

The Beloved 221

Chapter 221 - 221: From Today Onwards, I'm Going to Woo You!

It was already very late when the two of them returned home. But as soon as they reached the door, they heard a sound coming from the backyard...

"Oh my God! Uncle, it's already so late. Could there be a ghost?" Jian Dan held Chu Liyuan's arm tightly and asked nervously.

"What goes on in your head?!" Chu Liyuan flicked her forehead lightly.

As the two of them slowly approached the source of the sound, the two figures slowly became clearer...

"How come it's the two of them?" Jian Dan asked softly.

The corners of Chu Liyuan's lips slowly curled up... It looked like that guy could not take it anymore.

"Let's go!"

"How can we do that? I want to hear what they're saying." Jian Dan was very curious. But just as she wanted to get closer and hear what they were saying, she was forcefully carried away by Chu Liyuan...

Still in the mood to mind other people's business?! There are more important things waiting for us to do!

"What's the matter?" Zi Yan looked at Sizhe and asked coldly.

She had not seen Sizhe since the last time. To be more precise, Sizhe had not come to Li Garden since that day.

"I have something to tell you!"

"Out with it!"

She was about to go to bed when she suddenly received a call from Sizhe who said that he had something to say to her at the entrance of Li Garden. She was confused. When did she become so close to him that she could talk to him alone?

Although she was very unwilling, she still came.

"I didn't come over these few days because I was dealing with some matters. From today onwards, I won't fool around anymore. I've already deleted all the girls' numbers and WeChat contacts on my cell phone. I..."

"What does this have to do with me?"

What was wrong with this guy again? He called her in the middle of the night just to tell her all these nonsense??

"Yes! I just wanted to tell you that I'm going to say goodbye to the past."

"If that's all you called me here to say, then I'm leaving..."

Zi Yan turned to leave.

"I did all this to tell you that I'm no longer the same person as before. I've turned over a new leaf."

Zi Yan ignored Sizhe's words and continued walking.

"I like you!" Sizhe finally said what was on his mind.

Zi Yan stopped in her tracks and turned around to look at him in disbelief...

Was this guy tired of living? He dared to have designs on her?

"I'm serious. I've liked you for a long time.

"Jian Dan is right. If I like someone, I should tell her. I should face her with my true self, so I..."

"Do you want to die?" Zi Yan's cold voice rang in the air...

"You're still the same as before. You're always so cold and block out everything in the outside world, but I won't give up."

"Looks like you're really tired of living!"

"From today onwards, I'm going to woo you!"

"If you dare to say another word, do you believe I'll break your neck right now?!"

"No matter what, I won't give up! I'll definitely win you over!"

He was even bold enough to hug Zi Yan. Zi Yan immediately took an aim at his lower body. Fortunately, he was prepared in advance and used his hand to block this fatal blow. Otherwise...

"Hey, Zi Yan, why are you so ruthless? You still have to rely on it for your happiness in the future."

"You..."

Sizhe knew what was good for him and left... Before he left... "I will definitely win you over!"

Zi Yan clenched her fists tightly as she watched Sizhe leave...

If not for the fact that she had something on tomorrow, she would definitely not let him off so easily. He even dared to take advantage of her. He was really tired of living.

The next time she saw him, she had to teach him a lesson.

That night, she had insomnia...

Chapter 222 - 222: School Reunion

When she woke up early in the morning, the space beside her was already empty. When she felt the temperature... He must have left some time ago.

Although she already knew yesterday that Chu Liyuan was going on a business trip today, she still felt that something was missing when she looked at the empty space beside her.

Dragging her tired body, she got up and got dressed before going downstairs for breakfast...

She felt that breakfast had become less delicious when she was the only one eating it.

After Jian Dan ate a little, she obediently drank the medicine that Mrs. Jin had heated for her.

Chu Liyuan was busy with work now. She could not let him worry about her anymore.

For the next three days, Jian Dan felt that the things she did every day were similar. Not only did Chu Liyuan not call her, but he did not even send her a WeChat message. She was afraid of disturbing Chu Liyuan in his work, so she did not dare to take the initiative to call him or send him a WeChat message.

On the fourth day, Jian Dan finally received... a call from Mengjiao!

She wanted her to accompany her for a prenatal checkup...

Jian Dan had already stayed at home for three days. She spent every day in a daze and did not know what she was doing. With Mengjiao's call, Jian Dan instantly seemed to come back to life.

The two of them arranged to meet at the entrance of the hospital. When Jian Dan reached there, Mengjiao was already waiting there. "Mengjiao, there was a traffic jam on the way. I'm late. I'm sorry for making a pregnant woman like you wait for me!"

"It's alright, I just arrived! Let's go!"

"Okay!" Jian Dan held Mengjiao's arm and the two of them walked towards the hospital...

"Jian, you don't have to be so nervous. I'm only two months along."

"That won't do. It's better to be careful!"

"By the way, where's Li Jing? Why didn't he come with you?"

"He's been busy in the office recently. He's so busy that he doesn't even have time to sleep!" Mengjiao explained.

That's right! Uncle was on a business trip, and many things in the company were left to Li Jing. No wonder he was so busy that he did not even have time to accompany Mengjiao for her prenatal checkup.

The doctor said that Mengjiao's baby was very healthy, so Jian Dan's mood lifted.

After the prenatal checkup, when the two of them left the hospital...

"Jian, do you want to attend the junior high school reunion?"

"Junior high school reunion?"

"That's right! Zhao Zhao (the class monitor in junior high school) organized a class reunion. He said that we hadn't seen one another for a long time after graduating from junior high school, so he organized this class reunion. He wanted everyone to get together."

Jian Dan thought that she had nothing to do at home anyway. Moreover, she had not seen her classmates in junior high for many years.

"Sure!"

"Alright, then I'll reply to Zhao Zhao. Both of us will go!"

"Okay!"

After the prenatal checkup, the two of them did not go home. Instead, they went to the mall...

In the past, they only looked at women's wear in the shopping mall. Now... it had become baby wear!

"This pink hat is so cute!" Jian Dan picked up a pink hat and said.

"It's quite cute, but we still don't know if it's a boy or a girl."

"What does it matter? A baby isn't picky about color!"

Other than the little hat, Jian Dan also chose a lot of things...

“Jian, why did you buy so many things?”

“Babies grow very quickly. As the godmother, of course I have to prepare more.”

However, Mengjiao’s family did not know about her pregnancy yet, so they had to put the things they bought in the dormitory first.

She had intended to tell them, but was delayed because of an emergency.

It seemed that she could only tell them after she was done..

Chapter 223: Digging Up the Past

Today was the class reunion, and the venue was Shangfeng Hotel.

Jian Dan went to Mengjiao’s house to pick her up first before going to Shangfeng Hotel together...

Mengjiao was the most important person she had to protect now. She had to be extremely careful!

Hence, Jian Dan transformed into Mengjiao’s sidekick and protected Mengjiao at all times.

The two of them arrived at the Chrysanthemum Ballroom on the fourth floor of Shangfeng Hotel.

When the two of them entered, many of their ex-classmates had already arrived and were already exchanging pleasantries.

The first person to welcome them was the class monitor, Zhao Zhao. “Jian Dan, Mengjiao, you’re here. It’s been a long time!”

“Yeah! I haven’t seen you since graduation.”

“Exactly! You two are so beautiful now.”

“You’re the same too! You’re still such a glib talker!”

“Have a seat first! When everyone is here, we can start serving the food.”

Jian Dan and Mengjiao took their seats...

“The two of you are still so close. I’m really envious!”

A girl sitting beside the two of them said.

“Jiang Xiaoyu? How are you? Where are you studying at now?”

“I’m at Media College. What about you guys? Are you guys in the same college?”

“Yup! We’re students of J University, but Jian is much better than me. I’m just a freshman now. Jian is about to graduate from college.”

“Jian Dan is still so formidable. When she was in junior high school, she was specially recruited into a college. If not for Shen Jiaqi, Jian Dan might already be a graduate student now.”

Fang Fang—who was beside Jiang Xiaoyu—nudged her with her elbow. “Don’t take it to heart! Jiang Xiaoyu is always like this. She’s very straightforward.”

Jiang Xiaoyu realized that she had misspoke. "That's right! Just ignore me and pretend that I didn't say anything."

Mengjiao pulled a long face when she heard that name again...

Jian Dan knew very well what this name meant to them. She also knew what it meant to Mengjiao. Hence, she did not tell Mengjiao about her encounter with Shen Jiaqi!

She really did not want to see Mengjiao recall that incident...

Jian Dan held Mengjiao's hand tightly...

Mengjiao picked up the cup of water and drank it in one go.

Although she had tried her best not to think about that incident all these years, it had affected her too much. Hence, when she heard the name Shen Jiaqi, the wound buried in her heart felt as if it had been forcefully torn open. It hurt, it hurt!

Fortunately, Jian was by her side. Otherwise, she really did not know if she could hold on.

"Mengjiao, for the sake of the baby, you can't be too agitated," Jian Dan whispered in Mengjiao's ear.

"It's all in the past. Don't think too much. Relax!"

Mengjiao placed her hand on her belly.

Jian was right. It was all in the past. For the sake of the baby, she must not get too agitated. At the thought of this, she slowly calmed down.

After a while... Mengjiao's cell phone rang...

Needless to say, the person who called was Li Jing who was very clingy to Mengjiao now. If not for the fact that he was so swarmed in the office recently, how could he not accompany Mengjiao?

After ending the call, Mengjiao told Jian Dan that Li Jing happened to be at Shangfeng Hotel on business today and would end around the same time as them. So, he would send them home later.

Seeing that Mengjiao had calmed down a little, Jian Dan heaved a sigh of relief...

"Alright, the last person of the day has finally arrived..." Zhao Zhao's voice rang in the air...

Everyone looked in the direction of the door...

Shen Jiaqi!

Just like that, she walked in under everyone's gaze...

Chapter 224: The Past...

In the past, they were best friends and could eat, drink, and sleep together. They were like conjoined twins. However, everything changed on the day they started junior high school and that person appeared...

Dong Yuhao!

He was handsome, had good grades and a gentle personality. He also treated people well. His parents were teachers, and he came from a scholarly family. His character was also unquestionable.

It was hard not to like such a guy! Many girls in school liked him.

Jiaqi fell in love with him at first sight on the first day of junior high school.

They all knew about this matter; they even helped Jiaqi come up with ideas.

Dong Yuhao seemed to be quite concerned about Jiaqi, so they were all happy for her.

However, no one expected that on the day Jiaqi decided to tell Dong Yuhao about her feelings, he made a love confession to Mengjiao instead.

It turned out that the person he liked had always been Mengjiao. The reason why he was so close to Jiaqi was because she was good friends with Mengjiao; he wanted to get to know Mengjiao through her.

From that day onwards, Jiaqi changed. She started to distance herself from Jian Dan and Mengjiao. Not only that, she even spread rumors about Mengjiao and Dong Yuhao, causing those who liked Dong Yuhao to cause trouble for Mengjiao every day. Jian Dan would also suffer as she was very close with Mengjiao.

Because of this, Mengjiao had once told Jian Dan to stay away from her because she did not want Jian Dan to be bullied because of her. However, how could Jian Dan stay away from her because of such a thing?!

Jiaqi was Jian Dan's best friend. Jian Dan never understood why Jiaqi would ignore her just because of Dong Haoyu.

It was only later that Jian Dan realized that everything was just her imagination...

In the end, Jiaqi did not just spread rumors about Mengjiao; she even started to accuse Mengjiao of stealing and Jian Dan of cheating.

Jian Dan and Mengjiao could forgive her for these, but she...

She did not know how Jiaqi got to know a group of gangsters. Jiaqi colluded with them to kidnap Jian Dan and Mengjiao... She had wanted the two of them to miss the College Entrance Examination so that she could get first place and get a spot to be an exchange student in America. However, those gangsters lusted after Mengjiao... That day, Mengjiao was almost defiled by them. If Xia Zijie had not arrived in time with the police, the consequences would have been unimaginable...

Mengjiao suffered a huge blow because of that incident, and Jian Dan was also despondent for a year because she was betrayed by her best friend.

Shen Jiaqi—on the other hand—got to be the exchange student in America as she wished...

From then on, Jian Dan and Mengjiao never saw Shen Jiaqi again...

They did not want to see her again...

The last time Jian Dan saw her at the market, she thought that it was just a coincidence. However, she did not expect her to appear at the class reunion...

Jian Dan subconsciously held Mengjiao's hand tightly, wanting to tell her: Don't be afraid. I'm here!

As she held Mengjiao's hand, she could feel it trembling.

Jian Dan knew that other than fear, there was also sadness and anger!

"Hi, guys! Long time no see! How is everyone?"

Shen Jiaqi walked over to the table... "Jian Dan, Mengjiao, you're here too. How have you been these past few years?"

Shen Jiaqi greeted them as if nothing had happened. It was so natural...

Jian Dan shielded Mengjiao behind her. "Thank you for your concern. Very good."

"Is that so? That's good!"

"Since everyone is here, let's order!"

"Everyone, order whatever you want to eat. It's my treat today."

Shen Jiaqi sat beside Jian Dan.

"Shangfeng Hotel is very expensive. Jiaqi, you're really generous now!"

"Yeah! Jiaqi was the one who chose this venue!" Zhao Zhao said.

"Jiaqi, you're really different now. Your clothes are very beautiful. This watch must be very expensive, right?"

"It's alright. It's only 500,000 yuan." Shen Jiaqi raised her chin and said arrogantly. Her gaze was directed at Jian Dan and Mengjiao.

When the others heard that Shen Jiaqi was rich now, they began to suck up to her. All kinds of flattering words kept piling on her!

Although this was how society was like, Jian Dan still felt disgusted when she saw this scene.

"Mengjiao, if you really want to walk out of that incident, this is an opportunity. Only by defeating yourself can you be free." Jian Dan whispered into Mengjiao's ear.

Mengjiao looked up at Jian Dan. Jian Dan looked at her and nodded firmly. She mouthed to her, "I'm here."

Only then did Mengjiao smile...

Chapter 225: A Free Dinner

"Since someone is treating, I won't stand on ceremony!" Jian Dan took the menu and said as she flipped through it.

"Go ahead!"

"Okay! Excuse me, I'd like to order." Jian Dan reached out and called the server standing at the door over.

I've been to Shangfeng Hotel many times. Besides, this is my husband's place. I know very well what's expensive and not filling at all.

Since someone insists on showing off, I'll let your wallet slim down today.

"Miss, what would you like?"

"Can I really order anything?" Jian Dan confirmed with Shen Jiaqi again.

"Yes!"

"I'll really order then. It's not easy for me to come to such a high-end hotel for a meal. I have to seize the opportunity, don't you think so?" Jian Dan's tone and eyes were filled with provocation.

"White truffle braised duck breast with red wine. Oh right, you must use white truffle from Alba, Italy. Caviar with foie gras; caviar must be Almas caviar with authentic French whole liver. Grilled shrimps; the shrimps must be Spanish Palamos red shrimps. A vanilla cheese lobster; the lobster must be authentic

French blue lobster; the vanilla must be French Tahiti vanilla; and the cheese must be Serbian Pule cheese. Spanish Iberico ham. Blueberry cheese cake; must be made with Roquefort blueberry cheese! As for wine, open a bottle of Petrus. That's all for now!" Jian Dan closed the menu and said.

"Sure! Is there anything else you would like?"

"Do you guys want anything else?" Jian Dan asked.

Everyone was shocked by the way Jian Dan had just ordered. They had never even heard of the dishes she had ordered.

Everyone shook their heads indifferently...

"Not at the moment. Thank you!"

"Sure! Please wait a moment!"

Just as the server was about to leave, she said, "Oh right, all the dishes have to be seasoned with Persian Blue Salt. Thank you!"

"Sure!"

After the server left, someone finally couldn't help but say, "Jian Dan, the dishes you ordered just now weren't on the menu! How did you know?"

"Oh! I've only heard of them, but I've never eaten them before. Since someone is giving a treat generously this time... Of course, I have to try them."

When Shen Jiaqi heard Jian Dan's words, her hands under the table had already clenched tightly...

Others might not be able to tell, but how could Jian Dan not tell?

Shen Jiaqi was about to hit the roof, but she pretended to be indifferent on the surface.

The dishes were served very quickly. The quality of the restaurant in Shangfeng Hotel was definitely top-notch. Otherwise, they would not have been able to meet Jian Dan's requests.

Looking at the dishes served, every one of them was very exquisite.

"Wow! It looks so high-class!" One of the students sighed.

"Then hurry up and tuck in!"

Mengjiao was already suppressing her laughter when Jian Dan was making the order. After Jian Dan's stunt, her mood did not seem so bad anymore. She did not feel so uncomfortable looking at that person. Perhaps Jian was right. Only by facing her could her psychological knot be resolved.

"We can't let Shen Jiaqi down!"

"Mengjiao, try it."

Jian Dan picked up a piece of duck breast and placed it in Mengjiao's bowl...

Mengjiao looked at the duck breast in the bowl...

Since Jian Dan was so protective of her, she could not admit defeat as well.

She picked up her chopsticks and popped a piece into her mouth... After chewing a few times, a big smile appeared on her face. "It tastes really good!" "This is western food. You have to eat it with a knife and fork!" Shen Jiaqi picked up the knife and fork, cut a piece of foie gras, and put it in her mouth... "Don't tell me you haven't eaten western food before?! Do you know how to use a knife and fork? Western food isn't very expensive nowadays!" She looked at them with disdain.

“You don’t get it. We like to eat Western food with chopsticks. As long as I’m happy, I can drink soup with a fork or eat noodles with a spoon. This is what it means to be happy!”

Jian Dan picked up another piece of foie gras with her chopsticks and popped it in her mouth. “Mmm! As expected of Shangfeng Hotel. The food is really delicious.”

At the thought that today’s meal would burn a huge hole in Shen Jiaqi’s pocket, Jian Dan enjoyed her food very much.

After dinner, when it was time for the check...

“That will be 103,452 yuan!” The server brought over the check.

“She’ll get the check,” Jian Dan pointed at Shen Jiaqi and said.

Although Shen Jiaqi had a smile on her face and there did not seem to be any changes on her face, Jian Dan caught the hostility in her eyes.

Jian Dan did not cower and returned with a look that said: “Bring it on..”

Chapter 226: Fighting to Be a Lackey

After dinner, they decided to go to a KTV lounge.

They went to a few KTV lounges but could not find any private rooms that could accommodate so many of them. Just as everyone was frowning, Shen Jiaqi said...

“If you don’t mind, let’s go to my friend’s KTV lounge! I can ask him to arrange a big private room for us.”

She did not say anything just now because she wanted to wait for such a moment to show how powerful and capable she was.

She wanted to trample all over them, especially Jian Dan and Xia Mengjiao.

“Really? That’s great. Jiaqi, your circle of friends are so bada*s now. You’re really not on the same level as us!”

This... was plainly a lackey! Nowadays, there were even people fighting to be a lackey. It was really ridiculous.

Everyone was still a student now, so they definitely did not have a wide network of interpersonal relationships. Hence, seeing that Shen Jiaqi was doing well now, many people would definitely suck up to her for the sake of their futures.

Hearing that Shen Jiaqi had a friend who owned a KTV lounge, they definitely wanted go over! They might even be able to seek connections!

And so, they followed Shen Jiaqi to the KTV lounge that her friend owned...

Just as they reached the entrance, the staff member at the door saw Shen Jiaqi and greeted her. “Jiaqi, you’re here. Your private room is ready. Please follow me.”

Seeing the staff member’s attitude towards Shen Jiaqi, those people looked at her in a new light.

After entering the private room, they saw that there were already many snacks and beer on the table and the floor.

“Jiaqi, you’re really doing so well now. You have to take care of your classmates more in the future!”

“No, no! I’m not as powerful as you make me out to be. But if there’s anything I can help with in the future, feel free to ask.” Although her tone was humble, it revealed pride.

Almost everyone gathered around Shen Jiaqi. All kinds of flattery, fawning, and bootlicking were on full display.

Jian Dan could not stand it anymore and pulled Mengjiao to a corner...

The two of them would have left after the meal. Li Jing had also said that he was going to pick them up, but... if they left early, wouldn’t they be admitting defeat?

It was a matter of pride. She could lose to anyone, but just not to Shen Jiaqi!

When they were singing, everyone drank. Only Jian Dan and Mengjiao did not drink. Mengjiao did not drink because of her pregnancy. Jian Dan did not drink because she could not hold her liquor.

It was not a big deal not to drink, but someone just had to deliberately find fault with her.

Shen Jiaqi came over to them with two glasses of wine. She handed one of the glasses to Mengjiao and Jian Dan. “It’s been such a long time. After drinking this glass of wine, let’s wipe the slate clean. How about that?”

Seeing that Mengjiao and Jian Dan did not reach out to take the glass of wine from Shen Jiaqi, Fang Fang said, “That’s right! You two were so close previously. What’s there to be unhappy about? Jiaqi took the initiative to apologize to you. Let it go!”

“Did anything happen between us before? I’m sorry! I forgot.”

“Besides, Mengjiao and I don’t know how to drink. You won’t force us, right?”

The two of them did not accept the glass of wine from Shen Jiaqi...

A lot of things had happened. It did happen. It was not something that could be written off with just an apology.

damage had already been done. If you killed someone and said that it was not intentional, would that person come back to life?

“In that case, forget it.”

She had to maintain her image in front of so many people. Hence, even though she was given the cold shoulder by Jian Dan and Mengjiao, she could not flare up in front of so many people.

However, she was already clenching her fists tightly, and Jian Dan could see the coldness in her eyes...

Jian Dan could tell from her eyes that she definitely had a motive for coming back and it was definitely not for college as she had claimed during the meal.

If she was not wrong, the reason she came back this time must be related to Mengjiao and herself. However, no matter what tricks she used, they would not be afraid of her.. They would deal with whatever came their way!

Chapter 227 - 227: Neither of You Can Leave Today

“Jian Dan, if you don’t want to drink, sing a song with me! You won’t reject this too, right?” Shen Jiaqi handed the microphone to Jian Dan.

Jian Dan looked at Shen Jiaqi who had a sincere smile on her face. However, her eyes were brimmed with mockery.

“Jian...” Mengjiao looked at Jian Dan and frowned slightly.

It was obvious that Shen Jiaqi did this because she wanted to embarrass Jian Dan! Because other than her, only Shen Jiaqi knew that Jian Dan was tone deaf.

“It’s been so many years. Don’t tell me you still bear a grudge? I sincerely want to reconcile with you.”

Shen Jiaqi did not even give Jian Dan a chance to reject her. If she did not sing, she would be petty and narrow-minded.

Jian Dan gently patted Mengjiao’s hand on the back of her hand. Then, she stood up and took the microphone from Shen Jiaqi’s hand. The corners of her mouth slowly curled up...

“Sure! I’ll choose the song then. Do you have any objections?”

“No problem. Go ahead!”

Jian Dan nodded at her and walked to the song selection platform. After pressing a few buttons... the name of the song appeared on the big screen: Wild Wolf Disco.

“Everyone knows that Jiaqi’s singing is one of the best in the class. I definitely can’t hold a candle to her. Hence, everyone must be looking forward to hearing Jiaqi’s singing even more, right? As for me? I’ll be her back-up vocals—I’ll rap!”

Jian Dan raised her eyebrows.

You want to see me make a fool of myself? I won’t let you.

“That’s right, that’s right! I haven’t heard Jiaqi sing in a long time.”

The reaction of their classmates was the same as Jian Dan had expected. That’s right! How could they let go of such a rare opportunity to suck up to her?

“Okay!” Shen Jiaqi gritted her teeth and said.

The truth was, the mastermind behind this class reunion was not Zhao Zhao at all; it was her... And her main goal was Jian Dan and Mengjiao. She wanted to use this class reunion to appear in front of them again. She wanted to tell them how well she was doing now, how big the gap between them was, and that they were destined to be trampled under her feet in the future.

However, she did not expect to encounter this group of blind bats who could not read the room.

As the accompaniment sounded... Shen Jiaqi and Jian Dan completed the song in perfect harmony...

Of course, all the praises belonged to Shen Jiaqi.

When the song ended, Jian Dan placed the microphone back on the table and shrugged at Shen Jiaqi... The meaning was obvious: Your evil plan didn't succeed.

Jian Dan went back to her seat beside Mengjiao who gave her a thumbs up. "Brilliant!"

"So-so!"

"Jian, I want to go to the restroom!"

"I'll go with you!"

As she watched Jian Dan and Mengjiao leave, Shen Jiaqi's lips curled into a wicked smile.

"Jian, are you done?" Mengjiao asked as she had been waiting outside the cubicle for a long time, but Jian Dan still did not come out.

"Mengjiao, my stomach hurts all of a sudden. Why don't you go back first?"

"Stomachache? Are you alright?"

“It’s fine, it’s fine! Go back first!”

“It’s okay. I’ll wait for you at the door!”

“Alright then!”

“I really wonder who accompanied who to the restroom!” Mengjiao smiled and shook her head. She waited for Jian Dan outside the restroom.

About 10 minutes later, Jian Dan finally exited the cubicle... She was spent...

“What are you doing? Let go of me. Don’t touch me.”

Mengjiao’s cry for help suddenly emanated from outside the door. Jian Dan immediately rushed out of the restroom.

She saw Mengjiao being harassed by a drunk man who even wanted to drag Mengjiao away.

Jian Dan flew off the handle at the sight of this. She rushed forward and pushed the man away, shielding Mengjiao behind her. Perhaps because the man was drunk, he fell to the floor—flat on his face—after being pushed by Jian Dan.

“How dare you f *cking push me? Do you know who I am?” The drunkard struggled to get up from the floor and pointed at Jian Dan as he cursed.

“I don’t care who you are! Even if you’re the emperor, you can’t touch a girl casually!”

“Hmph! It’s her good fortune that I have taken a fancy to her. Do you know how many people are clamoring to climb into my bed?”

“Then please, go find those people who want to climb into your bed.”

“Mengjiao, let’s go.”

Jian Dan pulled Mengjiao and turned to leave.

“You want to leave after pushing me? Do you think that’s possible?”

“Neither of you can leave today.”

“What are you trying to do?” Jian Dan shielded Mengjiao behind her, afraid that something would happen to her.

“What do you think I want to do? Obviously, I want to have a good time with you.”

He gave Jian Dan and Mengjiao a sly leer and lecherous smile as he stretched out his lecherous hand to them. Jian Dan was not going to let him mess around and slapped his outstretched hand away.

“So feisty. I like it!”

He extended his hand to Jian Dan again. This time, he did not give Jian Dan a chance to fight back. He grabbed Jian Dan’s hand. A man’s strength was definitely much greater than a girl’s, so Jian Dan could not fight him off at all.

In a moment of desperation, she could only pick up the glass ornament at the side and hit him hard on the head...

The glass bottle shattered, and the fragments slid to the ground with the blood.

The man howled and fell to the floor again, covering his head with his hands.

Jian Dan took the opportunity to run away with Mengjiao...

“Somebody, somebody, come quickly. You two are dead meat today.”

The man shouted as he lay on the floor.

After that, three people appeared out of nowhere and surrounded Jian Dan and Mengjiao...

“Mengjiao, quickly call Li Jing and ask him to come over.”

It seemed that today’s matter was serious again. Before Chu Liyuan went on a business trip, she had promised him that she would not cause trouble, but... Uncle, you can’t blame me! Trouble looked for me!

Although she had experienced something similar before, she was still terrified now... Her hand that was holding the cell phone kept trembling...

“Hello! Come to Gemini Commercial Club immediately. I’ll send you the location.”

“What’s the matter?”

“Cut the crap. Hurry up and come over!” Jian Dan grabbed the cell phone from Mengjiao’s hand and yelled into it desperately.

This was a life and death situation! How could he still have the time to talk

nonsense...

Chapter 228 - 228: The One Not to Be Trifled With—Zhuang Meiqi

“You still dare to call for help? Fine! If he comes, I’ll deal with all of you together!” The person covered his bleeding head with a towel. The white towel was stained red with fresh blood...

“You even dare to hit me. Looks like the two of you are tired of living! But before that...”

His head was bleeding, but his face still had an expression of being possessed by a lecherous pig. He looked like a male dog in heat.

“You’d better let us go now. Otherwise, you’ll definitely have to bear the consequences.” Jian Dan had to stall for time until Li Jing arrived...

She must not let him see that she was afraid.

“Oh! Looks like you have a backer? I want to see who dares to interfere in my business today!”

“Jian, he looks quite powerful. What should we do?”

Mengjiao whispered in Jian Dan’s ear.

“It’s fine! Don’t worry!” Although Jian Dan said this to Mengjiao, she was not confident. Chu Liyuan was not around, and she did not know if Li Jing would be useful.

Right! Sizhe seemed to be more familiar with such entertainment venues...

Time was of the essence and she did not have time to think about it... However, as soon as she launched WeChat, she sent her location... Just as she was about to type, her cell phone was snatched away...

“I’m not afraid of you calling for help, but I don’t have that much time to wait. Round them up and bring them to my room...”

That man instructed his underlings.

“Don’t touch me! Mengjiao!” They were no match for a grown man, let alone so many men. Moreover, they could not even find a “weapon” to use this time.

Jian Dan tried her best to break free from the men’s restraints, but she could not... Now, she could not even protect herself, let alone protect Mengjiao.

Why isn’t Li Jing here yet...

No! I can’t give up. I have to find a way to save myself...

“Mengjiao, do you still remember how I told you to deal with Li Jing last time?” Jian Dan looked at Mengjiao and gave her a look. Mengjiao instantly understood and nodded...

“Now...” Jian Dan and Mengjiao kicked the men who were restraining them below the waist at the same time...

The two men covered their vital parts and fell to the floor, screaming.

Jian Dan and Mengjiao took advantage of the chaos and ran out of the door... The door was already right in front of them, but they were still caught.

Helpless, Jian Dan picked up the wine bottle on the server’s tray beside her and threw it at them...

However, no one expected that... not only did it not hurt the people chasing them, but a small fragment ricocheted and hit the arm of someone who had just opened the door.

“Ow!” Looking in the direction of the voice, she saw a girl decked in branded clothes and expensive jewelry covering her arm...

Out of the frying pan into the fire!

"Miss, are you alright? I didn't do it on purpose. Someone is after me... That's why I... I'm really sorry." Shang Jian felt very bad for hurting an innocent person.

"P*ss off!" The girl pushed Jian Dan away. "Do you think you'll be fine just because you said it wasn't intentional?"

This girl's attitude was so bad. Although it was her fault, she had already apologized to her. Moreover, there was a reason for it.

"Oh! It's Miss Zhuang!"

"How dare the two of you hurt Miss Zhuang?"

"Miss Zhuang, leave these two to me. I'll definitely teach them a good lesson."

The drunkard said to the girl fawningly.

"You? What right do you think you have to talk to me?! Who are you to interfere in my business?"

"Or do you think my people can't compare to you?"

"No, no! Of course I don't have the right to interfere in your business. I just thought that trash like them shouldn't taint your subordinates." He said fawningly. He really could not hide his brown-nosing.

"Okay. I like what you're saying." The woman raised her chin high and looked at the drunkard with her nose. However, the drunkard did not care at all. Instead, he wagged his tail like a dog.

"I can give them to you, but I want to see with my own eyes how you deal with the person who injured me."

“Sure, no problem. I’ll definitely satisfy you, Miss Zhuang.”

What went on in the minds of these rich people? Were they all psychopaths?

“Miss, it was just a small scratch. Do you have to use such harsh methods to deal with us?” Mengjiao said to the girl.

“Hmph! Who do you think I am? I am Zhuang Meiqi! A scratch? If anyone dares to cut off a strand of my hair, I’ll break one of his hands. What do you think?”

What kind of person was this woman? She was really too perverse! Didn’t hair fall off every day?

It seemed like she had really crossed a lunatic this time...

Why wasn’t Li Jing here yet?

Jian Dan looked in the direction of the door from time to time.

Just as the two of them were about to give up, a figure appeared at the door. “Mengjiao!”

“Li Jing!” Mengjiao burst into tears the moment she saw Li Jing...

“D*mn! Why are you so late? If you had come a little later, Mengjiao, your unborn baby, and I would have disappeared from this world forever.”

Seeing Li Jing, she felt a little relieved. But she was still a little uncertain...

Although she did not know Zhuang Meiqi's identity—judging from the drunkard's attitude towards her just now and her way of handling things—she was probably a character not to be trifled with. She did not know if Li Jing could handle it.

“Oh! Another one coming to die?” Zhuang Meiqi crossed her arms in front of her chest with a look of arrogance.

“Don't be afraid...” Li Jing patted Mengjiao's trembling shoulder and comforted her with a smile.

“How can you still smile at a time like this?” Mengjiao wiped the tears from the corner of her eyes.

He had been by Mr. Chu's side for a long time. Why would he be afraid of such a small case?

“Hello, Miss!” Li Jing walked over to Zhuang Meiqi without any fear and greeted her politely.

“You're dressed pretty well, but don't think that you have the right to take these two people away from me just because of that!” Zhuang Meiqi said disdainfully.

“Let me introduce myself first. I'm Li Jing, Special Assistant to the General Manager of Qin Corporation, Chu Liyuan. This is my business card.”

Li Jing very gentlemanly handed his business card to Zhuang Meiqi.

Zhuang Meiqi was sitting on a chair. She took Li Jing's business card—glanced at it—and handed it to the person beside her.

“So it's Mr. Li? Nice to meet you!”

“But you're just a mere assistant. I can do you a favor—you can leave with your woman. As for this one...” Zhuang Meiqi turned to look at Jian Dan, her eyes revealing a coldness..

Chapter 229 - 229: She's the Person My Brother Likes

Li Jing had already investigated this clubhouse before he came. The backer of this place was the Zhuang family.

Z Group was a family business mainly in the entertainment industry. After making a fortune in Thailand and dominating almost half of Thailand's entertainment industry, it had slowly shifted its focus to China in the past few years...

The current chairman of Z Group was Zhuang Tianxiong. He had a son and a daughter. The son's name was Zhuang Zhijie, and the daughter was Zhuang Meiqi!

Zhuang Tianxiong doted on his daughter very much. That was why she had developed such an arrogant personality.

Seeing her today, she was indeed as arrogant as the rumors said. In fact, she was even more exaggerated!

It seemed that if he wanted to take Jian Dan away today, he could only use his CEO's name.

"Miss Zhuang, this is Mr. Chu's wife. Can you let her leave with me on account of Mr. Chu?"

Li Jing was indeed someone who had been working for Chu Liyuan for so many years. He maintained his elegance and professionalism even under such circumstances.

"Hmph! Mr. Li, don't be ungrateful. I'm already doing you a huge favor by letting you take your woman away. You'd better not push your luck."

"In our circle, who doesn't know that Chu Liyuan has never had a woman by his side, let alone married? Don't you think it's too fake to use such an excuse?"

"I heard that Mr. Chu is on a business trip now. If he finds out that you're throwing his name around like this, I wonder how he'll deal with you?" "Miss Zhuang, I'm telling the truth!"

"Do you think I'll believe you? Since that's the case, I don't mind telling you. I came back this time for a matchmaking session with Chu Liyuan. If all goes well, I'll be the future Mrs. Chu, so you'd better not cross me. Otherwise, when I become Mrs. Chu, I'll make you suffer."

Matchmaking session What's going on? Uncle is going for a matchmaking session? That's absolutely impossible. Uncle is already married. How can he still go for a matchmaking session? This woman must be spouting nonsense.

"Li Jing... You're wrong to say that. How could you use Liyuan's name to deceive Miss Zhuang when he's on a business trip?"

Everyone's attention turned to the man who had just entered... especially what he had just said!

Sizhe? What did he mean by that?

Jian Dan, Li Jing, and Mengjiao could not figure out what he meant.

"Hello, Miss Zhuang. I'm Sizhe!"

"So it's the second young master of the Shang family, Shang Sizhe. Hello!" From Zhuang Meiqi's attitude, it was obvious how powerful the Shang family was.

"Miss Zhuang, don't listen to Li Jing's nonsense. How can Jian Dan be Liyuan's wife?"

"I don't believe it at all! How can such a trick deceive me?"

"Yes, yes, yes! Miss Zhuang, not only are you beautiful, but you're also so smart. As expected of a young lady from a wealthy family!"

“Mr. Shang, you flatter me!” Although her words were humble, her tone brimmed with pride.

“Since we’ve cleared things up, I’ll take this woman away.”

“Hold your horses, Miss Zhuang. I am taking this woman away,” Sizhe said as he stopped her.

“Why? Have you taken a fancy to her?”

“Nope!”

“Then are you deliberately trying to go against me?”

“Of course not.”

“Since that’s the case, she’s neither Chu Liyuan’s woman nor yours. Why do you want to take her away?”

“Although she’s not Liyuan’s woman or mine, she’s my brother’s woman!”

As soon as he said that, Jian Dan’s eyes widened by 180 times!

Even Li Jing and Mengjiao were shocked.

What’s Sizhe up to? I haven’t even met his brother. How did I become his woman?

“Oh, is what you said really true?”

“Of course it’s true. It’s hard to say—she might be my future sister-in-law. My brother dotes on her very much!”

“Since she’s your brother’s woman, why didn’t your brother come? If it’s really as you said—your brother dotes on her very much—why didn’t he come personally?”

“Because we haven’t told my brother about this yet! If my brother finds out that my sister-in-law has suffered here, he will definitely tear this place apart today.”

“I felt that there was no need to go that far, so I didn’t tell my brother. Let me bring my sister-in-law back.”

“Mr. Shang, do you think I’m a fool? Do you really think I’ll believe that the dignified Mr. Shang Simiao of the Shang family would make such a big fuss over a woman?”

“Miss Zhuang, you have no idea. But if you see how my brother treats my sister-in-law, you will understand that my brother dotes on her to the point of insanity.”

Sizhe said it so clearly and seriously that even Jian Dan herself believed that she was really his sister-in-law.

Although they did not know why Sizhe did this, the three of them knew that he did it to save Jian Dan, so they tacitly did not say anything.

Zhuang Meiqi sized up Sizhe with a scrutinizing gaze. After a long while, she smiled and said, “Since she’s Mr Shang Simiao’s favorite, how can I not do him the favor then? She can leave with you!”

“Thank you, Miss Zhuang!”

Sizhe turned around and walked over to Jian Dan. “Sister-in-law, let’s go!”

Just as they reached the door, Zhuang Meiqi spoke again, “It’s already very late. I’ll send someone to send you and this lady back!”

“No need, we can find our own way back!”

“How can that do? Why do you want to reject my kind gesture?”

It was obvious that she did not fully believe it!

“Thank you then, Miss Zhuang.”

Sizhe knew that if he refused, he would definitely be exposed, so he could only agree.

“Li Jing, you guys go back first! Sister-in-law and I will make a move first...”

Li Jing wanted to say something, but when he saw Zhuang Meiqi, he swallowed his words and left with Mengjiao...

Jian Dan—accompanied by Sizhe—got into the car Zhuang Meiqi had arranged for them...

Just as the car was about to drive away, Zhuang Meiqi spoke again, “By the way, Z Group has a ball the day after tomorrow. I hope that both you and your brother will attend with this beautiful lady...”
Zhuang Meiqi looked at Jian Dan meaningfully.

It seemed that Miss Zhuang was prepared to fight her to the death...

“Don’t worry, we’ll be there on time! We’ll get going first!”

“I look forward to seeing all of you then.”

Although they had left that place, Xian Jin was still unable to relax because they were in Zhuang Meiqi’s car...

Chapter 230 - 230: Mr. Shang—Shang Simiao!

Along the way, she noticed the driver would observe Jian Dan and Sizhe's movements through the rearview mirror from time to time.

It must have been Zhuang Meiqi who ordered him to do so. She wanted to see if they would give anything away from their actions...

Miss Zhuang was making a mountain out of a molehill! It was as if she had done something overboard to her. From the looks of it, she would feel uncomfortable if she did not kill Jian Dan.

"Sister-in-law, what happened today was a misunderstanding. Since it's already resolved, don't tell my brother when you see him later!"

Sizhe glanced in the direction of the driver.

"You know how much my brother dotes on you. If he finds out that you've been wronged, he'll definitely cause trouble again."

"Okay! I understand. I won't tell your brother. I don't want him to make a big fuss because of me. It's better to avoid trouble!"

"I knew it—you are always so reasonable. No wonder my brother likes you so much!"

"What are you talking about? There's an outsider!"

The car finally stopped in front of a European-style villa...

"Sister-in-law, get out of the car! Be careful!"

When Jian Dan got out of the car, not only did Sizhe open the car door for her, but he also very carefully placed his hand on the car door when she got out of the car.

“Please go back and tell Miss Zhuang that we’re very grateful for the ride back today!”

“Alright! I’ll definitely tell Miss!”

“Then we’ll go in first...”

Just as Sizhe and Jian Dan were about to turn around...

“Wait a minute. This is the invitation to the ball. Please do us the honor with your attendance.”

The driver handed a gilded invitation to Sizhe.

“Alright! Definitely!”

With that, Sizhe and Jian Dan turned around and walked into the villa... but the car that sent them back did not drive away.

“What’s going on? Why isn’t he leaving yet?” Jian Dan whispered to Sizhe.

Sizhe made a shushing gesture at Jian Dan...

It seemed that AAiss Zhuang still did not completely believe his words. That was why she had gotten someone to monitor them...

If not for the fact that he could not have a direct conflict with the Zhuang family for the time being, would he—the second young master of the Shang family—be afraid of her?

Just as the two of them approached the door, a genteel-looking man wearing gold-framed glasses walked out with a book in his hand.

When Sizhe saw him, his face underwent a change of expressions...

From the corner of his eye, he saw that the car parked at the gate had yet to leave.

Just as he was about to enter, his brother happened to appear at this moment.

In order not to give the game away, he could only...

Sizhe imperceptibly tripped Jian Dan who lost her balance and fell into the arms of the man who had just walked out of the door. The man subconsciously caught Jian Dan. From afar, it looked very ambiguous...

The camera flashed a few times until he saw the three of them enter the villa before leaving.

Seeing how nervous Sizhe was as he tripped the woman who had suddenly fallen into his arms into the villa double time...

He would never ask about how his younger brother's affairs. However, he actually brought one home today; he could not ignore it then. Moreover, from the looks of it just now, this woman seemed to be quite troublesome. Otherwise, no one would be watching her.

Who was he? The eldest son of the Shang family, Shang Simiao. How could he not notice the car that had been outside the gate just now?

The truth was, the moment Jian Dan suddenly fell into his arms, he noticed a black Spyker parked at the gate.

Just as he was about to speak...

“Shang Sizhe, were you trying to murder me just now?” Jian Dan kicked Sizhe.

She had been grateful that Sizhe had saved her from Zhuang Meiqi. However, when she was about to enter the door, he deliberately tripped her. If someone had not happened to catch her, she would have fallen flat on her face!

Sizhe covered his butt after being kicked by Jian Dan. “You repay kindness with ingratitude! I just saved you. Is this how you thank me?”

“Ahem...” Jian Dan coughed in embarrassment. “Well... you did save me, but you can’t trip me! If it wasn’t for...” Jian Dan turned to look at the guy who had caught her just now.

She walked up to him and revealed a sweet smile. “Thank God for you just now. Otherwise, I would have fallen flat on my face! Thank you!”

Shang Simiao looked at the little girl in front of him. She was completely different from the women in Sizhe’s past. Moreover, her smile actually gave off a clean and comfortable feeling.

This was the first time he saw his younger brother helpless in front of a girl. “I’m Jian Dan. How should I address you?”

Jian Dan extended her hand to the man as she introduced herself.

“He’s my brother!”

Sizhe answered first.

“Hello, I’m Shang Simiao!” Shang Simiao gently held Jian Dan’s outstretched hand and said with a smile.

This is the head honcho of Shang Corporation, Shang Simiao?

It was completely different from what she had imagined. In the past, she had thought that if he could become the head honcho of a large corporation, he would definitely be the kind of person who was swift and decisive, with a powerful aura.

However, the man in front of her looked genteel with a happy smile and spoke in a gentle tone. He was more like an artistic youth. No matter what, she could not associate this man with that kind of big shot CEO!

“You’re Shang Simiao??” Jian Dan asked in surprise.

“I don’t look the part?” Shang Simiao asked with a smile.

“No, no! I didn’t expect you to be Sizhe’s brother. You’re so different from him.”

Be it in terms of appearance or personality, these two brothers were simply poles apart. They were like chalk and cheese!

“Have you known Sizhe for a long time?”

Judging from the way she interacted with Sizhe, they did not seem distant at all. It was as if they were friends who had known each other for many years.

However, as far as he knew, his younger brother did not seem to have any female friends.

“Not very long... About a month or so!” Jian Dan took the seat beside Sizhe on the couch.

Just a month? In just a month, her relationship with Sizhe had become like this? Shang Simiao looked at Jian Dan in a new light.

However, she did not look like the kind of girl who was very scheming. No matter how she hid it, there was no way to hide the things in her eyes. But her eyes were so clean that there was no impurity.

If this woman was not very scheming, could it be that... this brat really had feelings for this young lady?

If this kid could change his ways from now on, he would definitely be very happy. It was just that... wasn't this girl a little too young?

Judging from her appearance, she should be in her early twenties..