

## Sidekick 961

### Chapter 961: A Storm is Approaching

If Jian Yiling wanted to kill Qin Hongzhi, why would she need to use such a stupid approach?

First of all, she could just refuse to save Qin Hongzhi. Without her help, Qin Hongzhi would soon die. And thus, why would she need to go to such trouble?

Secondly, Jian Yiling herself was a forensic pathologist. She knew about toxicology testing and what types of toxins could be tested. Therefore, she had the ability to use poisons outside of the testing. Why would she be stupid enough to let people figure out what poisons she was using?

Finally, who would put such a poison in the medicine that they were delivering? That was essentially making a public announcement and telling everyone that Qin Hongzhi died because of something I sent. Was Jian Yiling that stupid?

Superintendent Ruan: "In order to not attract attention, I asked Captain Fei to assist in the investigation. Therefore, he invited you to leave the Zhai Residence."

The death of Qin Hongzhi, the Head of the Qin family, was not a small matter. The media were very focused on this.

And thus, the Special Crime Investigation Division was going to work together with the Major Crimes unit.

They needed Jian Yiling's help for this.

During this time, Jian Yiling finished skimming the information in her hands.

The information was similar to the documents given by Master Zhai.

All the key clues were missing.

No one knew what was happening in the Qin family when Qin Hongzhi died.

In addition, why was Qin Yufan sick? And why was Qin Chuan's mother missing? Finally, why did Qin Chuan's attitude change so suddenly? All these things had not been clarified.

However, Qin Chuan took a lot of action in the past three days. Despite just becoming the Head of the Qin family, he had already made a lot of bold moves.

It appeared as though the Qin family was sharpening their knives to compete against the Zhai family.

Furthermore, Qin Chuan's own technological company had established a research and development department. It appeared as though it was creating the same type of technological products as the company under Zhai Yunsheng's name. And thus, Qin Chuan's intentions were very clear.

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As the Qin family's matters were known to most, the Wen family and the Jian family were all incredibly concerned.

The only person that was happy was Cai Qinyue.

She was glad that Jian Yiling had been arrested and locked up by the police! She wanted Jian Yiling to be convicted of murder!

In fact, if Jian Yiling's sentence was heavier than her daughter's sentence, she would be even happier!

For her daughter's sake, Cai Qinyue went to beg Grandpa Wen and Grandma Wen. She rushed around to seek help and cried countless tears.

Although she was still sad, when she heard the news about Jian Yiling, she felt somewhat comforted.

Humans were rather strange creatures. When they see people who are in greater misfortune than themselves, somehow, their hearts are comforted.

Today, Cai Qinyue went to visit the Wen family again. In the last few times, she had been turned away.

Back then, she was begging the Wen family to help Wen Ruo.

However, the situation was different today. She was here to make fun of Wen Nuan.

"Oh? Isn't this Wen Nuan? Weren't you high and mighty a few days ago? You said that you have to bear the consequences of doing something wrong. Furthermore, didn't you tell me that I don't know how to look after my daughter? Well take a look at this, apparently, you know how to look after your daughter and yet, she's also been arrested."

Cai Qinyue was rather well-informed. She heard that a while after Jian Yiling arrived in Beijing, she was taken away by the Major Crimes Unit.

"Cai Qinyue, my daughter is different from your daughter. Your daughter's crime has been proven. On the other hand, my daughter was framed. Sooner or later, she will be cleared of suspicion."

"You're in no position to say whether she was framed or not. However, your precious daughter picked a rather mighty opponent. If it was someone else, Master Sheng could have helped her. However, she decides to mess with the Qin family. She made wind and rain sweep through Beijing. She's a bringer of disaster and misfortune!"

### **Chapter 962: We All Believe in Yiling**

"Cai Qinyue, stop imagining useless things. Furthermore, you have no right to intervene in our family affairs. You and my brother have already divorced. You have no relationship with the Wen family anymore, let alone the Jian family!" Wen Nuan huffed back.

"Tch, why are you being aggressive to me? In the future, you may be keeping me company when we're visiting the prison!"

Cai Qinyue mocked Wen Nuan. She was ridiculing Wen Nuan's current situation.

"Whatever you say," Wen Nuan replied. She was not bothered to argue with this woman.

Then, Wen Nuan turned around to tell the servants of the Wen family: "In the future, don't let this woman enter the door of the Wen Residence."

Upon hearing this, Cai Qinyue yelled in anger: "Wen Nuan, you're already married! How dare you instruct the servants of the Wen family to not let me enter the house! Even if I'm divorced with Wen Cheng, I'm still Wen Ruo's mother!"

Wen Nuan looked at her before she walked away.

Naturally, the servants of the Wen family chose to listen to Wen Nuan and not Cai Qinyue.

Cai Qinyue gritted her teeth in anger as she cursed: "You b\*tch. Just wait. There will be a day when you cry!"

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Later that day, the situation in the Wen Residence became very gloomy.

Grandma Wen became sick. Before Wen Ruo's matter was settled, Jian Yiling's matter came up.

Everyone in Beijing knew about this. They were saying that a big fight was going to happen between the Qin family and the Zhai family. As a result, Jian Yiling, who was the most crucial link between them, was widely criticized by everyone.

Grandma Wen leaned against the sofa. Her face was pale and her voice was sad: "Wen Nuan, what exactly did we do to suffer so much this year? Why are these things happening one after another?"

Wen Cheng's situation was even more terrible.

After Wen Ruo's incident, Wen Cheng refused to leave his room for a few days. It was as though he was living in a nightmare. Before recovering from this nightmare, his niece got into trouble as well.

It was as though he had lost his soul: "Wen Nuan, how is Yiling doing?"

"Father, Mother, Brother, please don't worry. Yiling is fine," Wen Nuan said comfortingly.

"I hope that Yiling's name will be cleared. They must find the real culprit and return her innocence," Grandma Wen sighed.

"Father, Mother, we firmly believe that Yiling was framed and wrongly accused," Wen Nuan said. She was rather emotional.

Jian Shuxing patted his wife's hand to comfort her. At the same time, he was also telling himself to be at ease.

Grandpa Wen: "We also believe that Yiling is not that kind of person."

Grandpa Wen was now also unquestionably on his granddaughter's side.

Then, Grandpa Wen sighed: "Wen Nuan, we really want to help you but we don't know how to help."

"Father, I understand."

Wen Nuan and Jian Shuxing were in the same boat. Other than patiently waiting at home for news, they just hoped that their sons could do something to help Yiling.

Wen Cheng worriedly asked: "Wen Nuan, will Yiling be given up by the Zhai family?"

If the Zhai family chose to give up on Jian Yiling, the Jian family and the Wen family alone would not be enough to fight the Qin family.

This would put Jian Yiling in great danger.

“No, that won’t happen. Master Sheng is not that kind of person,” Wen Nuan replied with certainty. “Even though we haven’t spent much time with him, we know that he treats Yiling very well. In addition, Yiling trusts him a lot.”

“I truly hope so. If they really decide to give up on her, then the Jian family and the Wen family will have to fight the Qin family with our backs against the river,” Grandpa Wen said. There was little strength in his voice. It was as though he was physically and mentally exhausted.

### **Chapter 963: Who Do You Think Will Win?**

The unexpected death of Qin Hongzhi was a big deal to everyone in Beijing.

As a result, the entire Internet was overwhelmed with comments about the strange death of Qin Hongzhi.

As the Qin family had previously concealed the news of Qin Hongzhi’s illness to the general public, Qin Hongzhi’s death was very sudden and bizarre to them.

And thus, many journalists wrote articles to analyze this matter.

[The sudden death of a rich and powerful person! Was it an internal power struggle or a conspiracy orchestrated by rivals?!]

[Surprise! A billionaire died a strange death! Was it a natural death or a murder? Stay tuned as the police are currently investigating!]

[A billionaire suddenly died. The cause of death is a mystery. Is the murderer the future matriarch of the Zhai family?]

No one really knew what was going on. All these articles were based on groundless accusations and gossip. Despite this, these news articles were incredibly interesting to the netizens.

On the other hand, people who were more informed on the situation were speculating about whether the Zhai family planned to hand Jian Yiling over. In addition, they wondered what kind of situation the future matriarch of the Zhai family was going to face.

Some people speculated that the Zhai family was going to hand Jian Yiling over. On the other hand, other people assumed that a storm was going to brew in Beijing.

Jian Yubo’s assistant was reporting this news to him:

“Boss, this is what has happened so far. Do you think the Zhai family will give up on Miss Yiling?”

“Nope.”

“Then, between the Qin family and the Zhai family... Who do you think will win?”

Jian Yubo's eyes fell on the Go board in front of him.

His face was cold and detached as always. It was as though the mortal world had nothing to do with him.

"In the past, the Zhai family and the Qin family were on par with each other," Jian Yubo commented.

"Then, what about right now?" Jian Yubo's assistant asked.

Jian Yubo did not directly answer his assistant's question. Instead, he picked up a white stone and placed it down on the Go board. This resulted in a large portion of black stones being consumed.

The outcome of the match had been determined.

Then, Jian Yubo stood up to pick up a jacket on the coat rack.

"Boss, where are you going?" Jian Yubo's assistant asked him in a puzzled voice.

"To see an old friend."

Upon hearing this, his assistant froze for a moment. An old friend? What friend was he talking about?

After the pause, Jian Yubo's assistant suddenly realized something.

Could it be that...

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Today, the technology company that Qin Chuan had established during his university days was going to hold a shareholders meeting.

Inside the office, Qin Chuan was wearing a black suit. He had a grave expression on his face. It was as though sadness was plaguing him. If someone did not know better, they would assume that Qin Chuan was mourning his father's death.

A few of Qin Chuan's subordinates stood beside him. Similar to Qin Chuan, they all wore dark-colored suits and had solemn expressions on their faces.

Qin Chuan's attention was fixated on an item on his desk.

This was so much so that his assistant had to call him three times before he finally heard.

Then, Qin Chuan glanced at his watch before he got up and headed towards the meeting room.

The meeting room was already filled with people.

Such a shareholders' meeting was held every once in a while.

In the past, the company's largest shareholder, Microsilver Venture Capital, typically sent an agent to act on their behalf.

This had been the case for the past three years.

By the time Qin Chuan entered the meeting room, most of the shareholders had already arrived.

All the shareholders looked at Qin Chuan with anxiety.

Naturally, they knew about what happened between the Qin family and the Zhai family. It was good news for their company that Qin Chuan was now the Head of the Qin family.. However, it was bad news that the Qin family was about to start a war with the Zhai family.

#### **Chapter 964: Who is the Boss Behind the Scenes?**

When the meeting was about to begin, the representative from Microsilver Venture Capital was not yet present.

As Microsilver Venture Capital was the largest shareholder of Qin Chuan's company, the meeting could not start if Microsilver's representative was not there yet.

And thus, the other shareholders began to become curious. Why was the representative of Microsilver Venture Capital late today? Did something go wrong?

As a venture capital firm, Microsilver had invested in many projects. As their investment vision was rather good, most of the projects that they invested in had succeeded.

However, the boss behind all this was incredibly mysterious. This person held a controlling number of shares in Qin Chuan's company. However, in the countless shareholder meetings in the past few years, Microsilver Venture Capital always sent a representative. The actual boss of the venture capital firm had never shown up.

After a while, someone finally arrived.

However, this person was different from the representative that came in previous years.

A woman with fair skin, delicate features, and shapely legs appeared in the meeting room.

Someone in the meeting room immediately recognized her. She was the CEO of Long Heng Group, Long Yuetian.

"CEO Long, have you come to the wrong place?"

When she heard this, Long Yuetian flashed a polite smile at everyone.

"I didn't come to the wrong place. I am here today as a representative of Microsilver Venture Capital."

The person who typically represented Microsilver Venture Capital trailed behind Long Yuetian. The other shareholders recognized the representative who had been here in the previous years.

This alone was enough to prove that Long Yuetian was indeed related to Microsilver Venture Capital.

"Is CEO Long related to Microsilver Venture Capital?"

"I never knew that there was a relationship between the Long Heng Group and Microsilver Venture Capital."

"Wait, so is CEO Long the boss of Microsilver Venture Capital?"

All the other shareholders were incredibly curious and puzzled.

After all, it was surprising that the CEO of Long Heng Group was present at this shareholder meeting as a representative of Microsilver Venture Capital.

Could it be that she was the actual owner of Microsilver Venture Capital? Did she hold the most shares in Qin Chuan's company?

Upon being asked this, Long Yuetian replied: "I indeed placed capital into Microsilver Venture Capital. However, I'm not the boss. I'm just here today to talk to CEO Qin on behalf of our boss."

When everyone heard this, they were even more curious. What kind of person could make CEO Long bow her head?

After all, although she was a woman, CEO Long was known to be strong-minded and incredibly competitive.

Qin Chuan looked at Long Yuetian.

When Long Yuetian saw this, she hooked her lips and smiled: "CEO Qin, do you need any documents to verify my identity?"

"There's no need for that. I trust that you won't do anything that boring," Qin Chuan replied.

"Well, if that's the case, I will make my position clear on behalf of Microsilver Venture Capital," Long Yuetian started. "If CEO Qin wants to become the enemy of the Zhai family, we will demand Qin Chuan to be removed from his role as the CEO."

It was true that Qin Chuan was the founder of the company. However, back when he established the company, the largest investor was Microsilver Venture Capital. As a result, most of the power was held by Microsilver Venture Capital.

Therefore, as long as Microsilver Venture Capital requested it, they could easily replace Qin Chuan!

Long Yuetian's words made the entire meeting room go silent.

Everyone cautiously looked at Qin Chuan. They paid attention to every expression on his face.

After all, as of a few days ago, Qin Chuan was no longer only the CEO of this company. He was now also the Head of the Qin family.

By saying those words, Long Yuetian was making a stance against Qin Chuan!

Qin Chuan asked Long Yuetian: "CEO Long, do you have the intentions to turn against me?"

Upon hearing this, Long Yuetian replied with a smile: "Well, our boss asked for this. CEO Qin can do whatever he wants other than becoming enemies with the Zhai family and doing things that are detrimental to the interests of this company. Therefore, I'm merely saying this on behalf of Microsilver Venture Capital. If you disagree with this, then both sides will just suffer."

### **Chapter 965: Reason for Doing This**

The entire meeting room was quiet for quite some time.

Everyone looked at Qin Chuan nervously.

Although they did not know what Qin Chuan was thinking, they knew that in this company, Qin Chuan could not win against its largest shareholder, Microsilver Venture Capital.

There was a confident smile on Long Yuetian's face. She was not at all intimidated by Qin Chuan's aura.

In fact, there was even a hint of contempt on Long Yuetian's face.

Qin Chuan was unable to refute Long Yuetian's words.

After a long period of silence, Long Yuetian smiled confidently before she said: "Well since CEO Qin seems okay with this, let's start the shareholders meeting."

After that, Long Yuetian took her seat.

During the meeting, the atmosphere was incredibly depressing. No one dared to breathe loudly.

Once the meeting ended, Long Yuetian was the first to leave the meeting room.

As soon as she left the room, Long Yuetian sent a message to Jian Yiling: [Cutie, I've accomplished the mission! Please praise me! Give me a kiss~]

After a moment, a notification appeared on her phone. It was Jian Yiling's reply: [Thank you for your hard work.]

There was no kiss.

Long Yuetian: [No no, it wasn't hard work! I will do anything for my cutie. Ahh, I really should have taken a photo just now. Qin Chuan's face was so upset! It's hilarious! Tch, how dare he mess with you! You own his company!]

Jian Yiling: [Mhmmm.]

Long Yuetian: [Cutie, is there anything else I need to do besides this? I like helping you with things! I'd be super happy if you would give me a kiss after I finish my task.]

Jian Yiling: [Nothing else for now. You're a woman.]

Long Yuetian: [I'm only asking for a kiss because I'm a woman! If I was a man, I'd be drowned by the vault of vinegar you're living with!]

Jian Yiling: [He's not a vault of vinegar.]

Long Yuetian: [Only you think that.]

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After Long Yuetian left, the other shareholders also left one after another. Finally, only Qin Chuan and his men were left in the meeting room.

Qin Chuan's men cautiously asked him: "Head of the Qin family, what do we do now? If you can't complete the task, then your mother and your sister..."

His father was dead and his mother and sister had been taken away.



The other party demanded Qin Chuan to deal with the Zhai family.

For this reason, Qin Chuan had no choice but to hurt Jian Yiling. He had to follow the other party's instructions to frame Jian Yiling with his father's death. This would provoke a fight with the Zhai family.

At the moment, Qin Chuan was under a great amount of pain and pressure.

He did not want to hurt Jian Yiling. He did not want to hurt innocent people.

And yet, he had to be the bad guy.

After all, he could not place his mother and sister's life at risk.

He had to do what it took to ensure the safety of his mother and sister.

Qin Chuan closed his eyes in pain.

As he did so, Jian Yiling's face appeared in his mind.

He knew that she probably hated him now. She hated him for not trusting her. She hated him for framing her.

As he thought about this, pain could be felt in Qin Chuan's heart.

After a while, Qin Chuan opened his eyes again. Once again, his eyes were cold.

"Call the Qin family together for a family meeting. Without this company, I'm still the Head of the Qin family," Qin Chuan ordered.

He had no way out of this.

Even if there was no chance of winning, he still had to push on.

He had to do this in order to receive regular videos of his mother and sister. He had to do this in order to keep them alive.

He had a family to protect.

### **Chapter 966: Master Sheng Becomes Jealous Again (1)**

[Master Sheng, I've heard that your family has encountered some trouble recently. Do you need my help?]

A message popped up on Zhai Yunsheng's computer screen.

The person that was messaging Zhai Yunsheng used a golden symbol as their profile picture.

Upon receiving this message, Zhai Yunsheng replied: [No need.]

[Master Sheng, there's no need to be polite with me. We're members of the same association. Therefore, I know your family's capabilities. Naturally, you're not weaker than the Qin family. However, if you were to fight against them, wouldn't you want to reduce your losses? That'd be beneficial for you.]

[That's my business. I don't need you to interfere in this.]

[Alright. If you need anything, feel free to message me.]

As Zhai Yunsheng looked at his computer screen, a frown appeared on his face.

He was frowning because his fiancée ran off on her own to solve the problem herself. She did not even discuss the matter with him.

Instead of talking to him, she went off to find her friends for help.

Whenever something happened, she would turn to her friends for help and not him. Therefore, this made Zhai Yunsheng somewhat envious of her friends.

And hence, there was a small voice in Zhai Yunsheng's mind that was constantly asking him the question: Did Yiling like him romantically?

At this moment, the door of the apartment opened. Jian Yiling had returned.

Zhai Yunsheng closed his laptop and looked towards the door of his study.

After a while, Jian Yiling entered the study room. She looked at Zhai Yunsheng before she took her seat. It was as though nothing out of the ordinary had happened today.

The two of them were silent for a long period of time.

Finally, Zhai Yunsheng was unable to hold back his questions: "Did anything... Happen at the police station?"

"Nope. I discussed the case with Superintendent Ruan," Jian Yiling replied.

"Then... About that matter..." Zhai Yunsheng stuttered. Typically, Zhai Yunsheng was not afraid of anything. However, in front of Jian Yiling, even asking a question became difficult.

"Hmm?" Jian Yiling asked as she raised her head to look at Zhai Yunsheng. Her eyes were filled with confusion as she waited for him to finish his sentence.

"About Qin Chuan. He wrongly accused him. How do you plan to deal with the matter?"

"He's not someone who can't distinguish right from wrong," Jian Yiling replied. This answer was not only because Qin Chuan was the male lead from the original novel, but also because of Qin Chuan's attitude and actions towards things in the past three years.

"Do you trust him?" Zhai Yunsheng asked with a frown.

He knew that Qin Chuan held a special position in Jian Yiling's heart.

However, for her to say such a thing in front of him... He felt a small hint... A very small hint... Of jealousy...

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied. She did not notice Zhai Yunsheng's expression change.

"And so?" Zhai Yunsheng asked. "If he wants to fight the Zhai family, should I help him? Should I just let him succeed?"

"Huh?" Jian Yiling responded. Now, she was even more puzzled.

“Don’t you trust him a lot? Therefore, you don’t want him to get hurt right? If that’s the case, shouldn’t I help him?”

“But... You’re more important. The Zhai family is more important,” Jian Yiling answered.

Jian Yiling felt as though Qin Chuan was hiding something from her. However, this matter was separate from everything else. It wasn’t related to whether she wanted the Qin family to win or the Zhai family to win.

In Jian Yiling’s heart, the Zhai family was definitely more important than the Qin family. They couldn’t even be compared on the same level.

“Mm-hmm,” Zhai Yunsheng responded with a grunt.

“You’re acting weird,” Jian Yiling said.

“Am I?”

Zhai Yunsheng looked away and directed his eyes back to his computer, “You’re probably just misunderstanding. I was just discussing these matters with you. I guess I don’t want to run into another clash with you.”

Zhai Yunsheng still remembered the incident that occurred in the Hanging Gardens Hotel.

### **Chapter 967: Master Sheng Becomes Jealous Again (2)**

“You are acting weird,” Jian Yiling replied with certainty.

However, she was not that good at reading people’s emotions.

As a result, she couldn’t say what was weird or strange about Zhai Yunsheng.

It was just that he was acting differently from usual.

“Hmm, maybe it’s because the weather has been cold recently. I haven’t been feeling that well.”

“You don’t feel well?” Jian Yiling repeated as she got up to walk over to Zhai Yunsheng. She reached out to touch Zhai Yunsheng’s forehead.

His forehead temperature felt fine.

Then, Jian Yiling put her ear against Zhai Yunsheng’s heartbeat.

“Your heartbeat is a bit fast,” Jian Yiling said as a frown appeared on her face.

“It’s fine,” Zhai Yunsheng replied as he hurriedly looked away.

His heartbeat would naturally accelerate when she got so close to him.

However, Jian Yiling did not believe in Zhai Yunsheng’s words: “If you don’t feel well, you need to tell me. You need to rest to get better.”

"I'm not sick," Zhai Yunsheng replied. Then, he attempted to change the topic of conversation: "You still haven't told me how you plan to deal with Qin Chuan."

"Bring down the Qin family," Jian Yiling answered.

These five words were quite terrifying. However, Jian Yiling said them as though it was a very light and inconsequential thing.

If someone else was present, they'd assume that Jian Yiling was severely overestimating her capabilities. In fact, they'd call her insane.

Even the Zhai family did not have the confidence to do so.

However, Jian Yiling had considered this for a while. After all, the Qin family was her nightmare. It was something that she had been constantly scared of.

She had been attempting to avoid the original plot of the novel. Yet somehow, she could not escape.

If she couldn't escape, then she had to do something about it.

If she succeeded in bringing down the Qin family, then she definitely would be able to escape the original plot of the novel.

And if she failed, then she did her best.

She was willing to accept such a result.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling with some incredulity.

The answer she gave was rather unexpected. He expected her to be more conflicted about what to do.

Zhai Yunsheng laughed. He wasn't mocking her. Rather, his smile was appreciative and filled with love.

Zhai Yunsheng remembered the first time he was impressed with Jian Yiling. Back then, he gave her the evidence that He Yan had stolen the footage.

Her reaction and calmness made her stand out from everyone else.

Furthermore, her eyes were also clean and clear. Although she was sometimes confused, she still had stubbornness within them.

He liked everything about her.

"If you bring down the Qin family, then what about Qin Chuan? And Qin Yufan? As of now, Qin Chuan is the Head of the Qin family," Zhai Yunsheng reminded.

His eyes were fixated on Jian Yiling. He was waiting for her answer.

"I will solve this problem before I consider anything else."

This meant that for the time being, she would not consider anything that followed.

"Mhmm."

This time, Zhai Yunsheng responded with satisfaction in his voice.

“Then who do you plan to discuss this with? Superintendent Ruan? Li Zhuojia? Or Luo Xiuen?” Zhai Yunsheng asked again.

“Superintendent Ruan,” Jian Yiling responded without any hesitation in her voice.

As this matter was related to investigations, it was best to discuss the matter with Superintendent Ruan and the rest of the Special Crimes Investigation Division.

Jian Yiling assumed that she was meant to be answering a simple three-option multiple-choice question.

“Very good.”

“Huh?”

Why did he seem upset?

Zhai Yunsheng suddenly got up and turned to walk towards his bedroom.

“Where are you going?” Jian Yiling asked.

“To sleep.”

“Now?” It wasn’t yet time for him to sleep.

“Yes, now.”

It appeared as though she didn’t need his help anyways! Therefore, he might as well just go to sleep!

### **Chapter 968: Jian Yubo Visits the Second Master of the Zhai Family**

Jian Yubo arrived at an ancient courtyard house.

The owner of this courtyard house was the Second Master of the Zhai family.

The Second Master of the Zhai family liked to stay here when he was in Beijing.

As Jian Yubo previously worked for the Second Master of the Zhai family, he knew certain things about him.

He knew that the Second Master of the Zhai family would not be able to sit by and merely watch things happen. Therefore, as he knew that the Second Master of the Zhai family would return to Beijing, Jian Yubo decided to visit the courtyard house.

Sure enough, Jian Yubo encountered the Second Master of the Zhai family’s bodyguards at the entrance of the courtyard house.

When the bodyguards saw him, they did not stop him. Instead, they let him in.

Inside the courtyard house, a dignified middle-aged man was seated. He was the Second Master of the Zhai family.

The Second Master of the Zhai family was not surprised by Jian Yubo’s arrival.

“Did you come to confirm something?”

“I wanted to confirm what you’re planning to do,” Jian Yubo replied. There was a deep look in his eyes.

“Are you wondering why I rushed back to Beijing and yet refused to solve the troubles that A Sheng and Yiling are encountering?”

“Yeah.”

The Second Master of the Zhai family paused for a moment before he said: “Well, the Zhai family has no shortcomings other than protecting people we’re close to even if that person is in the wrong. Therefore, I won’t let anything happen to my niece-in-law.”

Upon receiving this answer, Jian Yubo did not turn around and leave. Instead, he continued to stand there.

The Second Master of the Zhai family asked: “What else do you want to know?”

Jian Yubo: “Who did this?”

The Second Master of the Zhai family: “If you weren’t Yiling’s cousin, I wouldn’t allow you to be standing here and asking me these questions.”

The Second Master of the Zhai family wasn’t a nice man who would just give answers to people’s questions.

The reason why he answered Jian Yubo’s previous question was not because Jian Yubo was once his subordinate. Rather, it was because Jian Yubo was Jian Yiling’s cousin. He understood that Jian Yubo was acting out of concern for Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling: “I’m asking this because I’m her cousin.”

The Second Master of the Zhai family smiled briefly before he answered Jian Yubo’s question: “The Goodman family.”

Upon hearing this, Jian Yubo frowned for a moment: “One of the eight most powerful and rich families in the world.”

“That’s right. It’s them.”

Jian Yubo was silent for a moment.

It was slightly surprising that the Goodman family was behind all this.

It was said that together, these eight families held sixty percent of the entire human population’s wealth.

The Goodman family was one of these families.

They had Western aristocratic lineage.

However, their wealth accumulation history was not glorious. During the Crusades, they relied on plundering and robbery to accumulate such wealth.

Despite this, no one doubted their family's power.

Although many centuries and dynasties had passed by since then, the Goodman family always remained strong.

However, Jian Yubo understood the Goodman family's reason for doing such a thing.

In order to break into Beijing's market, destroying one of the existing competitors was the best choice.

After all, if the two families fought, they, as the third party, would benefit tremendously. This saved them time and effort.

"Then, are you not going to make a move?"

The Second Master of the Zhai family smiled again before he replied: "Well, A Sheng hasn't been interested in anything ever since his childhood days. Furthermore, he has always been incredibly reluctant to touch anything related to business. After all, he told us that he could die any day. Therefore, putting effort into anything was meaningless for him. However, three years ago, after he came back from Hengyuan City, he was a changed person. He became diligent and motivated. Do you know how scary it is when a gifted person puts his entire heart and soul into one thing?"

Jian Yubo understood what the Second Master of the Zhai family was getting at.

"Then, why did you come back?"

"Well, once you become someone's uncle, you will understand what I'm doing. Although I believe in A Sheng's abilities to deal with things, I still can't help but worry. I want to come back to see what's happening.. I guess I was just worried that something would happen to them."

### **Chapter 969: Miss Goodman (1)**

As promised, the next day, Jian Yiling accompanied Zhai Yunsheng to work.

After they arrived at the company, Zhai Yunsheng's male secretary came over to tell Zhai Yunsheng that Miss Goodman was already in the living room. Miss Goodman had previously made an appointment with Zhai Yunsheng.

Miss Goodman was here as a representative of the Goodman family.

Roughly a week ago, she made this appointment to see Zhai Yunsheng.

As the Goodman family was a rich and powerful family whose influence across the world could potentially be greater than the Zhai family, Zhai Yunsheng's secretary asked for Zhai Yunsheng's opinion before he arranged for the meeting.

Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling to go with him to the living room.

"Why?" Jian Yiling asked. Her face had doubt written all over it.

"Because the other person is a woman."

"It's fine," Jian Yiling replied.

It was okay for her fiancé to meet another young woman.

After all, Zhai Yunsheng was managing an entire company. He had to face all kinds of people. Therefore, it was normal for him to meet another young woman.

"I want you to go with me!"

Typically, other men hated their girlfriends or fiancées when they were too controlling. However, Zhai Yunsheng wanted Jian Yiling to control him more.

"Alright," Jian Yiling replied.

Zhai Yunsheng took a deep breath.

Then, he went to the living room with Jian Yiling.

As soon as they entered the living room, Jian Yiling saw a western beauty. She had blonde hair and blue eyes.

The woman's skin was fair.

Her facial features were delicate and exquisite.

In addition, she had long and wavy blonde hair and wore a custom-designed dress. Although she wasn't wearing many jewels, the look she gave off was incredibly aristocratic.

The dress stopped five centimeters above her knee. As a result, one could see the woman's shapely and long legs.

The pair of high heels the woman was wearing was inlaid with countless small diamonds.

Although she was just sitting there, it was evident that the woman was from a noble family.

There were three to five male attendants that stood behind the woman. They were tall and had a typical Westerner's appearance.

When she saw Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling, the woman smiled.

"Master Sheng, we finally got to meet each other," the woman said. She spoke in fluent Chinese.

"Do we know each other?"

"We've known each other for many years."

"With all due respect, I don't remember you."

"That's because this is the first time we've met offline."

The woman took out her phone and opened an app that was used for communication for members that were part of the Eddington Mathematical Association.

Her profile picture was a golden symbol.



When Zhai Yunsheng saw this, he frowned for a moment.

Jaimie.

She was a friend he had known for many years.

As her name was Jaimie, many members of the Eddington Mathematical Association assumed that she was a man. Zhai Yunsheng was no exception to this.

In the past, Zhai Yunsheng often stayed up all night to solve mathematical problems with her.

Back then, Zhai Yunsheng merely used difficult mathematical problems to entertain himself. He was not interested in knowing whether the other person accompanying him was male or female. Furthermore, he was not interested in learning about the other person's identity.

"Let me introduce myself again. I'm name is Lucy Goodman."

The woman held her hand out to shake hands with Zhai Yunsheng.

However, Zhai Yunsheng merely looked at her. It appeared as though he had no intentions to shake her hand.

"Are you just here to see me in person?"

Zhai Yunsheng's voice was incredibly flat. It was as though he was not excited to meet an old friend or acquaintance.

"Well, I came to Beijing to deal with some business matters. I just so happened to learn that the Zhai family was in a bit of trouble. Therefore, I came over to see if there was anything I could help with," Lucy explained.

"I've already answered you.. I don't need any help."

## **Chapter 970: Miss Goodman (2)**

"Just think of it as a friend being concerned about you," Lucy said.

"Then thank you for your concern," Zhai Yunsheng responded politely.

Upon hearing this response, Lucy smiled a little. Then, she turned her head to look at Jian Yiling who was standing beside Zhai Yunsheng.

Ever since she entered the room, Jian Yiling had been silent. She did not say a single word. In addition, other than looking at Lucy for a few moments, she had been fiddling with her mobile phone.

It was as though she did not care much about Zhai Yunsheng and Lucy's conversation.

"I believe this must be Master Sheng's fiancée, Miss Jian Yiling right?"

When she heard someone mention her name, Jian Yiling raised her head. She saw Lucy scrutinizing her.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied.

"Miss Jian Yiling is very good-looking," Lucy complimented.

“Thank you,” Jian Yiling replied politely.

“I’ve heard that in this incident, you’ve got caught in the middle of the storm. If you don’t mind, I can help you settle some things. I can ensure that you’re no longer treated as a suspect,” Lucy said.

“No thank you.”

Jian Yiling’s reaction was even more indifferent than Zhai Yunsheng’s.

Her face was calm and her eyes were clear. She did not seem to be worried that she was currently considered a suspect.

Lucy took out a business card and placed it in front of Jian Yiling: “Well, if you need my help, remember to contact me. I’ve been friends with Master Sheng for many years. His business is my business.”

Jian Yiling’s eyes fell on Lucy’s hand.

Lucy was currently wearing a ring. However, the ring was not embedded with diamonds or other gemstones. Instead, the ring was made out of black and yellow metal. There was also a pattern engraved on the surface of the ring.

Lucy noticed Jian Yiling’s eyes being fixated on the ring. She asked: “Miss Jian Yiling, what are you looking at?”

“Nothing,” Jian Yiling replied as she quickly withdrew her gaze.

Then, Lucy glanced at the ring on her hand. She paused for a moment before she asked: “Miss Jian Yiling, were you looking at this ring? This is our family’s ring. Only official members of the Goodman family are allowed to wear it.”

Upon receiving this answer, Jian Yiling merely nodded her head slightly.

As Zhai Yunsheng had little patience for Lucy, he said to her: “If you don’t have any other business, then my fiancée and I will get back to doing work.”

Then, Zhai Yunsheng got up and pulled Jian Yiling to leave with him. He left his secretary to deal with Lucy.

Lucy smiled as she watched Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling leave.

After the two left, Lucy did not remain in the building any longer. She left the building with her subordinates.

On the way back, she received a call from her father.

“Lucy, did you go and meet the Young Master of the Zhai family?”

“Yes.”

“Don’t do anything that will affect our plans. This plan is incredibly important to me. If something goes wrong, the elders of the Goodman family will no longer trust me. I could lose the right of inheritance.”

“Father, you don’t need to worry. I won’t ruin your plans.”

“That’s good. You need to be well-behaved. Our position in the Goodman family relies on this operation. It’s very important to us.”

“I understand.”

The Goodman family was a very old and large family.

However, not every member of the Goodman family had the right of inheritance. Those who were judged and deemed by the family elders as incapable were marginalized. Then, when the new head of the family was decided, they would be driven out of the family entirely.