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Chapter 241 Why Are You Treating Him?

For a moment, the atmosphere was a little awkward. Lu Qing stood at the door while Zhuang Liu and Tan Rou stood beside Old Master Lu's bed. Old Master Lu had not woken up yet, and the room was very quiet.

Lu Qing took a few steps forward and walked to the middle of the room. He looked at Tan Rou and asked nervously, "Have you been treating my grandfather?"

Tan Rou calmly put away the acupuncture tools and smiled at him. "Didn't you already see everything?" Anyway, now that he had found out, there was no need to deny it. She could just settle the score with him.

Lu Qing felt even more complicated after hearing that. They were classmates in the morning, but in the next moment, she had become his grandfather's savior and the Lu family's savior. However, he had no idea about all of this. If he hadn't been discovered today, who knew how long more would Tan Rou hide from them?

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"Why?" Lu Qing asked.

"Why did you secretly treat my grandfather? Why didn't you tell me?"

Tan Rou didn't answer his questions. Instead, she changed the topic to the treatment fees. "Since you've found out about this, let's discuss the treatment fees." She sat back in her chair, as if she really wanted to calculate the treatment fee with Lu Qing.

Lu Qing was dumbfounded. Didn't he ask her why she did this? How did the conversation turn to the treatment fees?"

"Since it's a treatment, it definitely can't be for free." Tan Rou counted with her fingers. "Including this treatment, there are a total of four treatments. There's also the calming Incense and pills that I usually use. They're all made with the best herbs. Since we are classmates, I'll give you a 20% discount. The total is 800,000 yuan. Do you want to pay with cash or a bank transfer?"

Lu Qing was even more confused. How was it that she had already come up with a number? 800,000 yuan was not a lot of money to him. Moreover, his grandfather had to spend tens of thousands of yuan a day in the ward. The Lu family did not care about money, but Tan Rou's words made him a little uncomfortable.

"I'll transfer it. I don't have that much cash on me." Lu Qing would not deny her money. After all, his grandfather had really improved.

Tan Rou gave him her account number. "Just transfer it to this card."

Lu Qing transferred the money to Tan Rou on the spot.

"Then we'll leave first." After Tan Rou received the money, she decided to leave first. "If you need further treatment, please send me a message. Of course, if you don't want to, I have nothing to say."

Lu Qing had already understood the importance of acupuncture treatment to his grandfather from the attending doctor. He could not find any other good Chinese medicine doctor at the moment, and every doctor had their own treatment methods. It was taboo to change doctors during the treatment process, so he still hoped that Tan Rou would continue treating his grandfather.

"Wait a minute... When is the next treatment?" Lu Qing asked.

Tan Rou knew that Lu Qing would make such a choice. She did not act arrogant and told him directly, "The next treatment is in a week. If you are worried, you can come and watch.

Lu Qing nodded. "I understand. I'll be there during the next treatment."

Tan Rou and Zhuang Liu packed their things and were about to leave. Lu Qing called out to them again, "My grandfather's condition..."

Tan Rou glanced at the sleeping Old Master Lu and told Lu Qing, "He can already be discharged. It's not a good idea to stay in the ward for a long time. Besides, he doesn't need a breathing machine and nutrient fluids now. Instead of spending a lot of money lying in the hospital, it's better to spend more money to nourish Old Master Lu's body."

She took out an ancient porcelain bottle. "This is an awakening incense. If you want Old Master Lu to wake up early, you can let him smell it. However, I suggest that he should sleep more. Sleep is very important to the elderly."

Lu Qing took the bottle. "I understand."

Tan Rou pushed Zhuang Liu's wheelchair and prepared to leave. At this moment, Xiao Mo, who was supposed to be guarding the door, suddenly appeared. Seeing the room full of people and the unfriendly guard at the door, Xiao Mo shivered.

"Third Young Master, Miss Tan Rou..." The weather was hot, and Xiao Mo was very nervous. He was so anxious that he was sweating. "... I went to the toilet."

Tan Rou didn't say anything. Zhuang Liu glanced at him and said, "If you hadn't been with me all these years, I would hire a new assistant now."

Tan Rou spoke up for Xiao Mo. "Well, let's go first and not disturb Old Master Lu's rest."

Chapter 242 Reason for Resistance

Lu Qing still wanted to say something to persuade them to stay, but now that the acupuncture had been done, the pills had been given to him, and the bill had been paid, Lu Qing had no reason to persuade them to stay.

"Tan Rou, why did you save my grandfather?" Lu Qing asked again when Tan Rou and the others walked out of the ward. He was looking forward to hearing another reason from Tan Rou.

Under his expectant gaze, Tan Rou said a very straightforward and reasonable reason, "Because the Lu family is very rich. I want to make money, can't I?"

When Zhuang Liu heard her say this, he felt comfortable and his expression became much better. Xiao Mo heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that the Third Young Master's mood had improved. He could probably keep his job now.

With that, Tan Rou pushed her wheelchair and left quickly.

Lu Qing was still in a daze. He didn't want to hear that as a reason, but this reason was reasonable. What other reason did he want to hear? It couldn't be that she had special thoughts about him, right? He was too narcissistic.

Tan Rou was outstanding, not only in her studies. He had thought that both of them were students and the only difference between them was the first and second place in grades. Now, it seemed that Tan Rou was already at the peak, and he was the small tree under the protection of the big tree at the foot of the mountain.

Due to how the entire thing had been discovered and they had spent some time talking to each other, Old Master Lu woke up very quickly after Tan Rou and the others left. The incense that Tan Rou had given him was not strong to begin with, and the timing was just right. Since they had spent a little more time at the hospital today, the effect of the incense had already passed by the time they left.

"Little Qing... Why are you standing there in a daze?" Old Master Lu called out to him.

When Lu Qing heard that his grandfather had woken up, he hurried to the bedside. "Grandfather, how are you feeling?"

Old Master Lu felt refreshed and light. "I feel much better. He saw the bottle in Lu Qing's hand and asked, "Did the doctor come?"

"Yes." Lu Qing placed the bottle on the bedside table. "We found out that they were messing with the surveillance cameras today. When I rushed to the hospital, they were about to leave."

Old Master Lu was a little annoyed. "Why didn't you ask him to stay? I still have to thank him properly." They had talked about that person before, and they all agreed that he was a highly respected old saint.

Lu Qing thought to himself that not only was it not the old saint, it was not the esteemed old man, but it was a young girl. She was so young that it was hard to believe that she had such medical skills.

"Grandpa, that doctor isn't old at all." Lu Qing said.

When Old Master Lu heard that the doctor isn't old, he thought of a man who was around 40 years old. It was not bad for him to be accomplished at this age. "Ohh"

"Grandfather, don't worry. I've already paid the doctor. The doctor said that you can go home to recuperate." Lu Qing informed his grandfather about what the doctor said.

Hearing that he could go home, Old Master Lu was very happy. He lifted the blanket and urged, "Quick, quick, help me with the discharge procedures!"

Lu Qing finally smiled. "Okay, okay, okay. I'll do it now. Don't worry."

Lying on the bed, Old Master Lu felt more and more uncomfortable. If he had met this divine doctor earlier, would his wife still be able to joke with him now?

Many years ago, his wife fell ill. At that time, a Chinese doctor came to treat her. Back then, the other doctors said that there was no cure for her and so he could only allow this traditional medicine doctor to treat her.

In the beginning, his wife was getting better, but gradually, she became thinner and thinner. The doctor said that it was normal and even asked him for a large sum of money for treatment. Old Master Lu was skeptical, but for his wife, he still gave it to the doctor.

In the end, his wife still left. She died of emaciation, the kind that could not be saved.

Old Master Lu was devastated and immediately sent people to investigate the cause of his wife's death. It turned out that the doctor had used many taboo drugs during the treatment. These drugs contained uncontrollable toxins and were not approved for use. The doctor had used them illegally, causing his wife to die quickly.

The doctor, who had long planned this, disappeared without a trace after receiving the money. Even after his wife passed away, Old Master Lu still could not trace the whereabouts of this quack. From then on, Old Master Lu no longer believed in traditional medicine.

His wife had passed away, and his son and daughter-in-law had also died in an accident. Now, only the oldest and the youngest of the family were still alive. Fortunately, they had a benefactor to help them this time. Otherwise, this family would have fallen apart.

Chapter 243 The Vicious Family

Tan Jing had been busy dealing with Tan Rou recently and had forgotten to find a doctor for Lu Qing's grandfather. That day, she suddenly heard the news that Old Master Lu had been discharged from the hospital. She was stunned for a while before she reacted.

"Mom, Old Master Lu has been discharged." Tan Jing said happily to Chen Yi.

Chen Yi was a little surprised. "Didn't you say that he was seriously ill? Why did he suddenly get discharged?"

Tan Jing said, "Mom, there are only two situations when you're discharged. One is when you're cured, and you go home. The other is when you're desperate, and there's no need to stay any longer. Think about it. There's been no news from Old Master Lu for so many days. It can't be that his health has improved. Moreover, it's not like his family can't afford to stay in a high-class ward. Now that he's suddenly discharged, he must have given up on treatment."

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"Since they've given up on treatment, then let's not waste our time." Chen Yi said.

"No! This is our chance!" Tan Jing said anxiously.

Chen Yi didn't understand. They have already given up on treatment, so what chance did they still have? "What chance?"

Tan Jing smiled and said, "If we bring the doctor over now and cure Old Master Lu, won't it be to our credit? If he can't be cured, it means that his life is bound to be over, and they won't blame us for it. Moreover, if we go over now and offer to treat Old Master Lu, regardless of whether he is cured or not, the Lu family will definitely be grateful."

Chen Yi was enlightened and praised her daughter's intelligence. "As expected of my good daughter. You're incredibly smart and capable."

"Mom, quickly call and ask where Dr. Peter is." Tan Jing was burning with anxiety. She wished she could bring the doctor to the Lu family now so that Old Master Lu would not die early.

"Got it." Chen Yi immediately took out her phone to ask for news about Dr. Peter.

Tan Jing was overjoyed. As long as she seized the opportunity to help Lu Qing save his grandfather, Lu Qing would thank her regardless of whether she succeeded or not. As long as Lu Qing owed this to Tan Jing, things would be much easier in the future.

When the time came, the first thing she asked Lu Qing to do was to stay away from Tan Rou. Every time she saw them standing together, she felt uncomfortable, especially when Lu Qing was biased toward Tan Rou, intentionally or unintentionally. It made her feel like she had a fishbone stuck in her throat.

"Dr. Peter has already arrived in the city." Chen Yi put down the phone and adjusted her five-figure dress. "Let's go. I've already asked him to meet us. We'll go to the Lu family's house directly."

Tan Jing was relieved. She held Chen Yi's arm and said affectionately, "Thank you, Mom."

The mother and daughter of the Tan family made an appointment with Dr. Peter and rushed to the Lu family. However, when they reached the door, they were stopped by the butler.

"Who are you? What are you here for?" Butler Lu had never seen Chen Yi and her daughter before, and they did not have an appointment. He could not allow them in just like that.

"This is Dr. Peter. He came here to treat Old Master Lu." Tan Jing introduced anxiously. "We heard that Old Master Lu was in critical condition, so we brought Dr. Peter in from abroad. Don't worry; Dr. Peter is very famous in the industry. He will definitely cure Old Master Lu."

"What nonsense are you talking about? When has my old master gotten critically ill?!" Butler Lu had followed Old Master Lu for many years and also treated Old Master Lu as his own family.

This time, when Old Master Lu fell sick, he was worried sick as well. Now that Old Master Lu had almost recovered and had returned home, and he was extremely happy. How could he listen to this mother-daughter duo curses him like this? "Hurry up and leave. Don't cause trouble here."

When Tan Jing saw him chasing them away in a hurry, she thought that Old Master Lu was really critically ill and did not want anyone to know. The more he did not let her in, the more she wanted to show off.

"I'm Lu Qing's friend, Tan Jing. Please inform Lu Qing about it. He will definitely let me in." Tan Jing quickly told him who she was.

Butler Lu did not dare to chase her away when he heard her say that. He asked her to wait for a moment and went in to ask Lu Qing.

Soon, Lu Qing rushed over. When he saw Tan Jing, he did not look like he welcomed her. "Tan Jing? What are you doing here?"

Tan Jing saw his ugly expression and felt a little unhappy. However, the purpose of this trip was not to be angry with Lu Qing. She was here to do business.

"Lu Qing, this is Dr. Peter. He's here to treat Grandpa Lu. He just arrived today. We went to the hospital as soon as he arrived, but the nurse said that Grandpa Lu had already been discharged. It's all their fault for not making it clear and making us misunderstand that Grandpa Lu was seriously ill." Tan Jing was very good at talking. With just a few words, she pushed the responsibility of her ill-speaking to another person.

Chapter 244 Thoughts

Lu Qing did not want to waste any more time with them, so he tactfully asked them to leave. "My grandfather is not seriously ill. He has almost recovered which is why he got discharged. You can go back. My grandfather does not need treatment." Tan Rou would be treating his grandfather and they no longer needed anyone's help.

Tan Jing carefully observed Lu Qing's expression. When the butler said it earlier, she did not really believe it. Now that Lu Qing said it, she believed 70 – 80% of it. Could it be that the old master's health had really recovered? Or was it a last gasp?

Chen Yi and Tan Jing looked at each other. They were already here, so they were going to return empty-handed? No, it wasn't easy for them to invite Dr. Peter over. They couldn't go back without even seeing old master Lu.

"Lu Qing, Dr. Peter came all the way here. Just let him see Grandpa Lu. There's no harm in it anyway, right?" Tan Jing looked troubled. "Besides, Dr. Peter pushed back a few surgeries in order to visit Grandpa Lu. He flew over early in the morning. We can't just let him waste this trip, right?"

Lu Qing just thought that Tan Jing's words were very funny. Who would rush to see a doctor if they were not sick? He already clearly said that his grandfather's body had recovered, but Tan Jing still asked the doctor to treat his grandfather. Was she afraid that his grandfather would recover?

"Just allow Dr. Peter take a look at Old Master Lu. He can also do a quick check up." Chen Yi added on.

Lu Qing looked at Dr. Peter and he did look travel-worn. He probably came all the way here from abroad. The Lu family wouldn't care about the examination fee and so he decided to allow them inside.

"Come in." Lu Qing said helplessly.

Tan Jing was delighted and entered the room before the doctor. Those who didn't know better would think that she was a doctor.

Everything would be alright as soon as they were allowed to enter. Tan Jing thought about how Dr. Peter had already accepted their benefits. When the time came, he would have to do whatever they asked him to do. Regardless of whether Old Master Lu could be cured or not, the Lu family would definitely owe her a favor.

After all, the Lu family was one of the most famous families in the city.

It was Tan Jing's first time seeing such a mansion. Be it the surrounding, the building, or even the fountain beside it, it was much better than the Tan family's. In comparison to the Lu family's mansion, where the Tan family was staying was nothing.

Lu Qing led them through the long stone brick path, then past the front hall, to the place where Old Master Lu was recuperating. Although it was not as big as the front hall, this house was already comparable to the main residence of the Tan family.

There were flowers and plants that Tan Jing had never seen before planted everywhere. Just by looking at the appearance, she knew that they were rare treasures. There were also servants trimming the branches of the flowers and plants. Each of them was carefully taken care of by a specific gardener. The flowers were very beautiful and looked full of vitality.

Before she reached the house at the back, she saw Old Master Lu taking a walk among the flowers. His face was rosy and his footsteps were light. He did not look seriously ill at all.

Tan Jing and Chen Yi's doubts reached the peak. Could it be that Old Master Lu had really recovered?

Chen Yi pushed Tan Jing from behind, telling her to go up and greet him.

Tan Jing understood and walked forward to greet Old Master Lu obediently. "Hello, Grandpa Lu. I'm Tan Jing. I went to the hospital to visit you previously. I wonder if you still remember me?"

Old Master Lu had a deep impression of her. After he fell ill, Lu Qing's classmates and those who had connections in the family all came to the hospital to visit him. This girl left a deep impression on him because he really did not like her.

"I remember." Old Master Lu didn't want to embarrass her. "You're Xiao Qing's classmate, right? We met at the hospital."

When he saw her at the hospital, he disliked this girl the most. Although she sat obediently in the crowd, her eyes did not look like those of a child her age. Moreover, she was always criticizing others and praising herself. She was very scheming at such a young age.

Tan Jing was very excited when she heard that. It turned out that Old Master Lu still remembered her. This was great.

Old Master Lu looked at them. "Hello. Thank you for coming to see me. My health is already much better, but the doctor said that I shouldn't be exposed to the wind for too long." It meant that they should get lost and he doesn't want to see them outside.

Chapter 245 Examination

"Hello, old master Lu." Chen Yi walked forward and smiled, "After hearing that you were sick, Jingjing pestered me to find a doctor for you. Dr. Peter is a famous specialist in the industry. He had been staying in the laboratory before, and I've spent a lot of effort contacting him. When he heard about your illness, he immediately rushed over.

"But when we went to the hospital, you were already discharged. The nurse said you weren't in good health, but now it seems you are in much better shape now." Chen Yi and Tan Jing were indeed mother and daughter. They knew how to push the responsibility to others.

"Although my body hasn't recovered completely, it's almost recovered. I appreciate your concern, Mrs. Tan." Old Master Lu was unhappy, but they were already in his house, so he couldn't be too harsh. "If there's nothing else, please leave."

Tan Jing didn't expect Old Master Lu to recover so well, nor did she expect him to reject her so quickly. However, they had already invited Dr. Peter here. How could they not cook after cutting the vegetables?

"Grandpa Lu, Dr. Peter took an 18-hour flight for you and even changed three stops midway. He was exhausted from the journey, but he rushed to the hospital to see you without resting as soon as he got off the plane. You can't let him come all the way here for nothing, right?" Tan Jing said.

Lu Qing wanted to laugh after hearing that. "You took an 18-hour flight and even changed three stops. I'm afraid you're a doctor from Antarctica. Would there actually be any good doctors there?"

Tan Jing's face stiffened. She only wanted to complicate things and did not consider the situation. When she heard Lu Qing's words, she could only change her words. "I mean, his journey took a total of 18 hours. In the middle, he had to take a bus and train and transfer to a plane before arriving here."

"Since that's the case, then all the more we should let him have a good rest." Old Master Lu said with a straight face, "It's already past lunch, and our family doesn't have the habit of having afternoon tea. However, it's too early for dinner, and I won't pester you to stay here either."

Lu Qing made a gesture to send the guests off. "Please."

"Didn't you pay me to come here to treat your illness?" Dr. Peter asked in a foreign language. "Why are you chasing us away?"

Chen Yi was not fluent in the foreign language. Although Tan Jing could take the exam, she spoke poorly. In addition, the doctor had a strong accent, so Tan Jing did not understand what he meant.

However, Lu Qing understood but did not say anything and only asked the butler to see them out.

When he returned to his room, Old Master Lu was still a little angry. When Tan Jing saw him earlier, he only thought that she was too scheming for a child. Now, it seemed that not only was she scheming, but she also didn't have enough intelligence. She was stupid.

"Grandpa, I'm sorry. You had to see someone that you didn't like." Lu Qing walked in and apologized to his grandpa after sending them off.

Old Master Lu's face darkened as he lectured his grandson, "Don't interact with this family in the future, especially Tan Jing. One look and you can tell that she's not a kind person. Grandpa doesn't object to you making friends. It's you who has to see them with clear eyes. Don't make friends with just anyone."

Lu Qing disliked Tan Jing more and more. Lu Qing did not know about this at all. Not only did she not inform him before bringing Dr. Peter to his house, but she also repeatedly asked to see his grandfather. His grandfather was clearly full of energy. Why would they still need a check-up?

"Don't worry, Grandpa." Lu Qing promised him, "I won't be friends with her. At most, we'll only be classmates."

Old Master Lu believed in Lu Qing. As long as he said he would not talk to those people, these two would not be friends. He suddenly thought of the girl Zhuang Liu had brought over earlier. Whether in terms of speech or behavior, she was steps ahead of Tan Jing. They were the same age, but one was heaven, and the other was hell.

"Grandpa, it's time to take your medicine. Let's take your medicine first." Lu Qing took the pills.

Old Master Lu was no longer resistant to eating pills because these pills could indeed make his body better. Moreover, he looked forward to meeting the person who made these pills. He wondered what kind of powerful person could make such pills.

"Xiao Qing, when is that doctor coming to give me acupuncture?" Old Master Lu could not help but ask.

Lu Qing calculated the time. "The doctor said it would be a week later. It's only been two days now. We still have to wait for a while."

Old Master Lu was a little anxious. "I really want to see him soon."

Lu Qing smiled. "Don't worry. I'll definitely get the doctor to meet you personally."

Chapter 246 My Good Daughter

Tan Jing and Chen Yi took the car back with expressions as if they had just eaten a fly. They had thought that the plan was foolproof, but they did not expect it to end before it even started.

They had spent so much money to look for Dr. Peter, but all he did was meet Old Master Lu. She had wasted so much money and was even criticized by Dr. Peter. Although she did not understand what he was saying, it was definitely not something good.

"What kind of attitude is that from the Lu family? Didn't you say that you wanted to treat Old Master Lu?" Chen Yi asked Tan Jing with a livid face. "Why did they chase us out? Jingjing, what did you tell Lu Qing?"

Tan Jing bit her lips and was furious. When she heard Chen Yi blaming her, she became even angrier. "Mom, how can you blame me? I've already discussed it with Lu Qing. Moreover, Old Master Lu was indeed terminally ill at that time. I don't know how he recovered so quickly."

"All of our money has gone to waste!" Chen Yi was annoyed.

Tan Jing looked confused. "Mom, don't you think it's strange? How did Old Master Lu suddenly recover? Could it be that someone came to treat him before us?"

"You mean someone beat us to it and treated Old Master Lu before we did?" Chen Yi thought for a moment.

Tan Jing nodded. "That must be the case. When we were in the garden just now, didn't we smell the strong medicinal fragrance on Old Master Lu's body? Western medicine usually smells like disinfectant. Only Chinese medicine has the bitter taste of medicinal herbs. Someone must have hired a traditional doctor to treat Old Master Lu in advance."

Chen Yi felt that it was unlikely. "Doesn't Old Master Lu always dislike traditional medicine?"

Tan Jing wasn't too sure about this either. She said, "We have to investigate secretly and see who treated Old Master Lu. Old Master Lu hasn't fully recovered yet. We just have to find this person and make him work for us."

Chen Yi felt that her daughter's idea was a good one. As expected of her biological daughter. She was so smart. She was many times smarter than that little slut Tan Rou.

"My daughter is so smart, just like me." Chen Yi said with a smile.

Tan Jing smiled and hugged her. "Thank you for your compliment, Mom. "

That day, Mrs. Tao bought a lot of groceries. There were many bags and bags, and she couldn't even carry them all at once. So, he took a break after walking for a while.

When the neighbor saw this, she smiled and said, "That biological daughter is different ever since she came back. I've been seeing that you buy so many bags of vegetables and you even have so many parcels delivered to your house. Those must have cost a lot, right?"

Mrs. Tao frowned, but she spoke politely to her, "It doesn't matter if it's costly or not. The main thing is that there are some of us at home. We can't let our children eat poorly. As for these parcels, they belonged to our children."

It was indeed something that belonged to the three children. It was normal for young people to buy things. She believed that the three children would not buy things recklessly. Moreover, their family was not short of money, so they could afford it.

"Is your Old Tao's salary enough for such expenses? Your daughter was raised in a wealthy family after all. She's a spendthrift when it comes to spending money. She really doesn't know how to be considerate of her own parents." The neighbour continued.

The auntie had already tacitly agreed that Tan Rou was the one who bought them. After all, before Tan Rou arrived, there weren't so many deliveries done.

"My daughter earned her own money." Mrs. Tao said coldly. "She can spend it however she wants. She even bought us gifts."

The auntie did not believe her. "Really? How could a high school student earn so much money? Don't tell me that she's been asking it from her adoptive parents?!"

Mrs. Tao was completely unhappy. "No, I know what kind of person my daughter is."

"Even if she didn't ask his adoptive parents for it, a child of her age should be studying hard in school." The auntie's last sentence was the main point. "She should learn from my Xiao Huan. She's in the top 50 in the grade and top 10 in the class."

“Well, then your Xiao Huan must be excellent.” Mother Tao answered without batting an eyelid.

The auntie’s eyebrows were almost raised to the sky. “Of course! My Xiao Huan said that she’ll earn a lot of money in the future and bring me around the world!”

“My Rourou can earn a lot of money now and bring me around to enjoy life.” Mrs. Tao picked up her things and said, “However, my girl’s grades can’t be compared to yours. She’s probably the top student in her class and grade.” She took her things and left.

The auntie froze on the spot. “Huh? Didn’t you say that your daughter was last?” She smiled. “Perhaps she’s the last in her class?!”

Mrs. Tao turned around and said, “You can ask your daughter about it. Aren’t they classmates?”

Chapter 247 The Powerful Xiao Rou

The auntie was skeptical. When her daughter Zhang Huan got home, she grabbed her and asked, “How did Tan Rou do in your class last time?”

Zhang Huan was confused. “Mom, why are you asking about this?”

The auntie said, “Last time, you ranked fifth in class and 47th in your entire grade. I was so happy that I told everyone about it. I didn’t expect Tan Rou’s mother next door to say that Tan Rou ranked first in the grade. Tell me, is it true?”

Zhang Huan had a gloomy expression on his face. It was fine if others got first place, but Tan Rou had gotten first place in the monthly and weekly exams consecutively, which made her very unhappy.

“She was. Why are you still asking me when you already know about it?” Zhang Huan said impatiently.

When the auntie heard this, she tugged Zhang Huan by the ear. “Tan Rou has been last every year and even got first place. Why can’t you try harder?”

Zhang Huan was in pain. “Her mother gave birth to her with such good-looking features. Why can’t you give birth to me with better features?!”

The auntie was furious. The mother-and-daughter duo then had a show-off in the house.

Mrs. Tao moved all the packages to Tan Rou’s room. The items inside were quite heavy and marked as ‘Fragile.’ It seemed that they were valuable items.

“Rourou, what did you buy?” Mother Tao wiped her sweat.

“Why is it so heavy?”

Tan Rou looked at her mother, who was sweaty and vexed. She should have moved it herself. How could she let her mother do it?

“Mom, in the future, when my delivery arrives, just help me put it at the entrance. I’ll carry it myself. Look at how tired you are. Hurry up and wipe your sweat.” Tan Rou wiped away the sweat on her mother’s forehead.

“Silly child, how could I let you move these?” Mrs. Tao said with a gratified expression.

“Moreover, this thing isn’t light. I’ve been heartbroken to see you exhausted.”

Tan Rou’s heart felt warm. She hugged Mrs. Tao and said, “My heart will ache too when I see you’re tired.”

“What did you buy?” Mrs. Tao asked, patting Tan Rou’s shoulder.

Tan Rou let go of her, picked up a pair of scissors, and opened a package. Inside was a large black rectangular box.

“It’s a spare part for a computer.” Tan Rou said, “I need a computer, but I don’t like the computers already assembled on the market. Moreover, the performance is not good enough, so I bought my spare parts and assembled a computer with better hardware.”

Mrs. Tao knew nothing about computers. To her, those who knew how to use computers were very smart.

“Our Xiao Rou is really amazing!” Mother Tao looked at her daughter in surprise. “Why do I feel like you know everything?”

It wasn’t that Tan Rou wanted to know everything, but if she wanted to stay alive, she had to know all these.

“What are you guys doing here?” Tao Qi came over to take a look. “I heard a clanging sound in the room just now. Is the floor being dismantled?”

“Your sister is assembling a computer.” Mrs. Tao told his younger son about what was happening.

Tao Qi was very surprised. “You know how to assemble computers?”

Tan Rou put down the tools in her hands. “Please pass me the spiral screwdriver.”

Tao Qi subconsciously handed it to her and squatted on the ground as he watched her assemble the computer. He realized that she was skilled, as if she designed every component. She never took it off after putting it on.

Tan Rou had prepared two computers. One was a desktop computer for home use, and the other was a portable laptop. Sometimes, she needed two.

After working for a long time, Tan Rou finally equipped her computer. She turned it on and installed a system first, followed by some software.

“Does your computer really work?” Tao Qi asked as he waited for the computer to load.

“Why would I install a computer that can’t be used?” Tan Rou asked.

Tao Qi didn’t mean that. He didn’t trust Tan Rou. How could a high school student assemble a computer by herself? He felt he was already smart enough, but Tan Rou was smarter than him. The last time he lost to Tan Rou, it only gave him a rough idea. This time, he completely realized that this person was completely different.”

“Were you pretending to be stupid in the past?”

"There's no one stupid in our family." Tan Rou said with a smile as she rubbed his head.

She managed to fool Tao Qi as he proudly raised his face and said, "That's true!"

Chapter 248 Magical Sister

Although he had already seen Tan Rou assemble the computer, Tao Qi still wanted to experience it for himself. He wanted to see if the computer could actually be used and not just installed for show.

"Then let me use your computer after you assemble it. I want to see if your computer works well." Tao Qi said naturally.

Tan Rou raised her eyebrows and smiled. "I can give it to you, but there's one condition."

"What conditions do you have? I'm giving you face by using your computer. What other conditions do you have?" What he actually meant was that it was already a great honor for her that he was using his computer, yet she was still coming up with better conditions. She really didn't know the immensity of heaven and earth.

"Well, they aren't difficult to comply with." Tan Rou and Mrs. Tao looked at each other and smiled. Then, she looked at Tao Qi.

"If you call me big sister for the next month, I'll lend you my computer for a month. In the future, whenever you use the computer, you have to call me big sister."

Tao Qi seemed a little conflicted after hearing that, but he compromised in the end. However, he also raised a condition. "I have to test if your computer works well first. Otherwise, if your computer doesn't work well but I've already called you big sister, I would have been at a loss!"

Mrs. Tao scolded, "We're family. What's there to lose? If we're talking about losing money, it's all thanks to your sister when you had that allergic reaction to mushrooms. Otherwise, you wouldn't be alive to bargain here right now."

Tao Qi was a little awkward. "About last time...I know that I owed it to you."

"I don't need to take credit for that." Just then, the system was installed. Tan Rou turned on her computer. "You just have to remember that I'm your sister. No matter what I do for you, you don't have to think that you owe me anything for it."

Tao Qi opened his mouth but didn't say anything in the end. Sister Jingjing said that Tan Rou wasn't a good person. He liked Sister Jingjing more, but Sister Jingjing hadn't contacted him for a long time. Instead, this sister who came later had been taking care of him.

"You can download whatever you want." Tan Rou gave him the desktop computer to play with. Whether it was playing games or anything else, a desktop computer would work better than a laptop, but it was inconvenient to carry around.

"What if I break your new computer?" Tao Qi asked.

Tan Rou smiled. "I'll fix the computer if it's broken. Besides, I have two computers. If you break one, I still have one. If both of them break, we can fix them together. Since I can assemble it, I can fix it."

Tao Qi pursed his lips and didn't say a word. He downloaded a few softwares from the official website and it was very smooth. The download speed was mostly influenced by the internet speed but good hardware would also affect the download speed. The computer was running very quickly and the newly downloaded game was playing smoothly.

"It's indeed very good." Tao Qi moved the mouse and then created a document to type. The keyboard felt great. It was flexible and had strong recognition ability. It didn't jam and had low noise.

"How is it? Will you be able to call me your big sister without any worries now?" Tan Rou asked him.

Tao Qi bit his lips and whispered, "Big sister."

"Here.... You can take this laptop back to your room first." Tan Rou agreed readily.

"Why are you giving it to me?" Tao Qi asked.

Tan Rou came up with a random excuse. "My room is too small. I can only fit one computer. You can take this one back and use it for yourself."

Mother Tao looked at Tan Rou's room and then thought about her own house. It was indeed a little small. Since they have already decided not to pretend to be poor anymore, she would give the children a bigger house.

Tao Qi accepted the computer with a cold expression, but in fact, he was already overjoyed. This computer was better than all the computers he had used before. Tan Rou was really amazing.

Oh, now he had to call her big sister.

Tao Qi said to the computer, "For the sake of giving me the computer, I'll call her my big sister for a month. She does have some magical abilities. Not only can she make incense pills, but she can also assemble computers. Her results are not bad. I guess I can give her a pass on being my sister."

"Tao Qi, come and eat." Tan Rou stood at the door and knocked on it.

"Got it." Tao Qi turned off the computer.

Tao Qi stopped when he reached the door. He rubbed his fingers and said, "Thank you, big sister."

Tan Rou rubbed his head again. The more she looked at him, the cuter he became.

Chapter 249 Physics Competition

After lunch, Tan Rou took a nap before returning to school. However, on the way there, an unexpected person stopped her.

"Do you find it interesting?" Zhang Huan came up and scolded her, "It's amazing to do well in the exam, right? You had only gotten first place a few times. Did you really have to go around telling people about it?! Look at how amazing you are. You're the teacher's new darling. Song Lin should definitely surpass you this time. Just wait and see for this monthly exam!"

After saying that, she glared at Tan Rou fiercely and quickened her pace to go to school.

Tan Rou was dumbfounded and asked three questions in her heart, What's the matter? Why did she say that about Zhang Huan? Was there something wrong with her brains?

Although she and Zhang Huan were neighbors and classmates, they weren't very close. It hadn't been long since she returned to the Tao family, and because of her previous self, Zhang Huan didn't like to be close to her.

There was no need for Zhang Huan to curry favor with Tan Rou. After being criticized by Zhang Huan today, Tan Rou had no idea what had just happened.

Tan Rou was speechless. She had just been in a good mood that her relationship with Tao Qi had improved. In the end, she was suddenly scolded for no reason, and her good mood was gone.

However, in the afternoon class, the physics teacher announced something. This caused the challenge that she had with Song Lin to be postponed because the monthly test was postponed.

"Are you kidding me?" As soon as the physics teacher left the classroom, the students in the class began to complain. "Now they want us to spend time participating in the physics competition. Where do we find the time?"

"Not everyone is participating. There are only three spots."

"But if we win the gold medal in this physics competition, it will be a bonus for the college entrance examination. I think the teacher wants us to participate actively because of this."

"Not only that." Xu Yan was very well-informed. "The school places a lot of importance on this physics competition. Otherwise, they wouldn't have postponed the monthly exam."

"Class monitor, is it that important? Isn't it held once every year?"

"Not entirely." Xu Yan said, "Although the competition we are participating in this time is within the province, the top five will participate in the national competition. If they win, they will also represent the country in international competitions. At that time, it won't just be a bonus for the college entrance examination. I also heard that the top ten in the domestic competition might even be directly admitted to Capital University."

Capital University was the top university in the country. It was located in the economic and political center of the city. It was a place where many students dreamed of studying.

"Really?" The students were skeptical. "I didn't hear anything in regards to that."

Li Li said, "You have to believe what the class monitor said. Do you think the class monitor is the kind of person who likes to joke around?"

Xu Yan never joked.

When the rest of the students heard this, their enthusiasm to participate increased. This path was much easier than trying to break their heads to study for the college entrance exam. Moreover, even if they were not selected, it did not matter. They could still come back to participate in the college entrance exam. It would not hinder anything.

Wei Ling received a hint from Tan Rou to encourage Tan Jing to participate in the physics competition. Tan Jing's physics results were excellent and she often ranked first in the subject. This was also one of the subjects she liked to show off.

"Jingjing, you should also participate in the physics competition!" Wei Ling said, "Your physics grades are so good, you'll definitely get good grades. When the time comes, you'll win the provincial award, then the national award, and finally the international award!"

Tan Jing was convinced. She seemed to have seen herself standing on the international podium with the media and flashing lights below. As she thought about it, she smiled.

When she won the award and entered Capital University, she would be qualified to enter the social circle in the capital. At that time, she would not be interested in the little Lu Qing. She would marry into the Tao family from the capital and be the mistress.

She heard from Chen Yi that the Tao family was very satisfied with her. She thought so too. Otherwise, why did they have to get in touch with her after she returned to the Tan family?

At the thought of this, Tan Jing did not forget to put on an act. "Sure, I would like to participate in the physics competition this time, but there's still Lu Qing and Song Lin ahead of me..." Especially the hateful Tan Rou!

Wei Ling said sincerely, "Song Lin's physics grades aren't top-notch. Usually, he only gets around 80 to 90 points. Lu Qing is a difficult person to deal with. Just treat it as if he has a spot. As for Tan Rou..."

She glanced at Tan Rou. Tan Jing signaled for her to continue. She smiled as she said, "Don't you want to defeat Tan Rou? Beat her in the physics competition and make her walk out of the competition crying."

Tan Jing was completely convinced by her. She wanted to defeat Tan Rou. Although Tan Rou was first in the overall results, it did not mean that she was good in every subject. She would make mistakes sooner or later.

"Alright, I'll give it a try." At this time, Tan Jing was still putting on airs. "I'm just going to try. I may not be able to get any good results."

Chapter 250 I Will Participate

Wei Ling said, "You will definitely get good results...." The kind that would make you cry.

Li Li saw that Tan Jing was participating, so she came over to encourage Tan Rou to participate. "Rourou, go and participate in this physics competition too. Teach Tan Jing a lesson."

Tan Rou had planned to participate in the competition, but after hearing what Li Li said, she felt that it was better to keep a low profile. "Even if I participate, I might not be able to get a good ranking. Why don't I just study hard and prepare for the monthly test?"

Li Li continued, "The monthly test has been postponed. There's no rush. You can just go and participate. It's not too late to prepare for the monthly test when you come back."

Tan Rou was about to speak when a student called her from outside, saying that the principal was looking for her.

"Why is the principal looking for you?" Li Li was curious. "He must be looking for you to participate in the physics competition."

Tan Rou smiled but didn't say anything. She had guessed the same.

When they arrived at the principal's office, Tan Rou did not point it out first. She wanted to wait for the principal to speak first.

"You're here!" The principal's face was filled with joy. "Hurry up and sit down."

Tan Rou sat down and pretended not to know anything. "Principal, is there anything you need from me?"

"You know that the province is going to hold a physics competition, right?" The principal went straight to the point.

"Yes." Tan Rou said, "I heard from the physics teacher just now. He said that the school is going to hold an examination. Three students will be selected to represent the school in the provincial physics competition."

"Are you interested in this competition?" The principal asked.

Tan Rou rolled her eyes and pretended not to care at all. "It's just a physics competition in the province. It doesn't have much value. It's fine even if I don't participate."

"Hmm?" The principal frowned. "Is that what your teacher told you?"

Tan Rou thought to herself, It's probably going to be a national competition.

"That's what the teacher said." Tan Rou said with certainty.

The principal was silent for a moment. "I guess your teacher didn't want to tell you anything before he got the exact news. In fact, if you win this competition, you will represent the province to participate in the national competition. If you win the national competition, you can also participate in the international competition."

"There's so much more to it?" Tan Rou asked in surprise.

The principal said, "I have high hopes for you. If you participate in the competition and win the prize, not only will you be rewarded by the country, but the school will also give you another scholarship. What do you think?"

"I'll definitely bring glory to the school." Tan Rou said with a smile. Of course, it would be even better if she could get the money.

The principal was very satisfied with her answer. "Alright, go back and prepare well for it. If you need anything, just inform your teacher."

"Thank you for your trust, Principal." Tan Rou thanked him politely.

The principal was looking forward to this competition. After all these years, their school had not won many times. Ever since he took over the school, they have not been first place in any competition.

Therefore, he had his own selfish motives. He wanted Tan Rou to compete well and also wanted the school to shine.

Even if the principal and Li Li didn't say anything, Tan Rou would still participate in this competition. In her previous life, Tan Jing had shone brightly because of this competition. She won first place in the province, third place in the national competition, and then fifth place in the international competition. Although she wasn't first place, it was still a very good result.

After Tan Jing obtained her results, she became even more popular in school and society. Then, Tan Rou became the target of her secret torture. The more glamorous Tan Jing looked on the outside, the darker she was behind the scenes.

This time, she wanted to take all of Tan Jing's glory and make the physics results that she was proud of to become her shortcomings.

"Alright, you'll have one of the three spots. You can choose the remaining two for the exam." Since the principal had allowed Tan Rou to participate, he had to show his sincerity in convincing her.

Tan Rou didn't want that to happen. She said to the principal, "For the sake of fairness, let's just decide by results from the selection test."

The principal said, "I know your strength..."

"Sir, I want to participate in the selection." Tan Rou insisted.

The principal looked at her with a smile. "As expected of the student I thought highly of. You're indeed full of righteousness. Alright, then we'll do as you say and proceed with the selection test. You have to compete well and get first place."

After Tan Rou promised him that she would get first place, the principal let her go.