

## **The Beloved 121**

### Chapter 121: You Definitely Have a Grudge Against Me!

Jian Dan looked at the things in the office awkwardly...

Suddenly, it seemed as if she had turned into a rare animal as the entire office jostled to view the rare exhibit.

In the end, she could only close the curtains...

Just as she pulled the curtains closed, she heard another knock on the door.

Seriously? There's more?

"Hello, Miss Jian. We're here to deliver food to you."

He brought in a lot of delicious food.

"What are you looking at? Aren't you here for a meal?! Tuck in then!" Jian Dan said as she pointed at the sumptuous spread on the table.

"Hey, don't think you can dismiss me with this meal. I'm helping you for free. Meals are part of the normal provisions."

"Quit yakking. Hurry up and eat!"

Food must be eaten while hot. Since Chi Liyuan had already sent it over, she was not going to stand on ceremony. After all, she had been subsisting on instant noodles and bread for two days already.

Ring... Ring... Ring... Just as she was about to tuck in, her cell phone rang...

"Hello, Uncle!"

"Has the food arrived?"

"Yup, it just did!"

"Then eat it while it's hot! Don't always eat instant noodles and eat bread!"

Jian Dan turned to look at the instant noodles packaging and bread bags in the trash can. How did Uncle know? Did he install surveillance cameras on me?!

"Uncle, why did you send me so many things?! I won't get to use them for more than a few days."

The things that Chu Liyuan had prepared were enough for her to stay here for a month.

"Don't tire yourself out! That foot spa massage bucket..."

Yes! That foot spa massage bucket. Uncle, that was really too over the top!

"The weather has been colder recently. Your feet are already cold to begin with. I was afraid that you would catch a cold. You can soak in it at night to beat the cold."

Initially, Jian Dan thought that this foot spa massage bucket was too over the top. But after hearing Chu Liyuan, she suddenly felt that the foot spa massage bucket was very pleasing to the eye.

"Don't worry! Uncle, I'll take good care of myself. You take good care of yourself too!"

“Okay!”

After dinner, Jian Dan and Ling Xiaoyang got back to work immediately...

It was past midnight. Jian Dan had fallen asleep on the desk with her feet still in the foot spa massage bucket...

Jian Dan was afraid Chu Liyuan’s sweet gestures would be wasted, so she had to use it!

It was a smart foot spa massage bucket; as long as the temperature was set, the water would remain constant at that temperature.

Seeing that Jian Dan had fallen asleep, Ling Xiaoyang got up and covered her with a blanket...

Ling Xiaoyang half-squatted and gazed at Jian Dan up close...

There was nothing special about her! Why was he so besotted with her?

He clearly knew that he should not... He clearly knew that he should stay away from her... But he just could not control his heart and himself...

Just being with her like this made him feel extremely happy and content.

His gaze stopped on Jian Dan’s lips...

He felt his throat tighten... Just then, Jian Dan’s eyes opened...

“What are you doing?”

Ling Xiaoyang stood up nervously like a child who had been caught red-handed... His hands touched the sides of his pants nervously.

However, Jian Dan did not think anything about it. "Is it done?"

Jian Dan did not even bother to put on her shoes. She jumped out of the foot spa massage bucket and ran to the computer...

"Almost done..."

The two of them hacked into the computers of Mei Xiaolin, Zhang Yuan, Zhang Yuan's wife and that vice president. But many files needed to be decrypted before they could be read.

Ling Xiaoyang looked at Jian Dan's bare feet and frowned. He picked up Jian Dan's shoes and came behind her. Before he could speak, Jian Dan suddenly turned around and slammed her face into his chest...

"Ow! Why are you standing behind me?! You broke my nose!"

Jian Dan covered her nose and complained.

Of course, he could not tell Jian Dan that he was worried about her, so he was bringing her her shoes. "You still dare to complain. Look, you've got the whole place wet with your bare feet padding everywhere."

"Oh! So what? But now my nose hurts like h\*ll."

"Does it really hurt that much?"

Only then did Ling Xiaoyang notice that the corners of Jian Dan's eyes were wet.

“Does it really hurt that much? As someone who works out every day, your muscles are as hard as rocks. What do you think?!”

“Fortunately, my nose is not fake. Otherwise, it would definitely have fallen off.”

“Let me see.”

Jian Dan had just removed her hand from her nose when warm liquid flowed out of her nose...

“Ling Xiaoyang, you’re finished. In my 20 years of life, my nose has never bled! If Uncle finds out, you’ll definitely be in big trouble.”

Ling Xiaoyang did not expect it to be so serious. He was instantly at a loss for what to do...

If it was any other time, Ling Xiaoyang would not be like this. He exercised regularly, so he was no stranger to injuries. He could deal with general external injuries himself, but now... his worry was clouding his senses!

“You definitely have a grudge against me!”

Jian Dan said as she wiped the blood.

Ling Xiaoyang gave Jian Dan a tissue...

If only he really had a grudge against her. Then, he would not be like this now, pining for her like a fool and losing his mind when she got hurt.

Seeing Jian Dan get hurt, Ling Xiaoyang felt even worse than her!

Chapter 122: Chain Stratagems

Jian Dan's nose finally stopped bleeding, but it was bruised. She looked like she had been punched.

"Why are you like this?! I was just kidding just now." Jian Dan looked at Xiaoyang who looked like he was about to cry.

Of course, he knew that Jian Dan was joking with him. But when he saw Jian Dan's nose, he felt very guilty.

"I'm really fine. Besides, this happened because I suddenly turned around."

Jian Dan saw that after saying so much, Xiaoyang still had that expression on his face... "Hey, you're a guy; act like one!"

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Just as Ling Xiaoyang was about to say something...

Ding! A notification emanated from the computer...

Finally, all the files were decrypted.

"Xiaoyang, thank goodness for you. Otherwise, God knows how long it would have taken me on my own..."

Jian Dan flashed Ling Xiaoyang a sweet smile.

Ling Xiaoyang was dumbstruck... or rather, lovestruck...

The two of them sorted through the decrypted files, summarized, and finally figured out the entire matter.

This was a chain of stratagems...

By a coincidence, Mei Xiaolin found out that the blissful marriage of Zhang Yuan and his wife—the model couple—was just an act. In private, the two of them had their own separate sexual pursuits. The couple had also run into some financial problems with their company recently and needed cash inflow, so Mei Xiaolin took advantage of this...

In order to let Yujin fall into this chain of traps, she had to think of a way to get Yu jin and Zhang Yuan acquainted.

One of Mei Xiaolin's ex-classmates happened to be working at Xingyu TV Station and so she knew that they were developing a competitive reality show...

Coincidentally, Zhang Yuan was also an influencer who worked out—the perfect candidate to appear on this show. Of course, she was the one who suggested to her classmate to invite Yujin to appear on the show.

Now that there was a chance for the two of them to get acquainted, she needed to add fuel to the fire...

The main purpose of that rock climbing incident was not what Jian Dan had thought; it was to let Zhang Yuan gain Yujin's trust...

Although Yujin had let down her guard, she was very prim and proper. Hence, Mei Xiaolin had no choice but to take liberties with the angle of photography. After getting the photos... She waited for the airing of the show to boost the shipping for Yujin and Zhang Yuan. Then, she released the photographs and let Yujin fall from grace and plummet to the depths of hell.

Everyone started to condemn Yujin. The very timely and tearful denunciation of Yujin by Zhang Yuan's wife, coupled with the testimony of that vice president was concrete proof that Yujin was a female celebrity who used the casting couch to advance her career!

Mei Xiaolin had really racked her brains and expended tremendous efforts and resources to lay this trap...

"Is showbiz really that dark and complicated? This is unbelievably scheming!" Xiaoyang said after they got to the bottom of things.

"Mei Xiaolin! If she had spent all the time and efforts she put into this labyrinth of traps on her career instead, she would definitely be an A-lister now. Instead, she chose to go to the dark side."

I've already let you off last time and only made you disappear from the screen. I did not want to destroy you completely. But since you don't know how to be grateful... In that case, don't blame me for being ruthless.

Don't you like being in the limelight? Don't you like stepping on others to get to the top?

This time, I'll let you have all the attention.

I'll let you know what it's like when I show my claws. I'll definitely make you regret crossing me! Mark my words!

Since you're using the chain stratagem, I'll beat you at your own game...

Chapter 123 Beat Her At Her Own Game

Jian Dan asked Qianqian to pretend to be a reporter from the television station and conduct a live interview with Mei Xiaolin...

"Hello, Miss Mei!"

Qianqian was so professional; it was such a waste she was not a host.

"Hello!"



"Recently, the Internet has been filled with the news of Shang Yujin and Zhang Yuan. Did you discover any abnormal relationship between the two of them when you were in the show with them?"

"I shouldn't gossip about others, but I really can't bear to see Mrs. Zhang like this!"

"Actually, Shang Yujin used to be my assistant, so I know her rather well. She was extremely ambitious, but I didn't expect her to be such a person. To think that I still treated her as a good friend."

"It's really... When I saw the two of them always together off-camera, I thought that it was just bonding to achieve better chemistry on the show. I didn't expect..."

Mei Xiaolin had a pained expression on her face...

Mrs. Zhang and the vice president also spoke up.

"Thank you, Miss Mei, for standing up for me," she said with tears in her eyes.

"That's right! Some people would really do anything to become famous."

<nulli>Great. Now that the three of them had revealed their personas... It was time to peel off their masks, one by one.

Let's start with the vice president..<nulli>. "As long as you service me well, I promise to give you the best resources."

"Mr. Wang, don't lie to me!"

"How could I lie to you?! My little darling, come on..."

"Yujin! Why are you so stubborn? Service me well and I'll definitely let you get your big break."

"Mr. Wang, please behave yourself!"

"So you wanna do it the hard way, huh?"

"I won't agree to it."

"Fine! You can forget about getting famous. I'll shelf you."

Playing these two audio clips side by side, the truth was laid bare in an instant!

At the same time, a silent video was playing on the big screen. One could clearly see that the female lead in the video was Zhang Yuan's wife, but the male lead was not Zhang Yuan!

Finally, it was Mei Xiaolin's turn...

Not only did Jian Dan upload the transaction records of her, Mrs. Zhang, and the vice president, Mr. Wang on the screen, but she also uploaded the video of Mei Xiaolin pushing Yujin into the pool and making her kneel...

The three of them stared at the evidence and maniacally yelled for it to be turned off.

But this was a television station, not their homes.

Mei Xiaolin was just blacklisted previously and what she had done was not made public. Hence, she still had a chance to make a comeback. Now that her true colors were revealed to the public, she was completely ruined.

This beautiful reversal of the situation was a landslide victory.

Just a moment ago, the entire Internet was praising and sympathizing with them. Now, they had become pariahs.

However, Jian Dan had no sympathy for them! They were the epitome of whited sepulchers.

She was not going to let these evil-doers off easily. Otherwise, more people might suffer in the future!

Yujin's career took a dip due to the infamy from this scandal, but the other side of the coin was her popularity skyrocketed after she was vindicated... The tides had turned rather quickly. Now, the most common online comments about Yujin were that she was very humble, upstanding and not power-hungry. She was definitely the role model of the new generation of movie stars.

Endorsement deals, advertisement offers, television drama offers, and movie offers came pouring in. Jian Dan was inundated with the endless streams of offers...

Other than giving the perpetrators a Roland for their Oliver, Jian Dan had also vindicated Yujin. Coupled with Yujin's current wave of success, it was a cause of great celebration...

Hence, New E Media footed the bill for tonight's dinner and the subsequent karaoke...

Chapter 124 If You Can't Take It Anymore, Why Aren't You Leaving?!

Chu Liyuan did not expect his lass to have such a side. It seemed like he did not know her well enough!

<nulli>Who would have thought that the usually mischievous and cute Jian Dan could play hardball like this? She was ruthless and merciless, taking no prisoners.

However, he fell even deeper in love with such a Jian Dan...

Jian Dan was going to celebrate this victory tonight. Of course, he had to show his full support...

Chu Liyuan was the last to arrive for dinner...

When he arrived, the food was already served.

He made a beeline for the seat beside Jian Dan. The first thing he saw when he sat down was the Band-Aid on Jian Dan's nose.

He frowned. "What happened to your nose?"

<nulli>Could this lass not get through a day without getting hurt?

"Hehe... I accidentally hit my nose."

"It's because of me," Ling Xiaoyang said when he heard Chu Liyuan's words.

Chu Liyuan looked at Ling Xiaoyang with a cold face...

"It had nothing to do with him. It was really just an accident. Moreover, Xiaoyang was a huge help in resolving this incident so quickly!"

Jian Dan explained as she hugged Chu Liyuan's arm.

"Be careful in the future, okay?" Chu Liyuan stroked Jian Dan's head dotingly.

"Okay!"

Ling Xiaoyang wished that Jian Dan had not spoken up for him.<nulli> If this continued, what could he do to forget her?!

After dinner, they went for a KTV session...

"I want to hear Jay Chou's Love Confession. Uncle?"

This was Jian Dan's favorite song.

Jian Dan did not know if Chu Liyuan could sing; she had never heard him sing before. Moreover, with Chu Liyuan's personality, he probably did not like to sing!

However, Jian Dan still gazed with anticipation at Chu Liyuan...

"You want to hear it?"

<nulli>There's a chance?? Jian Dan nodded vigorously. "This is my favorite song."

"Alright!"

Everyone looked at Chu Liyuan in astonishment, especially Ling Jihao... He had known Chu Liyuan for light music slowly started playing... Chu Liyuan picked up the microphone on the table...

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Everyone's eyes were lasered on Chu Liyuan because no one had ever heard him sing before...

almost 40 years, but he had never heard him sing. <nulli>Now, he wanted to sing for Jian Dan?

Li Jing was also dumbfounded. <nulli>His boss could sing? Did someone make an announcement while he was in the washroom?

Jian Dan gleefully requested the song...

Light music slowly started playing... Chu Liyuan picked up the microphone on the table...

Everyone's eyes were lasered on Chu Liyuan because no one had ever heard him sing before...

<nulli>Would he really know how to sing a love song like Love Confession? Ling Jihao thought to himself...

Under everyone's gaze, Chu Liyuan slowly parted his lips... Jian Dan was awed by his singing...

<nulli>How could Uncle be so outstanding?!

For a moment, it was as if there were only the two of them in the room and two beams of light lasered on them in the darkness. Their eyes met and they gazed lovingly at each other. Pink bubbles floated everywhere...

The song ended...

Everyone was so stunned by his singing that they even forgot to cheer and clap...

Until Jian Dan rushed over and grabbed Chu Liyuan's hands excitedly. "Uncle, your singing is really so good."

"I'm glad you liked it!"

The truth was Chu Liyuan's mother had taught him to sing. But ever since his mother passed away, he had not sung. Now, he had a reason to sing again.

Everyone started to call it a day at around 11 p.m..

At the entrance of the KTV...

"Chu Liyuan, you drank just now. You can't drive."

Ling Jihao reminded.

"I know! I've already called Uncle Zhang. He'll send a car to pick us up."

"But the weather is so cold..."

Chu Liyuan wrapped Jian Dan in his jacket. "This way, it won't be cold."

Ling Jihao rolled his eyes at Chu Liyuan. "Do you want to take off your jacket and give it to Jian Dan?"

"No!" Jian Dan turned around and wrapped her arms around Chu Liyuan's waist. "That way, Uncle will be cold. This way, he won't be cold."

"It's already cold enough. Can the two of you stop giving me goosebumps? I really can't stand it anymore."

"If you can't stand it anymore, why aren't you leaving?" Chu Liyuan retorted.

"Okay, okay, okay! We're leaving now... I'm quite full from dinner. I can't take any more of this PDA."

After the others left, only Jian Dan and Chu Liyuan were left.

Chapter 125: If I Don't Have It Good, So Would You!

Jian Dan rested her chin on Chu Liyuan's chest and gazed at him... "Uncle, your body is so warm!"

“I really don’t feel cold hugging you like this anymore.”

Chu Liyuan gazed at the little bundle in his arms... “Does your nose still hurt?”

“It stopped hurting a long time ago. It’s not like I’m made of paper. How can I be so fragile?”

Chu Liyuan gently kissed the tip of her nose...

Chu Liyuan standing by the roadside like this was bound to attract all the female attention.

Jian Dan scrunched up her face and squirmed out of Chu Liyuan’s jacket. “This is a private collection. Avert your eyes!”

Chu Liyuan’s lips curled up.

“Uncle, I think you should wear a helmet when you go out in the future to save all the vixens from coveting your beauty.” Jian Dan said to Chu Liyuan in all seriousness.

The two of them were wrapped in their own little bubble... Naturally, they did not notice the resentful glare that was lasered on them. However, it was different from the other girls because that gaze was fixed on Jian Dan...

It was none other than Qin Rou.

After she and Zhong Tianhao got married, Zhong Tianhao had never touched her. His attitude towards her had always been cold. Although they slept in the same bed every day, they were like two strangers.

In the past, Zhong Tianhao was a very lively and active guy. But now, he seemed to have become a different person. He spoke less than 10 sentences to her a day.



Even when she deliberately picked a fight, Zhong Tianhao just looked at her quietly with a calm face.

Such days were driving her crazy.

She blamed all her misfortune on Jian Dan...

If she did not have it good, so would Jian Dan.

She felt that it was because of Jian Dan that Zhong Tianhao treated her like this. As long as Jian Dan disappeared, Zhong Tianhao would treat her well.

She could only lie to herself.

Moreover, she could no longer deal with Jian Dan slowly.

Hence, she decided to “kill” Jian Dan posthaste.

She had sent word throughout showbiz—anyone who dared to hire an artiste from New E Media would be going against E Media!

E Media was definitely the overlord of showbiz. Although they had been around for so long and many new media companies had risen over the years, they could not dislodge E Media’s grip on showbiz.

Hence, no one dared to work with New E Media ever since E Media gave the order. After all, no one wanted to get into trouble.

Jian Dan’s cell phone was out of battery and she only found out about this the next day...

Those who had previously expressed interest in Yujin suddenly ghosted Jian Dan. If Jian Dan took the initiative to contact them, she would be rejected by various reasons.

Moreover, it was not just Yujin. All the artistes under New E Media had all their gigs canceled all at once.

New E Media instantly came to a standstill...

Qin Rou was really unscrupulous in order to deal with her! She even attacked New E Media just to get at her.

Just as Jian Dan was at a loss, her cell phone suddenly rang...

It was a producer. He said that he wanted to invite Shang Yujin to act in their upcoming movie. Although she was not the female lead... In their current predicament, beggars could not be choosers!

Who would have thought that there were still people in showbiz who were not afraid of tyrants?!

After the two of them agreed on a location, Jian Dan rushed over...

Chu Liyuan decided to take action personally...

He saw that over the past few days, Jian Dan had worn herself out over these matters. She had lost a lot of weight, and his heart ached.

Looks like it's time to teach those people who hurt his lass a lesson.

One of Qin Corporation's projects this year was a major investment in the production of a blockbuster sci-fi movie. This news had long spread.

Many celebrities wanted to be part of such a big production, but Qin Corporation had already said that the male and female leads had to be cast through mass auditions!

Hence, many of them had already started preparing in advance...

But today, Qin Corporation suddenly announced that the male and female leads had been cast—Shang Yujin and Fang He!

Both of them were artistes from New E Media!

Making the announcement at this juncture sent a very clear message to showbiz and made everyone understood which side they should stand with.

In fact, E Media was only strong on the outside but weak on the inside due to poor management under Qin Jizhang who was not only incompetent but also burned bridges wherever he went. A large part of the reason why everyone in showbiz still showed him respect was because there had always been rumors floating around that E Media was inextricably linked to Qin Corporation.

If not for Qin Corporation, E Media would have long been relegated to a fourth-rate media company.

However, Qin Corporation was clearly backing New E Media now. Those who could survive in showbiz were no fools.

Although the entire online community was abuzz with the news, Jian Dan was still in the dark...

Chapter 126: Your Uncle Is Chu Liyuan!

Although Qin Jizhang did not have the brains for business, he was nonetheless a wily old fox. The moment he realized that something was amiss, he immediately knew that New E Media must be related to Chu Liyuan.

Previously, he had already felt that something was amiss. Why would NewE Media suddenly appear out of thin air?

At that time, he even launched an investigation into it. He was only relieved when he found out that the person behind it was not Chu Liyuan. However, he had—errring on the side of caution—specially instructed the management not to cross New E Media unless they had no choice.

14/720 was the brainless idiot who crossed New E Media?

Initially, he thought that this matter would be resolved if he fired the culprit. However, it turned out to be his daughter.

It seemed that there was no way to resolve this matter peacefully.

Ever since Qin Corporation made their stance clear, E Media's share price began plunging rapidly and took a nosedive. The office phones rang nonstop—they were all calls to terminate contracts.

If this continued, E Media would definitely go bankrupt in a few days...

Qin Jizhang summoned Qin Rou to his office in a fury. "Didn't I say not to cross New E Media? Why did you turn a deaf ear to my words?"

"Dad, it's just a new media company! What's the big deal? Why are you so worked up?"

Qin Rou was still immersed in the joy of victory and did not know the news online.

"Take a look for yourself..."

Qin Jizhang tossed his cell phone to Qin Rou.

When Qin Rou saw the news, the expression on her face instantly changed from smugness to surprise. "How did this happen?"

"What do you think?"

“But hasn’t Qin Corporation always been on our side??”

Qin Rou only knew vaguely about the relationship between Qin Corporation and E Media because her father had never told her.

“Since things had come to this, I’ll tell you!”

“I have a half-brother. You know that, right?”

“Yes!”

Qin Rou had always known that she had an uncle, but she did not know who he was. She had never even met him.

“He’s Chu Liyuan!”

Qin Rou could not believe her ears.

The Devil of the corporate world, Grim Yama—Chu Liyuan—was her uncle? How was that possible?

If that was the case, how could her father not ride on the coattails of such a powerful man?

“But we don’t get along and never the twain shall meet.”

Qin Jizhang revealed.

Back then, Qin Jizhang’s father married his mother not because he liked her, but because it was a political marriage. His mother’s health was very poor and she was often confined to the bed. Therefore,

the two of them did not have a blissful marriage. They could only be said to have cordial respect for each other!

His mother passed away not long after his birth. A few years later, his father remarried... His new wife was Chu Liyuan's mother, Chu Zixin.

Not only was Chu Zixin beautiful, but she also had a head for business. She founded E Media singlehandedly.

However, Qin Jizhang had a chip on his shoulder and did not like this woman because his father had never shown such a blissful expression when he was with his mother. Hence... he hated this woman and also hated her son...

However, this woman died young too. After her death, his father's heart died with her too. He no longer cared about the company's matters and stayed at home every day, tending to his garden and playing chess.

As for Chu Liyuan, he went to live with his maternal grandfather.

"E Media was founded by Chu Liyuan's mother, so Chu Liyuan has always held shares in E Media."

"Then why did he do it?"

Qin Rou was even more confused.

"I had always wanted to buy E Media's shares from him, but he refused to sell them. It was only recently that he took the initiative to ask me out and gave me E Media's shares in exchange for Fang He and Xu Mengmeng's contracts." "Gave it to you? How is that possible? That's worth hundreds of millions!"

Qin Rou had always found it strange! How did Fang He and Xu Mengmeng suddenly terminate their contracts with E Media? So, it was because of Chu Liyuan.

But why would he give away shares worth hundreds of millions just for these two people?

“At that time, I also found it strange, but I couldn’t resist the temptation.”

“Later, when I learned about the sudden emergence of New E Media, I had guessed that it might be him. I launched an investigation, but I didn’t find anything.”

“But from the looks of it now, it must be him.”

“What are you going to do now?”

Qin Rou did not expect to catch a Tartar.

The only thing Qin Jizhang could do now... was to ask his father for help.

“Dad, you mean Grandpa?!”

“YpsJ”

His father was the only person alive who could save his skin now..

Chapter 127: Touch a Hair on Her Head and You’ll Pay with Your Life!

The two of them immediately set off for the senior Qin’s residence.

On the way...

“Tell me, why did you have to stir sh\*t with New E Media?”

“Actually, I just wanted to get back at a manager in New E Media.”

“There are so many ways to do that to a mere manager. Why did you have to...”

Qin Jizhang said helplessly.

“I didn’t expect it to turn out like this either!”

Qin Rou said with tears streaming down her face.

“Alright, alright. Don’t cry. Grandpa will definitely be able to resolve this matter. Don’t worry! Think carefully before you tread in the future.”

Qin Jizhang had always doted on his daughter since she was young and had never been willing to scold her.

When the two of them arrived, Qin Daoming was watering the flowers... These were Zixin’s favorite flowers when she was alive.

“Dad!”

“Grandpa!”

When Qin Daoming saw the two of them coming over at this time, he knew that something must have happened...

“State your purpose!”



This was because he had already told them not to visit him for no reason. Every year, he would only see them on the day of the Lunar New Year.

Qin Jizhang briefly explained the situation to Qin Daoming.

“Your daughter is the same as you—domineering, tyrannical, willful and a flagrant bully who picks on the weak.”

He knew this son of his best, and his only daughter was a chip of the old block. As the saying went, “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree”.

“Dad!”

Actually, he was not close to his father. If it were any other day that his father had said this, he would have fallen out with him instantly. However, he was here for a favor after all, so he could only swallow his pride.

“Just this once!”

After all, he was his son; he would help him this one time.

“Thank you, Dad!”

Qin Jizhang bowed and tugged Qin Rou with one hand.

“Thank you, Grandpa,” Qin Rou said as she caught his meaning.

Qin Daoming called Chu Liyuan and asked him to come over...

Chu Liyuan knew that his elder brother must have been desperate and went to his father for help...

Nonetheless, he had to show some respect to his father. After all, this man was the love of his mother's life.

Chu Liyuan arrived soon after.

When he saw Qin Jizhang and Qin Rou sitting on the sofa, he immediately turned his gaze away and went to Qin Daoming. "Father!"

"Mmm! I think you should have guessed by now why I called you here!"

Qin Daoming did not waste any time and went straight to the point.

"Yes!" Chu Liyuan replied.

"Good. Then I'll cut to the chase. Let him off this time on my account."

Qin Daoming purposely avoided the words 'big brother' because he was very aware of the relationship between the two of them.

He would definitely show respect to his father, but only this once...

Chu Liyuan turned to look at Qin Jizhang coldly. "There won't be a next time!"

The matter would have been resolved, but...

Chu Liyuan's cell phone rang suddenly.

"Mr. Chu, Madam..." Li Jing's voice emanated from the other end of the call.

Chu Liyuan frowned. "What happened to Jian Dan?" He had a bad feeling.

"She seems to be missing."

"Missing? How did she go missing?"

"Shang Yujin called me just now. She said that Jian Dan went to see a producer and was gone for a very long time. We couldn't get through to her cell phone either."

"Track her cell phone immediately. Send it to me as soon as you find it."

"Okay!"

After hanging up, Chu Liyuan slowly walked over to Qin Rou...

Others might not have noticed, but his acuity as a former soldier caught it—when he said that Jian Dan had gone missing just now, he noticed that Qin Rou's expression had become a little nervous. It seemed like Jian Dan's disappearance had something to do with her.

"Where is she?"

Chu Liyuan emitted a bone-chilling coldness. He glared at Qin Rou with a pair of cold eyes that were as sharp as blades.

Qin Rou felt suffocated by the powerful aura emitted by the man in front of her. "What are you talking about?"

"Where is she?" Qin Rou could feel a hint of murderous fury in this man's eyes...

"I don't know."

Qin Rou said with a trembling voice.

Chu Liyuan's eyes darkened...

"I really don't know!"

She really did not know where Jian Dan was because she had only pulled some strings. As for where she had been taken to, she really did not know.

"Touch a hair on her head and you'll pay with your life!"

This seemingly demonic voice was bone-chilling..

Chapter 128: Prepare to Face My Wrath

Li Jing had located Jian Dan's location and immediately sent the information to Chu Liyuan.

"I know we don't have a good relationship, but you don't have to intimidate your niece like this over an outsider!" Qin Jizhang said when he saw how frightened his daughter was.

"An outsider? She's my woman!"

Qin Ron's heart sank instantly. How did Jian Dan become Chu Liyuan's woman?

Wait a minute, the last time at the bridal shop... Jian Dan said that she was married! She did not believe her, but now... Was her husband Chu Liyuan? Ding! A text message notification emanated from Chu Liyuan's cell phone.

The moment Chu Liyuan saw the message about Jian Dan's location sent by Li Jing, he did not waste his breath on them anymore. Instead, he turned around and left immediately...

He sped all the way under the guidance of the GPS navigation system.

Jian Dan felt dizzy as her body temperature started to rise.

She had only drunk a glass of fruit juice just now and did not drink any alcohol.

How could this be?

Wait a minute... This feeling??It was the same as the last time she was in the bar.

Jian Dan was now 100% sure that she had been roofied.

But what could she do?She was weak and powerless; and could only let this man bring her all the way to a room...

It seemed that the drug this time was even more powerful than the last time.

She did not even have the chance to escape.

"Don't touch me!"

However, Jian Dan could not push this man away at all.

Jian Dan was thrown onto the bed by him. In a daze, she watched as the man undressed her...

Jian Dan felt her body temperature getting increasingly higher, and her body getting increasingly out of control. She was using the last shred of her consciousness to suppress herself, but her body had already...

The man used his belt to tie up Jian Dan's hands...

He ripped off Jian Dan's clothes and was about to take things to the next level when the door was suddenly kicked open from the outside.

A figure barreled in and kicked him to the ground... Chu Liyuan's kick was not light and the man cried out in pain.

But how could Chu Liyuan let him off so easily?! He walked up to him and stepped on his neck... All Chu Liyuan had to do was exert just a little force and the man would instantly report to Hades.

Li Jing sensed that too. He sensed the long-lost bloodlust in Chu Liyuan and hurriedly ran to him. "Mr. Chu, no!"

Chu Liyuan forcefully held back his urge to kill. In the next second, he stepped hard on the man's hand...

"Ow!" He wailed like a pig being slaughtered.

That was definitely a grossly comminuted metacarpal fracture...

"Send him to the Golden Triangle!"

The Golden Triangle was an unruly area. One would die at any time without knowing why in this place.

"Yes!"

Chu Liyuan took off his coat and covered Jian Dan up before sweeping her up in his arms...

Jian Dan's entire body was already flushed. Her body was burning and no longer under her control.

Chu Liyuan did not bring Jian Dan home. Instead, he went to the room next door...

Jian Dan no longer knew what she was doing. It was as if she was being controlled by something.

Chu Liyuan looked at Jian Dan's suffering and tore off his tie...

A night without process...

Jian Dan only calmed down at dawn. Chu Liyuan held her in his arms as she slowly drifted off to sleep...

Looking at Jian Dan's masterpiece, a trace of murderous fury flashed across Chu Liyuan's eyes.

Thinking of Jian Jian's condition last night, it was obvious that the drug this time was many times more potent than last time.

If he had not arrived in time, the consequences... He did not dare to think about it.

Dared to touch Jian Jian? Then, prepare to face my wrath..

Chapter 129: Staring Death in the Face

Looking at Jian Dan—who had finally fallen asleep in his arms—Chu Liyuan's heart slowly relaxed.

Last night was so intense... Jian Jian must be worn out. She probably would not wake up any time soon. Hence, Chu Liyuan left a note for her and left before she woke up...

After all, he was not going to let things go just like that...

By the time Jian Dan woke up, it was already 1 p.m.

She hoped that what happened yesterday was just a dream.

However, when she saw where she was... The messy bed... The bruises on her body... And the bits and pieces that flashed through her mind...

All of these proved that everything that happened last night was real. She was really...

In her memory... She was extremely proactive because of the effects of the drug.

Jian Dan covered her face in pain as tears slowly flowed out from between her fingers.

Would Uncle still want me now?

Even if he did not mind, I could not bring myself to stay by his side. How could this dirty body be qualified to be with him?!

Jian Dan thought of ending her life...

However, her parents had risked their lives to save hers back then. Did she have the right to die?

Her cell phone rang...

Initially, Jian Dan did not want to pick it up under such circumstances, but it kept ringing... Jian Dan saw that it was Ling Xiaoyang.



She pressed the answer button and said in a hoarse voice, "Hello..."

"Little Jian Dan, something's happened to Xia Mengjiao!"

What? Mengjiao? Why did something have to happen to Mengjiao when she was in such a state?

"There's not much time, so I'll make it short. She sent me an email yesterday. After I decrypted it, I realized that other than the evidence of E Media evading taxes, videos of celebrities prostituting themselves, there was also video evidence of E Media using drugs to control celebrities."

"When I saw it, I immediately called her, but I couldn't get through."

"I think something might have happened to her."

"After all, the contents of these files..."

That's right! The contents were really... She did not expect E Media to be involved with drugs.

If Mengjiao was discovered to have sent the files, she would definitely be in danger.

But why would Mengjiao go to E Media?

No matter how Mengjiao ended up there, she must have gone back to E Media for her. Hence, she could not let anything happen to her.

Just then, another call came through on Jian Dan's cell phone.

It was an unfamiliar number... "Xiaoyang, I have an incoming call. Hold on."

"Hello!"

“It’s me!”

Mei Xiaolin’s voice emanated from the other end of the call...

“You didn’t expect it to be me, right?”

“I don’t have time to entertain you right now.”

Mengjiao’s situation was still unclear. How could she still have the time to listen to her nonsense? She was about to hang up...

“You’re not looking for someone, are you?”

“It was you?”

“Hehe... The person you’re looking for is right here with me. If you don’t want her to die, come to the abandoned factory near the suburbs alone. I’ll be waiting for you.”

Mei Xiaolin’s last sentence sounded very eerie...

After Mei Xiaolin hung up, Jian Dan immediately switched the call back to Xiaoyang. “Xiaoyang, I know where Mengjiao is. I’m going over now...”

“Alone?”

Who did Little Jian Dan think she was? Superwoman? Or a savior?

Now that drugs were involved, did she understand what it meant? Those drug dealers were outlaws who killed without batting an eyelid.

She—a slip of a girl—was going alone? Wasn't this signing her own death warrant?!

“Absolutely not. We should call the police and let them handle it.”

“There's no time. I'm afraid something will happen to Mengjiao.”

It was not that she did not trust the police, nor did she have anything against them. It was just that sometimes, the police were indeed a little slow in their work. Even if she called the police, she still had to verify it. She was terrified that something would happen to Mengjiao in the meantime.

“Xiaoyang, listen to me. I'll rush to the abandoned factory in the suburbs now. I'll try my best to delay them. Call the police immediately.”

Jian Dan knew that Xiaoyang would definitely not let her go alone, but Mei Xiaolin had specifically told her to go alone. It was obvious that she wanted to deal with her. If Jian Dan could trade herself for Mengjiao's safety, she would do it in a heartbeat!

Moreover, she was already dirty... She did not have the courage to face Chu Liyuan...

Jian Dan hurriedly put on her clothes and rushed to the abandoned factory in the suburbs...

Hence, Jian Dan did not notice the note Chu Liyuan had left for her..

Chapter 130: I've Dug Two Graves for Us

After Jian Dan hung up, Ling Xiaoyang immediately called her back, but Jian Dan's cell phone was already switched off...

How could LingXiaoyang still sit around in such a situation?

He quickly rushed to the abandoned factory in the suburbs...

He called Chu Liyuan on the way, but he could not reach him. He had no choice but to send him a voice message...

Jian Dan had already taken a cab to the place Mei Xiaolin said.

“I’m here.”

Jian Dan yelled.

When Mei Xiaolin heard Jian Dan’s voice, she stuck her head out of the window on the second floor and smiled sinisterly... “Come up!”

Mei Xiaolin was not the one who kidnapped Xu Mengjiao; it was Qin Jizhang. He wanted Li Shanqiu—a retired special forces soldier—who was with Mei Xiaolin to guard Xu Mengjiao.

When Mei Xiaolin found out about the relationship between Xu Mengjiao and Jian Dan, she called Jian Dan...

Because Mei Xiaolin hated Jian Dan to the core and wished she could tear her into pieces.

Jian Dan clenched her fists tightly to make herself look less nervous...

When Jian Dan reached upstairs, she saw Mei Xiaolin and a man. Jian Dan knew that man—he was the one who almost strangled her to death last time. When he failed to strangle her to death, he threw her overboard.

It seemed that the incident last time was indeed related to Mei Xiaolin.

Xu Mengjiao was tied to the chair behind them, unconscious and covered in injuries. It was obvious that she had been tortured.

“Mengjiao...”

Jian Dan tried calling out to her, but Xu Mengjiao had no reaction at all.

“Mengjiao...” Jian Dan was so nervous that she wanted to go over and check on Xu Mengjiao.

But how could Mei Xiaolin let Jian Dan get close?!

“Don’t worry, she’s not dead!”

“Your target is me. Why did you kidnap Mengjiao? Why did you hurt her so badly?”

When Jian Dan saw the shocking wounds on Xu Mengjiao’s body, she sucked in a breath of cold air. What torture had Mengjiao been subjected to?

“Of course, my target is you. As for her...” Mei Xiaolin pointed at Xu Mengjiao who was in a sorry state...  
“She dug her own grave; knowing things that she shouldn’t.”

It seemed that Xu Mengjiao was kidnapped here by someone else. Mei Xiaolin only wanted to use Xu Mengjiao to lure her here.

“I’ve already called the police when I got here. You’d better let Mengjiao and me go-”

“Call the police? Hahaha!” Mei Xiaolin threw her head back and laughed.

“Do you think I would be afraid by now? Hahaha!”

“You’ve ruined me now. I’ve got nothing left. Would 1 still be afraid of the police?”

“All I want now is for you to die. Hahaha!”

Mei Xiaolin was like a lunatic...

“If you kill me, you’ll go to jail too. When that happens, you’ll really be finished.”

“Jail?? Hahaha!”

“I’m so scared!”

“Do you know? If it weren’t for you, Chu Liyuan wouldn’t have blacklisted me. If he hadn’t blacklisted me, I wouldn’t have signed a contract with E Media. If I hadn’t signed a contract with E Media, I wouldn’t have been addicted to drugs and wouldn’t have been forced by Qin Jizhang to sleep with those so-called big shots. I’m completely ruined now. Do you still think I’m afraid of going to jail?”

“I’m in hell now. It’s all thanks to you, so... I’ve dug two graves for us.”

Jian Dan did not expect Mei Xiaolin to have gone through such hell.

Upon hearing this, Jian Dan might sympathize with her, but she would not pity her because she brought it upon herself.

“Before the police arrive, 1 should be able to torture you for a good bit. How can 1 vent my hatred by letting you die so easily?”

The man came forward to grab Jian Dan...

However, he was stopped by someone who suddenly appeared...

The only person whom she thought of was Chu Liyuan.

However, when she saw the person's face clearly, she realized...

“Xiaoyang? Why are you here?”

“How could I let you come alone?!”

Xiaoyang pulled Jian Dan behind him and shielded her from the man...