

**Chapter 181: Does Your Family Sell Strawberries? (1)**

Shi Yao was in the middle of speaking to Lin Jiayi when she noticed Lin Jiage's abnormal state as well. She quickly rushed over to his side and asked, "What's wrong? Where does it hurt?"

However, Lin Jiage seemed to be in too much pain that he couldn't even speak. Seeing this, Shi Yao's tone became a little flustered, "Why don't we head to the hospital and have the doctors do some scans or something?"

Xia Shangzhou was also alarmed by Lin Jiage's condition, "You're right! Boss, let's head to the hospital right now..."

Lin Jiage strenuously raised his hand and shook it twice, gesturing that there was no need for that.

Not too far away, Lin Jiayi was looking at this scene unfold with a perfectly composed face. As she watched how Lin Jiage was acting, a disdainful smile slowly crept up her lips. She inwardly criticized the latter, 'That troublesome lunatic.' Then she said, "Navigator, carry him upstairs. Little Yang, there's still some dit da jow 1 at home, right? Bring a bottle over..."

At Lin Jiayi's instructions, a servant immediately ran off. A moment later, he returned and said, "Young Miss, the dit da jow has run out."

Shi Yao immediately spoke up, "I'll go out and get some."

"That won't do. It's already late at night; it won't be safe..." Lin Jiayi rejected Shi Yao's proposal without any hesitation.

Xia Shangzhou raised his hand and said, "Big Sis Lin, why don't I go with Little Junior?"

Lin Jiayi instinctively wanted to reject Xia Shangzhou's proposal too, but as the words lingered on the tip of her tongue, she suddenly remembered something and nodded. "Alright then. Make sure to protect Yaoyao well."

After which, Lin Jiayi glanced at the nearby servant and said, "Help him upstairs."

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When Shi Yao and Xia Shangzhou were finally out the door, Lin Jiayi took the fresh flowers and accessories that Shi Yao had passed to her and headed upstairs.

At this moment, the servant supporting Lin Jiage up the stairs happened to walk out of the bedroom, and he respectfully addressed her, "Young Miss."

Lin Jiayi nodded slightly. She waited for the servant to head downstairs before pushing open the door to Lin Jiage's bedroom and walked in.

She glanced at the groaning Lin Jiage sprawled over the bed, then lifted the bouquet of fresh flowers in her hand and remarked disdainfully, "Lin Jiage, it's not like you don't know that I like roses. The more

exquisite the bloom, the more I like them. When have I ever been interested in something as simple and bland as these?”

As she spoke, Lin Jiayi placed the bouquet on the table and began opening one of the accessory boxes. “Hm? Why does it have a strawberry? Don’t you know this doesn’t fit my personality at all?”

The more Lin Jiayi spoke, the deeper the disdain on her face. “This bracelet also has one too. The same goes for the earrings and anklet as well...”

“Lin Jiage, does your family sell strawberries?”

Lin Jiayi secretly shot a glance at Lin Jiage, and she saw a hint of exasperation and displeasure on the young man’s face.

Lin Jiayi chuckled softly as she placed the items neatly back into their boxes, just as they were when she first took them out. She walked over to the bedside to gaze down at Lin Jiage, who was squeezing a pillow into a deformed shape. She said bluntly, “Alright, there’s no need to put on an act anymore.”

Lin Jiage ignored Lin Jiayi.

Lin Jiayi didn’t get mad. Sitting on the side of the bed, she gleefully said, “Your little act could only fool that dim-witted Navigator and my innocent, beautiful, adorable, obedient Little Yaoyao.

“I bathed you when you were a kid, and I even know how much hair you have from top to bottom! There’s no way that act of yours could fool me!”

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“The four-year-old you was playing house, and you treated the eight-month-old me like one of your dolls and threw me in the water. If I didn’t cling so resiliently for life, I might have drowned!”

Lin Jiayi: “Alright, even if what you said is true, it still doesn’t change the fact that I know you very well. That little scheme of yours can’t fool my keen eyes!”

At this point, Lin Jiayi paused for a moment as she leaned forward to whisper in Lin Jiage’s ears, “Tell me the truth. That present was for Yaoyao, right?”

Lin Jiage didn’t say a word, but his expression had clearly changed.

Noticing his reaction, the glee on Lin Jiayi’s face deepened, “You were planning on giving Yaoyao a birthday present, and you used me as a cover, am I right?”

“But, you didn’t expect me to come back, so now all your efforts have gone to waste. Sigh, it sure is a huge pity, isn’t it?”

Lin Jiage took a pillow and buried his head beneath it, refusing to listen to Lin Jiayi anymore. “China doesn’t welcome you, please go back to wherever you should be!”

“Why should I? I refuse, so what can you do about it?” Lin Jiayi haughtily tilted her head up before returning to the topic at hand. “I thought that you hated Yaoyao? She’s been to our house so many times, but you never even spared her a second glance. Why would you suddenly give her a present now? Not to mention, you were even willing to get beaten up to protect her...”

“Have you finally noticed my Yaoyao’s innocence, beauty, adorableness, and obedience?”

“If I think about it, it’s such a pity that I was born a woman. If I were a man, then you’d never have been engaged to Yaoyao in a child betrothal...”

“But, if Yaoyao is willing to follow me to the United States, it might still work out between us. After all, there are several states that support same-gender marriage...”

“Lin! Jia! Yi!” Lin Jiage suddenly sat up and yelled out his sister’s name one syllabus at a time.

“Woah, are you getting mad? Is this jealousy I see?” Lin Jiayi blinked her eyes as she whipped out her phone. “Let me take a photo. This is the first time my younger brother has lost his temper, I have to record this precious moment...”

“Don’t move and keep that look on your face, thank you... Lin Jiage, why are you turning around? Hey! I haven’t taken a photo yet... Tsk, you’re being a spoilsport here...”

“Are you mad? You can’t be actually mad?”

“Fine, fine, I won’t mess with you anymore. Let’s get down to business...” Saying this, Lin Jiayi stretched her hand toward Lin Jiage and rubbed her fingers together. “... You get it. As long as you please me, I’ll give back those presents to Yaoyao.”

“I’ll just say this first: if you turn down this deal, then I’ll do whatever I want to those items—”

Before Lin Jiayi could finish, Lin Jiage had already taken out his phone and began tapping on it.

Shortly later, ‘ding dong!’ , Lin Jiayi’s phone rang. She tapped into her AliPay and saw that Lin Jiage had sent her a sum of ‘8888’.

Lin Jiayi rubbed her fingers once more as she said, “That’s just enough to cover the service fee. You still haven’t paid the present fee yet...”

Heck, this is daylight robbery!

Suppressing his fury, Lin Jiage tapped on his phone screen once more.

Seeing the new transaction of ‘88888’ in her AliPay, a radiant smile emerged on Lin Jiayi lips, “Deal!”

Lin Jiage pointed to the door and said, “So, Lin Jiage, isn’t it about time for you to leave now?”

“No hurry. There’s still another even more important matter that we haven’t discussed yet...” As she spoke, Lin Jiayi leaned her face toward Lin Jiage. “... Give me a little more money, and I’ll prepare a surprise for you later. Don’t worry; as long as you pay, I guarantee you’ll be satisfied!”

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**Chapter 183: Little Cotton Jacket, Take Off Your Clothes (1)**

“... Give me a little more money, and I’ll prepare a surprise for you later. Don’t worry; as long as you pay, I guarantee you’ll be satisfied!

“Don’t worry, I won’t ask for too much. You just need to add a 1 in front of the last figure...”

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Lin Jiage flipped around, presenting Lin Jiayi with a view of the back of his head.

“Lin Jiage, I only gave you a huge discount because you’re my younger brother. If it were anyone else—like that dim-witted Navigator—I wouldn’t even think about helping him. Even if he kneeled down in front of me and called me Daddy...”

Lin Jiage pulled his blanket over him, preventing Lin Jiayi from even seeing the back of his head.

“Lin Jiage, do you still want me to cooperate with you? Alright then, I won’t force you into it. After all, when it comes to business, it’s better when both parties are willing to work together. But, you’d better not regret your decision. Since I’m setting the price this high, that just means that the surprise I have in store will be nothing short of incredible...” Despite seeing that Lin Jiage was unwilling to budge, Lin Jiayi was still reluctant to give up just like that. Thus, she continued to persuade him, “... You know, I can’t help you if you let such a good opportunity slip past your fingers. You should know that I pride myself on my credibility. I’m a person who plans to deal with you in the long-term. If I disappointed you here, wouldn’t I be losing a potential source of income? Do you think that I’d be foolish enough to do that?

“Sigh, so be it! You don’t need to work with me, but do you have to ignore me too? Just which family did you come from to be so rude?”

“Forget it, I’ll be leaving now...” Lin Jiayi said as she rose to her feet and walked to the door. For every three small steps she took, she would turn around once. But, seeing that Lin Jiage still refused to move, she decided to throw out her trump card, “... Let’s see if my innocent, beautiful, adorable, obedient Little Yaoyao is back or not. If she’s back, I think I’ll bring her out to have some fun...”

On the bed, Lin Jiage immediately tossed aside his blanket and sprang up.

Upon seeing this sight, a smile crept onto Lin Jiayi’s face, and she began to walk decisively to the door, not bothering to look back anymore. Of course, before walking out, she didn’t forget to drop one last bomb, “It’s a pity that a certain someone’s acting was so convincing that he can’t go anywhere he wants to anymore, or else he’d be giving himself away...”

In the moment that Lin Jiayi said the word ‘away’— ‘ding dong!’ , her phone rang.

Lowering her head, it was yet another notification from Alipay—Lin Jiage had sent her ‘188,888’.

Seeing this, Lin Jiayi finally stopped walking. She turned around and shot Lin Jiage a dazzling smile.

“There’s one phrase that I really can’t help agreeing with. Little brothers are really the sweet little cotton jackets 1 of elder sisters...”

Little cotton jackets, your head! That phrase is supposed to be 'daughters are the warm little cotton jackets of fathers'... And also, the term 'little cotton jacket' should be used to describe girls. Do I look like a girl to you?

Unable to tolerate it anymore, Lin Jiage threw a pillow at Lin Jiayi.

Lin Jiayi stretched her hand out and caught it easily. "Little Cotton Jacket, I guarantee that you'll be completely satisfied later. Alright, I'll check whether Yaoyao is back or not, muah..."

Muah, your head!

Lin Jiage grabbed his blanket and covered himself tightly within it.

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Not too long after Lin Jiayi left, footsteps suddenly sounded below.

Through the door, Lin Jiage could roughly hear Lin Jiayi and Shi Yao conversing with each other.

He could tell that Shi Yao and Xia Shangzhou had just bought the dit da jow , and they were now heading toward his bedroom.

He quickly dove out of his blanket and sprawled over the bed, resuming the previous pained and withered state he was in.

The one who opened the door was Lin Jiayi. Holding the dit da jow in her hand, she read the instruction manual while making her way over to the bedside. Then, she turned toward Lin Jiage and said, "Little Cotton Jacket, take off your clothes..."

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"Little Cotton Jacket, take off your clothes..."

Little Cotton Jacket?!

Shi Yao was following Lin Jiayi from behind when she heard those three words. She blinked her eyes as she turned to look at Lin Jiage with an adorably dazed look.

By 'Little Cotton Jacket', is she referring to Lin Jiage?

As this thought flickered across Shi Yao's mind, she couldn't help but blink her eyes a few more times, looking a little disconcerted.

On the other hand, Xia Shangzhou had just reached the entrance of the bedroom when he heard those three words 'Little Cotton Jacket'. He froze at the doorway to the room and stared at Lin Jiayi with a horrified expression, not daring to take the final step inside.

On the other hand, Lin Jiayi impatiently raised her legs to kick Lin Jiage's bottom. "Hurry up, Little Cotton Jacket. Take off your clothes right now!"

This is too much!

It's one thing to kick me in front of Soft Bun, but why do you have to kick my bottom too...

Is this the surprise you were talking about? Just you wait! I'm taking your bank card after this...

Just as Lin Jiage was at the peak of his anger, Lin Jiayi finally reached the limit of her patience. She placed the dit da jow bottle by the side of the bed and reached forward to grab Lin Jiage's T-shirt. Then, with a powerful tug, she pulled the T-shirt out from his head.

Seeing Lin Jiayi's rough actions, Shi Yao subconsciously opened her mouth to urge her to be a little gentler, but before she could speak, Lin Jiage's nude upper half suddenly appeared before her eyes.

His skin tone was white, and it looked even more delicate than that of a woman's.

There were several bruises on his back, but it did little to impair the beauty of his body.

Lin Jiage usually appeared to be rather slender, but who would've thought that he'd actually be considerably well-built.

Even though he was lying on his back, but from the side, Shi Yao could still roughly see his sturdy chest and pecs... Erk... Did I just zone out looking at a man's body...

After realizing what she did, Shi Yao's face immediately reddened, and she quickly averted her gaze.

On the other hand, Lin Jiayi was secretly taking Shi Yao's little responses into sight. The older woman didn't say a thing, but a profound smile had made its way to her lips.

She picked up the dit da jow bottle by the bedside and mumbled "How do I use this?" while sloppily pouring half of the bottle's contents onto Lin Jiage's back.

On the other hand, hearing Lin Jiayi's muttering, Shi Yao took another look at Lin Jiage's body, and she couldn't help but advise, "Sis Jiayi, that's not how you put on dit da jow . You have to pour it on your hands to warm it first 1 —"

But before Shi Yao could finish her words, Lin Jiayi was already pressing her hands on Lin Jiayi's back.

Under Lin Jiayi's rough handling, Lin Jiage couldn't help but groan in pain. "Be a little gentler..."

But as if oblivious to his words, Lin Jiayi started moving her hands even more forcefully.

Is she really my sister? Is she really preparing a surprise for me and not something painful?

A second before, Lin Jiage still had the leisure to be thinking about other things. A second later, the excruciating pain he felt left him gasping for air. "Softer, softer!

"Do you really know how to apply medicine?"

"At this rate, I'll die from your massage instead of my injuries!

"Lin Jiayi, are you doing this on purpose?"

As Lin Jiage exclaimed in anger, an involuntary quiver seemed to seep into his voice from the sheer pain he was in. Even his hands were clutching onto the bedsheet tightly.

Seeing this sight, Shi Yao finally couldn't look on any longer, "Sis Jiayi, let me do it instead..."

Lin Jiayi had been waiting for these words for a very long time already, so she was deeply gleeful at the success of her ploy. However, in order to make the act more convincing, she directed a doubtful look towards Shi Yao instead and asked, "Darling Yaoyao, what did you say?"

"Let me apply the dit da jow instead. I've applied it on my father in the past, and your method really won't work..." Shi Yao pointed to the mess on Lin Jiage's back as she explained earnestly.

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Lin Jiayi replied with an "Ah" of realization before passing the dit da jow bottle to Shi Yao. "Alright then, Darling Yaoyao. I'll have to trouble you."

Shi Yao took the dit da jow bottle as she softly replied in a polite tone, "It's alright."

"Speaking of which, I'm starving. I'm going to get the servants to prepare some food. Darling Yaoyao, is there anything you want to eat?" Seeing that her scheme had finally worked, Lin Jiayi quickly found an excuse to flee the scene.

Upon hearing that there would be food, Shi Yao's eyes lit up as she replied, "I want to eat glutinous rice balls 1, mango pudding, steamed egg with milk 2, tofu chips, and cream puffs. Ah, and those cherries from earlier too! They're really sweet..."

Lin Jiayi had just asked her on a whim to make her escape more convincing, so she didn't really listen to Shi Yao's response. It was only after hearing her long answer that she suddenly froze on the spot.

What do I do... I don't remember a thing she just said...

Lin Jiage, who had finally recovered from the excruciating pain that had been inflicted on him, took Lin Jiayi's reaction into sight, and he spoke up with a nonchalant voice, "I want glutinous rice balls, mango pudding, steamed egg with milk, tofu chips, cream puffs, and cherries..."

Lin Jiayi could tell that Lin Jiage was listing down the food that Shi Yao wanted, but she chose not to expose him. Taking down his words, she gestured with an 'OK' sign before turning around to leave.

Before she could walk out, she suddenly saw Xia Shangzhou standing by the door. She'd been too busy trying to lure Shi Yao into her trap that she forgot about this dim-witted Navigator.

It was her creed in life to accomplish every job she was paid for perfectly, so naturally, she couldn't allow that light bulb to stay here...

With this thought in mind, Lin Jiayi walked up to Xia Shangzhou and said, "Navigator, what did you just say? You wanted to go to the bathroom?"

The poor Xia Shangzhou who had been silent all this while widened his eyes in bewilderment...

He shook his head vehemently, about to say, "I didn't say anything at all," but before he could let out a single word, he caught sight of the look Lin Jiayi was sending him.

His head-shaking immediately turned into head-nodding as he fearfully squeezed his thighs together and placed his hand over his crotch. “Yes yes yes! I can’t hold it in anymore, may I know where the bathroom is?”

Lin Jiayi’s nonchalant face immediately bloomed into a beautiful smile, “You child, you don’t have to be so reserved in our house! You should have told me earlier that you needed to go to the toilet! Come come come, I’ll bring you to the one in my room...”

Right after saying those words, and without giving Xia Shangzhou an opportunity to reject her, she firmly grabbed his collar and dragged him out of Lin Jiage’s room. Of course, she didn’t forget to shut the door behind her.

Lin Jiayi dragged Xia Shangzhou all the way to the bathroom in her room and pushed him in. After leaving behind a “Take your time, there’s no need to hurry”, she shut the door.

Then, she thought about it once more and felt that there was a chance that Xia Shangzhou might head back down to Lin Jiage’s bedroom while she was supervising the servants in preparing the food. That would foil her plans... As a credible contractor, it was her responsibility to prevent these kinds of accidents. So, without any hesitation, she locked the door to the bathroom, pulled out the key, and left.

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After Lin Jiayi left, dragging Xia Shangzhou away, Lin Jiage’s room suddenly fell completely quiet.

Shi Yao poured the dit da jow into her hand and rubbed both of her palms together to warm the ointment. She then spoke softly to Lin Jiage, who was lying flat on the bed, “I’ll try to be as gentle as possible, but it will still sting a little. Try to bear with it as much as you can...”

Lin Jiage replied with an “Mm” before falling silent.

The irritation he felt, induced by the encounter with Lin Jiayi earlier, suddenly calmed down instantaneously.

Take a look at Soft Bun—this is how a woman should be like!

What the heck is with Lin Jiayi? She’s an Amazon... No, more like a female thug!

On the other hand, this was the first time Shi Yao was touching a man’s body. In the moment that her hand fell on Lin Jiage’s back, her fingertip couldn’t help but bend slightly.

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A moment later, she began carefully massaging the dit da jow onto his bruises.

Her hands were very soft, and her movements were gentle as well. While her touch on his bruises did sting a little, what Lin Jiage felt more was a numbing sensation reminiscent of a mild electric shock.

Lin Jiage felt his throat constrict, and his body began to tighten uncontrollably.



Sensing his abnormal reaction, Shi Yao immediately paused her actions in fright, "Am I hurting you?"

But at that moment, Lin Jiage's mind was entirely consumed by that pair of small hands moving gently around his back. He was silent for a short moment before lightly shaking his head, "No..."

"Oh..." Shi Yao replied. On the inside, however, she thought that Lin Jiage might just be holding back, not daring to admit his pain so he could preserve his dignity as a man in front of her. Thus, her hands became even gentler.

And to Lin Jiage, her current movements were even more torturous to him.

But amidst this 'suffering' and 'torture', his lips were slowly edging upward into a smile.

His back was against her, so she couldn't see his face. Nevertheless, he still couldn't help but bury his face into his pillow. At the same time, a tinge of red was slowly spreading up his white ears.

The smell of dit da jow permeated the entire room. Other than her softly asking "Does it hurt" and "Is this fine", and his "It doesn't hurt" and "It's fine" responses, there were no additional sounds to be heard in the room.

Sometime later, Shi Yao said softly, "Alright, I'm done." She then stepped away from Lin Jiage's body and went into the bathroom.

Lin Jiage, who seemed to have held his breath the entire time, was silent for a moment before he finally recovered from that indescribable 'torture' he had been in. He heaved a long sigh of relief.

Is this the surprise that Lin Jiayi prepared for me?

It wasn't too bad after all... It wasn't cheap, but I feel like it was money well spent...

With such thoughts in mind, Lin Jiage couldn't help remembering the sensation of Shi Yao's hands moving across his back, and the corners of his lips began edging upward once more.

At this moment, Shi Yao returned from the bathroom. She recalled that the bedsheets were stained while she was applying dit da jow on Lin Jiage's back, so she asked, "Umm, Sis Jiayi accidentally poured too much dit da jow on you, and some of it ended up spilling on the bed. Why don't I help you change your bedsheets?"

Upon hearing Shi Yao's voice, Lin Jiage immediately raised his hand to cover his lips. It took a while before he managed to force his smile back in, and with a placid voice, he replied, "Alright."

Then, he paused for a moment before adding, "The bedsheets are in my changing room."

Shi Yao replied with an "Okay", then headed to the changing room. She came out hugging a fresh set of bedsheets.

When Shi Yao reached the corner of the bed, Lin Jiage attempted to get up so she could change the bedsheets. But as soon as he moved, he suddenly froze in place.

He hadn't noticed a thing while he was lying down, but the moment he tried to get up, he realized that his body had actually reacted...

Lin Jiage immediately closed his eyes and tried his best to calm the heat inside him.

On the other hand, seeing how Lin Jiage had suddenly frozen up in the middle of his action, Shi Yao thought that a sudden pang of pain might have rendered him immobile. She tossed the fresh bedsheets onto the sofa before walking over to his side. "Are you in pain? Let me help you up."

As she spoke, Shi Yao reached forward to support Lin Jiage's arm.

On the other hand, Lin Jiage had just barely managed to suppress that little bit of heat within him when Shi Yao suddenly touched him. In an instant, it was as if oil had been furiously poured onto the flames inside him, causing his reaction to intensify.

Lin Jiage reflexively waved his hands, wanting to avoid Shi Yao's arm. But in a moment of anxiety, he accidentally used too much force and pushed Shi Yao backward. Fearing that she would fall down, he quickly grabbed her arm and pulled her in his direction, and in the next moment, her entire body fell into his embrace...

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Shi Yao was thin, but when she fell into Lin Jiage's embrace, he couldn't help but feel a dull pain in his chest.

However, Lin Jiage only perceived this pain for a single second before all of his senses were overwhelmed by the sweet softness pressed against him.

In an instant, that inferno within his body blazed to its peak, causing Lin Jiage's mouth to dry, and a feeling of tightness grasped his throat.

Shi Yao was also stunned for two seconds before she finally came back to reality.

Her face was actually buried in Lin Jiage's neck!

He wasn't wearing any clothes, so she could clearly see the smoothness and delicateness of his skin.

Shi Yao's face reddened, and she instinctively attempted to struggle free from Lin Jiage's embrace.

But perhaps she was too nervous and flustered because, despite several attempts to get back to her feet, Shi Yao was still unable to free herself from Lin Jiage's arms.

At this, her face reddened further from bewilderment as her thoughts descended into chaos. Frantically trying to leave his embrace, she placed her hand on his shoulder.

In that instant, Lin Jiage stopped breathing. The hand holding onto Shi Yao's wrist started trembling lightly.

What is Soft Bun up to? Moving around here and there... Not to mention, she's even using her hand to touch my bare shoulders... Does she know that she's actually killing me by doing that!

Lin Jiage didn't dare to move an inch, fearing that he would unintentionally do something inappropriate towards her.

However, Shi Yao's little movements still wouldn't stop. On top of that, as a result of their positions, her warm breath happened to tickle Lin Jiage's ears...

Lin Jiage's Adam's apple bobbed up and down as he exclaimed internally: Is Soft Bun actually a little devil? It's as if her everything she does is just drawing me further and further in!

The heck, little devil? Why did I think that?

On the other side, Shi Yao, who was completely oblivious to Lin Jiage's bizarre state, unintentionally pressed her hand against his chest.

A shudder immediately ran through Lin Jiage's body, and he suddenly flipped his body around, pressing Shi Yao down beneath him.

If I do this, then that little devil—gah!—then Soft Bun should stop moving, right?

Thinking this, Lin Jiage lowered his head and coincidentally met the gaze of the startled Shi Yao, who was still in a state of shock from his abrupt action.

Just as he'd wished, Shi Yao did stop moving. But for some reason, Lin Jiage felt that their current position wasn't any better than her moving around his body.

She had a pair of large, dark eyes, and there was a brilliant light reflected in their depths. Her lips were appealingly red... And no matter how he looked at it, it felt like she was luring him into committing a crime...

His rationality told him that he should quickly back off and let her go, but it was as if he was spellbound—his body simply wouldn't move.

He didn't know how long he stayed above her, but as he stared deep into her eyes, his face unconsciously started inching down bit by bit.

Just as his lips were about to meet hers, the bedroom door abruptly opened, and Lin Jiayi's lively voice sounded, "Yaoyao, are you done applying the dit da jow ? Dinner is ready, so come down to eat—"

"Ah!" Lin Jiayi froze. Half a second later, she spoke up once more, "... My apologies. Feel free to continue whatever you're doing..."

Continue whatever you're doing, your head!

Lin Jiayi's untimely interjection had jolted Lin Jiage fully awake, and he hurriedly leaped off Shi Yao's body before dashing into the bathroom.

On the other hand, Shi Yao quickly rose from the bed and tidied up her slightly messy hair. Not daring to look at Lin Jiayi, she mumbled softly with a reddened face, "I'll head down first to eat." Then, with a lowered head, she passed by Lin Jiayi and ran down the stairs.

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Ten minutes later, Lin Jiage walked out of the bathroom dressed in a bathrobe. As soon as he stepped out, he immediately saw Lin Jiayi, who was still standing by the door.

Treating Lin Jiayi as if she were invisible, he headed straight to the changing room and locked the door.

After switching into a clean shirt and pants, he left the changing room, but Lin Jiayi was still there.

This time, upon seeing him, Lin Jiayi immediately spoke up, "I already gave Yaoyao the gifts you bought for her."

However, it was as if he couldn't hear a thing or see Lin Jiayi at all, Lin Jiage walked straight to the dressing table and took out a hair dryer to blow-dry his hair.

Lin Jiayi walked up to Lin Jiage and continued, "Lin Jiage, the surprise I prepared for you only involved Yaoyao applying the dit da jow on you, nothing more than that. I didn't break my end of the deal. How would I know that you'd suddenly turn feral and push down my innocent Little Yaoyao on the bed..."

Lin Jiage paused and shot a sideward glance at Lin Jiayi.

Lin Jiayi: "Fine fine, it's your innocent Little Yaoyao. Happy?"

Lin Jiage's face still remained perfectly indifferent.

Seeing this, Lin Jiayi sighed deeply before continuing, "Why don't we consider this as a lapse in my services then? I'll give you a partial refund for that..."

After saying those words, Lin Jiayi took out her phone and tapped it unwillingly.

A moment later, 'ding dong!', Lin Jiage's phone rang from the table. It was a notification from AliPay. Lin Jiayi had sent him 88RMB.

88... Doesn't she feel embarrassed, giving back this tiny bit of money?

Lin Jiage still showed no intentions of talking to Lin Jiayi, blowing his hair dry quietly.

"Not enough? Fine, I'll top up a little more then..." Shortly after, Lin Jiage received another notification from AliPay. The sum was a little more generous this time around: 88.8RMB.

"Is this still not enough?" Seeing that Lin Jiage was still unmoved, Lin Jiayi sent over another 88.88RMB and asked, "Is it enough now?"

"Still not enough?" Lin Jiayi gritted her teeth furiously and sent 188.88RMB over. "Lin Jiage, this is already the biggest concession I can give you. I can't refund you any more than this. You only sent me money three times while I did it four times. The last amount I sent you should be more than enough to make up for whatever problem just happened. Even Taobao 1 only refunds 10RMB for any mistakes in their services. Really, you won't be able to find anyone as generous as me out there..."

Indeed, it would be hard to find another person like you in the world, whose face is as thick as the Great Wall of China...

Lin Jiage put down his phone as he began arranging his hair in the mirror.

Lin Jiayi slipped her phone back into her pocket as well. She leaned forward to ask Lin Jiage curiously, “Hey, how far have you gone with Yaoyao? Have you two kissed yet? Holding hands?”

However, Lin Jiayi noticed that Lin Jiage’s expression was growing colder and colder, and eventually, she shook her head in disappointment and exclaimed, “It can’t be? You didn’t do anything at all? Lin Jiage, are you sure that you’re okay there? One hour! One whole hour! And yet you did nothing at all? There are guys who can finish it in three seconds! Lin Jiage, are you sick?”

You’re the one who’s sick, your whole family’s sick!

Besides, what business is it of yours whether I’m okay there or not!

Even Soft Bun isn’t worried about it, so why you are making a fuss?

Lin Jiage turned around and walked out of his bedroom.

Lin Jiayi followed closely behind him while muttering under her breath, “My gosh, how can my little brother be so useless?”

“Lin Jiage, don’t walk so fast. You should watch more Japanese films to train yourself in that aspect. If you’re too embarrassed to buy them, I can get them for you. But, you have to remember to pay me some money, along with a small service fee—”

At this point, Lin Jiage had stopped walking and turned around, “Other than celebrating Yaoyao’s birthday, are you going to take a vacation too?”

### **Chapter 189: Scattering Dog Food (1)**

Seeing that she’d finally managed to provoke Lin Jiage into talking to her, Lin Jiayi said happily, “That’s right. I’m heading off to Xi’an and Chongqing to play. I’ve already booked the plane tickets and accommodations. Do you and Yaoyao want to come along too?”

Instead of replying Lin Jiayi’s invitation, Lin Jiage continued with an impassive look, “There’s one thing I forgot to tell you.”

Lin Jiayi: “What is it?”

“Just a moment ago, Mom and Dad mentioned in our WeChat group that a problem came up in a partnership they negotiated a while back, so they’re planning on returning to Beijing to settle it. I accidentally told them that you just came back from the States, so they decided to hand over the task to you instead. That way, they don’t have to fly back...”

Watching Lin Jiayi’s crumbling face, Lin Jiage intentionally paused for dramatic effect before dropping a greater bomb on her, “... Also, since the partnership has already been confirmed and the payment has been made, you won’t be able to earn a commission from this. I figure Mom and Dad should be giving you a call very soon...”

And shortly after Lin Jiage said that, Lin Jiayi’s phone began to ring.

Reflected on the phone screen were the words ‘Esteemed Mother’.

Lin Jiayi swiftly picked up the phone. "Yes, Mom. I'm back in the country. Yes, it was Yaoyao's birthday yesterday. Alright. Alright. It's fine. No problem. I'll head to the company tomorrow..."

While Lin Jiayi was still on the phone, Lin Jiage leisurely made his way down the stairs.

Hmph, challenging me to a fight? Even if you did eat three years worth of rice more than me, you're still sorely lacking.

Vacation? Dream on.

You love money? I'll make you work without earning a cent!

In any case, the present he planned on giving Soft Bun was already back in her hands, so there was nothing for him to fear anymore...

When Lin Jiage was on the final step of the stairs, Lin Jiayi's furious bellow echoed from behind, "Lin! Jia—!"

Before she could say anything more, Lin Jiage turned around and shook his head in pity, "Didn't you already book the plane tickets and accommodations to Xi'an and Chongqing? If you try to refund them now, you'll still have to pay the processing fee. Ah, what a waste..."

"Lin Jiage, I'm your sister! I—"

But Lin Jiage simply turned around, and indifferently headed for the dining room.

"Lin Jiage, hold it right there! How dare you stab me in the back? You're really going to be the death of me—"

Before Lin Jiayi could finish her piece, Lin Jiage had already pushed open the door to the dining room.

Shi Yao was inside, with her cheeks stuffed full of food. Hearing the commotion, she turned her head to the doorway curiously.

On the other hand, upon meeting Shi Yao's gaze, Lin Jiayi immediately shut her mouth and smiled. Then, she turned around and took several deep breaths, one after another.

I can't give myself away in front of Shi Yao. After all, I did participate in what happened!

How infuriating! Lin Jiage was the one who tricked Shi Yao first, but I can't even hold that over him anymore.

No wonder he wasn't afraid to mess with me! My scheming brother already calculated everything from the start!

We clearly come from the same mother and father, but why is my younger brother so scheming, vile, depraved, and obnoxious, so completely different with my beauty, sweetness, adorableness, and innocence?

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Faced with the crazed Lin Jiayi, Lin Jiage remained completely impassive.

He pulled out a chair along the dining table and took the seat opposite to Shi Yao.

On the other hand, upon seeing Lin Jiage's face, Shi Yao no longer tried to figure out what was wrong with Lin Jiayi. Her face immediately reddened, and she quickly lowered her head to bury herself into her bowl of glutinous rice balls.

The servants brought out the dishes that Lin Jiage ordered, then served the food to him one plate after another.

Before taking their leave, they couldn't help but shoot him a perplexed gaze.

Their Young Master rarely ate supper, so why did he suddenly order so much food today?

## **Chapter 190: Scattering Dog Food (2)**

The dinner dishes had been served for some time now, but Lin Jiage didn't dig into them. Instead, he stirred the glutinous rice balls in order to dissipate the heat from them.

Standing by the side, the servants were looking at Lin Jiage with increasingly perplexed gazes.

If their Young Master wasn't going to eat, why would he order so much? Was he planning on wasting the food?

But shortly after these thoughts crossed their minds, Lin Jiage lowered his gaze to look at the glutinous rice balls, and after confirming that they were at a suitable temperature, he dug one up and placed it into Shi Yao's bowl.

Shi Yao raised her head, and after watching Lin Jiage retract his spoon, she looked at his tranquil face.

Seeing the doubt in Shi Yao's eyes, Lin Jiage replied lightly, "I can't finish it by myself."

"Thank you," Shi Yao replied with delight before lowering her head to enjoy the glutinous rice ball that Lin Jiage had just given her.

Then, Lin Jiage placed another glutinous rice ball into Shi Yao's bowl. Whenever she was done eating one, he would add a new one into her bowl right after.

It didn't take long before the glutinous rice balls ran out, so they moved on to the steamed egg with milk, followed by the cream puffs, the mango pudding, the tofu chips, and finally the cherries...

When two portions of supper were finally in Shi Yao's meal, the servants standing by the side finally understood what was going on...

Their Young Master wasn't here to eat dinner, he was here to feed Miss Shi Yao... No, rather than feeding Miss Shi Yao, it seemed like he was feeding them dog food instead?

On the dining table, Lin Jiage looked at the empty plates in front of him and asked, "Are you full?"

Shi Yao nodded as she raised her head to look at Lin Jiage. In just a single second, she was reminded of what happened back at Lin Jiage's bedroom. She swiftly lowered her head in embarrassment and replied with a soft "Mm".

Compared to her shyness, Lin Jiage seemed to be much more composed and relaxed. "It's getting late, I'll send you back home."

Shi Yao nodded and once again replied with a soft "Mm". When Lin Jiage stood up, she quickly got up as well and followed him toward the courtyard.

As they passed by the living room, Shi Yao didn't forget to say goodbye to Lin Jiayi.

Lin Jiage was still driving his grandfather's car.

This time, he didn't let Shi Yao get in the car herself. Instead, he stopped by the passenger seat and opened the door for her.

After what happened back at Lin Jiage's bedroom, it was inevitable that there would be some awkwardness between them. Thus, the car drove for a very long distance with silence looming heavily between the two of them.

It was only when they were about to leave the city that Shi Yao suddenly remembered something, and she exclaimed in astonishment, "Oh no!"

Shocked by her sudden outburst, Lin Jiage abruptly stepped on the brakes and asked, "What's wrong?"

"We haven't paid the bill for the crayfish we ate at Taste Of Home..."

Is that all? Did you really need to react like that over something as small as this?

Lin Jiage stepped on the accelerator once more as he replied calmly, "Just think of it as a free dinner then, isn't that good?"

"It isn't! I really love that restaurant's crayfish, and I still plan on going there again in the future. If I do a dine and dash, how could I ever eat there again?" Shi Yao replied indignantly.

So, Soft Bun's main concern isn't about how unethical a dine and dash was, but that she won't be able to eat at Taste of Home again?

Lin Jiage fell silent.

"Forget it, I'll go there tomorrow morning on my way to school and pay the bill..." Shi Yao began coming up with a countermeasure to salvage the situation.

Knowing that Shi Yao was serious, Lin Jiage could only speak the truth, "Actually, I already paid for the bill."

"Oh..." Shi Yao heaved a long sigh of relief. Then, she hurriedly added, "How much was it? I'll pay you."

"There's no need for that."

"That won't do. We agreed that I'd treat you..."

"... If you really don't want to accept my money, why don't I treat you next time then?"

This time, Lin Jiage didn't turn down Shi Yao's offer.



The car finally arrived at Shi Yao's doorstep. Just as Shi Yao was getting out of the car, Lin Jiage suddenly said, "I have some stuff in the car trunk. Take a look and see if you're interested in them."

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