

Chapter 71: I Won't Even Let You Foot The Bill (1)

" Pft —" Someone burst into laughter behind her.

What was wrong with the table behind her? Couldn't they just eat in silence?

However, Shi Yao wasn't too affected by that table's occupants. This was because right after she'd said those words, Han Jing's expression had become a little unreadable.

She knew that it was wrong of her to be thinking about food at this moment, but it would be shameless of them to waste precious food!

Thus, Shi Yao bit her lips and continued, "Senior Han, there is still a lot of food that we haven't eaten yet. It would be a pity to waste them."

"That..."

Shi Yao pondered for a moment—it seemed like in the dramas, whenever a person confessed to another and was rejected, one side would always leave right after.

Most of the time, the one who rejected the confession would leave first, but she really couldn't bear to abandon this table of food...

Thus, Shi Yao continued, "...If you still have something to attend to, you can leave first. I'll leave by myself after finishing the food."

This was too perfect! She managed to give Senior Han an excuse to back out of this awkward situation without wasting any food at all!

Han Jing was initially feeling rather disappointed and miserable from Shi Yao's rejection, but upon seeing this sight, he couldn't help but smile.

She was always this adorable, so adorable that... you just couldn't get angry with her.

Han Jing lowered his gaze to conceal the disappointment in his eyes, and trying his best to make his tone more casual, he replied, "I'm fine, so feel free to continue eating. I don't mind waiting for you. It's already late at night, so it won't be safe for you to return to the campus alone. I'll bring you back."

After which, Han Jing paused for a moment. Seemingly worried that Shi Yao would feel uneasy eating with him, he continued, "Shi Yao, even though you rejected me, we're still friends, right?"

Shi Yao nodded with a smile. "Of course."

Han Jing picked up his chopsticks and pinched out a slice of fish for Shi Yao. "Alright, let's eat."

Shi Yao began moving her chopsticks once more.

A moment later, it suddenly dawned on Shi Yao that Senior Han might have planned to treat her to this meal because he'd intended to confess to her. Since she had rejected him, there should be no reason for

him to treat her. Thus, she raised her head, looked at the unmoving Han Jing, and said, "Senior Han, you should eat too. Allow me to treat you to this meal."

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Halfway through the dinner, Shi Yao's phone rang.

While fishing out her phone, she didn't forget to stuff a huge slice of fish into her mouth.

Taking a look at the screen, she noted that someone had sent her a message. After tapping in, her chewing motion came to an abrupt halt.

To think that it was a message from Lin Jiage...

Shi Yao paused for a second before tapping on Lin Jiage's name.

[Grandfather's condition suddenly got worse, and he's been calling your name for some time now. He wishes to see you.]

So he was contacting her because of Grandpa Lin... Shi Yao quickly typed out a reply: [How is Grandpa Lin doing at the moment?]

Perhaps Lin Jiage was still on his phone because he replied to her instantaneously. However, rather than answer her question, he asked one of his own instead: [Where are you at the moment? I'll have our driver pick you up.]

Without giving it much thought, Shi Yao sent over her current GPS location.

Shortly after the message had been confirmed as read, another message appeared on the screen: [Is it convenient?]

After receiving her location, he was only asking whether it was convenient or not?

With such thoughts in mind, Shi Yao replied with two words: [It's convenient.]

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After that, Lin Jiage fell completely silent.

Shi Yao put down her phone, and as she ate, she apologized to Han Jing, "Senior Han, I'm sorry. I might not be able to go back with you later."

"I got a message about a grandfather who's always treated me very well. His condition has gotten worse, and he wishes to see me. I'll be heading to the hospital to meet him later."

"I see..." Even though Han Jing had his confession rejected, he still had no intention of giving up yet. So, he quickly replied, "...Should I call a taxi and go with you to the hospital?"

After which, he quickly added, "Which hospital is it?"

"It's fine, there's no need for that. There's already someone driving over to pick me up," Shi Yao quickly replied. A short moment later, she added, "Thank you, Senior Han."

Han Jing smiled. "Shi Yao, there's no need for you to be so polite with me."

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Heh, it's only right for her to be polite!

Lin Jiage grumbled silently before raising his hand to beckon the waitress for the bill.

When he headed to the front counter to pay, Lin Jiage said, "Help me add the bill for Table 46 to my total as well."

The waitress was slightly taken aback by those words. Feeling that she might have heard wrong, she asked again to confirm, "Mister, you mean that you wish to pay for both Table 45 and Table 46?"

Lin Jiage nodded, as miserly with his words as ever.

"Alright, Mister. Please give me a moment," said the attendant as she began typing in the bill.

After the grand total was calculated, Lin Jiage passed over a credit card and began to type in his pin number. Due to his outstanding looks, the waitress couldn't help but sneak several peeks at him. Out of curiosity, she asked, "Mister, why are you footing the bill for Table 46 too?"

The waitress was in charge of serving Tables 41 to 50, and she happened to hear Han Jing's confession to Shi Yao as well. Lin Jiage didn't respond to her question, but that didn't quench her fiery passion for gossip, "Mister, are you also interested in that lady, just like the other mister at Table 46?"

Was this waitress blind? How could he possibly be the same as that mister?

Even before he was born, their relationship had already been confirmed. As for that mister... heh...

Lin Jiage continued with his silence, but the strength he exerted in his signature was clearly much more forceful.

Feeling irritated, he signed the receipt, put down the pen, and headed straight for the door. Two steps later, he suddenly remembered something and walked back to the front counter. Facing the waitress who had just handled his bill, he said, "Later, when those two at Table 46 leave, it's enough if you tell them that the bill has already been paid. Don't tell them anything unnecessary."

The waitress nodded, but she couldn't help herself from asking, "Why?"

Lin Jiage didn't reply. However, such were his thoughts when he left, " Why? The reason is simple. Those who wish to court Soft Bun must have his approval. As long as the other party doesn't have his approval, he won't even give that person a chance to foot the bill! "

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"Mister, Miss, someone has already paid the bill for your table."

As Shi Yao and Han Jing were fighting with one another for the bill, the waitress suddenly informed them of this with a smile.

The both of them were bewildered for quite some time before they left the restaurant.

By then, the Lin Family's driver had already arrived, so Shi Yao and Han Jing parted at the entrance of the restaurant.

They headed towards the hospital, and after driving along the night streets of Beijing for around twenty minutes, the driver's phone suddenly rang.

Shi Yao had no idea who was calling, but the driver replied with a respectful "Yes" several times before hanging up. After which, he turned to her and said politely, "Miss Shi, Auntie Sun called earlier to say that Old Master Lin has already retired for the evening, so you don't need to visit the hospital so late at night. Allow me to drive you back to the campus instead."

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"Didn't Grandpa Lin's condition get worse? How is he now? Is he feeling better?"

Baffled by Shi Yao's questions, the driver stammered, "I-I guess?"

I guess? What kind of answer is that?

Shi Yao frowned. "Didn't you say that Auntie Sun called you earlier? Didn't she update you?"

While she spoke, she reached for the phone in her bag. "I'll call Auntie Sun then..."

"Don't!" Horrified, the driver hurriedly stomped on the brake and turned to Shi Yao.

After seeing the driver look like he was about to snatch her phone, Shi Yao's frown deepened.

Facing Shi Yao's expression, the driver also noticed that his reaction might have been too violent, so he quickly smiled. "That's not it, Miss Shi. What I mean is that it's not a convenient time for you to call Auntie Sun. Think about it, Auntie Sun is currently accompanying Old Master Lin in the hospital, and she is also bound to be tired after busying herself for the entire day. If you called her now, not only will you disturb Auntie Sun, you might even wake up Old Master Lin as well..."

"...Besides, since Auntie Sun took the effort to call, it means that Old Master Lin must be fine. Otherwise, how could she have the time to contact me?"

Shi Yao felt that there was something weird about the driver, but she couldn't pinpoint what it was exactly either.

She stared at her phone for a while, and eventually, she decided that his explanation did make sense. Thus, she put away her phone and said, "You're right, it's already late. Since Grandpa Lin has retired for the night, I'll have to trouble you to send me back to my campus then."

The driver secretly wiped away the cold sweat that broke out on his forehead before stepping on the accelerator.

Barely after the car advanced another dozen meters or so, Shi Yao suddenly thought of something and remarked, "It just so happens that I don't have any lessons tomorrow afternoon, so I can make use of the opportunity to pay Grandpa a visit."

The driver's heart skipped a beat after hearing that, and his foot on the accelerator slipped, causing the entire car to jerk forward for a brief instant.

Arriving at G University, Shi Yao had the driver drop her off at the campus entrance instead of the dormitory.

A mere second after she stepped through the campus entrance, the driver picked up his phone and made a call.

The call was swiftly picked up, and Lin Jiage's leisurely tone could be heard from the other side, "Is the matter settled?"

"Yes, Young Master. It's all settled..."

Before the driver could finish his report, Lin Jiage, who was in the middle of playing his game, had already hung up the phone.

The driver tried to call again, but only received a message saying that the call he had just made wasn't within the service region.

The driver tried three more times, but the same system message popped up each time, so he could only give up and drive away.

On the way, the driver thought, "Young Master, it's not that I don't want to tell you about this matter, it's just that you didn't give me an opportunity to tell you. Miss Shi said that she wanted to visit the hospital tomorrow, and if she meets Old Master Lin and Auntie Sun, your lies today will be exposed. I can only pray for the best..."

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He Tiantian, Leng Nuan, and Jiang Yue had probably gone out to play and hadn't returned yet, so Shi Yao was the only one in the dormitory.

After opening a bottle of yogurt, she habitually tapped into the [Sexy and Frisky] WeChat group, a straw between her lips.

As expected, someone had @'d her to play.

Shi Yao popped out. [Are you all still playing?]

About ten minutes later, [Expert of the Monkeys] @'d her: [We just finished a match. Sis Yao, hurry up and join us.]

Shi Yao quickly went online.

[Juice] was the one who invited her. After tapping in, she immediately wanted to ask, "Did you get a chicken dinner today?"

But as the words were about to escape from her lips, she abruptly shut her mouth tight.

The person who had disappeared for an entire week, [111111], had reappeared...

Chapter 74: Pray For the Best (2)

In that instant, Shi Yao recalled what she'd said to [111111] last week before they parted, and her face couldn't help but grow hot.

However, it was fortunate that they were divided by a phone screen. It was awkward, but at least the other party wasn't aware of it, so the atmosphere didn't grow weird.

[Juice] was the host, and as soon as Shi Yao entered the room, he started the game.

[Expert of the Monkeys] was a classic example of a person born with a talkative nature. His mouth kept shooting words from start to end.

From time to time, [Juice] would respond to him.

Actually, Shi Yao usually chatted with them as well, but due to [111111]'s presence, she felt too embarrassed to do so, and so she fell silent.

And of course, [111111] was as silent as always.

The map that [Juice] chose this time wasn't Miramar but Erangel. The place they jumped off to was also their usual spot, the military base.

Under their lead, while Shi Yao didn't achieve a single kill, she had learned how to humbly survive.

After landing on the ground, she quickly found a place to hide before quietly watching the other three slaughter the enemies. Once they were done claiming the military base for their own, she joyfully leaped out to grab the items.

This time, the area where the blue circle appeared wasn't too advantageous for them 1 . It was at the opposite end, Severny.

When the four of them finally rushed into the final circle, their health bars were already red. Someone noticed them, and with the deep echo that came from firing an AWM, a notification appeared on the screen:

[Nation's Husband Lu Jinnian] knocked down [Yao Loves Ice Cream] with AWM.

Shi Yao, who had been silent for the whole game, forgot all about her awkwardness at that moment and asked, "Who hit me? Where?"

Right after she said those words, a series of gunshots sounded in her ear. Following which, two notifications popped up onto the screen:

[111111] knocked down [Nation's Husband Lu Jinnian] with M416.

[111111] killed [Nation's Husband Lu Jinnian] with M416.

Before she could even find the person who had knocked her down, they had already been eliminated by Mister Numbers.

Shi Yao inwardly muttered "666" before taking a look at her health bar. There was only a third remaining, so she hurriedly said, "I'm going to die. Pick me up2 ?"

After which, she paused for a moment before calling out once more, “Expert, Juice, come over. I’m right behi—”

Before she could finish her sentence, a player suddenly appeared right in front of her game avatar.

That player lowered his body and stretched his hand toward her. Following which, the countdown timer for her salvation emerged 3 ...

Shi Yao was stunned for a moment before she realized that the person who had saved her was [111111].

She suddenly recalled the furious words she had hurled at him back then, and her face reddened. In that moment, she fell silent once more.

After being picked up by [111111], she found that she had depleted most of her medicine inventory while they were escaping from the blue zone, so she was only left with bandages. Thus, she could only heal up slowly.

[111111], who had left right after picking her up, suddenly took two steps back and jumped on her. A moment later, he proudly strode away once more.

Taking another look, Shi Yao realized that there were two First Aid Kits and three bottles of Painkillers next to her.

Did Mister Numbers see that she was pathetically healing up with bandages and left her medicine out of pity?

Shi Yao instinctively took a look at the upper right end of the screen, and she suddenly realized that [111111]’s health bar was dangerously low as well.

Chapter 75: Is The Lady With Me Someone You Can Tease? (1)

After engaging the other players, Mister Numbers immediately rushed back to save her without even healing up first?

For some inconceivable reason, Shi Yao’s heart quickened by half a beat.

A moment later, she realized that [111111]’s health bar was inching up bit by bit...

After staring at it for two seconds, it finally dawned on her that [111111] was healing up by using bandages.

Did that mean that he’d given her his complete inventory of First Aid Kits and Painkillers, leaving only bandages for himself?

When Shi Yao realized this, her half-a-beat-faster heart quickened its pace by yet another half beat.

Since [111111] had given all his medicine to Shi Yao, and it was impossible to pick up items in the final circle haphazardly, he died rather early while clashing with the other players. As a result, their team wasn’t able to get a chicken dinner that round and ended up in third place.

Returning to the main menu, [Juice] didn't start the game immediately. Instead, he said, "Sis Yao, Expert and I are going to drive back to our school in a rented car. You play with our boss first, we'll join you once we reach our school."

[Yao Loves Ice Cream]: "You're not at school?"

[Expert of the Monkeys]: "That's right. We're eating hot pot outside."

Wasn't Mister Numbers their roommate? Why wasn't he eating together with them?

Shi Yao was puzzled, but she didn't voice her doubts. Instead, she replied, "Alright, let's play later then."

After [Expert of the Monkeys] and [Juice] backed out from the room, [111111] started a new round.

They had just played in Squad mode, and [111111] didn't opt for the Duo mode or cancel the teammate-pairing option, so upon entering the game, there were two additional players other than Shi Yao and [111111].

Shi Yao and [111111] stayed silent the whole time, but the other two players kept speaking non-stop.

They were both males, and from their conversation, it was apparent that they knew each other in real life.

After entering the map, Shi Yao noted that no one had marked the jumping coordinates, so she asked as per her usual habit, "Where do we jump?"

Player 1 Teammate: "Hm? Player 4 is a babe?"

Player 2 Teammate: "Judging from her voice, she sounds quite young too."

Player 1 Teammate: "Very possibly a student."

Player 2 Teammate: "Babe, are you a high schooler or a university student?"

Back when Shi Yao was first paired with Expert, Juice, and Mister Numbers, it was not like they hadn't chatted with one another. But compared to Juice and Expert, there was something about the tone of these two teammates that made her feel extremely uncomfortable.

Thus, she remained silent.

[111111] didn't speak as well. However, he marked Pochinki on the map.

Shi Yao's silence didn't discourage the two male teammates' attempts to talk to her.

Player 2 Teammate: "Babe, why aren't you saying anything? Why won't you chat with me?"

Player 1 Teammate: "Yeah, babe. Why don't you let us carry you later?"

Player 1 Teammate: "Right, do you have a boyfriend?"

Player 2 Teammate: "If you don't have a boyfriend, are you interested in an online romance? Why don't you consider one of us?"

Player 1 Teammate: “Don’t worry about it if you can’t make a choice. You can take us both if you want to...”

Following those words, the eerie chuckles of the two male players sounded from her phone.

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Shi Yao wasn’t a fool. She understood the underlying meaning behind their laughter.

The best way to deal with such people was to ignore them.

That was exactly what Shi Yao did, but she still couldn’t help feeling disgusted.

After landing, she ignored the other two teammates and trailed closely after [111111]. Whichever room he went to, she would follow suit as well, picking up the items that he didn’t want.

She was doing this for her own safety, the same way she did back when they played Duo mode together the previous time. Back then, despite her attempts to follow him closely, his maneuvers were simply too splendid. He would either jump across the walls or climb out of the windows and from time to time, he would even scale the roofs as well. With Shi Yao’s lack of skill, she couldn’t keep up at all. Eventually, she had no choice but to give up.

It was different this time though. Perhaps he wasn’t paying too much attention to the game, but his maneuvers were very ordinary. From time to time, he would even pause for a brief moment, which happened to give her enough time to cover the gap.

Shi Yao thought that by doing this, she would be able to steer clear of the other two male players and play their own game.

But reality had shown that there were simply far too many bored people in the world, and her view of human decency was overly optimistic.

Those two male players actually chased after them and started twirling around Shi Yao.

Player 2 Teammate: “Babe, you sure have large boobs. I’m guessing they’re around 36D. Are they the same in real life too?”

Player 1 Teammate: “Babe, you don’t just have huge boobs, you have a nice ass too. Beautiful.”

Frowning deeply, Shi Yao backed away from them with the utmost disgust.

Just as she was about to leap out of the window and flee, [111111]—who had just finished picking up the loot in the house—suddenly walked over and stepped in between her and the two male players, creating a wall between them.

“Hey, Player 3. You’re blocking our view of that babe’s figure! Can you go away?”

Treating the two as if they were non-existent, [111111] turned to Shi Yao and said, “There’s an air drop 1 at North 60°. Let’s go.”

Leaving behind those words, [111111] leaped out of the window.

Shi Yao quickly followed after him.

“Wait for us, let’s pick up the air drop together.”

While searching for a car to drive over there, the two male players didn’t forget to tease Shi Yao.

Player 2 Teammate: “Babe, you haven’t answered our question yet. Do you have a boyfriend or not?”

Shi Yao remained silent.

[111111] went into a garage and drove a car out.

Player 1 Teammate: “Or perhaps, babe, I should be asking you, have you ever been to bed with a—”

Before he could finish his words, [111111]’s car flashed past Shi Yao’s eyes and knocked into the Player 1 Teammate, the wheels rolling brutally over his avatar.

Player 2 Teammate: “The heck! Bro, can’t you drive properly—”

Similarly, before the Player 2 Teammate could finish his sentence, [111111] suddenly did a sharp U-turn and knocked him flying before rolling the car wheels over him as well.

Player 1 Teammate: “The heck! Player 3, are you blind?”

Player 2 Teammate: “The hell, there really is something wrong with you!”

[111111] paid no heed to the duo’s words. He stepped on the brakes and leaped out of the car. After which, he picked up the two men he’d just knocked over before jumping back into his car. While the duo was healing up as they mumbled insults, he stepped on the accelerator once again and knocked them both down together.

“Heck—”

“Screw that—”

The two male players began cursing even more furiously.

However, it was as if [111111] hadn’t heard anything at all. He got down the car and picked them up before getting into the car and knocking them down again.

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Heh, is the lady with me someone you can tease?

Lin Jiage coldly sneered as he continued the endless cycle of reviving and knocking down those two male players.

Chapter 77: Your Life And Death Is No Longer Your Choice (1)

“Player 3, are you done yet?”

“That’s right, Player 3. We need to escape from the blue zone now, don’t you think you’ve had enough already?”

Enough? Why didn't I see that from the two of you just now?

Disregarding the words of the two male players, Lin Jiage did a dashing swerve and mercilessly drove his car through the bodies of the two players.

And just like he did many times before, he leaped out of the car and walked up to them as they tried to crawl away.

Lowering his body, he was just about to reach out to save them when a thought came to his mind. "Are you trying to raise your ranks 1?"

Player 2 Teammate: "That's right, bro. We're aiming to be in the top five hundred for this server, so can you stop messing around?"

No wonder they still stuck around even when he kept demolishing them. So they were planning on charging up the leaderboard...

"Oh, I see..." Lin Jiage said casually before withdrawing his hand.

Player 1 Teammate: "Bro, what are you doing? Why aren't you saving us?"

Player 2 Teammate: "Bro, hurry up! This is the eighth time you've knocked us down, and our health is going down fast! If you don't save us now, we're going to be cold corpses! It's only a few minutes into the game, so we're going to lose a lot of points if we end up dying now! We won't be able to make up for it even with three consecutive chicken dinners..."

Player 1 Teammate: "Bro, I'm going to die soon. Save me, save me! That babe over there, don't just watch us and do nothing! Come and save me..."

"Since you're planning on raising your ranks..." Lin Jiage began speaking leisurely.

The duo thought that Lin Jiage was going to save them, so they immediately stopped complaining and uttered words of agreement, "Mhmm mhmm!"

As if taking a deep breath, Lin Jiage was silent for a second before his lips moved once more, "...I should just leave you be..."

"Is there something wrong with your head?"

"The shit?!"

"@@#¥ ¥%@ ¥ ..."

Amidst the crass cursing, one of them turned into a crate. 2

Paying no heed to their curses, Lin Jiage changed his sitting position and spoke slowly, "The reason why I kept knocking you down and saving you is to show you what happens when you offend your great mother—your life and death is no longer yours to decide!"

After he finished those words, the other male player also turned into a crate.

Lin Jiage used his finger to manipulate his avatar into jumping on the crate corpses of the two male players as he calmly said, “I’m leaving you two here as cold corpses to teach you a lesson on behalf of your great mother.”

“Screw you!”

“Heck! I’ve seen plenty of jerks in my life, but I’ve never met one as despicable as you. Bro, respect!”

Amidst the furious cursing of the duo, Lin Jiage decisively backed out of the game, tapped into his WeChat, found [Yao Loves Ice Cream]’s contact, and sent her a private message: [Quit the game.]

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When Shi Yao saw [111111] knocking down the two male players, she was stunned for a long moment before she finally came to her senses.

To think... To think that it’s possible to do this too!

Mister Numbers’ deed of continuously crushing and reviving those two male players had nearly left her eyes bulging out from their sockets, but what happened afterward made her realize that even ten pairs of eyes wouldn’t be enough for her to bulge out!

Mister Numbers is simply too despicable—so despicable that it can send shivers down your spine!

But speaking of which, those two male players truly did have foul mouths. Truthfully, she was already in a very bad mood after all that happened and didn’t want to play anymore, but after what Mister Numbers did, not only did she feel exhilarated, she also felt that the game was much more fun than usual!

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She really had to say that Mister Numbers’ mouth was venomous...

—“... what happens when you offend your great mother ...” Wasn’t this as good as calling her those two male players’ mother?

She wasn’t interested in having those two as her sons, but if she could get back at them through that, she could still grudgingly accept it...

As she thought of this, Shi Yao’s lips curled upwards uncontrollably. At that instant, the phone in her hands suddenly vibrated, jolting her out of her daze. In that moment, she nearly dropped her phone.

Regaining her senses, Shi Yao tapped into WeChat and saw the message [111111] sent: [Quit the game.]

Shi Yao replied with an [Oh] before adding on an [Alright] . She then tabbed back into the game and returned to the main menu.

She noted that [111111] wasn’t starting a new round, so she returned to WeChat and sent: [I’m already back at the main menu.]

[111111] didn't reply to her, so she switched back to the phone. There, she noticed that [111111] hadn't started the game yet too, so she switched back to WeChat and sent: [Are you not playing anymore?]

Shi Yao thought that Mister Numbers probably wouldn't bother replying to her, so she was contemplating whether she should send a message saying that she would play alone when a notification popped up on her screen.

[111111]: [Wait for those two guys.]

Shi Yao knew that he was referring to Juice and Expert, so she casually selected an 'OK' emoji and sent it over.

[111111] was still as aloof as ever, ignoring her message.

Shi Yao casually grabbed a packet of li hing mui 1 from the table, tore it open, and popped one into her mouth.

While she ate, she pondered over what happened, and eventually, she decided to send a message to [111111]: [Thank you for earlier.]

Perhaps Mister Numbers was really bored—he replied really quickly: [There's no need to thank me, I just couldn't stand their rude attitudes. It had nothing to do with you.]

In other words, he would have done this even if it were someone else?

Well, it was true that a normal person would reach out to help others under such circumstances... just that, was there a need to be so cold? How was she supposed to respond to that?

Shi Yao stuffed three li hing mui into her mouth before typing: [Even so, I still think that I should thank you.]

Shi Yao added an adorable emoji before adding: [By the way, your car-driving technique sure is incredible. Even though those two kept trying to dodge, you still managed to crash into them accurately."]

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Incredible?

Young lady, are you sure you're complimenting me?

Don't you know that's a basic control?

Lin Jiage was speechless for a while before he began moving his fingertips:[Indeed. For a low-spec gamer like yourself, it can be considered incredible.]

After sending the message, Lin Jiage, having sat for too long playing the game, stood up and massaged his neck.

A few moments after he started massaging, he abruptly stopped.

Had Big White Chubby not thanked him in the game, he wouldn't have noticed that he'd helped her out.

It was true that he would still offer his help if he saw another person being bullied in the game like that. He had always scorned those who exploited the internet's veil of anonymity to hurt others with their words.

However, it did seem like he had gone overboard helping her tonight... This was really similar to last week when he couldn't control himself and kissed Soft Bun in Golden Resplendence after seeing that distressed look on her face.

This sure was bizarre. Big White Chubby and Soft Bun were two different people, but why were they both able to trigger the same urge within him to protect them, something that even he found unbelievable?

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PS: Lin Jiage, I know, but I won't tell you! I can only tell you that for all your haughtiness, you won't be escaping from my Yaoyao's Five Finger Mountain, be it in the game or outside the game!

PPS: I would also like to explain. The ML is not being a playboy here. It's only because they are both the same person that he's acting in such a manner. After all, it can't be that I noticed you in real life but feel nothing for you at all in the game—this doesn't make sense. I am an author who only creates good men under my pen! Wait till he finds out that Yao Loves Ice Cream is Shi Yao, that's when he realizes that all along, the only person he loves is her.

Chapter 79: Speaking Against My Heart, What a Sin (1)

If he had to find something similar between the two of them, it would be their gluttony...

Ah...

In his mind, Lin Jiage was earnestly making a comparison between Big White Chubby and Soft Bun.

One had her Moments page filled with posts about food, and even while gaming with him, her mouth had never stopped from eating once.

The other could only sing songs related to food, and even when being confessed to, the only thing she could think about was whether she could continue eating...

Looking at it that way... it seemed like their gluttony meter was on par with each other...

But other than their fixation over food, the two of them were miles apart from one another.

Soft Bun was very beautiful, with a sweet and adorable kind of charm.

As for Big White Chubby...

As those three words flashed across Lin Jiage's mind, a certain white and chubby unidentified lifeform appeared before his eyes once more.

Lin Jiage quickly shook his head to toss that image out of his mind before continuing down his previous line of thought.

... Big White Chubby, she had a good temperament and a direct personality. She was neither modest nor posturing, which made it very comfortable to be around her.

...

[Indeed. For a low-spec gamer like yourself, it can be considered incredible.]

Low-spec gamer...

Staring at those few words, Shi Yao suddenly regretted praising Mister Numbers.

Thinking back, this didn't seem like her first time being choked by his words either...

It was no wonder he rarely spoke. There was probably no one who was interested in talking to him as soon as he opened his mouth...

Shi Yao chose to remain silent as she continued munching on her li hing mui .

After the packet of li hing mui was cleared at a devastating speed, she suddenly recalled that [111111] hadn't responded to the message she'd sent him not too long ago.

Since he wasn't ignoring her at this moment, perhaps this would be a good opportunity for her to apologize and let bygones be bygones. This way, she wouldn't feel guilty anymore...

With such thoughts in mind, Shi Yao picked up her phone and began recalling the script she had prepared a week ago before she started typing.

[There is one thing which I think I should explain to you. I didn't mean to say those things to you last week.]

[I blurted out those words out of anger back then. Nevertheless, I still shouldn't have said those things to you, so I'm sorry.]

...

Lin Jiage was immersed in his own thoughts when he was suddenly brought back to reality by a notification from his WeChat. Looking at his phone, he dazedly stared at [Yao Loves Ice Cream]'s message for a moment before he suddenly realized that she was referring to how she called him an old virgin last week.

All of a sudden, Lin Jiage's expression became rather unnatural.

Truthfully, he had already read her message last week in his grandfather's ward, and he had planned to reply to her.

However, when he recalled her words, he suddenly felt a little embarrassed. Eventually, he deleted the message he'd typed out and tossed his phone aside instead.

It had been a week since then, and he thought that they could let this matter fade away with silence... but who'd have thought that Big White Chubby would be such a persistent person!

Nevertheless, given that the lady had already bucked up her courage to apologize to him, it would be unseemly of him to continue harboring a grudge over this.

Thus, Lin Jiage typed swiftly on his phone: [The matter is over. I've already forgotten about it.]

...

Upon seeing [111111]'s message, Shi Yao felt like a heavy burden on her heart had finally been lifted.

However, no girl would like it if someone were to call her a fatty. Not to mention, the kind that had trouble climbing into her bed. Thus, after a moment's dilemma, Shi Yao still decided to earnestly clarify things with [111111].

[Even though the matter is over and I've forgotten about it as well, I still want to say that I'm really not a fatty.]

Chapter 80: Speaking Against My Heart, What a Sin (2)

[Even though the matter is over and I've forgotten about it as well, I still want to say that I'm really not a fatty.]

[I'm really only 40 kg. On top of that, my height is also 1.65, not 1.4.]

[I'm a very active person, and I can definitely climb up to my bed. I can easily do a split anytime and anywhere. On top of that, I'm very nimble, and I'm very good at high jumping. In my high school's Sports Festival, I won first place in the female high jump competition!]

...

Lin Jiage was in the middle of drinking a cup of water when he saw the consecutive messages sent in by [Yao Loves Ice Cream]. The water in his mouth spurted out uncontrollably.

Did Big White Chubby have to be so adorable?

To actually clarify things with me so earnestly!

Didn't everyone on the internet act however they wanted to because of the veil of anonymity?

Alright, fine. You aren't a fatty, happy? You obstinate fatty!

Thinking of this, Lin Jiage typed on his phone and replied: [I believe you!]

In order to show his sincerity, he even changed his "." into a "!".

After sending the message, Lin Jiage casually placed his phone to the side.

A moment later, he picked up his phone again and began typing.

[It just so happens that I have something I would like to clarify with you too. I'm not an old virgin, this is called having self-love.]

[The reason why I've never had a girlfriend is because I'm not the type to play with people's feelings.]

[And it goes without saying that I'm not ugly, and men and gods alike do not spit in my presence. Also, my roommates don't lose their appetite when they see my face. On the contrary, I am very handsome.]

The number of ladies chasing after me can queue all the way to the open sea, and the number of confession letters I've received is more than the number of Math questions you've done!

[I'm really not bragging. I'm even more handsome than most male stars, and even as a kid, I've always been a school Adonis.

[It's only out of humility that I don't participate in those campus belle-campus hunk selections. If I was just a little bit more shameless, I'd sweep through all of them with ease!]

...

Shi Yao had just inserted a straw into a packet of yogurt drink and was drinking a huge mouthful when she suddenly saw the consecutive messages on her phone screen, nearly causing her to spurt it out.

It was fortunate that she managed to hold it in. Otherwise, it would be a huge pity to waste the yogurt drink like that.

But speaking of which, Mister Numbers sure knows how to boast.

Do you think I'm a fool? If you're really that handsome and have so many girls chasing after you, how could you possibly still be single after so many years?

It must be because we're on the internet that you can so confidently spout such lies!

Forget it. Since you said that you trusted me, I'll be merciful this time around and not expose you...

Thus, Shi Yao typed on her phone screen: [I believe you.]

Just as she was about to hit the send button, she suddenly recalled that Mister Numbers had used an exclamation mark to express his sincerity, so she changed her full stop into an exclamation mark as well.

At this point, she hesitated for a moment before adding two more exclamation marks, thus sending [I believe you!!!] over to him.

...

A second after Shi Yao sent her message, [Expert of the Monkeys] and [Juice] returned to the dormitory room and appeared in the [Sexy and Frisky] chat group.

[Yao Loves Ice Cream] and [111111] also stopped private messaging one another. With uncanny harmony, they thought "To have spoken against my heart, what a sin!" before getting back to the game.

...

The afternoon of the next day, after eating her lunch, Shi Yao took a public bus to the hospital to meet Grandpa Lin.

...

Lin Jiage had a class at two in the afternoon, so he lazed around in his dormitory room until 1:55 p.m. He then grabbed his books and leisurely made his way to class with Xia Shangzhou and Lu Benlai.

Halfway through, his phone rang. It was from the driver. “Young Master, there is one thing I forgot to tell you. Miss Shi said that she intends to visit Old Master Lin at the hospital later in the afternoon...”