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Chapter 181: Returning to the Research Institution

Qin Chuan felt that Jian Yiling was a rather smart girl. Her previous grades that were poor were probably because she didn't want to learn. If she was willing to learn the content, she would be able to master it quickly.

This was the insight that Qin Chuan had gained over the few times that he had tutored Jian Yiling.

"Yeah, she doesn't need tutoring. She needs a lot of other help. Sometimes, tutoring can help someone's grades. However, other times, it's just a waste of time."

The Head of Teaching had obviously misunderstood Qin Chuan's words.

Qin Chuan frowned for a moment before he took a look at the quiet girl who wasn't sitting far away from him. After hesitating for a moment, he explained, "Teacher Li, you misunderstood what I meant. I think she's rather talented and smart."

Qin Chuan wasn't a person who liked to justify his words. This went for everything in his life.

However, he had explained what he meant previously. This was quite rare already.

Upon hearing Qin Chuan's words, the Head of Teaching's expression became rather awkward.

However, as he appreciated the young man in front of him, he decided to not argue against Qin Chuan's words. He would endure such comments.

Furthermore, it would be rather embarrassing to tell an outsider about how bad the students were in his school. It was akin to picking up a stone and dropping it on his own foot.

The Head of Teaching wasn't that stupid.

As of now, there were a lot of people in the cafeteria. Most of them had noticed Qin Chuan. Qin Chuan was gifted with tall and attractive genetics. It was hard for him to not get noticed.

If it weren't for the Head of Teaching seated next to Qin Chuan, many of the students would have taken the opportunity to talk to him. The Head of Teaching was given the nickname "Ghosts avoid him."

Mo Shiyun was also eating in the cafeteria. She had once again noticed Qin Chuan. Once again, she couldn't help her attention being attracted to him.

However, Qin Chuan was unable to notice Mo Shiyun among the crowd of students.

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The chemistry competition was hosted on a Thursday. All the students who registered for the competition were allowed to skip school for that day.

As a registered student, Jian Yiling naturally did not go to school that day.

As the competition was in the afternoon, most of the students who registered for the competition were cramming content. They spent the morning reading and revising through questions.

However, on the other hand, Jian Yiling went to the research institution.

She had two reasons for her visit: Firstly, she wanted to discuss Qin Chuan's mother's case; Secondly, she wanted to participate in an operation. Through this operation, she could familiarize herself with the surgical procedures in the institution.

Qin Chuan's mother's case was handled by Jian Yiling and Cheng Yi.

During the period when she was sick, Cheng Yi had sent her relevant data to the case via the Internet. They had discussed and analyzed the information online.

However, Jian Yiling wanted to confirm some of the information with her own eyes.

Qin Chuan's mother had a rare blood disease. The cause of this disease was still unknown.

Her symptoms showed that she had low oxygen levels in her blood. Prolonged exposure to such a symptom would lead to heart failure, multiple tracheal failures, and brain damage.

And thus, Jian Yiling and Cheng Yi needed to figure out the cause for this disease. They needed to find a way to make her blood oxygen levels normal again.

At present, Qin Chuan's mother was in a ward at the institution. She had various devices connected to her body. Those devices monitored various indicators 24 hours a day.

Cheng Yi had started attempting to create a medication that could maintain Qin Chuan's mother's blood oxygen concentration at a normal level. Combined with the help of other external medical equipment, this could ensure that her health condition wouldn't deteriorate any further.

As soon as Jian Yiling arrived, the institution had become lively again.

The professors scrambled to talk to Jian Yiling. As a result, Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen had to wait in the queue again.

After getting rid of the 'attacking' professors, Jian Yiling finally returned back to her seat.

Jian Yiling had brought Luo Xiuen an autographed photo of four of the members of Jupiter.

"Ahhhh. Jian Yiling, I love you so much! You're the best!"

Luo Xiuen held up the photo and kissed it repeatedly.

Chapter 182: A Gift for Cheng Yi

Just as Cheng Yi was about to make fun of Luo Xiuen, Jian Yiling handed him a box.

When Cheng Yi opened the box, he saw a figurine.

Oh wait, this wasn't a figurine.

At first glance, the gift appeared to be a figurine. However, with a closer look, he realized that it was made out of candy.

Because it had been exquisitely made, this made him initially think that it was a figurine. The candy figurine was incredibly intricate and detailed.

Jian Yiling had used 'sugar art' to make Cheng Yi a beautiful female figurine.

"Yiling, did you make this?" Cheng Yi asked.

Jian Yiling nodded.

Cheng Yi's heart started to blossom.

The first 'real female' in the institution had given him a gift! An exclusive hand-made gift!

As expected, the other people in the institution had cast envious glances at Cheng Yi.

Even Luo Xiuen was no exception.

Although the autographed photo was good, the one in Cheng Yi's hands was made by Jian Yiling! That meant much more!

The corners of Cheng Yi's lips started to upturn. However, he tried to keep his face dignified.

Cheng Yi's fingers habitually pushed up his glasses before he said, "Thank you Jian Yiling. I really like this gift."

Luo Xiuen took a closer look at the figurine in Cheng Yi's hands, "Wow, Cheng Yi, even Yiling knows that you like mature women that have 36Ds and shapely curves. Your innate character has basically been exposed."

"Ahem, Sister En." Cheng Yi coughed. He reminded Luo Xiuen that such words and phrases should not be heard by Jian Yiling.

Luo Xiuen pretended that she couldn't understand what Cheng Yi meant. "Before, you could only look at the figurines that you have bought. Now, Yiling has made you one out of sugar. You can have your wishes fulfilled. You can slowly, very slowly lick, eat, and enjoy it!"

"Sister En, watch your language!" Cheng Yi cried out in a serious tone.

With gold-rimmed glasses and a lab coat, Cheng Yi appeared to look like a serious and dignified person. Could she not ruin his image like that?

Yiling was still underage. Couldn't Sister En mind her use of language a bit more?

"What did I do? I only told you to eat the candy no? Isn't that how you eat candy?" Luo Xiuen retorted. She didn't show Cheng Yi any mercy.

Cheng Yi: "..."

"Don't be shy. I think you should start eating it from the outside. Eat the clothes first, hehehe..." Luo Xiuen smiled. Her smile resembled one of a vulgar man.

"Sister En, you're thinking too much about this. The clothes and the body are made together. It's not what you think."

Cheng Yi was about to become speechless. In front of Jian Yiling, couldn't Luo Xiuen watch her words a bit more?

"They were made separately. I made the body first. Then I made the clothes."

Jian Yiling suddenly spoke up. She spoke in a low voice and a serious tone.

Because of this, there were details that existed underneath the clothes.

Upon hearing this, Luo Xiuen and Cheng Yi both stared at Jian Yiling in shock. Jian Yiling's eyes appeared to look bright and innocent. However, her eyes were the complete opposite of what she had just implied.

Luo Xiuen paused for a moment before she quickly reminded Jian Yiling, "Yiling... Next time you give a man something like this, you don't have to be so detailed! Especially if the gift is for Cheng Yi! Just save some time. He doesn't need it."

Cheng Yi was quite confused. Who said he didn't need such a thing?

However, as it was what Sister En had said, he didn't dare to argue against it.

"Okay," Jian Yiling replied. She wouldn't do such a thing next time.

Jian Yiling had included the details to make the figurine look realistic.

She knew a lot about the human body. She had seen a lot of naked bodies. And she had also cut up a lot of them.

Chapter 183: Chemistry Competition Questions are Way Too Difficult

After Jian Yiling gave Luo Xiuen and Cheng Yi their gifts, she went to change her clothes and disinfect herself. She needed to get ready to go into the operating room.

This operation was not difficult for Jian Yiling. It was the removal of a tumor in the lung.

The operation was completed in around an hour.

Jian Yiling's performance lived up to everyone's expectations.

As expected, they didn't need to worry about Jian Yiling performing the nerve repair surgery.

After the surgery, Jian Yiling went to Qin Chuan's mother's ward. After her checkup, it was already twelve o'clock.

Then, Cheng Yi drove Jian Yiling to the examination venue for the chemistry competition.

The venue was located at Hengyuan University. The organizer had borrowed a teaching block from Hengyuan University to use as an examination room.

Jian Yiling had arrived at the venue with ten minutes to spare.

The invigilator at the door looked at the examination admission slip before looking at Jian Yiling again. The invigilator had to double-check to make sure that there wasn't a mistake.

The reason for this was simply because Jian Yiling didn't look like a high school student.

After they made sure that all the details were correct, they let Jian Yiling into the venue.

Out of everyone, Jian Yiling was the last one to arrive in the examination room.

The test lasted for two hours. Within an hour, Jian Yiling had handed in her papers and left early.

Most of the other students came out when the time was up. However, there were also a few that gave up and left the examination before the two hours were up.

After exiting, most of the students had an ugly expression on their faces.

A student who took the exam posted their thoughts on the school forum:

[This chemistry competition wasn't designed for humans! The questions were way too hard. I didn't even understand most of the questions!]

One after another, the other students also responded to the post.

[There wasn't a single multiple-choice question. I couldn't even guess a question correctly.]

[Is this really a high school chemistry competition? I'm doubting my life.]

[To be honest, I wasn't sure of any of my answers.]

[I could do the first few questions. However, I had no idea how to solve the last few. I wrote some random chemical equations for the last few questions. Hopefully, that gives me a few marks.]

[Those who get a high score in this chemistry competition are gods. We are all mere mortals that can only look up to them!]

[I'm wondering whether anyone can actually get a high score...]

All the students were complaining about the chemistry competition. The questions were much harder than the ordinary competition.

No wonder the prize money for the competition was so high. Ordinary people would not be able to achieve great results.

[I'm suddenly curious about how Jian Yiling did.]

[Don't even mention it. She came out of the examination venue in less than an hour.]

[The questions were very hard. I feel like everyone would get around the same mark. I don't think her results would look too bad.]

If everyone scored around 80 to 90 and Jian Yiling scored 20 or 30, that would be quite embarrassing.

However, if everyone scored around 20 or 30 and Jian Yiling scored 10, that mark wouldn't be considered too bad.

After the test, Mo Shiyun's face was incredibly pale.

She looked like she was in a trance.

She was not at all confident about how she performed in the competition. This made her panic quite a bit.

She had attempted a lot of questions before the competition. She thought that she could handle any of the questions that were thrown at her.

However, she didn't expect the questions to be so challenging. Many of them were completely out of the high school syllabus.

The first few questions were difficult but doable. She had encountered quite a few of the questions that were similar when she had been revising.

However, for the later questions, she couldn't even understand what the question was asking.

Due to this, Mo Shiyun could only pray that the other students had the same experience as her. She hoped that they couldn't answer the questions either.

If they knew how to answer the questions, she would probably lose her shot at the prize money.

And the consequences of that would be something that she didn't want to think about.

Chapter 184: First Place is Jian Yiling

The next day, Mo Shiyun was in a depressed mood as she came to school. As soon as she entered the classroom, she heard that the results of the chemistry competition had been announced.

There was a small number of total participants for the chemistry competition. Due to this reason, the organization was able to mark all the papers in the evening after the exam.

As soon as they heard that the results were going to be announced, everyone became anxious.

Hurriedly, Mo Shiyun opened the website on her phone. She saw that the results were indeed announced.

Jian Yiling's name appeared at the top. They stood out and sunk into her eyes.

Her name was at the top of the list.

She was first place.

Jian Yiling actually came first!

That fact was hard to believe.

Mo Shiyun had interacted with Jian Yiling from time to time. She had no idea how Jian Yiling managed to come first. However, she wasn't the only one who found the fact hard to believe. Her other classmates were also in shock.

In her shock, Mo Shiyun continued to search for her name on the list.

After she found her name, she quickly looked at the rank next to the name.

It was eleventh place.

Mo Shiyun was ranked eleventh in the competition.

She had just missed out on the prize money.

Mo Shiyun continued to look at the screen with a pale face.

She had placed far too many expectations on this matter.

The greater her expectations, the greater the disappointment.

The huge disparity made all her pain wash over her like a tidal wave. She felt that she was drowning in her pain.

At this moment, Zhu Sha walked over and looked at Mo Shiyun's face. She paused for a moment before she comforted, "It's okay. You don't need to be sad yet. Everyone knows what kind of student Jian Yiling is. Don't you think it's strange that she can come first? She can't even pass an ordinary chemistry exam. It's impossible for her to come first in such a competition. I feel like the system probably made some mistakes. If her results are incorrect, wouldn't you be tenth place?"

Zhu Sha's words reminded Mo Shiyun.

That was true. If there was a mistake in Jian Yiling's results, then she'll be tenth.

"That's true... But the list was announced by the organizers... What can I..." Mo Shiyun stammered. She didn't know how to get the organizers to recheck the results.

"Don't worry. You don't have to do it. I heard that someone has already requested for her results to be verified. You're not the only one who has doubts. A lot of people are doubting her," Zhu Sha said.

Upon hearing Zhu Sha's words, Mo Shiyun's heart was slightly relieved.

However, it was only slightly. The matter hadn't yet been settled.

The reaction from Jian Yiling's class was even greater.

At this time, Jian Yiling hadn't arrived at school yet. However, most of the students in her class had already arrived.

Hu Jiaojiao stared at the screen in front of her. She looked at it to confirm the name over and over again.

"Oh my god, are my eyes seeing things correctly? Did Jian Yiling really come first? Am I seeing a ghost?"

Liu Wen was also bewildered by the situation, "What has been happening to your desk-mate? You said last time that the tutor she hired was useless. Why am I doubting that now?"

"I don't believe this either! Let's wait till she comes. I'll make sure to interrogate her as to who her tutor is! Is her tutor a god?"

Hu Jiaojiao and Liu Wen were both questioning how Jian Yiling's marks and studies had improved so rapidly in such a short period. As of now, they suspected that it was related to her study methods. They were curious about the mysterious tutor that she had during this period of time.

After a while, Jian Yiling walked into the classroom.

As soon as she entered the classroom, everyone's eyes fell on her.

However, Jian Yiling didn't pay too much attention to her surroundings. She walked straight to her own seat.

As soon as she sat down, Hu Jiaojiao and Liu Wen attacked her from both sides.

It wasn't out of the blue for Hu Jiaojiao to do this. However, Liu Wen had joined in today. Typically, Liu Wen only cared about her studies.

Chapter 185: What's the Secret?

Jian Yiling looked at the two of them skeptically.

"Jian Yiling, tell us the truth!" Liu Wen interrogated. "Your grades have improved so much recently. What's your secret method of studying?"

"Yeah! Tell us the truth!" Hu Jiaojiao seconded.

When faced with these two 'menacing interrogators', Jian Yiling pondered for two seconds before she replied:

"Nah. It's just that I remember and understand the content now."

Jian Yiling spoke the truth.

However, this reply made Hu Jiaojiao feel incredibly sad for a moment. Why couldn't she remember the content she read? Why couldn't she understand the content?

"What about the tutor that you hired a while ago? Was he or she good at tutoring? Did they teach you a lot?" Liu Wen questioned.

"Yeah, he was good."

Jian Yiling recognized Qin Chuan's ability.

Although she hadn't carefully listened to his explanations, she couldn't deny his skills.

"Oh! Then it's really the tutoring!" Hu Jiaojiao cried out.

Liu Wen continued to question Jian Yiling about her tutor, "What's your tutors' name? What does he do? Where can I find one?"

Jian Yiling told Liu Wen the information about her tutor, "His name is Qin Chuan. He's currently studying at Hengyuan University."

As soon as Jian Yiling finished her sentence, Liu Wen and Hu Jiaojiao both looked at her in surprise.

Wasn't that the handsome guy who had just come to their school to give a talk?

"Oh, everything makes sense now. No wonder your grades improved so fast. Your tutor is amazing." Liu Wen lamented.

Hu Jiaojiao's eyes started to have stars in them again. "Oh my god, your tutor is Qin Chuan? I'm so jealous! No wonder you weren't interested in him at all when he came to visit our school that day! You probably have looked at him enough when he tutored you!"

Hu Jiaojiao and Liu Wen were both envious of Jian Yiling having such a tutor.

At this moment, Wang Xiangchong walked over, "Do you really think that she got better after being tutored? Someone already filed an objection to the organizer. They asked the organizer to review Jian Yiling's results."

Although Wang Xiangchong hadn't participated in the chemistry competition, he had still heard about its level of difficulty.

The top student in their year had only come tenth place. How could Jian Yiling possibly come first?

"Wang Xiangchong, that's not very nice of you to say. Jian Yiling is one of our classmates. It's an honor for our class that she won the competition." Liu Wen said quite seriously.

"Honor that someone attained by cheating and improper means is not honor. It's only a shame and disgrace."

Wang Xiangchong spoke with confidence. His voice was loud and clear.

"Wang Xiangchong, you don't have any proof. Don't talk nonsense..." Hu Jiaojiao puffed up. She was once again enraged by Wang Xiangchong's words.

"We'll find proof once the results of the investigation come out. Furthermore, I think someone here should know whether or not there's an issue with her results. I don't think you should be jumping the gun like that."

After Wang Xiangchong finished his sentence, he walked away again.

However, Hu Jiaojiao was incredibly displeased with Wang Xiangchong's attitude. She started to mutter: "Why are you looking down on others? Even if someone's grades are bad, they can improve... This is just hidden talent and potential!"

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In the Chemistry Office Building at Hengyuan University

The organizer of the chemistry competition had borrowed the office building at Hengyuan University.

The organizer was a middle-aged man who was in his early forties. He wore a suit and gave off a scholarly vibe.

There was a chemistry competition examination paper in front of the middle-aged man. The name of the student that owned the paper was Jian Yiling.

Most of the questions in their chemistry competition were beyond the scope of the high school syllabus. As a result, it was incredibly difficult for an average high school student to score well.

Chapter 186: Want to Meet Jian Yiling

However, the organizer hadn't expected the paper in front of him to have such a high mark.

Out of 100, this paper scored 98.

The only two points that were deducted were due to a mistake in a diacritical mark.

However, this mistake was not due to carelessness. Instead, this person had written formulas and equations using old notation. It was done in accordance with international standards that were used two years ago. However, recently it had been changed.

In other words, theoretically, this person could do all the questions in the chemistry competition.

And that was quite strange.

"Boss, there are some students that think that this student's results may be incorrect," the assistant said.

As there was a request for the review of a paper, the organizer couldn't just ignore it. They had to check the paper according to the rules.

"What is there to check? Isn't the paper right in front of us? We already checked it several times last night."

Before the results had been announced, the organizer had already closely examined the paper in front of him.

The questions had been written by him and a few other scholars in the institution. As a result, it was impossible for the questions to be leaked in advance.

An outsider would not be able to know the questions in the exam ahead of time.

Furthermore, their examination room was carefully monitored by a range of surveillance equipment. Invigilators also prowled the rows.

Thus, it was impossible to cheat.

Considering all the factors mentioned above, this examinee could only have gotten this mark based on her own skills and capabilities.

And due to this, he wanted to know what kind of person had won this chemistry competition.

"Then I'll respond to the people who have applied for reviews. I'll tell them that there's nothing wrong with the results."

"Wait, I'd like to go to school and meet this student in person. I'm quite curious about her."

The award ceremony was still two days away. However, the organizer couldn't wait anymore. He wanted to meet this student immediately.

He took some of his men and headed straight to Shenghua High School.

Currently, the Head of Teaching of Shenghua High School was in his office. He stared at his computer screen over and over again.

Was he seeing the wrong thing? Was Jian Yiling really first?

How could this be?

There was no way that Jian Yiling could come first.

The Head of Teaching was incredibly confused.

Unless the organizers made a mistake when they entered the results?

That was indeed a possibility.

At that moment, he received a call from the organizer. The organizer said that he wanted to visit their school and asked whether or not it was convenient.

The Head of Teaching immediately replied that they were welcome to come at any time.

However, after he hung up the phone, the Head of Teaching's expression immediately fell.

Why would the organizers of the chemistry competition suddenly come to Shenghua High School?

Unless...

The Head of Teaching's first reaction was to think of Jian Yiling's abnormal results.

Did Jian Yiling cheat? Was that the reason?

The more he thought about such a possibility, the more furious he became.

He didn't expect Jian Yiling to bring glory to their school. Initially, he was ready to just ignore her marks.

However, if she cheated, that would cause a massive scandal. That would definitely ruin his reputation as the Head of Teaching.

The Head of Teaching forced himself to take a deep breath to calm himself down.

Half an hour later, the organizer arrived.

The Head of Teaching greeted Qin Shixuan. Qin Shixuan was the person in charge of Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution.

"Mr. Qin, it's really an honor for you to visit our school. On behalf of all teachers of our school, I'd like to extend you a warm welcome."

"You don't have to be so polite. I'm not here today for anything important. I just want to meet Jian Yiling. Is that okay with you?"

Upon hearing these words, the Head of Teaching's expression immediately darkened.

Chapter 187

: Slapping the Head of Teaching in the Face (1)

Did he guess correctly?

Was it true that the people from Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution were here because of Jian Yiling's cheating?

All of a sudden, the Head of Teaching felt a fire flare in his heart. The more he thought about Jian Yiling, the madder he became. He started to fume with rage between his gritted teeth.

However, he had to keep his smile and act courteously to the organizers in front of him.

"I know that our school is at fault for this incident. On behalf of this student, I would like to express my sincere apologies to you. As she is still a minor, I hope you forgive her for this matter."

Upon hearing these words, the organizer of the competition became stumped.

"What do you mean by that? We're just here to see Jian Yiling. Did you misunderstand something?"

"Wait... Aren't you seeing her because... Because she cheated in the chemistry competition? Isn't that the reason for your visit?"

The Head of Teaching had a puzzled expression on his face.

This made Qin Shixuan laugh: "Oh my, this is the first time I've encountered a situation like this. A student gets a good grade and instead of being happy, the first thing the Head of Teaching does is suspect her of cheating. I've actually never seen this."

Upon hearing the organizer's words, the Head of Teaching felt like he woke up from a dream: "Wait, a minute. Then, did you come here to talk to Jian Yiling for something else?"

Qin Shixuan had a gentle expression on his face as he replied, "Of course. Jian Yiling got excellent results in the chemistry competition. I came here to express my appreciation for her talents. I wanted to meet her in advance. I hope that I'm not using too much of her time."

Once again, the Head of Teaching was shocked. He managed to stammer out: "Then... Then, I'll go and call her over."

Qin Shixuan continued to smile, "It's okay. Please check whether the student is free or not. I don't want to force her to come over to speak to me."

The Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution was not directly affiliated with the school. Due to this reason, theoretically, they did not have the authority to request for a student to talk to them.

If Jian Yiling was in class and didn't want to talk to them, she could decline their offer.

However, such a thought did not cross the Head of Teaching's mind. Instead, he replied: "No it's okay. She's definitely free."

In his mind, as the Head of Teaching, he could get a student to come to his office regardless of whether or not they were free.

Five minutes later, Jian Yiling was called to the Head of Teaching's office.

Qin Shixuan finally met the student that he had been thinking about all night.

He had seen Jian Yiling on the security footage of the examination room. Due to this reason, he wasn't that surprised by her appearance.

However, she still appeared to seem quite 'small'.

Jian Yiling looked at the middle-aged man that stood in front of her. He was dressed appropriately for the occasion and had a benevolent-looking face. She wondered who he was and what he wanted from her.

When the Head of Teaching called her over, he didn't tell her any reason. Instead, he just told her to be polite.

"Jian Yiling, you answered the chemistry competition questions incredibly well. Could you tell me where you learned this knowledge from?"

Qin Shixuan's voice was gentle and full of curiosity. There was no pretense in his words.

"I learned it from books, papers, videos, and experiments."

Jian Yiling mentioned all the ways that one could learn and acquire knowledge independently.

"That's a very honest answer," Qin Shixuan commented. He smiled at her response.

The Head of Teaching was listening on the side. Upon hearing this, he frowned more and interrupted the conversation between Jian Yiling and Qin Shixuan, "Jian Yiling, just be frank and honest about what you've done. Don't wait until we finish investigating this matter."

The Head of Teaching was afraid that Jian Yiling's actions would be exposed after the conversation. That would make the situation incredibly awkward for everyone.

Rather than waiting for the matter to get it, it was better to take the initiative and confess. After she confessed her misconduct, he would suppress the matter and make sure to save the reputation of Shenghua High School.

Chapter 188: Slapping the Head of Teaching in the Face (2)

Qin Shixuan turned around to look at the Head of Teaching. The smile on his face went from gentle and kind to sarcastic.

Jian Yiling also turned around to face the Head of Teaching. She looked at him and responded in a calm and relaxed way. Her voice was quite soft as she said: "I don't know what Teacher Li is talking about."

"Jian Yiling, what kind of attitude is that? Hurry up and confess that you cheated. Don't you feel guilty coming first place? Where is your conscience?"

"I don't feel guilty. Furthermore, you can only say that I cheated if you have proof. If you don't have proof, then your words are slander." Jian Yiling responded in a decisive and cold voice.

"How did I slander you? I..."

Qin Shixuan interrupted the Head of Teaching's words. He backed up Jian Yiling in a calm and collected voice: "Head of Teaching, this student is right. She didn't cheat. Our organization can testify to that. If you're suspecting her, you can come and question our organization. After all, if this student got good grades by cheating, then our institution should also be held responsible. And I, as the organizer of this competition should not be able to escape the blame."

The Head of Teaching looked at Qin Shixuan in shock. His eyes were wide and full of disbelief.

Qin Shixuan continued to speak with a smile, "I've met a lot of people who had average marks. However, they had outstanding abilities in certain other areas. For example, there have been people who have scored poorly in Chinese. However, they eventually became writers."

Qin Shixuan's words left the Head of Teaching speechless.

He was also incredibly embarrassed as he had been confronted.

Qin Shixuan turned around and continued to speak to Jian Yiling. He decided to completely disregard the Head of Teaching.

Jian Yiling also answered Qin Shixuan's questions incredibly cooperatively. The questions that he asked were all related to chemistry. There was a lot of jargon in their conversation.

As they spoke, the Head of Teaching didn't understand their conversation at all. It was as though the two were speaking in another language. He just felt that the two of them could converse incredibly well.

On the other hand, he had gotten ignored. He was treated like air and left alone.

After a while, Qin Shixuan asked for Jian Yiling's WeChat. He wanted to keep in touch with her. Then, with a smile, he sent her back to her classroom.

In contrast, the expression on the Head of Teaching's face was terrible.

However, he couldn't do anything at all. The only thing he could do was send Qin Shixuan and the rest of his team away with a smile on his face.

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At the same time Qin Shixuan left Shenghua High School, the Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution made a public statement on the Internet.

They stated that the chemistry competition was fair and impartial. There was no cheating that occurred. Furthermore, they announced that they were willing to take legal action against anyone who doubted the results that the organization had posted. They would not accept slander against their name.

As soon as the statement was released, the doubts regarding Jian Yiling's results at Shenghua High School went away.

Although the average student typically disliked Jian Yiling due to her arrogant attitude, they weren't willing to get involved in a lawsuit.

[The organizers of the chemistry competition made a public statement. It appears as though the rankings for the chemistry competition are real. What happened to Jian Yiling? Did she receive a shock?]

[You're saying that she received a shock? Man, I think we're the ones who are shocked.]

[I guess either of those works. Either way, she's gone through a lot of change.]

[I don't want to change the topic but aren't you guys curious about what caused this change?]

[I don't think it's that surprising. The Jian family has a lot of talented individuals. Jian Yunnao's results have always been outstanding. I've also heard that Jian Yiling has a brother that's a genius biologist. She has some solid genetics. To be honest, she probably just wasn't serious about studying before.]

[So is this a big turnaround for Jian Yiling? Previously, I heard that her results were dragging her class down.]

[I can't say for other units. However, for chemistry, she's definitely turned over a new leaf. She got first in such a difficult chemistry competition.]

Chapter 189: Mo Shiyun's Hope is Shattered

[Oh my god. Did Jian Yiling really come first? Was there actually no error in her results? What has our world come to? Is this the slacker's comeback?]

[As a slacker myself, from today onwards, Jian Yiling is my idol! She will be my motivation! I have a goal now!]

[I just want to ask the students who claimed that Jian Yiling cheated without any proof, does your face hurt?]

Their faces definitely hurt. In fact, as of now, none of them even came out to say a single thing.

Most of the conversation was focused on how Jian Yiling's results improved in such a short period of time.

However, some of the students felt quite unhappy that such a thing happened.

Hu Jiaojiao was bold for once. She walked up to Wang Xiangchong's seat and said:

"Wow, would you take a look at this? Someone from the Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution made a public statement already. There was no issue with Jian Yiling's results. So, what else do you have to say?"

Hu Jiaojiao had already gotten dissed twice by Wang Xiangchong. This time, she could finally get her revenge.

However, Wang Xiangchong remained unconvinced, "So what if a public statement was made? The statement is only there to fool people like you. People who don't have the ability to think for themselves."

"Excuse me? What do you mean by don't have the ability to think for themselves?" Hu Jiaojiao growled. She stomped her foot in anger.

"I'm not naming names. Interpret it yourself."

"You're wrong! And you're not admitting to it!" Hu Jiaojiao cried out. She glared at him. However, her voice was small and weak. Overall, she wasn't intimidating at all.

"Well, that's still better than someone just relying on their background and standing in society to forcibly control negative news about themselves!" Wang Xiangchong retorted. He was indirectly cursing at Jian Yiling.

"What nonsense are you saying?!"

"I'm not saying any nonsense. Furthermore, once again, I didn't say who or what."

Wang Xiangchong had a taunting expression on his face. It seemed to say, what can you do to me anyway?

As Hu Jiaojiao couldn't win an argument against him, she walked off angrily.

Every single time, Wang Xiangchong would say something along the same lines as what he had just said. And every single time, she didn't have anything to retort back.

He was so damn annoying.

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Mo Shiyun's last hope was shattered when she saw the organizers' public statement.

The organizer had clarified that Jian Yiling had not cheated. Therefore, the list of prize recipients would not be altered. She was still eleventh... She was still only one step away from being tenth...

When Zhu Sha saw Mo Shiyun's sad expression, she walked up and comforted her, "Don't be too sad. Jian Yiling's family has always had a strong social standing. The Jian family wouldn't let such a scandal surface. You'll have to be the one who takes the bullet."

Zhu Sha's expression was also quite helpless. She assumed that the Jian family had settled the matters behind the scene.

Mo Shiyun's voice started to choke as she said, "For them, two hundred thousand dollars isn't a lot. However, for my mother and I, thirty thousand dollars means the world to us. It's life-saving."

They had protected Jian Yiling's first place. However, they had ruined the only way she had to save herself and her mother.

"Life-saving? What's wrong?" Zhu Sha asked in a hurry.

"Nothing," Mo Shiyun replied. She didn't want to reveal too much information about herself to Zhu Sha.

When Mo Shiyun returned home, her mood was incredibly downcast.

When Aunt Mo saw her daughter like this, she felt heartbroken.

Her daughter had been so proud and confident. She had been a ray of sunshine.

However, now, because of her mistake, her daughter had to suffer with her.

She had failed as a mother.

The more she thought about the situation, the more upset she got. After she hesitated for a while, Aunt Mo decided to call He Yan:

He Yan answered the phone after a while, "What's the matter?"

"I... I want to borrow some money from you." Aunt Mo said. Her voice sounded weak.

Chapter 190: Aunt Mo Asks for Money

"What's the matter? I've already paid for your daughter's tuition. I also introduced you to a job with such a high paying salary. Don't you already have enough money for your monthly expenses?"

"Yes... Yes... It's just that, I... I got into a bit of trouble," Aunt Mo stammered. She knew it wasn't good for her to ask for money like that. She had a weak conscience.

"Well, I don't care about your troubles. I'm not running a charity. You didn't even do the things that I asked you to do well. And now, you come to ask me for more money? How can you have the audacity to even do that?" He Yan snapped back. She started to get impatient with Aunt Mo.

Aunt Mo was dilly-dallying when she had asked her to do something. And now, she came back to ask her for money? Was this a joke?

Upon hearing He Yan's words, Aunt Mo felt even worse.

After she hesitated for quite some time, Aunt Mo continued to speak with a trembling voice, "But... But, He Jianjun is back! He's pestering me right now. If you don't lend me money for the divorce proceedings, I will tell him to go pester you!"

Aunt Mo's words grew in pitch and vigor. She tried to make He Yan afraid.

He Yan and He Jianjun were related. After He Yan's father had died, her mother had married He Jianjun's father.

Although the two weren't related by blood, they were still part of the same family. He Jianjun had left with his mother after his father remarried. As a result, not many people knew about their relationship. It had been many years since they had seen each other.

Furthermore, Mo Huiqin had split up with He Jianjun quite some time ago. Due to this reason, not many people knew about how she was related to He Yan.

However, as He Jianjun's wife, Mo Huigiin knew about his family.

Similar to Aunt Mo, He Yan didn't want to be involved with that bastard of a man.

"Now you've learned how to threaten me?" He Yan growled back.

"No... I didn't mean it like that. I really don't know what to do." Aunt Mo cried out. However, she knew that she had to pull through with this. Her daughter needed this. She must get this money.

"Okay, okay. How much money do you need?"

"Thirty thousand!"

"Okay. I'll give you the money the same way as last time. I'll put the money in the locker. Go and get it yourself."

He Yan wasn't willing to transfer money directly to Aunt Mo. She didn't want anyone to know of her relationship with Aunt Mo. She especially didn't want anyone to figure out the monetary exchange between them.

Thus, every time she gave Aunt Mo money, she gave it in cash.

"Okay, okay. Thank you so much!" Since He Yan agreed to give her money, Aunt Mo decided to keep her side of the promise.

"Don't thank me so quickly. Make sure to do your job well. Don't always think about money!"

"It's not like that. It's not that I don't want to do the job well. It's just that I haven't gotten a chance to get close to Young Master Yunnao. Young Master Yuncheng has been taking Young Master Yunnao everywhere he goes. And from tomorrow onwards, Young Master Yunnao would be staying at the Huiling Medical Research Institution."

"Did you volunteer to take care of him at the hospital?"

"I didn't get the chance to even ask. Young Master Yuncheng said that there was no need for anyone to go with him. He said that Young Master Yunnao would be taken care of at the institution..."

The care given at the institution was different from the care given at hospitals. There were people appointed for specific tasks and the care given was all-rounded.

"Alright then. Just report back to me when you have anything. I want to know about the progress of Jian Yunnao's treatment."

He Yan wasn't running a charity. She wanted to get something back in return.

"I understand. I will make sure to tell you as soon as I get any information."

Aunt Mo readily agreed.

After that, she hung up the call. Aunt Mo rushed to tell Mo Shiyun the good news.