his rooms. Furthermore, in some cases, he tries to restore the scene of the murder. There may be a lot of gore. If you're scared, just close your eyes. Master Sheng can guide you outside."

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"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied.

After they entered the store, they were greeted by the owner of the store.

The owner of the store had white hair. One of his eyes was blind. Although that eye was covered by an eye patch, there were still some scars surrounding that eye socket.

The appearance of the old man made it seem like he had a lot of stories to tell about his past.

The store owner led the crowd to the entrance of the escape room. Then, he gave Han Mengyu a pager: "Same rules as usual. If you're stuck inside or if you're facing any sort of danger, remember to use the pager."

The escape room was located in an abandoned factory building. It was far away from the center of Beijing. And thus, this old man had transformed it into an elaborate escape room.

The factory building was very large. The old man had carefully arranged and designed the interior of the escape room. Once inside, it would not be an easy task to get out.

Han Mengyu and the others had come to this escape room in the past. However, most of the time, they were unable to escape. And thus, they had to use the pager to communicate with the store owner. In the end, they only managed to escape with the guidance of the old man.

Then, Han Mengyu told the crowd that they were playing with the same rules as usual. The participation fee for every person was ten thousand dollars.

After entering the escape room, whoever solved a puzzle would earn ten thousand dollars. If the number of puzzles solved exceeded the total prize pool, then he would pay up the remaining amount. On the other hand, if there was money left over, the money would be used for karaoke later that night.

No one had any objection to this.

Then, the crowd entered the escape room and started their journey.

As soon as they entered, the door they came through got locked.

The room that they entered was dimly lit. In addition, there were no windows in that room. The walls were worn and parts of the ceiling were flaking off.

There was only a hospital bed in the room. There was a dummy that laid on the hospital bed.

The dummy was made out of resin. The craftsmanship of the dummy was incredible. All of its features were incredibly realistic.

However, the organs of the dummy were missing.

As a result, the dummy gave off a creepy vibe.

As the escape room had started, everyone began to search the room for clues.

Jian Yiling walked towards the dummy.

She began to carefully examine the dummy's death.

If the store owner was professional enough, the dummy's death would match the storyline of the escape room.

Xing Wei and Han Mengyu were shocked when they saw Jian Yiling staring at the dummy.

Wasn't the dummy meant to be the most terrifying thing in the room?

Then why was Jian Yiling examining it so carefully?

She did not seem terrified of the dummy. Instead, it seemed like she was quite interested in it!

"Wait a minute... Xing Wei... Our future sister-in-law doesn't seem to be afraid of these things..."

Upon hearing this, Xing Wei came up to Han Mengyu's ear and whispered:

"Yeah, I'm surprised as well. That dummy is quite realistic. It adds to the terrifying atmosphere. However, it doesn't seem to scare her."

Even Han Mengyu thought the dummy was frightening.

He wasn't frightened as he didn't get scared easily. However, he did not want to carefully examine the dummy either.

"What are you looking for?" Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling.

"The cuts on the dummy were made in a way that makes it seem like the person was dissected alive," Jian Yiling replied. "The details on this dummy are incredibly realistic."

Jian Yiling was quite interested in the person who made this dummy.

The person who created this dummy had used appropriate materials and relevant medical knowledge. As a result, the finished product appeared more realistic.

Zhai Yunsheng rarely heard Jian Yiling comment on someone or something in such a way.

Well, it seemed like he made the correct decision to invite her.

"After we get out, let's ask the store owner how he made this dummy," Zhai Yunsheng said.

"嗯."

"Mhmm."

Chapter 644: Escape Room (2)

The price of the escape room was not much pricier than an average escape room. However, the cost of the setup for the store owner was obviously much pricier than an average escape room.

Every once in a while, the store owner would change the theme and layout of the escape room.

If one were to look at it in this way, it seemed as though the store owner was losing money.

However, simultaneously, it also made escape room enthusiasts even more curious about the new rooms.

The others searched around the room however, none of them could find an exit.

And thus, the group began to worry:

"Ahh, why is the first room so difficult already? I've already searched the walls and everything. However, I found nothing!"

"Is the 'corpse' a clue? However, we've checked it already. There's no key or switch on it."

"No way... Do we really need to ask for help in the first room?"

"Let's not do that. That's sort of lame."

"However, the only clue that we're given is the line written on the bed: If the body is not at peace, then the soul can not be reborn."

"What does that mean? Isn't that just not dying in peace? Or does it mean something else?"

"..."

The crowd began to have a discussion.

Yao Moping stood at the center of the room. It looked like she didn't have a clue either.

However, she refused to give up. Her eyes kept skimming over her surroundings.

After a moment, her eyes stopped on Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

After examining the dummy for quite some time, Jian Yiling finally stood up. Then, she walked slowly around the room, one step at a time.

"What is she doing?"

Everyone else stared at Jian Yiling.

"I don't know. She's probably thinking as she's pacing around?"

"Is she measuring the size of this room?"

"I don't think the size of this room has anything to do with this puzzle though."

As they watched Jian Yiling, she suddenly stopped walking around.

Then, she squatted down and tapped her hand on an aged tile.

Following that, she pulled out a small tool from her backpack. She used the tool to pry open the tile.

The tile was not properly laid on the ground. As a result, it could be picked up with someone's bare hands.

However, Jian Yiling did not want to injure her hands.

After she pried open the tile, there was a cloth bag hidden underneath the tiles.

Jian Yiling took the cloth bag out and placed it into the body of the dummy.

Then, a 'ding' sound could be heard. The hospital bed shifted and an exit appeared. The exit led into the next room.

It turned out that something in the dummy reacted to the items inside of the cloth bag. When the two things were brought together, the door would open.

Internal organs made out of the same resin material were inside the cloth bag.

And thus, when the two objects were placed together, the dummy was complete. Only then would the puzzle be solved.

This fulfilled the hint in the room: "If the body is not at peace, then the soul can not be reborn."

"Wow. I would have never thought of that!"

"I've walked back and forth in the room several times. However, I didn't realize that there was a hollow tile in the room!"

"Sister-in-law is awesome!"

Everyone began to praise Jian Yiling's thinking abilities.

In fact, some people called Jian Yiling 'sister-in-law'.

Upon hearing the words 'sister-in-law', Yao Moping's expression became ugly.

Then, they all entered the second room.

The second room was dark and gloomy as well.

There was a door in that room. On the door, there was a combination lock.

This was to be expected of an escape room. Escape rooms would typically ask their players to find a password.

This time, the room was arranged like a study room. There were many different things scattered throughout the room.

Just now, they got too few clues. However, this time around, they got given too many clues. There was too much clutter in the room. As a result, no one knew what information was useful for unlocking the door.

And thus, everyone made various attempts at guessing the passcode. They attempted to see who could find the correct code first.

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There were too many potential clues in the room. As a result, they had to eliminate all the unnecessary clues.

Jian Yiling was not in a rush to find the passcode. Instead, she began to observe the room to filter through unnecessary information.

Escape rooms generally followed a storyline. And thus, the clues in this room should relate to the dummy in the first room.

Based on the information from the first room, a newspaper clipping caught Jian Yiling's attention. The newspaper clipping on the bookshelf had a sentence about disembowelment.

Even if someone is dressed up beautifully, if they do not have a conscience, then their stomach will be empty.

The sentence about the empty stomach linked to the dummy in the previous room.

And thus, a person without a conscience was likely to be a clue for this room.

Then, Jian Yiling searched the study desk. There was a thick stack of notes on the study desk.

Jian Yiling quickly flipped through the notes and came up with an answer.

In the notes, there was a reference to a case of a heartless doctor who inflicted pain on his patients.

And thus, Jian Yiling used the date of this article to open the door.

If Jian Yiling solved the puzzle once, then she could be said to be lucky.

However, solving the puzzle twice would no longer be a matter of luck would it now?

She couldn't possibly be that lucky!

And thus, Jian Yiling was definitely a genius! She must have an incredibly high IQ!

Now, everyone looked at Jian Yiling in a different way.

Previously, although they respected her quite a lot, that respect was because of Zhai Yunsheng. It wasn't because of Jian Yiling.

Furthermore, even though they respected her, in their hearts of hearts, they still looked down upon her.

They were not impressed with Jian Yiling's social standing and background. In addition, they felt that Jian Yiling did not belong in their social circle.

In fact, even Han Mengyu and Xing Wei felt this way.

But now, they gradually changed their views of Jian Yiling.

Han Mengyu couldn't help but sigh: "Master Sheng, your future wife's intelligence is far beyond my reach."

Zhai Yunsheng smiled before he said: "That's only natural."

Then, he reminded Han Mengyu: "Don't forget to give us the prize money."

Han Mengyu: "..."

Wasn't that a bit too much? Why would Master Sheng focus on the prize money?! His friend had changed!

Then, in the next few rooms, Jian Yiling did not give the others an opportunity to play.

In fact, Jian Yiling led the others through the next five rooms incredibly quickly.

At this moment, Yao Moping suddenly spoke up: "Miss Yiling, we can't enjoy ourselves if you do this. We can just give you all the prize money. However, in exchange, can you please let us enjoy the escape room?"

Yao Moping's words made everyone stop.

The atmosphere became incredibly awkward.

Yao Moping's words made it sound like Jian Yiling only had her eyes on the prize money. In addition, it was as though Jian Yiling did not care about the others.

Everyone went silent.

They all knew the reason why Yao Moping said this.

However, they did not dare to mention that reason. They did not want to hurt Yao Moping.

In their hearts, Yao Moping meant much more to them. After all, they had hung out with Yao Moping for quite a few years already.

Faced with everyone's awkward expressions, Jian Yiling suddenly remembered a scene that happened a long time ago.

That time, her parents had brought her home once, and only once.

Back then, she was around eight years old.

It was the first time that she met her relatives. In addition, it was the first time that she hung out with people around her own age.

Jian Yiling enjoyed playing with them.

However, after a while, things became awkward.

Jian Yiling had finished the entire game by herself. As a result, the others could only stand beside her and watch.

Later on, they did not want to play with her anymore. As a result, they excluded her from their future games.

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Back then, she faintly heard them talking about what a freak she was.

At that time, Jian Yiling did not know what she had done wrong.

They told her that they were playing a game. And thus, she had played according to the rules.

Only later did Jian Yiling understand that she had probably done something wrong.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at the silent crowd with cold eyes. He was just about to speak when Jian Yiling promised Yao Moping:

"Okay, you guys play then."

Then, Jian Yiling stepped to the side and stopped participating in solving the puzzles.

Most people did not feel like this was the right thing to do. However, because of Yao Moping, they did not end up saying anything.

After a moment, Jian Yiling asked Zhai Yunsheng in a small voice: "Did I mess up?"

"You didn't," Zhai Yunsheng replied. "You're playing by the rules."

She just didn't understand the ways of the world. However, she didn't need to understand.

"Sometimes, they say that you shouldn't play exactly by the rules," Jian Yiling said quietly.

"Ignore those people. It's not possible for people to think the same way. You don't have to care about what they say."

Zhai Yunsheng said as he gently held Jian Yiling's hand.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng looked at Yao Moping with cold eyes.

As Jian Yiling was no longer involved in the escape room, the group's progress slowed down by a lot.

Everyone wandered around the room for quite some time. However, they could not figure out the correct answer for the next puzzle.

"Han Mengyu, where's the pager? Let's ask the owner to give us some hints!"

They could not find the answer by themselves. As a result, they had to seek help.

But at this time, they were too embarrassed to ask Jian Yiling for help. Therefore, they could only ask the store owner for help.

However, when Han Mengyu took out the pager, he realized that the pager was malfunctioning.

"No way? It's not working at this time? Ahhh, what's wrong with the store owner? Can't he check these things regularly?"

Everyone confirmed that the pager was indeed broken.

"So what now?" Xing Wei asked anxiously.

If the pager was broken, then how could the store owner help them?

If they did not get hints, how could they leave this place?

"Who has a phone on them? Make a call to the store owner," Yao Moping suggested.

"There's no signal in here. If we had signal in here, the store owner would not give us a pager," Han Mengyu replied. He immediately dismissed that idea.

"No way! Then how do we get out?" someone cried out.

Everyone's mentality immediately changed.

Originally, they were having fun.

However, now, there was the possibility that they were actually trapped in here.

Then, the eyes of the crowd looked at Jian Yiling in unison.

If there was no pager to help them, then the only person among them that could lead them out was Jian Yiling.

However, all of them remembered what had happened just now. As a result, it would be rather awkward to ask Jian Yiling for help.

The most awkward person was none other than Yao Moping.

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng said: "Well, it doesn't really matter. Let's just wait in here for the night. In the morning, the store owner should come in to find us."

Zhai Yunsheng's words did not ease everyone's anxiety. Instead, it made everyone realize how important it was to ask Jian Yiling to solve the puzzles for them.

None of them wanted to stay in this place until tomorrow morning.

This place was filled with dust. There wasn't even a proper place to sit! How could they possibly spend the entire night here?

It would be okay if they were trying to solve the puzzle for the entire night.

However, at this moment, they were basically a group of headless flies. It was so painful to be in this room!

Then, everyone looked at their surroundings. There was an eerie aura of terror in the abandoned factory building.

And thus, the thought of being trapped here for an entire night was not very pleasant for even the boldest of them.

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And thus, a few of them began to say nice things to Jian Yiling:

"Sister-in-law, could you please help us again?"

"Yeah, staying here for the night would be too much for us. Please show us the way out."

"Yeah. The pager is broken. And thus, we can only rely on you now."

Xing Wei and Han Mengyu also began to flatter Jian Yiling:

"Sister-in-law, we're all depending on you! You got this! Please help us get out of here!"

"Yeah, yeah! It's a pleasure for us to watch you solve these puzzles."

However, upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng said: "Well, it still seems as though Miss Yao does not want Yiling to help."

Miss Yao.

This was probably the first time in years that Zhai Yunsheng took the initiative to mention Yao Moping.

At first, it seemed as though Zhai Yunsheng was being polite and courteous. However, in reality, Zhai Yunsheng's words were distant and hostile.

They had known each other for so long already.

However, to him, she was still 'Miss Yao'.

As there was a lack of light in the room, the group could not clearly see Yao Moping's facial expressions.

However, they could easily guess the expression on Yao Moping's face.

Yao Moping looked around her. She saw that people around her were looking at her with hopeful eyes.

She didn't want to slap herself in the face. However, unless she had the ability to lead everyone out of the escape room, as of now, she could only ask Jian Yiling to help them.

“Miss Yiling, please continue to help us,” Yao Moping said.

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng said: “Well, wouldn’t that ruin the fun for you?”

Yao Moping attempted to restrain her temper as she said: “I’m sorry.”

Upon hearing Yao Moping’s apology, Jian Yiling finally made a move.

Just now, the group had spent a lot of time looking for the exit. However, Jian Yiling merely took three minutes to get out of that room.

It was as though she had gotten the script in advance.

As soon as Jian Yiling began to problem solve, the whole group moved through the puzzles incredibly quickly.

An hour later, the group escaped from the abandoned factory building. They ended up back in the store.

The one-eyed store owner had a surprised expression on his face when he saw the group come out.

These people actually solved his escape room?

They hadn’t even asked him for any hints!

Furthermore, it only took them two hours!

This was the first time someone managed to escape the rooms he designed without asking for any hints.

The one-eyed store owner and his highly intelligent shop assistant scanned their eyes over everyone.

This group frequented the escape room. Previously, they had asked for a lot of hints.

Then, the one-eyed storekeeper’s eyes fell on Jian Yiling.

Out of the group, Jian Yiling was the only one who hadn’t visited before. She was the variable that was different.

And thus, the one-eyed store owner walked towards Jian Yiling and said: “Our store is willing to give a lifelong VIP card to players who can get through the escape room without using hints. Are you interested in continuing to play in the future?”

Jian Yiling nodded her head. She was also curious about this store.

Then, the store owner asked Jian Yiling to register her information.

His eyes watched Jian Yiling write down her name and contact information.

When Jian Yiling finished writing down her details, the one-eyed store owner had already memorized those details.

Then, Jian Yiling asked the store owner some questions regarding the production of the dummies.

Seeing that Jian Yiling was interested in their dummy production, the store owner invited Jian Yiling to come and watch their production process in the future.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yiling readily agreed.

After Jian Yiling left the store, the store owner made an international call. The call lasted for around ten minutes. During that call, the store owner gave Jian Yiling's contact information to the other party.

Chapter 648: Love Rival Appears (1)

Eventually, the rest of the Jian family learned that Jian Yiling planned to get engaged to Zhai Yunsheng.

This news brought a large shock to the Jian family.

If it weren't for the fact that Master Zhai visited them and Jian Yiling herself admitting to it, the Jian family would have never believed in this matter.

And thus, the Jian family temporarily borrowed the Wen family's study room to discuss this matter.

In addition to Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian, the people who were present were Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, Jian Yuncheng, and Jian Yunnao.

"No! Definitely not! My daughter is only eighteen years old! She can't get engaged right now!" Jian Shuxing cried out.

"Well, your mother and I have already agreed to it," Grandpa Jian responded.

"But why? Yiling is only eighteen years old. She's still so young... I guess she can date right now but to be engaged..."

The most Jian Shuxing was willing to accept was his daughter dating someone.

"Well, this is something that Yiling herself agreed to," Grandma Jian replied. "I will always support Yiling's decisions. I just want her to be happy. I don't want to listen to what you guys say."

"Mother..." Jian Shuxing said. His tone was bitter and helpless. He did not know how to describe his feelings at this moment.

Grandma Jian sighed again: "Shuxing, Yiling is different from other children. You guys broke her wings when she needed you the most. Therefore, you can't blame her for having her own thoughts and ideas. Furthermore, in the past, Master Sheng helped Yiling. Therefore, in her heart, perhaps Master Sheng is more qualified to protect her. And thus, we are not qualified to stop her from making her own choices."

Grandma Jian's words were like a steel nail that was hammered into Wen Nuan and Jian Shuxing's hearts.

After all, the wound from three years ago was not completely healed.

Then, Grandpa Jian added: "Furthermore, it's the Zhai family. If the Zhai family really wants Yiling, how do we even stop them?"

Whether or not the Jian family wanted to admit this, this was still the truth.

And thus, Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian used two different reasons to block the voices from the rest of the Jian family.

The reality was cruel.

At this moment, Jian Yunnao's heart was seized up with pain.

He knew that his sister was going to be even further away from him now.

After all, he was the one who started it all.

Jian Yuncheng did not add anything to the conversation either. It wasn't because he didn't want to object. Rather, it was because he had no right to object.

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The next morning, Jian Yichen's apartment welcomed a guest — Luo Xun.

Jian Yichen told Jian Yiling smilingly: "Yiling, his name is Luo Xun! He's the young and talented man that I wanted to introduce to you!"

Although three years had passed, Luo Xun's features did not change by much. His features were still young and attractive.

"Hello, Yiling. Nice to meet you again," Luo Xun smiled. His smile revealed a row of pearly white teeth.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling greeted. She was quite happy to see Luo Xun's bright smile.

Jian Yiling had looked into Luo Xun's situation for the past three years.

"Do you still remember me?"

"I remember you," Jian Yiling replied. She would not forget him.

"You also knitted me a hat! I'm taking good care of the hat. In fact, from time to time, I still wear the hat."

"That's good."

Jian Yiling did not speak much. On the other hand, Luo Xun liked to talk a lot. As a result, their conversations were not incredibly boring.

Seeing that Jian Yiling and Luo Xun were having a good conversation, Jian Yichen was quite happy.

A while ago, Jian Yichen was not in a rush to introduce Luo Xun to Jian Yiling. However, after hearing about the news of Jian Yiling getting engaged to Zhai Yunsheng, he immediately dragged Luo Xun over to his house. Then, he arranged for Luo Xun to meet with Jian Yiling.

Chapter 649: Love Rival Appears (2)

When Zhai Yunsheng came over to speak to Jian Yiling, he saw Jian Yiling and Luo Xun happily talking to each other.

He remembered Luo Xun! Jian Yiling had given this man a hat! In fact, it was a hat that she knitted with her own hands!

Jian Yichen was leaning against the door frame. He smilingly said to Zhai Yunsheng: "Look, there's more than one good man in this world. My sister has more choices, you know?"

Jian Yichen spoke very softly. As a result, only Zhai Yunsheng could hear his words.

"Thank you Sister Yichen for recognizing me as a good man," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

"Stop being shameless. Luo Xun and Yiling are having a lovely chat together," Jian Yichen replied. He was intentionally trying to annoy Zhai Yunsheng.

After all, Zhai Yunsheng was trying to steal their sister from them!

His sister was still so young! How could he steal her away so soon?

And thus, he had to make this guy feel annoyed!

"Having a lovely chat doesn't mean anything," Zhai Yunsheng replied. He had a cool and collected expression on his face.

"Well, Yiling knitted a hat for Luo Xun as well. She knitted it herself."

"Oh, what a coincidence. The sweater I'm wearing was also knitted by Yiling," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

"Ahh, Sister Yichen, there's something that you probably don't know. Yiling also knitted a sweater for Jian Yuncheng, Jian Yunmo, Jian Yumin, and Jian Yujie."

Jian Yichen originally intended to annoy Zhai Yunsheng.

However, in the end, he instead became upset!

Jian Yichen was frozen in place. He did not know what to say.

After all, he did not receive a sweater as a gift! His sister didn't make him one!

During Jian Yichen's daze, Zhai Yunsheng called out to Jian Yiling: "Yiling."

Jian Yiling immediately turned around to look at him.

"Let's go," Zhai Yunsheng said.

The two of them had agreed to go out together today.

"Okay."

Then, Jian Yiling turned around to say goodbye to Luo Xun. Afterward, she left with Zhai Yunsheng.

After Jian Yiling left with Zhai Yunsheng, Jian Yichen was so upset that he stomped his feet in anger.

"Ahhh! That damn bastard!" Jian Yichen cursed.

Luo Xun smiled before he said: "Young Master Yichen, was that guy Yiling's fiance?"

"He's not!" Jian Yichen replied. His tone was filled with displeasure.

"What did he even do to you? Did he do something bad?" Luo Xun asked out of curiosity.

“Nope, he didn’t do anything bad.”

“Then why are you so against him?”

“He has poor health. He wouldn’t be able to give Yiling the happiness she deserves.”

“Poor health? Wouldn’t be able to give her happiness? Ahh, I would never have been able to tell...” Luo Xun said with regret. “However, there are advancements in medical technology right now. Maybe his condition can become better. Why don’t you ask him to go and see the doctor? He shouldn’t hide from the hospital just because he fears treatment. You need to be proactive with these things.”

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Jian Yiling was seated in the passenger seat.

As Zhai Yunsheng drove, Jian Yiling shared what she talked about with Luo Xun. She told him she was really happy with Luo Xun’s success in his career.

“How are you so sure that I won’t get jealous?” Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling with an unhappy tone.

“Jealous?” Jian Yiling repeated. “Why would you be jealous?”

“Ahh, don’t worry. Continue speaking.” Zhai Yunsheng replied. She was indeed really slow when it came to these things. In fact, she could be eaten by someone without her even knowing.

“I’m finished.”

“Nothing else?”

Jian Yiling only talked about how Luo Xun’s career developed after he became a solo artist.

“What else should there be?” Jian Yiling asked.

Zhai Yunsheng glanced at Jian Yiling’s eyes before he smiled and replied:

“Nothing else.”

Chapter 650: Yumin’s Call

Early the next morning, Jian Yiling received a call from Jian Yumin. Jian Yumin’s voice was quite stirred up:

“Yiling, are you really getting engaged to Zhai Yunsheng?!!!”

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling replied. In contrast, Jian Yiling’s voice was way too calm.

“What did that bastard do to you? Did he threaten you? Did he seduce you?”

“Nope.” Zhai Yunsheng definitely did not threaten her. He shouldn’t have seduced her either.

“Yiling, don’t be scared! Tell me the truth,” Jian Yumin said. It was as though Jian Yumin was ready to fight with Zhai Yunsheng.

Jian Yumin was incredibly worried that Zhai Yunsheng used dishonest means to force Jian Yiling to get engaged to him.

“That’s the truth. Don’t worry,” Jian Yiling replied. She attempted to reassure Jian Yumin.

However, it was impossible for Jian Yumin to not worry.

“Then... Do you like him?” Jian Yumin asked with some hesitation.

“I don’t know,” Jian Yiling replied. She did not know the answer to this question.

What does liking someone feel like? For Jian Yiling, this question was more complicated than any medical question.

She did not understand the question. Therefore, she did not think much more about it.

Don’t know... This answer gave Jian Yumin a headache.

“Yiling, do you want to think about it for a bit longer?”

“No need. I already promised him. I’m not going to back out.”

Upon hearing this, Jian Yumin’s mood became depressed. He hadn’t yet spent enough time with his sister. She couldn’t be taken away by a wolf already!

“Yiling, we’re not backing out of it. We’re just waiting for a bit longer. You can postpone the engagement for a year or two.”

Then, she could postpone her marriage by another five to ten years.

Jian Yumin was not against Jian Yiling’s relationship with Zhai Yunsheng. However, he did not want her to leave their family so soon.

“It’s okay. It’s the same, sooner or later,” Jian Yiling replied.

“It’s not the same. It’s better if it’s later. If it’s later, I won’t be as upset...” Jian Yumin said as he trailed off.

They only had one girl in their family! The rest were all stinky brats! Furthermore, all of those brats hadn’t abducted girls back into their family. Instead, their only girl was getting stolen away from them!

This could not be happening!

“I already promised. I’m not going to change my decision. Don’t be upset,” Jian Yiling replied.

“Ahhh, I will go book my flight then. Don’t get engaged before I reach Beijing. Remember, I must be there!”

“Okay.”

Jian Yiling chatted with Jian Yumin for a few more minutes before she hung up the phone.

Once the call ended, Jian Yumin still felt upset. He wanted to find someone to talk to.

As he scrolled through his contacts, he saw Luo Xiuen’s name.

For some strange reason, he decided to call her.

The phone rang for quite some time before it was answered.

“Yu... Yumin?” Luo Xiuen said. There was a clear tremor in her voice.

“My sister is getting engaged. I feel really upset. Could you talk to me for a bit? I think you might be able to understand what I’m feeling right now.”

Luo Xiuen had quite a good relationship with Jian Yiling. In fact, she was just like Jian Yiling’s older sister.

“Wait for a moment!”

This reply did not make sense at all.

Then, Jian Yumin heard the sound of huffing and puffing coming from inside the phone.

After a long time, Luo Xiuen picked up the phone again: “Okay, please continue.”

“Did you... Just go for a run?”

“I was a little excited. I wanted to run off my excitement.”

Err...

Hmm... At least she didn’t end the call right away. This had happened the first time Jian Yumin called Luo Xiuen.

“Do you know that Yiling’s getting engaged?”

“Huh? Yiling’s getting engaged???”

“...”

How did Luo Xiuen even become a researcher at Huiling Medical Research Institution?