

Bigoted 221

Chapter 221: Premeditated

Qin Shu ate her lunch as her mind wandered. She even thought about the question on the way back to the classroom.

When they reached a fork in the road, Ye Xue said, "Qin Shu, I'm going to the library. Why don't you go back to the classroom first."

Qin Shu nodded. "Sure."

Ye Xue walked towards the library.

Class 305

There were only three people in the classroom during lunchtime.

Wu Yue sat behind her desk and scanned the classroom. She saw that the other two were playing with their phones. She looked away and took off her wristwatch. She stared at the other two students and even looked at the classroom entrance lest anyone saw her.

She squatted down and walked all the way to Ye Xue's desk. She stuffed her wristwatch into her school bag and left in a hurry. She did not notice that a palm-sized notebook had fallen from the school bag to the ground.

Wu Yue returned to her seat and scanned her surroundings. When she was certain that no one had seen her, she stood up and walked out of the classroom openly.

As she was walking in a hurry, she bumped into Qin Shu who had just walked in. Her arm grew a little numb from the collision and she raised her hand up unhappily to rub her elbow. She said unhappily, "Can't you look where you are going?"

She snorted unhappily and left in a hurry.

Qin Shu watched on coldly as Wu Yue walked away. Then, she looked away and walked into the classroom.

She walked to her desk and sat down. She saw a notebook beside Ye Xue's chair and bent down to pick it up. She flipped to the first page and took a look at it.

When she saw the contents, she realized that it was a diary. The first page was about Jiang Yu.

Although Qin Shu was curious about what kind of person Jiang Yu was in Ye Xue's heart, she probably should not peep at someone's diary.

She bent down, opened the school bag, and stuffed the notebook into Ye Xue's school bag. Just as she was about to close the bag, something fell out from inside.

She looked down and saw that it was a wristwatch for women. A hint of doubt flashed in her eyes.

She had never seen Ye Xue wearing a wristwatch before. Moreover, the wristwatch was sized to a particular person. Ye Xue's wrist was not that slim. Although she had lost a lot of weight recently, the watch would still be a little tight on her.

However, the watch was very similar to the one Wu Yue had.

When Qin Shu came in earlier, the had that Wu Yue had raised did not seem to have a wristwatch on it.

She bent down and picked up the watch to take a look at the brand. It could be considered a branded watch. It cost fifty to sixty thousand yuan.

Ye Xue's family would not buy such a watch.

If it was Wu Yue's, what was it doing in Ye Xue's Bag?

Qin Shu's eyes were cold as she turned and looked at Wu Yue's desk. She stood up, walked over, and quietly stuffed the watch into Wu Yue's desk.

Then, she returned to her desk and sat down.

After lunch, the students walked into the classroom in twos and threes. The originally quiet classroom gradually became noisy.

Qin Shu took out her laptop from her desk and opened it, ready to do some practice questions.

Ye Xue also came back from the library, holding several borrowed books in her arms.

Qin Shu glanced at the books in Ye Xue's arms. Then, she looked at Ye Xue's face that had slimmed down so much that it was now an oval shape. Her eyes looked bigger than before, making her look like a doll. However, her eyes were covered by her bangs.

"Don't push yourself too hard. You need to relax before the college entrance exam. Don't give yourself pressure."

"I know. I can rest in the two days before the college entrance exam." Ye Xue placed the textbooks on her desk.

At this time, Wu Yue walked over from her seat angrily and said in a menacing tone, "Ye Xue, did you steal my watch? The watch I left in my bag is missing. Someone saw you leaving the classroom last."

Chapter 222: Guilty Conscience

Hao Yun, who had always gotten along well with Wu Yue, approached them from the back. "I saw you leaving the classroom last and you looked rather flustered. One look and I could tell that you have a guilty conscience."

Ye Xue was confused by the questioning. She looked at Wu Yue and Hao Yun and explained, "I didn't steal your wristwatch. I don't even know what your wristwatch looks like."

Wu Yue said, "Then let me search your bag. We will know whether you've stolen it once we search it."

Although Ye Xue was introverted and had low self-esteem, she was also stubborn. "I didn't steal it. Why should I let you search my bag?"

The students crowded around as if they were watching a show.

“Hey, did Ye Xue really steal something?”

“Probably. Ye Xue is always so quiet. Who knows if she’s a thief or not?”

“Wu Yue’s watch is worth tens of thousands of dollars. I heard from her last time that it’s worth a lot even if you resell it.”

“If Ye Xue had really stolen it, her guaranteed entrance to university will be revoked.”

“She won’t allow her bag to be searched. She must be feeling guilty, right?”

When Wu Yue saw that Ye Xue did not allow her to search her bag, a subtle smile flashed across her eyes. “If you don’t allow me to search, it means that you’re guilty. The watch must be in your school bag.”

“I said I didn’t steal it, so I didn’t steal it. Why must I let you search my bag?” Ye Xue sat there motionlessly, blocking the desk with her body so that no one could touch her schoolbag.

“Don’t you wear your watch on your wrist at all times? Why did you suddenly put it under your desk? Have you searched your desk properly?”

Qin Shu looked coldly at Wu Yue who was standing in front of her. At first, she had only been suspicious. She didn’t expect that Wu Yue had really wanted to frame Ye Xue so that she would lose her guaranteed entrance to university. The guaranteed spot would then go to Wu Yue since she had just one vote less than Ye Xue.

Wu Yue met Qin Shu’s gaze and felt inexplicably guilty. She looked away and her tone was no longer as arrogant as before. “I felt comfortable wearing it today, so I put it under my desk. I looked for it a few times but couldn’t find it. Ye Xue is the biggest suspect.”

Qin Shu said coldly, “That doesn’t mean that Ye Xue had stolen it. You have no right to search Ye Xue’s bag.”

Fu Tingyan and Jiang Yu walked into the classroom and saw that Qin Shu and Ye Xue’s desks were surrounded by people.

Could it be that something had happened?

Fu Tingyan furrowed his brows and walked over. He stood behind the crowd and spoke up. His voice was clear and had a hint of coldness in it. “Why are all of you gathered around here? Don’t you need to revise?”

The students turned around and saw Fu Tingyan and Jiang Yu standing behind them. All of them scattered. They returned to their desks and sat down but continued looking at Ye Xue as if they were watching a very entertaining show.

Wu Yue felt a little guilty when she saw Fu Tingyan and Jiang Yu. However, when she thought of how she had been the one to put the wristwatch into Ye Xue’s bag, she knew that Ye Xue would not be able to defend herself once the watch was discovered in her bag.

She pointed at Ye Xue and said confidently, "Jiang Yu, Ye Xue stole my wristwatch. I want to search her bag, but she refused. It's obvious that she's guilty."

Ye Xue saw Jiang Yu standing behind Fu Tingyan. She lowered her head and defended herself softly, "I didn't steal it."

Jiang Yu glanced at Ye Xue and turned to Wu Yue. "What evidence do you have to prove that Ye Xue had stolen your watch?"

"She was the last one to come out of the classroom during lunch and she looked sneaky. Just search her bag and you'll know if I've wronged her," said Wu Yue.

Qin Shu looked straight at Wu Yue and said, "Then what if you can't find the watch?"

"Then I'll apologize to her in front of the whole class. If I find the watch, she has to admit that she's a thief in front of the whole class." Wu Yue was filled with confidence.

Chapter 223: Go for the Wool and Come Home Shorn

Fu Tingyan and Jiang Yu looked at each other. They had grown up together, so they could tell what each other was thinking with just one look.

Jiang Yu looked at Ye Xue. "Give me your bag."

Ye Xue lowered her head, her cheeks were slightly red. She sat there without moving. She did not want Jiang Yu to search her bag because she was afraid that he would see the diary in it.

Jiang Yu frowned. "Are you going to admit that you're a thief?"

Ye Xue hurriedly replied, "I didn't steal it."

"You're still saying that you didn't steal it? You won't even let Young Master Jiang check your bag. You're clearly feeling guilty. You must have stolen it."

Jiang Yu's eyes darkened and he looked at Wu Yue coldly. "Can you shut up before we verify it?"

Wu Yue felt a chill run down her spine and didn't dare to say another word.

"Just let Jiang Yu take a look. Although searching your bag is disrespectful to you, this is the fastest and most effective method," Fu Tingyan said.

Jiang Yu's expression darkened. He felt that Ye Xue's character was really weak. She knew nothing else other than lowering her head.

Ye Xue pursed her lips tightly and finally took her bag out from the desk.

Jiang Yu took the bag and poured her things on the desk so that everyone could look at what was in it.

Other than a few books, homework, and notebooks, there was nothing else.

Wu Yue looked at the things on the desk in disbelief. The wristwatch was not in there. What was going on? She had clearly put the wristwatch in Ye Xue's bag. How could it be gone?

Jiang Yu looked at the things on the desk but didn't see the wristwatch. He looked at Wu Yue coldly and said, "Have you seen it clearly? Shouldn't you apologize to her in front of the entire class?"

Wu Yue's face turned pale.

It was time for Qin Shu to speak. "Wait a minute."

The few people in front of her looked at Qin Shu with confusion.

"After searching through Ye Xue's bag, shouldn't we search Wu Yue's desk as well? She said that she had searched her desk several times before she came, but she couldn't find the watch. She insisted that Ye Xue had stolen it even though she did not have any evidence. Was she trying to frame Ye Xue so that she would lose her guaranteed spot in uni?"

After Qin Shu said that, she glanced at Wu Yue. Wu Yue lowered her head guiltily and looked at Jiang Yu and Fu Tingyan.

Qin Shu had not said that she would search Ye Xue's bag herself when Jiang Yu had searched Ye Xue's bag because she and Ye Xue were on good terms. If she searched the bag and couldn't find the watch, Wu Yue might accuse her of helping Ye Xue.

"I'll go take a look."

Jiang Yu felt that what Qin Shu had said made sense. He walked straight to Wu Yue's desk and took out her bag. He squatted down and looked under the desk. He reached in and grabbed something that looked like a watch. He took it out immediately, it was indeed a watch.

He took the watch and showed it to the other students. Then he walked straight to Wu Yue and said coldly, "The watch was under your desk. What else do you have to say?"

Wu Yue's face turned red. She reached out and took the wristwatch back. She stammered and explained, "I looked for it just now and didn't see it. Maybe it was because I was too anxious, so I missed it."

Jiang Yu's voice was still cold. "Then apologize to Ye Xue in front of everyone."

Wu Yue pursed her lips and clutched the wristwatch tightly in her hand. She had clearly put it in Ye Xue's schoolbag. Why was it under her desk?

She suddenly remembered that Qin Shu had entered the classroom early. Could it be that she had discovered it and sent the watch back?

Wu Yue was puzzled. She walked to the podium unwillingly and said to the entire class, "I was wrong to accuse Ye Xue. It was because of my own carelessness that I didn't search through my desk properly before accusing her. I'm sorry, Ye Xue."

Chapter 224: Treated to a Meal by the Old Madam

Wu Yue returned to her seat after saying that. She clenched the watch in her hand tightly and thought to herself that Qin Shu must have done it. There was no one else but her who could have done it.

She had originally wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to get the guaranteed spot so she could go to Imperial College.

Now, she had nothing and was even embarrassed in front of the entire class.

She had to teach Qin Shu a lesson.

A vicious look flashed across Wu Yue's eyes.

After Ye Xue was cleared of suspicions, there was no drama to watch. The other students went about their own business.

Ye Xue lowered her head and hurriedly put her things into her school bag. The first thing she took was her notebook and she hurriedly stuffed it into her school bag. Fortunately, Jiang Yu didn't see it, which made her sigh in relief.

After the matter was settled, Fu Tingyan and Jiang Yu returned to their respective seats.

To them, what had happened just now was just a small episode.

After Ye Xue finished packing up, she started to revise and didn't take what happened just now to heart.

That was because the other students wouldn't be nice to her because of what had happened. On the contrary, they would hurl malicious words at her because of it.

Qin Shu also took out her laptop and started to do some practice questions.

During class on the afternoon, the form teacher announced that there would be two days of break before the college entrance examination.

That is to say, they only had to go to school tomorrow before they can have a break to destress. The college entrance examination would follow shortly after that.

Summer vacation would come after the college entrance examination.

During summer break, she would have to go to the company with Fu Tingyu. Was she really going to be his personal secretary?

There didn't seem to be anything else for her to do.

Fu Tingyan was also stuck in a rut. He felt down whenever he remembered that he had to go to the company to work during the summer vacation.

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After school-

Bright Garden

Qin Shu walked to the living room sofa and sat down, placing her school bag casually to the side. She took the dessert on the glass coffee table and took a bite from it because she was hungry.

Housekeeper Shi approached her and said, “Madam, Housekeeper Fu, who works for Old Madam, says that Old Madam wants to take you to the family home to eat dinner.”

Qin Shu stopped chewing. Then, she chewed quickly and swallowed her food. “Did Housekeeper Fu say anything else?”

“No, Housekeeper Fu is waiting outside.” Housekeeper Shi reminded her kindly.

Upon hearing that Housekeeper Fu was waiting outside, Qin Shu didn’t dare to dawdle. She hurriedly ate the dessert in her hand and poured a cup of water from the kettle. She brought the cup to her mouth and drank a few mouthfuls of water.

Only then did she stand up and walk out hurriedly.

Housekeeper Shi stood still. After thinking for a while, he still chased after her. “Madam, do you want to call Sir and tell him about this?”

Qin Shu shook her head. “No need. He’s so busy. It would be a waste of his time getting him to come back and forth.”

After saying that, Qin Shu walked out.

Housekeeper Shi stood at the same spot. He wondered if he should call Sir.

“Housekeeper Shi, why do you look so stressed?”

Wang Ma asked Housekeeper Shi when she passed by the living room.

“Old Madam asked Housekeeper Fu to pick Madam up for dinner at the old residence. I am wondering if I should call Sir.” Housekeeper Shi was a little worried.

“You better don’t. Madam has been doing pretty good recently. It’s just a meal. If Sir goes there and causes a misunderstanding, it would be bad.” Wang Ma said after some thought.

Housekeeper Shi nodded in agreement: “You are right.”

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Qin Shu came out of the house and saw a black Maserati parked at the door. It was a very low-key car.

Housekeeper Fu stood by the car door. The back seat door was open.

Housekeeper Fu had always worked for the old madam and he had worked for her for decades. He was rather high-ranking in the household.

Qin Shu nodded at Housekeeper Fu when she passed him. Only then did she get into the car.

Chapter 225: Fu Tingyan Has Something to Say

After Qin Shu got into the car, Housekeeper Fu closed the door and turned around to get into the passenger seat.

The driver drove to the old residence.

No one talked along the way

Fu residence-

After getting out of the car, Qin Shu followed Housekeeper Fu all the way into De An Courtyard of the Fu residence.

De An Courtyard was the old madam's residence. The old madam took her meals in her own courtyard unless it was a formal occasion.

Fu Tingyan lived in the same courtyard as the old madam for now.

Qin Shu followed Housekeeper Fu into the dining room.

In the dining room, were ten dishes and one soup on the round mahogany table. She could smell the aroma of the dishes the moment she walked in.

There were three people sitting around the round mahogany table. They were the old madam, Fu Tingyan, and Xu Wei. They were chatting and laughing together.

When she saw Xu Wei, she could roughly guess why Grandma suddenly called her over for dinner.

If she was not wrong, Xu Wei must have said something in front of her grandmother after she was angered by the little yellow duck.

When the old madam saw Qin Shu walking in, she didn't show much emotion. However, there was a smile in her eyes. Was it because she was in a good mood because of what they were talking about?

"You must be hungry. Sit down and eat first."

When Qin Shu heard this, she quickened her pace and walked to the round mahogany table. There was an empty seat between the old madam and Fu Tingyan, so she walked to the empty seat and sat down.

After she sat down, she looked up at the old madam and called out politely, "Grandma."

The old madam nodded. "Everyone must be hungry. Let's eat first."

Fu Tingyan saw that Qin Shu was the only one who came. A trace of doubt flashed across his narrow eyes. He looked at the old madam. "Grandma, Why didn't you ask my elder brother over for dinner?"

The old madam said, "Your brother is busy. Maybe next time."

"Tingyu is indeed very busy these days. Sometimes, he's so busy that he doesn't even have time to eat."

At this point, Xu Wei looked at Qin Shu across from her and reminded her in a seemingly friendly manner, "You're his girlfriend. You should show more concern for him. I feel that he seems to have lost some weight recently. He's probably too busy."

When the old madam heard this, she nodded in agreement. "Weiwei is still more meticulous. Yu has a lot on his shoulders in this position. He must be too busy to come back for dinner these days."

After the old madam said that, she looked at Qin Shu and said with a heavier tone, "You should learn from her. You can't help him at the office, so you have to deal with the matters at home well. Don't let Yu worry about the outside and also worry about what's going on at home."

Qin Shu nodded obediently and replied, "I know, Grandma. I'll work hard to lessen the burden on Yu."

The old madam looked at Qin Shu for a few seconds. "Don't just be all talk and no action. Weiwei was born into a wealthy family and knows more than you. Get Weiwei to teach you."

"I have worried you, Grandma. I will definitely consult Miss Xu on the things I don't know. Don't worry." Qin Shu looked at Xu Wei with a smile on her lips. "I'll have to trouble Miss Xu."

"Our two families are close friends. You won't be troubling me. You're too polite," Xu Wei said.

Fu Tingyan lowered his head and ate the food in front of him. Listening to the three women chatting was really boring.

However, his brother wasn't there.

Should he say a few words?

It was really too difficult for him.

"Even if she's a family friend, Miss Xu has to be busy with her own matters every day. It's really not easy for her to take time out from her busy schedule."

"It's alright. I still have a lot of things to learn from Tingyu. It can also be considered mutual assistance, so you don't have to feel embarrassed."

The old madam also spoke at this moment, "Weiwei is right. You should take the time to learn etiquette."

Fu Tingyan suddenly raised his head and looked at the old madam. "Grandma, sister-in-law is still a student. Her studies are the most important thing for her to focus on right now. She can learn all that after she graduates."

Chapter 226: Surprise After Shock

Qin Shu tilted her head and glanced at Fu Tingyan. She was a little surprised that he would speak up for her.

Fu Tingyan glanced at Qin Shu, he thought, "What are you looking at? I'm helping my brother."

The old madam looked at Fu Tingyan. She thought for a moment and also felt that what he said made some sense.

"What little Yan said makes some sense. After the college entrance exam, the school schedule would be more relaxed. I will be busy during the day. I can find time to go to Bright Garden to teach Qin Shu at night," Xu Wei said.

This reminded the old madam that the college entrance exam was coming up, which meant that it was also summer vacation.

“Summer vacation starts in a few days. Xiao Shu has nothing to do anyway, so it’s settled. Let’s eat.”

Qin Shu didn’t say anything. She picked up her chopsticks and started eating.

No one noticed the smile that came across Xu Wei’s face. Xu Wei also picked up her chopsticks and began to eat.

Fu Tingyan shrugged helplessly. He did and said everything he could. It was really not his fault that he couldn’t make the situation pleasing for his brother.

After dinner, the old madam brought the three of them to the pavilion in the backyard to chat.

There was a gazebo in the backyard. Behind the gazebo was an artificial mountain. A lotus pond sat to the right-hand side.

The lotus flowers in the pond were all blooming at the time.

Sitting in the gazebo, besides the rustling of the leaves in the wind, one could also hear the sound of insects from time to time.

On the stone table in the gazebo, some melons and fruits had just been taken out of the refrigerator. They were all cut, and there was a fruit fork next to the fruits.

Xu Wei chatted with the old madam. Her jokes amused the old madam.

Qin Shu sat obediently at the side. She would occasionally jump in and amuse the old madam as well. But she was actually wondering if Fu Tingyu had returned to Bright Garden.

Xu Wei suddenly looked at Qin Shu and asked, “Qin Shu, what do you think is the most important thing to look out for when in the upper-class society?”

The old madam also turned her head to look at Qin Shu, waiting for an answer.

Qin Shu was distracted, so she didn’t hear what Xu Wei said clearly. She looked at the two people sitting across from her. One was waiting for her to make a fool of herself, while the other was looking forward to hearing her answer.

What did Xu Wei say just now?

Fu Tingyan, who was sitting at the side and quietly eating melons, was bored by the women’s conversation.

He had just finished eating a piece of melon and was about to take another piece when he noticed Qin Shu’s troubled state. He coughed lightly and said, “Grandma, sister-in-law was not born into a wealthy family. How could she know what to look out for when in the upper-class society? Isn’t asking her something like this troubling for her?”

Xu Wei was not pleased with what Fu Tingyan did. Why was Fu Tingyan always helping Qin Shu? Didn’t he hate Qin Shu a lot?

Qin Shu now knew what Xu Wei’s question was. Since Fu Tingyan had covered for her, there was no need for her to answer the question.

The old madam was stunned when she heard what Fu Tingyan said, but she soon laughed. "Little Yan is right. How could I have forgotten? You'll know all about etiquettes as you get more involved in this world in the future."

To ease the awkwardness, Xu Wei picked up the fruit fork, got a piece of watermelon from the fruit plate, and handed it to the old madam. "Grandma, please eat a watermelon."

The old madam smiled and took the watermelon from Xu Wei. She brought it to her mouth and took a bite. The watermelon was very sweet.

"It's quite sweet. You guys should try it too."

Xu Wei also got a piece of watermelon for herself and took a bite. "Grandma, it's so sweet."

Qin Shu had already eaten two or three pieces of watermelon. She picked up another one. Then, out of the corner of her eye, she saw fireflies beside the artificial mountain. She suddenly remembered the fireflies that Fu Tingyu struggled to prepare for her. This made Qin Shu think of an idea.

She stood up and walked out of the gazebo. While eating the watermelon, she walked toward the artificial mountain.

When she reached the artificial mountain, she looked at the dancing fireflies in the grass and walked over.

She reached the grass field. Qin Shu was about to bend down to catch a firefly when a big hand covered her mouth.

Chapter 227: Try It For Yourself

Then, the person who covered her mouth dragged her behind the artificial mountain.

The artificial mountain was hollow in the middle. There was just enough for two people to squeeze in.

Qin Shu's back pressed against the hard stone wall. The uneven surface of the stone wall felt a little jarring. Qin Shu was shocked. Just as she was about to use all her strength to break free from the other party's grip, the person leaned closer to her ear and whispered,

"Bao'er, it's me."

She heard the familiar male voice. It was deep and masculine. Qin Shu's loosened her grip.

Soon, Qin Shu was surrounded by the man's unique scent and the faint smell of tobacco from him.

The man removed his hand, which covered Qin Shu's mouth.

"Little Shu, where are you?"

The old madam said. She sounded anxious and worried.

Qin Shu wanted to step out of the artificial mountain, but the man grabbed her wrist. It was obvious that he didn't want Qin Shu to leave.

So, Qin Shu took two steps forward and exposed half of her body. She called out to the old madam, "Grandma, I'm catching fireflies. I'll be back soon."

The artificial mountain was only seven or eight meters away from the gazebo. Lights were hanging at the top of the gazebo, but no lights were hanging from the artificial mountain.

There was a street lamp two meters away from the artificial mountain, emitting a weak light.

Therefore, it was dark near the artificial mountain. People in the gazebo couldn't see the details of the artificial mountain clearly.

The old madam didn't ask any more questions when she heard Qin Shu's response. She went back to chatting with Xu Wei.

Qin Shu's body stiffened because the man leaned over from behind her. He rested his chin on her right shoulder and hugged her from behind.

"Why did you come without saying a word? Aren't you going to greet your grandmother?"

He must have returned to Bright Garden first. When he didn't see her there, he asked butler Shi and found out her whereabouts. Then, he rushed over.

"I don't want her to know that I'm here." The man's masculine voice felt hot on her ears. It was a little itchy for Qin Shu.

He actually asked his Fu Tingyan, his brother, through text while he was on his way over.

His younger brother said that it was fine.

That was why he appeared in such a manner.

Qin Shu asked in confusion, "You ambushed here. How did you know that I would come over to the artificial mountain?"

"Bao'er likes fireflies," the man answered matter-of-factly.

"Could it be that you were the one who put these fireflies here?"

The man nodded.

Qin Shu's eyes flashed with surprise. No wonder she didn't see any fireflies in the beginning.

Then the fireflies appeared out of nowhere.

How did he know that she would definitely come over if she saw the fireflies?

Fu Tingyu tightened his arms around Qin Shu. He said in a low voice, "Bao'er, were you well treated?"

Qin Shu chuckled softly. "I'm just here to eat. Of course, I was well treated. Besides, your grandma is actually quite nice. She knew that you've been busy recently and was a little worried about you not eating."

Qin Shu suddenly recalled the time he went to the Lake of No Return to catch fireflies. The memories still made Qin Shu feel nervous for him.

“You didn’t go to the Lake of No Return to catch these fireflies again, did you?”

“No, I saw them on the way here. I caught them on the way.”

On the way to the old house, there was a park. On the right side of the park was a large patch of grass, and fireflies often appeared there in summer.

On the way?

The fourth master of Jiang City went to the park to catch fireflies?

That didn’t sound right. The fourth master of Jiang City was a noble, ascetic prince who could change the weather if he wanted to.

When Fu Tingyu hugged Qin Shu, he felt her flat stomach. It felt as if she had had enough food.

“How much did you eat for dinner?”

“A bowl of rice.”

The man frowned. “Why only one bowl?”

“I just ate a few pieces of watermelon. I’m full.”

The man paused, “Is it sweet?”

Chapter 228: Bao’er is Enough For Me

The man frowned. “Why did you only eat one bowl?”

“I ate a few watermelons just now. I’m full.”

The man paused, “Is it sweet?”

Qin Shu recalled the taste of the sweet melon she ate and replied, “It’s quite sweet...”

She couldn’t finish her sentence because she felt the man getting closer to her from behind.

“I should go back. Grandma will definitely be worried if I take any longer.”

“Someone is chatting with her.” Fu Tingyu didn’t let go of Qin Shu. Instead, he tightened his arms a little. He was reluctant to part with Qin Shu.

He liked to quietly hug his Bao’er like this. He also liked the harmonious atmosphere around them at the moment. It made him sink deeper into this moment and became unwilling to extricate himself.

In summer, in a narrow space, it was unusually stuffy and hot.

Qin Shu’s forehead was full of sweat. She glanced at the old madam and Xu Wei, who were still chatting in the pavilion. She said, “Grandma likes Xu Wei very much.”

“You have me.” The man’s voice was full of love and doting.

Qin Shu looked at the man in the darkness. The moon was hidden behind the clouds, so Qin Shu couldn’t see his eyebrows and eyes clearly. But she saw the frightening whites of his eyes.

His sharp and cold outline showed a trace of gentleness. She was lost in his change of expression for a while.

There was a long silence.

Fu tingyu called softly, "Bao'er."

Qin Shu answered, "Hmm?"

"I will always be by your side."

The man said in a deep and masculine voice. Qin Shu was lost again in his promise.

"Qin Shu, where are you?"

Qin Shu wanted to ask him if anything was wrong, but she heard Fu Tingyan's call. She swallowed back her question.

"Excuse me."

Qin Shu pushed his arms away and walked out of the artificial mountain.

Qin Shu left his embrace. Fu Tingyu froze in the spot before coming back to his senses.

He saw the girl's thin figure disappear into the night. He was not in a hurry to leave. Instead, he took a step back and leaned his back against the rock wall of the artificial mountain. He took out a cigarette box from his pocket and put a cigarette into his mouth before lighting it up.

He took a deep breath in, and the strong taste of tobacco entered his mouth. Then, smoke slowly flowed out from the corner of his mouth and blended into the night.

The gap inside the artificial mountain was not deep. Qin Shu turned around, took three steps, and was out of the artificial mountain.

After Qin Shu left, she saw Fu Tingyan's slender figure coming out of the artificial mountain from the side. He stepped into the moonlight.

With his back against the moonlight, his appearance was shrouded in the shadows, and he looked somewhat similar to Fu Tingyu.

Fu Tingyan also saw Qin Shu. He had been sitting in the gazebo and didn't see her come back for a long time. He was afraid that something bad had happened, so he came searching for her.

"Can you not run around?"

It would make things difficult for him, the brother of Fu Tingyu.

If Fu Tingyan ignored her and something happened to her, his brother would be upset.

If Fu Tingyan didn't ignore her, he would feel like a bodyguard who constantly worried about her safety.

Fu Tingyan thought that his brother wouldn't come after the message.

"I saw the fireflies in the grass. They were pretty, so I stayed there and watched for a while."

Qin Shu glanced at the gap of the artificial mountain behind her. She could smell the faint smell of tobacco, which meant that the man hadn't left yet. He was hiding inside and smoking.

Qin Shu had a feeling that the man was acting weird lately.

It was not the first time that he had said that he would always be by her side.

However, he said it with extra determination tonight, as if he was using all his will.

"What's so good about fireflies?"

Fu Tingyan said and then turned around. He did not return to the gazebo. He was walking towards his room.

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Chapter 229: Couldn't Wait to See Him

"What's so good about fireflies?"

Fu Tingyan left after saying that. He didn't return to the gazebo but walked towards his room instead.

Qin Shu took a look at the fireflies in the grass and thought that they looked like the stars in the sky. They were quite beautiful.

She glanced at the gazebo and walked over.

Inside the artificial mountain.

Fu Tingyu stood tall and upright. His black suit blended into the night.

There was only the flickering flame from his cigarette in the dark.

When the cigarette between his fingers burned out, the man who hid in the night finally moved. He stepped out of the artificial mountain and left.

Outside the courtyard wall

Shi Yan was leaning against the car door. His figure was lean and tall. He crossed his arms over his chest and held a cigarette between his fingers. He looked at the wall in front of him with his head tilted. It had been quite a while since Fu Tingyu had gone in.

What kind of master would climb over the wall instead of using the front door of his own home?

The moment Shi Yan saw the fourth master climb over the wall, he had the feeling that the fourth master was not here to bring Qin Shu home. He was here to kidnap her.

Just as Shi Yan was fantasizing about the fourth master's plan, a vigorous figure jumped down from the top of the wall and landed steadily on the ground.

The fourth master did not kidnap Qin Shu.

Shi Yan threw away the cigarette, extinguished it with his foot, and went up to Fu Tingyu.

“Fourth master.”

“Let’s go back.”

Fu Tingyu said concisely and walked towards the car behind Shi Yan. Fu Tingyu opened the car door and got in.

Shi Yan looked at the fourth master, who had already entered the car. Fu Tingyu looked like he was in a good mood, which was different from Shi Yan’s expectations.

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Qin Shu returned to the gazebo. Before long, the old madam asked butler Fu to send Qin Shu home.

The old madam thought that little Yu would rush over if he learned that Qin Shu had come to the old residence.

To the old madam’s surprise, her grandson didn’t show up.

She did not keep Qin Shu for too long, because even if little Yu did not come, her grandson would definitely be worried if Qin Shu stayed for too long.

On the way back

Qin Shu sat quietly in the back seat of the car and looked out the window at the night view. She was glad that Fu Tingyu did not just barge into the old residence. Because that would only make the old madam hate her even more.

At the Bright Garden

Qin Shu pushed open the car door and got out. Butler Fu also got out of the car. He looked like he wanted to make sure that Qin Shu enters the Bright Garden safely.

He was a man of few words. His face was cold and stern, testimony to his experience.

Qin Shu nodded to Butler Fu and then stepped into the Bright Garden.

Butler Fu watched Qin Shu walked into the building before leaving.

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Ning Meng waited at the door. When she saw Qin Shu, she immediately went up to her.

“Young madam, why didn’t you come back with the fourth master?”

When the fourth master learned that Qin Shu had been taken to the old residence by the old madam, he hurried over.

But Qin Shu came back alone.

Qin Shu recalled how the man hid behind the artificial mountain and used fireflies to lure her over. She could not help but smile. "I was chatting with grandma. Is he in the study room right now?"

"Yes, the fourth master went straight to the study room right after he came back. He doesn't seem angry," Ning Meng said in a low voice.

"I'll go check on him."

Qin Shu walked briskly and walked to the study room on the second floor.

Ning Meng scratched her head in confusion. She had thought that there would at least be some drama tonight.

But there's not even a hint of drama.

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Qin Shu walked to the door of the study room and pushed it open. She saw Fu Tingyu, who was sitting at the brown writing desk, right away.

He had taken off his black suit. He wore a white shirt, which made his already excessively fair skin appear even whiter.

Chapter 230: Wanted to Keep Her

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Very few men wear white shirts, but it was undeniable that Fu Tingyu looked really good in a white shirt.

Fu Tingyu heard the door open and looked up. He saw the girl's thin figure walk over. His eyes were locked on her.

Qin Shu walked to the desk and stood still. The man's stare made her feel a little helpless.

"The day after tomorrow, I will have two days off from school. After that, it's the college entrance exam." What Qin Shu really wanted to ask is what she'd do at the company during summer vacation.

Fu Tingyu put down the pen in his hand, turned the leather chair, and faced the girl. "Bao'er, come here."

The man's deep voice was masculine. It carried some kind of charm that made Qin Shu move without her knowing.

The man grabbed her arm. The next thing you know, Qin Shu was in the man's arms.

Fu Tingyu stretched out his slender fingers and smoothed the hair on Qin Shu's forehead behind her ears. He looked into the girl's start, bright eyes with his dark eyes, and said in a low voice, "I've already arranged the hotel rooms. Ye Luo will send you and little Yan to the hotel."

Qin Shu nodded obediently. "Okay."

Fu Tingyu suddenly leaned forward, and Qin Shu could not help but lean back. Her back was right against the edge of the dark brown desk.

He leaned closer to her and stared at her for a long time before asking in a low voice, "Do you want me to go with you?"

As long as his Bao'er asked him to go with her, he would cancel everything on his schedule.

Qin Shu thought of how busy Fu Tingyu had been recently and could not help but feel a little sorry for him. If she asked him to go with her, it would definitely make his future schedule even busier.

Qin Shu shook her head. "It's ok. It's just an exam. Ye Luo will be accompanying me, you can rest assured and take care of your work. Otherwise, you'll be even busier."

Qin Shu thought that there was no need to arrange the hotel in advance. It's always the same hotel anyway.

A trace of disappointment flashed through the man's pitch-black eyes.

"Are you nervous about the college entrance exam?"

Qin Shu smiled and shook her head. "Not really. I'll treat it like a normal exam. I'll definitely get into Imperial College."

The man said softly, "A local university is not too bad, you know."

"But never as good as Imperial College. Besides, didn't you say that you wanted to enter Imperial College? I'm a woman of my word. I've already made a promise with Ye Xue to go to Imperial College together."

Qin Shu said it matter-of-factly.

Fu Tingyu paused. Did he say that he wanted her to attend Imperial College?

Imperial College was so far from Jiang City...

Qin Shu then said, "Imperial College is not too far from Jiang City. It's four hours by high-speed rail, and even faster by plane."

Fu Tingyu was speechless. That's very far away. Was Imperial College closer to Jiang City than Linxi Middle School?

"I haven't traveled far before. This can be considered training for my independence. Don't worry, I can take care of myself."

Qin Shu talked on and on. She didn't notice that the man was looking worried and uneasy.

Independence?

He glanced at the big desk behind the girl and suddenly stood up. Looking at her, his eyes darkened. "What do you think of the desk behind you?"

Qin Shu turned her head and glanced at the desk behind her. The desk was very big. It was even big enough for a person to lie on top of it and rest.

The surface of the desk was smooth. It shined under the light.

She smiled and said, "Not bad."

The man's tall and straight figure suddenly pressed down on Qin Shu, then he whispered into the girl's ear.

Qin Shu froze.

Outside the window, the wind blew. The top of the tree swayed in the wind, and there was the sound of rustling leaves. Occasionally, the cries of insects could be heard, as if they were talking about the stuffy heat of summer.