

Sidekick 971

Chapter 971: Compass

Lucy and her father were currently facing such a problem.

In the first place, Lucy's father was not a core member of the Goodman family.

Lucy's father strived for the opportunity to expand the Goodman's family influence in the Eastern markets. However, if he failed, he would be abandoned by the Goodman family. This meant that Lucy would also be abandoned.

Therefore, Lucy understood that even if her father succeeded this time around, he would not become classified as 'important' within the Goodman family. It was merely a temporary means to preserve their position in the Goodman family.

And hence, Lucy had other plans. Other than helping her father expand their family's influence into the Eastern markets, she wanted to find the long-lost compass that belonged to the Goodman family.

That was the easiest, most effective, and most direct way for them to gain their family's approval and trust.

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Lucy returned to their residence in Beijing. It was a private villa located on the outskirts of the city.

The villa was heavily guarded. All the security personnel were their bodyguards whom they had brought from abroad.

When she returned to the villa, she headed to the basement. Currently, two females from the Qin family were held captive behind the metal cell doors.

There were no windows in the basement. The room was completely dark until Lucy entered.

When Qin Yufan saw Lucy, she smiled mockingly at her: "It appears as though your plan isn't working."

Qin Yufan knew that if the Goodman family succeeded with their plan, they would not keep her alive.

The Goodman family was dirty and ruthless with the way they handled things.

"I know you're upset. However, believe it or not, it was not my intention to kidnap you. I'm trying my best to keep you alive."

"I, Qin Yufan, am not a three-year-old child. I know your family's dirty tricks. You kidnap people and threaten them. Therefore, you don't need to act like a good person in front of me. How disgusting."

"I went to see Master Sheng today. As you said, he only has his fiancée in his eyes."

"I told you this a long time ago! He wouldn't be interested in you! Just forget it! Yiling's a thousand times better than you!"

"Well, the word admit defeat does not exist in the Goodman family's dictionary. We were taught that if we want something, we need to fight for it with our own efforts. We shouldn't just pity ourselves."

“Tch, your Chinese is not bad. I’m impressed that you know those words,” Qin Yufan sneered.

“I thought you could understand my feelings.”

Lucy knew that Qin Yufan also liked Zhai Yunsheng once upon a time. She had pursued Zhai Yunsheng for a long time. Almost everyone in Beijing knew about this.

“Don’t confuse me with you. I, Qin Yufan, would never do these things.”

However, Lucy was not angry when she heard this. Instead, she replied: “Well then, since you’re unwilling to talk to me today, I will see you next time.”

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That night, when Jian Yiling returned home, she opened the large suitcase in her room. The suitcase was filled with pieces of jewelry.

Then, she retrieved an object with distinctive Western characteristics.

It was a round disk that was the same size as a bowl.

The texture was metal and it was black-yellow in color.

On the front, there was a red jewel that was roughly the size of a pigeon egg embedded in the disk.

On the back, there was an ancient pattern carved into it.

Earlier in the day, Jian Yiling saw the same pattern on Lucy’s ring.

Surprisingly, even the texture of the metal used was similar.

Jian Yiling held the object in her hand. She was a bit puzzled.

The person who gave her this item told her that it was worth a lot of money. However, they did not tell her what it was for nor did they tell her which family this item was related to.

Chapter 972: Ball (1)

Jian Yiling took a picture of the pattern on the back of the disk. Then, she sent it to the hackers that were part of the Special Crimes Investigation Division.

Soon after, Jian Yiling received a reply:

[The pattern is the family crest of the Goodman family. This only appears on important buildings and items of important members of the Goodman family. I’m not quite sure what kind of metal this is. However, the Goodman family puts their faith in this precious metal. In their hearts, this metal is far more valuable than gold.]

The size of the object in Jian Yiling’s hand was not small. Therefore, if this metal was indeed valuable to the Goodman family, then the object would be quite valuable.

A slim, old man had given this object to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling rarely contacted the old man. Ever since their last operation, she and the other members of the Special Crimes Investigation Division hadn't contacted him again.

Jian Yiling looked up the contact information of the old man.

Her call took a while to be answered.

As soon as the call was answered, the person on the other side exclaimed something in surprise. Finally, a call had been made.

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The Goodman family caused quite a commotion in Beijing.

They held a ball and invited the upper-class families and celebrities of Beijing.

A lot of people attended as everyone knew of the Goodman family. As they were a rich and powerful family, most people would show the Goodman family a decent amount of respect.

Furthermore, currently, Beijing was in a state of unrest. The Zhai family and the Qin family were at war.

Most people did not know which side to take. Taking either side was not a favorable move. As a result, they decided to get along with this powerful family from the West.

"As expected of the Goodman family. Apparently, Mr. Goodman, the person hosting this ball isn't even a core member of the Goodman family. However, almost all the rich and influential people of Beijing accepted his invitation."

"Well, their family has hundreds of years of history. Their name is written throughout the history of Country O. They shouldn't be compared to ordinary merchants!"

"Apparently, Miss Goodman is the sixth Young Lady in the younger generation of the Goodman family. Although her family does not value her highly, her appearance and talent are said to be excellent."

"Well, even if her family does not value her highly, normal people can't possibly be associated with her. After all, it's the Goodman family. They have wealth that we can't even imagine!"

"I really look forward to the appearance of Miss Goodman."

"..."

The people who attended the ball were incredibly curious about the Goodman family.

Zhai Yunsheng was also invited to the ball.

He accepted the invitation as Jian Yiling said she wanted to attend.

Before they left, Zhai Yunsheng asked a stylist to dress up Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling's long hair was coiled up. Light makeup was applied to her delicate and exquisite face. The makeup accentuated her beauty.

The knee-length gown also highlighted Jian Yiling's delicate yet curvaceous figure.

She had fair skin and shapely long legs.

After Zhai Yunsheng saw Jian Yiling, he regretted his decision.

He didn't want to show this alluring woman to other men.

As a result, Zhai Yunsheng glared at the stylist.

However, the stylist did not know what he did wrong. After all, he thought he did a good job... He listened to Master Sheng's request!

Miss Jian Yiling's appearance was very pretty... Why was Master Sheng still upset?

Chapter 973: Ball (2)

When Zhai Yunsheng arrived with Jian Yiling at the venue, they attracted the attention of many people.

The two of them had been the talk of Beijing recently.

Everyone was speculating about how the Zhai family would treat Jian Yiling. In addition, they wondered what would be happening between the Zhai family and the Qin family.

"Is that Jian Yiling? She looks different from the photos. In fact, she's so good-looking in person!"

"Yeah, she seems quite different from the photos."

"Wow, her appearance is quite seductive. No wonder Master Sheng likes her."

"Hmmm, she matches Master Sheng quite well. I can't help but wonder if she's the person who poisoned Qin Hongzhi. It will be a pity if such a beautiful girl is a murderer."

"Who knows. After all, no one really knows much about Miss Jian Yiling."

"Well, it seems as though the recent events haven't affected the relationship between Master Sheng and Miss Jian Yiling. They still seem quite happy together."

"..."

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling attracted the attention of many people.

When Zhai Yunsheng noticed this, his expression darkened. He was not impressed with the looks that Jian Yiling was receiving from young males.

As a result, Zhai Yunsheng dragged Jian Yiling over to a corner.

Then, he took off his blazer and put it around Jian Yiling's body.

Jian Yiling looked at him in confusion.

"The air conditioning here isn't warm enough. Your shoulders will be cold," Zhai Yunsheng explained.

"Then aren't you cold as well?"

“Am I not still wearing a shirt?” After all, Zhai Yunsheng was not the one who was revealing his shoulders and collarbones.

“Oh okay.”

After a while, the host, Mr. Goodman appeared in front of everyone.

Mr. Goodman was a man in his forties. He had deep eyes, a high nose bridge, and sharp cheeks.

Mr. Goodman was wearing a black suit. He gave off the impression of a gentleman.

As Mr. Goodman entered the venue, he greeted everyone courteously.

A moment later, Lucy entered the venue after her father. Her beauty was breathtaking and stunning.

Her long blonde hair fell on her shoulders.

Her exquisite makeup accentuated her facial features. This made her look even more bright and eye-catching.

Finally, her white dress was made out of sequins. If one were to carefully look at the dress, one would notice that the dress was not made out of ordinary sequins. Instead, it was made out of small diamond pieces.

In fact, Lucy looked like she had just walked out of a painting.

The men who had been looking at Jian Yiling immediately shifted their eyes and attention onto Lucy.

After all, Jian Yiling was already taken. She was taken by a man who they could not afford to offend.

Furthermore, Zhai Yunsheng did not like young males looking at Jian Yiling.

Zhai Yunsheng took this opportunity to bring Jian Yiling to the dance floor.

However, Jian Yiling was not accustomed to dancing. She had only danced with Zhai Yunsheng a few times.

Lucy searched the crowd for Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling. Finally, her eyes fell onto them.

Jian Yiling was wearing Zhai Yunsheng’s blazer. In addition, Zhai Yunsheng’s actions were gentle and his eyes were gentler.

Upon seeing this, a flash of sadness appeared in Lucy’s eyes.

She remembered the old days when she stayed up late with Zhai Yunsheng to solve maths problems.

Back then, her situation in the Goodman family was not that great. Therefore, whenever she felt lonely, she would turn to mathematics. It was her hobby. As a result, she joined the Eddington Mathematical Association. During her time there, she felt a glimmer of joy in life. Furthermore, when she was with Zhai Yunsheng, she felt like she had found a close friend. She no longer felt alone.

Therefore, in the past two years, she worked very hard to gain the approval of the elders in the Goodman family.

It was very hard for her to gain the approval of her family elders and gain the power that she had today. And when it was finally the time for her to appear in front of him, she received the news that Zhai Yunsheng had gotten engaged.

Chapter 974: Ball (3)

Mr. Goodman also noticed Zhai Yunsheng.

He walked over to his daughter and asked her: "Is that the Young Master of the Zhai family?"

His words had a bit of disdain to them.

After all, in the eyes of the Goodman family, the Zhai family did not mean much.

"Father, can we choose to cooperate with the Zhai family instead of destroying them?" Lucy once again pleaded with her father.

"Impossible," Mr. Goodman decisively rejected his daughter's proposal. "Lucy, you must understand that this plan is incredibly important to us. Settling for the next best alternative will make the Goodman family elders think that we are useless."

Upon hearing this, Lucy lowered her eyes. A flash of pain and hesitation appeared on her face.

Mr. Goodman continued to speak to his daughter: "Lucy, you must remain clear-headed. There are so many guys in the world. As long as you hold the power of the Goodman family, you can choose whoever you want."

Lucy was unable to refute her father's words.

As a result, she could only choose to believe in her father.

"I understand. I won't ruin your plans."

"That's good," Mr. Goodman said. "In the past, I thought the Zhai family and the Qin family were powerful and influential. However, it appears as though their young masters are just brats with little experience in business and society. Well, let's go and meet Zhai Yunsheng."

As he said this, Mr. Goodman walked towards Zhai Yunsheng.

It just so happened that the song came to an end. And thus, Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng stopped dancing.

"Young Master Zhai," Mr. Goodman greeted with a smile on his face. Then, he extended his hand to shake hands with Zhai Yunsheng.

However, Zhai Yunsheng merely looked at Mr. Goodman's outstretched hand. He did not reach out to shake his hand.

Upon seeing this, the smile on Mr. Goodman's face instantly disappeared.

"Oh? Is this the so-called upbringing of the Zhai family?"

After all, the Zhai family was insignificant when compared with the Goodman family! It was an honor for Zhai Yunsheng to shake his hands. How dare he disrespect him?

“Well, we don’t need to be polite to everyone.”

“Young Master Zhai is quite arrogant.”

“I’ve always been arrogant. You just don’t know about it,” Zhai Yunsheng replied with a smile on his face. It appeared as though he had no intentions of respecting Mr. Goodman.

Upon hearing this, Lucy frowned. When she visited Zhai Yunsheng, he had merely been indifferent. He hadn’t acted this hostile towards her.

However, if Zhai Yunsheng acted like this, he would anger her father. And if her father was angered, he could do anything!

Mr. Goodman grunted coldly and was about to say something.

At this moment, Mr. Goodman’s subordinate ran in and whispered a few words into his ear.

As soon as he heard these words, Mr. Goodman’s expression immediately changed.

He hurriedly turned his head and walked towards the entrance. It was as though he was about to greet someone important.

Upon seeing this, everyone else at the ball became quite curious. Why was Mr. Goodman so nervous?

Not long after, an old man was invited into the hall by Mr. Goodman.

Who was this old man and why did Mr. Goodman respect him so much?

After all, Mr. Goodman came from the Goodman family. It was already one of the most powerful and influential families in the world. For him to respect such a person, this old man must have an extraordinary identity.

And thus, everyone looked at the old man with respect.

After entering, the old man walked straight over to Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

“Young Master Zhai, it’s been a while,” the old man said. He took the initiative to greet Zhai Yunsheng with enthusiasm.

“Long time no see,” Zhai Yunsheng replied as he shook hands with the old man.

It appeared as though the two of them were very familiar with each other.

This interaction made everyone else incredibly curious and confused. A surprised expression even appeared on Mr. Goodman’s face.

Chapter 975: Master Sheng’s Vest (1)

What relationship did Zhai Yunsheng have with Mr. Hall?

And why did they appear familiar with each other?

After all, Mr. Hall was not an ordinary person.

He was a core member of the Habsburg family. Due to this reason, he held a huge amount of power in the Habsburg family,

The Goodman family was on par with the Habsburg family. Both of them were amongst the eight most powerful and influential families in the world.

However, Henry Goodman and Lucy Goodman's status and position in the Goodman family were far less than Mr. Hall's status in the Habsburg family.

As a result, when Mr. Goodman saw Mr. Hall, he had to be respectful.

Furthermore, Mr. Hall was a difficult person to approach. Typically, an average person would not even get to meet him, let alone be friends with him.

Even Henry Goodman only got to meet Mr. Hall at certain events.

Therefore, he was incredibly surprised to learn that Mr. Hall had come to the ball today.

Henry was even more confused to see Mr. Hall speak to Zhai Yunsheng in such a friendly manner.

As a result, Henry carefully asked: "Mr. Hall, do you know Young Master Zhai?"

Upon hearing this, Mr. Hall smiled and answered: "Yeah. Young Master Zhai and I are friends despite the difference in age. He's a very important friend of mine."

Friends...

And a very important friend...

Henry was shocked by Mr. Hall's answer.

Zhai Yunsheng was friends with Mr. Hall?!

How did he manage to do that?!

This was not scientifically possible!

At the same time, this was also very bad news to Henry.

If he was dealing with the Zhai family, what if someone from the Habsburg family stepped in to intervene?

At this moment, he was thankful that he used a roundabout route to deal with the Zhai family. For now, he hadn't yet exposed himself. This meant that he still had a bit of room to work with.

This time around, Henry's eyes were different when he looked at Zhai Yunsheng again.

There was no longer disdain within his eyes.

At the same time, Lucy looked at Zhai Yunsheng with amazement.

She also did not expect that Zhai Yunsheng had connections with members of the Habsburg family.

However, she quickly accepted this. After all, Zhai Yunsheng was not an ordinary person. Just because someone else couldn't manage, that didn't mean that Zhai Yunsheng couldn't.

Henry took a moment to come back to his senses. Then, he said: "Well, what a coincidence. It's lovely for both of you to meet here today."

Upon hearing this, Mr. Hall explained: "No, it's not a coincidence. I came here to accompany Young Master Zhai."

Mr. Hall made it clear that he came to the ball today, not because of Henry or the Goodman family.

When Henry heard this, he felt astonished and embarrassed.

Mr. Hall came here today because of Zhai Yunsheng? And not because of him?

What abilities did Zhai Yunsheng even have? Why was Mr. Hall showing him so much respect?

Zhai Yunsheng said to Mr. Hall: "Thank you for accompanying me. Without you, I probably would have been bored to death."

Upon hearing this, Mr. Hall joked: "Bored to death? How is that possible? Your fiancée is accompanying you!"

As he said this, Mr. Hall's gaze fell on Jian Yiling. She had been silent so far.

"Miss Jian Yiling, my friend has often mentioned you to me. You're indeed very bright and beautiful. One can not take their eyes away from you. No wonder Young Master Zhai constantly thinks about you."

Constantly thinks about you...

When Jian Yiling heard these words, her face began to blush.

Zhai Yunsheng also looked away in embarrassment.

However, these words were quite unpleasant to Lucy.

Chapter 976: Master Sheng's Vest (2)

Mr. Hall continued to speak: "You two look like an ideal couple. It's such a shame I couldn't come to your engagement party. I would have loved to drink the wine at the engagement party. You must remember to invite me when you get married! I will just drink extra wine during that occasion!"

"Okay," Jian Yiling replied. Her voice was very quiet.

"You will definitely be invited," Zhai Yunsheng replied for Jian Yiling.

"Then don't make me wait for too long!"

"It shouldn't be too long."

Upon hearing this, Mr. Hall laughed. Then, he said to Zhai Yunsheng: "I need your help with something. When would you be free?"

Mr. Hall needed help from Zhai Yunsheng?

Henry and Lucy became even more confused when they heard this.

When did the Habsburg family ever need help from outsiders?

And what could the Habsburgs not be able to achieve that Zhai Yunsheng could?

"I'm free right now," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

"Well, let's go and sit down to discuss this then."

As Lucy and Henry were confused, Mr. Hall and Zhai Yunsheng took the opportunity to take a seat to discuss the matter further. Jian Yiling also followed Zhai Yunsheng.

After this, Lucy and Henry stood in place for a long time in silence.

After a long time, Henry asked his daughter: "Lucy, do you know how Zhai Yunsheng and Mr. Hall met?"

Lucy shook her head.

Other than being a part of the Eddington Mathematical Association, she did not know much more about Zhai Yunsheng. She only knew that he had an interest in mathematics.

Henry said anxiously: "At this rate, our plans will be in ruins."

"Do you have another plan then?"

"I don't. But we can't fail. Therefore, we must urge the Qin family to hurry up. For now, we must deplete the power the Qin family and Zhai family hold by as much as possible. Even if we can't destroy the Zhai family, we must destroy the Qin family."

However, even so, Henry was incredibly worried.

Suddenly, Henry looked at his daughter. A thought popped up into his mind.

"Lucy, don't you like that guy? Go and see whether you can wrap him around your finger."

Although just now he was opposed to his daughter being with Zhai Yunsheng, the situation had changed. After all, Zhai Yunsheng appeared much more difficult to deal with than he had previously imagined.

This meant that in his heart, his daughter was not as important as his status in the Goodman family.

Lucy paused for a moment before she replied: "He has a fiancée already."

"His fiancée is just a little girl who doesn't know how to do anything. With your skills, you can definitely deal with her."

Her father's words swayed Lucy's thoughts. She couldn't help but look at Zhai Yunsheng again.

Jian Yiling was currently seated next to Zhai Yunsheng. She was quietly sipping a cup of milk.

Then, Lucy looked at Zhai Yunsheng. His handsome yet evil face was something that she could not forget.

His every move, every frown, and every smile had already been engraved into her mind.

Suddenly, Lucy felt that her father was right.

She had no reason to lose to a girl like that.

After all, Lucy came from a different background. They were more open-minded when it came to love. Hence, after she confirmed that she could not let go of her feelings for Zhai Yunsheng, Lucy had no more doubts.

“Okay, I will try,” Lucy replied to her father.

And hence, Henry and Lucy walked over to Mr. Hall, Zhai Yunsheng, and Jian Yiling.

Currently, Mr. Hall and Zhai Yunsheng were discussing things that Henry and Lucy did not really understand.

Chapter 977: Master Sheng Fights Off Potential Lovers By Himself (1)

After a while, Mr. Hall smiled and said to Zhai Yunsheng: “Ahh, I really needed your help with this matter. With your help, my thought process became much more clearer.”

“You’re welcome Mr. Hall,” Zhai Yunsheng responded. He had a light smile on his face.

As Henry sensed that Mr. Hall and Zhai Yunsheng’s conversation was about to end, he gently interrupted:

“Mr. Hall, I have a bottle of red wine that dates back to 1982. Would you like to taste it? Young Master Zhai, would you like to join as well?”

Henry knew that Mr. Hall liked wine. In fact, Mr. Hall especially liked red wine.

Upon receiving this invitation, Mr. Hall smiled and declined: “I’m sorry Mr. Henry. I do indeed enjoy red wine. I would love to try it; however, I’m currently discussing an overseas business cooperation with Young Master Zhai. If I drink a lot of red wine, I don’t think I will be able to discuss this matter anymore.”

Mr. Hall’s words once again made Henry traumatized.

Mr. Henry could only smile awkwardly as he stuttered out: “Yes... I...”

It appeared as though his fears had come true... The Habsburg family was indeed planning to cooperate with the Zhai family...

Ahh, things were going to be hard to manage.

He did not want to go against the Habsburg family. And to make matters worse, if his family knew about what was happening, he would lose his position in the Goodman family... After all, his attempt to break into the Eastern markets was about to fail and it also appeared as though he was working against the Habsburg family.

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng smiled wickedly: “Well, I wouldn’t mind if you’re drunk. If you’re drunk, you can give up all the benefits and profits to me.”

“Young Master Zhai, you’re so cheeky! The Zhai family is already making so much profit off this deal. Are you still planning to exploit me further?” Mr. Hall joked.

Although Zhai Yunsheng and Mr. Hall were a generation apart in age, they still joked around with each other. Therefore, it was evident that they had a really good relationship.

Henry glanced at Lucy beside him. He was signaling her to do something.

Upon seeing this, Lucy opened her mouth and directed the conversation at Jian Yiling. Until now, Jian Yiling had been sitting quietly next to Zhai Yunsheng.

“I heard that Miss Jian Yiling is a doctor?”

Lucy had done her research on Jian Yiling. She knew that Jian Yiling was a doctor. In addition, she also knew that Jian Yiling had been a member of the Huiling Medical Research Institution. After that, she joined Lahaisen Hospital.

Although she hadn't heard of the Huiling Medical Research Institution, Lucy knew a little about Lahaisen Hospital.

It was a medical institution that rose to fame in recent years.

However, it did not matter how famous Jian Yiling was in the medical world. In the end, she was just a doctor.

In front of the Goodman family, even the most talented doctors were just individuals with salaries slightly higher than ordinary individuals. They did not pose a threat.

“Mhmm,” Jian Yiling responded.

“Then do you admit all kinds of patients on a daily basis?” Lucy asked.

Zhai Yunsheng answered the question for Jian Yiling: “Miss Lucy, you're making an assumption about doctors. My fiancée Yiling does not need to do those trivial things.”

It was very obvious that Zhai Yunsheng was defending Jian Yiling. In fact, to some degree, it seemed as though Lucy was harming his fiancée by asking such questions.

Lucy: “I see. Well, I was wondering about something. After you guys get married, do you still plan to continue working as a doctor? Or will you become a stay-at-home wife?”

Lucy did not reveal any animosity towards Jian Yiling.

However, before Jian Yiling got an opportunity to reply, Zhai Yunsheng once again answered the question for her: “Miss Lucy, why are you asking so many questions about our personal matters? Are you expressing your care? If so, I'd like to thank Miss Lucy. However, if not, please do not pry into the private life of the two of us any further. I don't want there to be any misunderstandings. In particular, I don't want you to have any strange thoughts about me. After all, I'm already an engaged man.”

Chapter 978: Master Sheng Fights Off Potential Lovers By Himself (2)

Before Lucy got the opportunity to say anything else, Zhai Yunsheng had already closed all possible options for her.

When Mr. Hall heard this, a smile appeared on his face.

Ahhh, Young Master Zhai's fiancée was a little slow when it came to romance. As a result, Zhai Yunsheng had to fight off potential lovers by himself.

He did this to protect his fiancée.

Did his fiancée recognize his efforts?

Lucy: "Young Master Zhai, you're mistaken. I was just afraid that Miss Jian Yiling was bored. That's why I wanted to have a chat with her."

"Why would my fiancée be bored when she's sitting beside me? Are you trying to imply some strange message?"

"No, I didn't mean that."

Lucy knew that Zhai Yunsheng had a bad temper. However, she had never seen him defend someone like this.

She hadn't even said anything harmful to Jian Yiling. In fact, she didn't even ask any unreasonable questions. She was merely trying to have a chat with Jian Yiling in a friendly manner.

"It's best if you didn't mean that," Zhai Yunsheng replied. "My fiancée is not going to feel bored when she's sitting beside me."

"Yep," Jian Yiling agreed.

Even though she received such a reply, Lucy merely smiled. Then, she said: "Once upon a time when I was solving mathematical problems with Young Master Zhai, you seemed quite chill about everything. I never expected you to act like this when it came to Miss Jian Yiling. Do you remember that summer four years ago? In order to solve that problem, we stayed up together for three entire nights. I still remember you telling me that I was your..."

"I don't remember," Zhai Yunsheng interrupted.

"But you've always had a good memory."

"Just because I have a good memory, it doesn't mean that I have to remember everything. I remember the important things and forget the unimportant things. That's how you make full use of your brain."

Naturally, Zhai Yunsheng remembered this. However, back then, he assumed the other person was a man. Furthermore, they were merely ordinary friends.

However, he knew that Lucy was trying to make up stories. Therefore, he was not interested in what Lucy was saying.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng turned around to speak to Jian Yiling: "I still remember the first time you cooked for me. It was braised pork, steamed fish, and bean sprouts."

However, back then, Jian Yiling was cooking for Jian Yunnao. Zhai Yunsheng merely got lucky.

Upon hearing this, Mr. Hall couldn't help but laugh. His friend was very good at turning the situation around.

Similarly, Lucy could only use a smile to conceal her embarrassment. After all, there was nothing else that she could do.

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Halfway through the ball, Qin Chuan appeared.

Qin Chuan's appearance took everyone by surprise.

After all, Qin Hongzhi had died not long ago. Therefore, they assumed that Qin Chuan would not be attending any social events for the time being.

Hence, no one expected him to come to the ball tonight.

It seemed inappropriate for him to act this way. However, no one dared to say this to his face.

At this moment, everyone couldn't help but wonder what was going to happen next.

After all, Zhai Yunsheng and Qin Chuan had appeared together!

In addition, Jian Yiling was also present! She was said to be the cause of conflict.

Although everyone continued to dance and chat away, their attention was focused on Qin Chuan and Zhai Yunsheng.

After Qin Chuan entered the venue, he took a look around. Then, he walked in Zhai Yunsheng's direction.

Everyone became nervous when they saw this.

Chapter 979: Slapping Henry and Lucy's Faces (1)

Were they actually going to fight?

An evil smile appeared on Henry's face.

That's right. He ordered Qin Chuan to come.

After all, as of now, Qin Chuan was completely under his control. If he ordered him to come, Qin Chuan had to come. If he ordered him to become enemies with someone, he had to become enemies with that person!

That was the case even if his father just passed away. That was the case even if he did not want to attend such an event.

Qin Chuan followed Henry's instructions and walked over to Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

His eyes were not angry. However, there was a heavy expression on his face.

Jian Yiling raised her head to look at him. She could not help but frown.

This was the first time she had seen him ever since Qin Hongzhi's death.

However, intentionally or not, Qin Chuan did not look at Jian Yiling.

“Oh, Mr. Qin is here too. Welcome, Mr. Qin,” Henry said. He got up to welcome Qin Chuan. He acted as though he did not know what was going on.

Qin Chuan’s hand was clenched into a fist. It seemed as though he was suppressing his pain and anger.

As usual, the corners of Zhai Yunsheng’s lips were upturned. There was an evil and playful smile dancing on his lips. It appeared as though he was not surprised by Qin Chuan’s arrival. In fact, Zhai Yunsheng’s smile seemed to be mocking Qin Chuan.

“How have you been doing lately?” Zhai Yunsheng asked.

The atmosphere instantly reached a freezing point.

A lot of people had been speculating that Jian Yiling’s medicine had caused Qin Hongzhi’s death.

And if his fiancée was suspected of poisoning Qin Chuan’s father, shouldn’t Zhai Yunsheng not ask such a question?

Wasn’t he essentially looking for a fight?

“What do you think?” Qin Chuan replied.

“Well, you don’t seem to be doing well. Therefore, I wanted to do something to comfort Mr. Qin,” Zhai Yunsheng replied as he held up his chin with one hand.

He was comforting Qin Chuan?

It looked like he was mocking him!

Why was Zhai Yunsheng acting so cruel? Were the two families actually going to clash?

“No thanks,” Qin Chuan replied calmly.

He could keep his composure. This was the case even if his enemy was standing right in front of him.

Then, Qin Chuan’s eyes fell on Jian Yiling. He took a deep breath before he said: “As a murderer, what right do you have to attend this ball?”

As soon as he said this, the whole room went silent.

Even the music stopped.

Everyone turned to look at Jian Yiling. Some were ready to mock her whilst others were so shocked that they were covering their mouths in surprise.

Were the rumors true? Did Qin Hongzhi actually die after eating Jian Yiling’s medicine?

Was Jian Yiling actually a murderer?

Although Jian Yiling was accused of being a murderer, she remained calm. There was no panic on her face.

“Evidence,” Jian Yiling said calmly.

“The surveillance video in my home is evidence,” Qin Chuan said.

As he said this, Qin Chuan took out a USB: "Do you dare to let me play this USB?"

"Go ahead," Jian Yiling replied. She was not scared at all.

"Very good." Then, Qin Chuan turned around to speak to Henry: "Let me borrow the broadcasting equipment."

Henry pretended to hesitate for a moment before he agreed.

He asked someone to play the contents in Qin Chuan's USB.

The ball gathered all the rich, powerful, and influential people in Beijing. They would all be watching this video.

As long as the contents of the USB were played, everyone in Beijing would know what happened that night in the Qin Residence.

And thus, the staff played the video.

As there was audio and playback equipment at the venue, the large on-site screen allowed everyone to view the contents of the video.

Chapter 980: Slapping Henry and Lucy's Faces (2)

When the video began playing, everyone saw Li Zhuojia arrive at the Qin Residence. Li Zhuojia handed the box of medicine to the Qin Residence's family doctor.

Then, Li Zhuojia left.

After that, the doctor opened the box of medicine and gave it to Qin Hongzhi to take.

The whole process was done under surveillance. As a result, the doctor did not have any time to switch the medicine to something else.

Five minutes after Qin Hongzhi took the medicine, his body suddenly developed violent convulsions. Then, fifteen minutes later, Qin Hongzhi's heart stopped.

The entire video proved that Qin Hongzhi indeed took Jian Yiling's medicine before he died. Furthermore, throughout the entire process, there was no possibility of the medicine being switched.

Once everyone finished watching, they turned to look at Jian Yiling.

Their eyes were filled with disbelief.

"I didn't expect her to be the murderer!"

"Maybe it's just an accident. After all, isn't she a doctor? Mistakes can happen."

"Well, if something went wrong in her medicine, then it proves that she is incapable. How can she create medicine like that! Why does she have the qualifications to be a doctor?!"

"I wonder how Master Sheng plans to defend her!"

“Well, if she’s charged with murder, even Master Sheng won’t be able to protect her right?”

“But why would she murder Qin Hongzhi? Is she trying to make way for the Zhai family?”

“But isn’t this so stupid? The Qin family has more than just Qin Hongzhi! Even if she murders Qin Hongzhi, there’s still Qin Chuan! There’s no point in putting the two families in such a situation!”

“Well, this is what you call being unable to accomplish anything yet being liable to spoil everything! She thinks she’s smart but she’s actually not!”

Everyone began to comment on Jian Yiling’s actions.

“Jian Yiling, what else do you have to say?” Qin Chuan asked Jian Yiling.

As he said this, Qin Chuan did not dare to look at Jian Yiling’s eyes. His voice was trembling with pain.

He did not want to say these words. He did not want to do these things.

And yet he had to.

Although Henry was laughing up his sleeve, there was a heavy expression on his face: “This... This must be a misunderstanding! It could just be an accident!”

Lucy also attempted to explain the situation: “Yeah, this video only shows that Qin Hongzhi’s death may be related to Jian Yiling’s medicine. There might not be a direct correlation.”

However, to everyone else, their explanation merely sounded like excuses.

At this moment, Jian Yiling continued to look at Qin Chuan calmly. Zhai Yunsheng did not speak either. The same smile danced on his lips.

Somehow, it appeared as though everything was still under his control.

Suddenly, the video on the screen changed. Another video began to play.

It was a video of a basement. Qin Yufan and Qin Chuan’s mother was locked in a cell within this basement.

As soon as this image appeared, everyone was stunned.

What was happening?

Why was Qin Yufan locked up?

Who had the audacity to imprison someone like this?

This was the Young Lady of the Qin family! In fact, even if this was someone else, you’re not meant to lock them up like this!

Then, the video began to play.

In the video, Lucy entered the cell and began to have a conversation with Qin Yufan.

The video played their entire conversation.

Inside the conversation, Qin Yufan accused Lucy and her father of murder. She accused them of framing Jian Yiling.

Upon hearing this, everyone turned to stare at Lucy and Henry in disbelief.

How could this happen?

How did the surveillance video get leaked?