

Sidekick 201

Chapter 201: Qin Shixuan Meets Master Sheng

Zhai Yunsheng, Yu Xi, and Jian Yiling arrived at a fancy restaurant that was owned by the Yu family.

Before their arrival, Yu Xi had already asked the restaurant manager in advance to reserve a deluxe room for them.

Although there were only three of them, they were still planning to have a whole table of food.

Coincidentally, Qin Shixuan was also planning to eat at this restaurant. After he learned that Zhai Yunsheng was also here, Qin Shixuan came to pay his respects to Zhai Yunsheng. He headed over to the private deluxe room that was booked by Yu Xi.

Although the relationship between the Qin family and the Zhai family was not considered good or bad, they were both the most prestigious families in the capital. Both families had a solid foundation.

Since they were eating at the same restaurant, Qin Shixuan couldn't have pretended to not see Zhai Yunsheng.

As Qin Shuan was only a member of the Qin family, his social standing was far lower than Zhai Yunsheng.

As a result, it only made sense for him to go and greet Zhai Yunsheng.

When Qin Shixuan entered the private room, there was only Zhai Yunsheng and Yu Xi in the compartment.

Jian Yiling had left for the kitchen. Once again, she was planning to grill mushrooms for Zhai Yunsheng. As the restaurant was owned by the Yu family, Yu Xi requested the chefs to help Jian Yiling prepare the food.

"Master Sheng, what a pleasant surprise. I never thought I'd see you at this place," Qin Shixuan started. Although he was older than Zhai Yunsheng, the way he spoke to him was still respectful and courteous.

Qin Shixuan was clear about the difference in their social status.

"Hello, Mr. Qin. What did you come to Hengyuan City for? Did you organize a chemistry competition to recruit talent? Isn't that age group a little too young?" Zhai Yunsheng asked. Although he was speaking in a relaxed manner, the look in his eyes towards Qin Shixuan was extraordinarily sharp.

Although Zhai Yunsheng looked like a person who doesn't really do anything with his life, in reality, there was nothing that escaped his eyes.

He knew everything that he needed to know.

"I'm the head of the Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution. It's my job to find talented individuals to join our organization," Qin Shixuan replied.

"Then, have you found any talented individuals?"

"I actually have. There's a young girl who looks timid and weak. However, her knowledge and understanding of chemistry have surpassed her peers by a wide margin. After I had a face-to-face conversation with her, I experienced an even greater shock."

Whilst Qin Shixuan was speaking, Jian Yiling had entered the room. She was carrying a plate of food into the private room.

When Qin Shixuan turned around, he saw the person that he was just talking about.

What was this situation?

There was a surprised expression on Qin Shixuan's face.

Why was the chemistry genius that he was talking about in the same compartment as Zhai Yunsheng?

Zhai Yunsheng was known to be difficult to deal with. Furthermore, there were very few people that Zhai Yunsheng found to be agreeable.

And finally, Zhai Yunsheng didn't like interacting with women. No matter how hard the Zhai family tried, he refused to have a girlfriend. He even refused to make normal female friends.

And for Jian Yiling to be close to Zhai Yunsheng... This was such a strange situation. Did the sun rise from the west today?

"Jian Yiling, I never thought that I'd see you here," Qin Shixuan said. He quickly recovered from his shock and greeted Jian Yiling with a smile.

Despite her young age, Qin Shixuan never showed any disrespect to Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling nodded politely to Qin Shixuan before she walked straight up to Zhai Yunsheng. Then, she placed down the plate of steaming food in front of him.

There were all sorts of tidbits on the plate. Each type of food only had a small quantity, however, there were many different types.

Although there were a lot of mushrooms, there were also plenty of other tidbits.

Chapter 202: Have You Considered Studying Chemistry?

The smell of the food wafted around the room. Just looking at the food made one's mouth water.

"Eat the food slowly," Jian Yiling warned.

"Okay," Zhai Yunsheng replied. The corners of his mouth rose slightly.

Upon seeing the scene in front of him, Qin Shixuan was quite amazed. At the same time, he was also quite astonished.

Although the scene in front of him would be typically considered normal, if those people in the capital saw this, their jaws would drop in shock.

Master Sheng was notoriously difficult to deal with. However, he acted so easy going right now. Especially in front of a little girl.

Previously, Qin Shixuan's greatest interest in Jian Yiling was her knowledge of chemistry.

However, after this moment, his greatest interest and confusion was Jian Yiling's strange relationship with Zhai Yunsheng.

The most ill-tempered Young Master in the capital and the genius girl from Hengyuan City? This was quite an intriguing combination.

Yu Xi's mouth watered as he looked at the food in front of Master Sheng. He couldn't help but swallow his saliva.

"God Ling, why don't you give me a plate as well?"

"Go and eat your own food."

Before Jian Yiling could say anything, Zhai Yunsheng had responded to Yu Xi. He gave Yu Xi a cold glare. The glare scared Yu Xi's saliva all the way back to his stomach.

"Okay, okay. I'll eat my banquet," Yu Xi replied. He shifted his attention back to the dishes that were on the desk. The restaurant chef had prepared a table of fish and meat dishes.

There were things that he was destined to have and not have in his life.

He was destined to not be able to try God Ling's grilled mushrooms.

Jian Yiling sat down as well. She started eating the dishes in front of her.

When Qin Shixuan saw the scene in front of him, he couldn't help but laugh and comment, "Master Sheng, when did you start enjoying mushrooms?"

"Recently," Zhai Yunsheng replied nonchalantly. He slowly savored the food that had been prepared by Jian Yiling.

After watching with interest for a while, Qin Shixuan's attention fell back on Jian Yiling.

He had come to greet Zhai Yunsheng because of their social standings. However, his interest and desire to know more about Jian Yiling came deep from his heart.

"Jian Yiling, what are you planning to study after you graduate from high school?" Qin Shixuan asked.

"Medicine."

"Have you considered chemistry?"

"No."

There was no hesitation in her response.

Qin Shixuan had been thoroughly rejected.

“The future for chemical research is also very promising,” Qin Shixuan started. He attempted to persuade Jian Yiling.

Yu Xi had also been listening on the side. He couldn’t help but be surprised.

Was Qin Shixuan impressed by Jian Yiling’s talents?

Was he trying to persuade her to study chemistry? It seemed like he wanted her to work for his organization after she graduated.

The Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution was quite renowned. Furthermore, Qin Shixuan was the head of the organization. Anyone that caught his eye was definitely not ordinary.

Yu Xi came to the conclusion that Jian Yiling was also good at something other than playing games.

“Nope,” Jian Yiling replied. She once again rejected Qin Shixuan.

There wasn’t the slightest hesitation in her voice.

Qin Shixuan hadn’t thought that he would have been rejected so decisively.

Typically, the other party would have tactfully rejected him.

However, Qin Shixuan wasn’t upset. Instead, he became even more invested.

Once again, he started speaking. He tried to convince Jian Yiling to study chemistry in the future. However, speaking for quite some time, he was yet again rejected by Jian Yiling. Qin Shixuan decided to stop asking for the time being.

However, he hadn’t given up. Jian Yiling was still in her first year of senior high. There was still some time before she finalized her career path.

Then, Qin Shixuan invited Zhai Yunsheng, Yu Xi, and Jian Yiling to attend the charity dinner that was going to be hosted this weekend.

“Wow, Mr. Qin had no time to spare on his trip to Hengyuan City. First, you host a chemistry competition, and now you host a charity dinner?” Zhai Yunsheng mocked.

Chapter 203: Yu Xi Cries for Help

“You speak too highly of me,” Qin Shixuan responded with a smile. “The charity dinner is organized by my wife. She’s very passionate about doing charitable and benevolent acts. And I, as her husband, of course, will support her. It would be an honor for the three of you to attend my wife’s charity dinner. Of course, if you’re busy, it’s okay if you can’t make it.”

Zhai Yunsheng didn’t respond to Qin Shixuan immediately. Instead, he turned around to look at Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling replied in a quiet voice, “I don’t want to go.”

Although her voice was quiet, she had yet again, clearly rejected him.

Jian Yiling felt a little bad for rejecting someone's good intentions.

In her opinion, when Qin Shixuan suggested for her to change her career pathing, that was her personal matters and decisions. Of course, she could refuse him without a second thought.

However, he had good intentions behind inviting them to the charity dinner. As a result, she felt bad for saying no.

But Jian Yiling had no time to spare. Other than eating and sleeping, she had been working overtime these days.

"Then, we're not going," Zhai Yunsheng responded. He was incredibly direct with his answer.

Master Sheng didn't feel bad for saying no. If he wanted to decline an offer, he would.

"That's fine, that's fine," Qin Shixuan responded. He saw that Jian Yiling appeared to look a little awkward when she had declined his offer. He didn't want to make things difficult for her. If she had something on, he couldn't force her to come and join in on the fun.

After saying what he wanted to say, Qin Shixuan didn't linger around for any longer. He bid his farewell to Zhai Yunsheng and left their private room.

After Qin Shixuan left, Yu Xi couldn't help but exclaim, "Oh my, God Ling. I respect and worship you more and more now!"

It was quite a strange feeling. At a surface level, the little girl next door seemed to need their protection. However, as he gradually got to know her, Yu Xi admired her more and more.

It was like this when they were playing Zerg Invasion. And somehow, it was like that again right now.

Jian Yiling didn't respond to Yu Xi's admiration.

Instead, she focused on eating.

She said that she'd eat a lot of meat. So she would definitely have to eat more.

Upon receiving no response, Yu Xi glanced at Zhai Yunsheng. He noticed that Zhai Yunsheng was also concentrating on eating.

Erm...

Yu Xi paused for around five seconds. Then, he resigned himself and poured a cup of healthy and nutritious soy milk for both of them.

For now, he wouldn't think about anything else. Taking care of these two was his main objective.

Or else, who would carry him in Zerg Invasion?

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After dinner, Jian Yiling returned home.

As Jian Yiling had been incredibly busy recently, Yu Xi and Zhai Yunsheng could tell that she was tired. They didn't want to take up any more of her time. Dinner was enough.

Although Yu Xi wanted Jian Yiling to carry him in games, he didn't want to make such a request when she appeared to be so tired.

Thus, when Jian Yiling got out of the car, he told her to rest well.

However, around nine o'clock in the evening, Yu Xi called Jian Yiling. He sounded incredibly anxious on the phone:

"God Ling, save me!"

This was the first time Jian Yiling heard Yu Xi's voice in such a panic.

"What's the matter?"

Jian Yiling immediately put down the work that she had in hand and listened to Yu Xi attentively.

"Just now, Master Sheng cut his arm on the gym equipment. It's a huge cut. Around 7-8 centimeters in fact. However, he refuses to pay attention to his injury. In fact, he's still on the gym equipment! He refuses to rest! Ahhh, I'm going crazy!"

Yu Xi's voice was filled with worry.

If this was a normal person, Yu Xi wouldn't be so worried about a cut like this.

However, the injured person was Zhai Yunsheng. This made matters completely different.

Any injury to Zhai Yunsheng was not a trivial matter.

This was not only because he was the only child of the Zhai family, it was also because his physical condition was different from ordinary people.

Chapter 204: Take Off Your Clothes

And now, Zhai Yunsheng had inflicted such a deep cut on his body at the Yu Residence. Yu Xi and his father, Yu Simiao were both aware of the seriousness of the matter.

If Master Zhai and the head of the Tianxing Group heard about this, the Yu family would definitely be held accountable!

Furthermore, Zhai Yunsheng refused to take his injury seriously. He refused to go to the hospital and kept running around and exercising in the gym.

Yu Xi was about to cry. He was incredibly afraid of Zhai Yunsheng fainting at any moment.

However, he couldn't persuade Zhai Yunsheng to stop. Nor could his bodyguards. In his misery, Yu Xi suddenly thought of Jian Yiling.

He didn't know whether or not Jian Yiling could convince Zhai Yunsheng. However, it was worth a shot. He was willing to give medicine to a dead horse¹.

Upon hearing Yu Xi's words, Jian Yiling immediately got up.

As she headed towards the Yu Residence, she asked: “How deep is the wound? How much blood was lost? Have you disinfected the wound yet?”

As the Yu Residence was right next door to the Old Jian Residence, it took Jian Yiling approximately five minutes to show up in front of Yu Xi and Zhai Yunsheng. She had ran all the way there.

The Yu Residence had its own gym. The equipment in there could be comparable to one of a professional gym.

As of now, Zhai Yunsheng and the others were still in the gym.

Jian Yiling’s face was red and puffy from running all the way here.

She stood at the doorway of the gym and looked inside. The reckless man who didn’t care about his health was still running on the treadmill.

As the interior of the gym had heating, the only thing that Zhai Yunsheng wore whilst exercising was a pair of gym pants. He wasn’t wearing any shirt. Sweat was dripping down his upper body.

Typically, Zhai Yunsheng looked pretty skinny in his clothes.

However, without the clothes in the way, Jian Yiling could now see that the muscles in his body were incredibly tight and defined.

He didn’t appear to be too skinny. Furthermore, the muscles were not overly exaggerated either.

However, the thing that drew her attention was the bandage that was wrapped around his right arm. Blood was still oozing out and staining the white gauze.

Jian Yiling stood at the door and stared at Zhai Yunsheng.

At that moment, Zhai Yunsheng also turned around his head to look at Jian Yiling.

Their eyes met.

Neither of them said anything. Instead, they stared at each other for around a minute.

Finally, Zhai Yunsheng accepted defeat. He got off the treadmill and picked up the towel next to him. He casually wiped off the sweat on his body.

Then, he put on the shirt that his bodyguard was holding.

After that, he sat down on the sofa. His posture was incredibly lazy.

It didn’t appear as though he cared about the wound on his arm at all.

Jian Yiling walked over to the sofa. She knew that Zhai Yunsheng didn’t really care about his life.

He was always reckless. He never cared about his health. If it weren’t for the Zhai family looking after him, his reckless actions would have gotten him killed long ago.

As she thought about his ending in the original novel, Jian Yiling couldn’t help but sigh. A sense of helplessness passed over her body.

She didn't want him to die. However, she also didn't know whether or not she could change his fate.

And that was because, as of now, she didn't even know whether she was able to change her own destiny.

When Zhai Yunsheng saw the expression on Jian Yiling's face, he couldn't help but become a bit irritated, "I've only hurt my arm. I'm not going to die. Why are you frowning like that?"

Jian Yiling walked up to him. Her face was still dead serious.

She turned her face and said to the bodyguard next to her, "Go and get a damp towel. Make sure that it's warm. Furthermore, bring me a dry towel and a clean sweatshirt as well."

The medical kit was right next to her. There was no need to fetch for another one.

Upon hearing Jian Yiling's instructions, Zhai Yunsheng's bodyguard immediately went ahead and did what he was asked. He didn't even wait for Zhai Yunsheng to say anything.

Jian Yiling knelt down next to the sofa. She was only 30 centimeters away from Zhai Yunsheng.

"Take off your clothes," Jian Yiling said.

Chapter 205: Bandaging Wounds Once Again

Master Sheng laughed before he looked at Jian Yiling with eyes that were full of interest, "You're the first one to make such a bold request to me."

"The cut on your arm needs to be bandaged again," Jian Yiling added.

Yu Xi quickly chimed in, "Yes, yes. Jian Yiling is correct! Master Sheng, look at your gauze. It's soaked in blood!"

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling for a little while longer before he decided to listen to her. He took off the shirt that he had just put on.

Jian Yiling watched him take off his shirt. She didn't want him to make the wound worse.

When Zhai Yunsheng saw how carefully Jian Yiling was treating him, he couldn't stop the corners of his mouth from upturning.

Following this, Jian Yiling removed the bandage on Zhai Yunsheng's arm.

When compared to her palm, Jian Yiling's fingers were actually quite long.

However, her body was considerably smaller than other people's. As a result, compared to an average person, the length of her fingers was still shorter.

Her slim and pale fingers steadily unwrapped the bloody gauze on Zhai Yunsheng's arm.

Her movements were skillful and calm. Her fingers appeared to be light and nimble.

Zhai Yunsheng tilted his head to look at Jian Yiling. Unconsciously, his ears began to turn red.

Then, he tilted his head away to look at something else.

During the first time the wound was treated, Zhai Yunsheng hadn't cooperated. Furthermore, after the wound was treated, Zhai Yunsheng had continued to exercise. He didn't take his health seriously. In turn, the blood seeped out and made a mess.

Jian Yiling took out the disinfectant from the medical kit and briefly treated Zhai Yunsheng's wound.

However, this time, Zhai Yunsheng hadn't put up any resistance. Instead, he let Jian Yiling order him around.

As Yu Xi watched the scene in front of him, he became overcome with emotions.

God knows how much effort they had put in when they tried to treat Master Sheng's wound...

If he had known that Master Sheng would have been so obedient with Jian Yiling treating his wound, he would have called her up ages ago!

After Jian Yiling treated Zhai Yunsheng's wounds, the bodyguard from before had returned. He had brought back the items that Jian Yiling had requested.

Jian Yiling picked up the warm and damp towel to wipe down Zhai Yunsheng's body.

"What are you doing?" Zhai Yunsheng cried out when the towel touched his back. His words stopped Jian Yiling in her actions.

At the same time, he reached out and pulled a blanket over his legs.

"You sweated a lot. You need to wipe off the sweat," Jian Yiling explained in a low voice.

"I'll take a shower in a bit."

"You're not allowed to take a shower today," Jian Yiling replied. Her expression was quite serious.

His wound was around two to three millimeters deep. And he still wanted to take a shower?

As Zhai Yunsheng looked into Jian Yiling's determined eyes, he swallowed the words that he planned to say.

Jian Yiling picked up the towel and continued to wipe down Zhai Yunsheng's upper body.

"Let Yu Xi do it," Zhai Yunsheng ordered.

Yu Xi quickly waved his hand before saying, "Master Sheng, I'm incredibly clumsy. I'm afraid I won't do a good job..."

Yu Xi had never wiped down someone else's body before. There was no way that he could do this!

There was no way that he could do it as well as Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling's hands were much more gentle than his.

As soon as Yu Xi finished speaking, he received a cold stare from Zhai Yunsheng.

Immediately, Yu Xi took back what he had said previously. He hurried forward and said, "God Ling, let me do this. I'll handle this."

Jian Yiling handed the towel to him. She then explained in a serious voice, "Use this towel to wipe down his body. Then, use the dry towel to wipe his body down again."

Jian Yiling got up from the sofa and watched Yu Xi wipe down Zhai Yunsheng.

Yu Xi summoned his courage and forced himself to wipe Zhai Yunsheng's upper torso. "Master Sheng, please endure this. This is the first time I've done this."

Zhai Yunsheng's expression was very impatient. He hated the feeling of being treated like a patient. He hated it ever since he was a child. However, for his entire life, he had never been able to get out of such a situation.

Chapter 206: Scars are Ugly

"That's enough, bring me my clothes."

Zhai Yunsheng started feeling irritable. He wanted to shower more than anything. The sweat after exercising made him feel incredibly uncomfortable.

When Zhai Yunsheng finished putting on his clothes, he saw that Jian Yiling was looking at him with a thoughtful expression on her face.

"What are you thinking about? Didn't I agree to listen to you already? I said I wouldn't take a shower."

In order to stop the little girl from frowning, Zhai Yunsheng had compromised. He had agreed to not take a shower.

"Your wound will scar," Jian Yiling said in a quiet voice.

"So what? Just let it scar."

Zhai Yunsheng never cared for such a thing.

Wasn't it totally normal for a man to have a couple of scars on his body?

"It's not good," Jian Yiling replied. If possible, it'd be better for wounds to leave no scars.

"What? Do you think I'm ugly with a scar?"

Jian Yiling didn't reply immediately. Instead, her mind was full of different means to get rid of scars.

As a person ages, scars that were left behind by wounds would appear more and more distinct. For someone of Zhai Yunsheng's age, such a cut would definitely leave a scar.

Jian Yiling was lost in her own thoughts.

During the time that she was thinking, she didn't notice the way that Zhai Yunsheng was staring at her. The look in his eyes got worse by the second.

When Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling's expression, he thought that she was thinking that he was ugly with a scar.

All of a sudden, he felt incredibly irritable.

Even Yu Xi thought that Jian Yiling disliked scars on Zhai Yunsheng's arms.

Yu Xi immediately tried explaining the situation to Jian Yiling. He wanted to calm down Zhai Yunsheng. "God Ling, there's nothing wrong with having scars on a man's body. As a matter of fact, it looks pretty cool. Furthermore, the cut isn't very deep. And the location is on the arm. It's not a big problem. Even if there's a scar, it wouldn't look scary."

Just a while ago, he had been terrified and incredibly anxious about the wound. However, now, he was telling Jian Yiling that it was not a big problem.

"I want to help," Jian Yiling explained.

Jian Yiling thought about the scar removal cream that she had previously created. The cream had been created after many tests and experiments. It was very effective. This cream was sold by her previous institution to a pharmaceutical company at a high price.

If she made this cream the next time she went to the research institution, she could use it on Zhai Yunsheng's wounds as they healed. The earlier the cream was used, the better the effect.

At the same time, Jian Yiling's mind jumped to another thought.

Jian Yiling wanted to make money. However, all of her savings had been invested in Qin Chuan's company. As a result, she couldn't withdraw her money in a short time frame.

Furthermore, she hadn't officially joined the research institution yet. Her salary hadn't yet been settled.

The only money that she could get her hands right now was probably the two hundred thousand dollars that she had won from the chemistry competition.

She was currently looking for a new source of income.

Perhaps the scar removal cream could be her source of income.

"Huh?" Yu Xi asked. He was stunned for a moment before he continued, "Wait, so you don't think the scar on Master Sheng's arm is ugly?"

"No."

Jian Yiling immediately responded to Yu Xi's question. There was no hesitation in her response.

Jian Yiling didn't even know why Yu Xi would ask such a question. Scars on Zhai Yunsheng's body had nothing to do with her. Why would there be a reason for her to dislike that?

All of a sudden, Zhai Yunsheng's complexion suddenly improved, "Up to you then. You can do whatever you want. When the time comes, I'll cooperate with you."

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied as she nodded. Of course, it would be best for him to cooperate with her.

After a moment, Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling, "Then, how many days will it take for the wound to heal? I can't keep on not taking a shower."

Chapter 207: Cooperating

"Get someone to find you a waterproof adhesive gauze pad," Jian Yiling replied. She hadn't seen such a thing in the medical kit.

From start to finish, Jian Yiling's reactions were awfully calm.

To her, Zhai Yunsheng was no different from the hundreds and thousands of patients she had treated before.

Although his upper body was naked, it was still just an ordinary body.

On the other hand, Zhai Yunsheng's ears had turned red twice.

As soon as Zhai Yunsheng's bodyguard heard what Jian Yiling said, he immediately sent someone to buy a waterproof adhesive gauze pad.

Then, Jian Yiling kept speaking to Zhai Yunsheng. She spoke in a way that sounded like a doctor was giving advice to a patient, "Please pay attention next time."

"Okay," Zhai Yunsheng replied.

"Take care of yourself for now."

"Okay," Zhai Yunsheng replied again. He agreed to take care of his health.

As of now, Yu Xi was standing beside the two of them. When he had heard Zhai Yunsheng agree to take care of himself, he was incredibly touched. In fact, he felt that he was about to cry from joy.

The lords above. Hallelujah! Master Sheng is cooperating for once! This is amazing.

Following that, Yu Xi asked Jian Yiling a question. He had been quite curious, "Oh, by the way, God Ling, were you scared of Master Sheng when you were wiping his sweat away?"

Yu Xi remembered that God Ling disliked close contact with people.

"It's okay, he's a patient."

Jian Yiling wasn't familiar with the relationships between 'people'. However, she was familiar with the relationship between doctors and patients.

Towards her patients, Jian Yiling had always played the role of the doctor. She had to do what was best for the patient.

During those times, she didn't need to treat the patients as someone who had feelings and thoughts. She only needed to help the patient with her knowledge and experience.

In front of patients, it didn't matter whether they were male or female. Nor did it matter if the person had a heartbeat or not. Similarly, it did not matter whether or not that person was wearing a shirt. She wouldn't be scared of close contact in such a situation.

Upon hearing Jian Yiling's reply, Yu Xi wanted to start laughing. She didn't mind close contact with Master Sheng because he was sick!

When he was just about to laugh, he saw Zhai Yunsheng's cold glare. Yu Xi immediately stopped himself.

All of a sudden, Yu Xi couldn't help but mutter to himself, What's wrong with Master Sheng? Why is his expression so ugly?

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After the surveillance video between Jian Yiling and Jian Yunnao had been publicized, the attitude of the students around Jian Yiling had completely changed.

Originally, not many people were willing to talk to Jian Yiling. The only students that communicated with her were Hu Jiaojiao and Liu Wen.

However, after everyone discovered that the incident was a misunderstanding, they had treated Jian Yiling much more warmly. At the very least, most of the students didn't avoid her anymore.

In fact, there were even a few students who took the initiative to be friendly with Jian Yiling.

However, their friendliness and enthusiasm only lasted for a short while. Very quickly, Jian Yiling's indifference and lack of regard sent them back to their seats.

However, as of now, there would be no one who whispered behind Jian Yiling's back. No longer would they call her evil and malicious.

Even though that was the case, most of her classmates still found Jian Yiling difficult to get along with.

The next day, when Mo Shiyun arrived at school, Zhi Sha walked up to her and whispered:

"By the way, did you know this? The organizer of the chemistry competition from the Yao Li Chemistry and Advanced Materials Research Institution part of a renowned and prestigious family in the capital. Furthermore, I've heard that results earned from competitions hosted by the institution are approved by various high schools and universities across the country."

Zhu Sha didn't know where she had heard this gossip from. However, she was eager to share it with Mo Shiyun.

"Mhmm," Mo Shiyun replied.

It would be a lie to say that she didn't feel bad at all.

She was one step away. One step away from thirty thousand dollars in prize money and a prestigious award.

If anyone else had been placed in this situation, they would have felt upset as well.

No to mention, that thirty thousand dollars had extra significance for Mo Shiyun.

Chapter 208: No Use in Complaining

Zhu Sha continued to tell Mo Shiyun what she had heard, “And I heard that the organizer of the competition will personally meet the award recipients on the day of the award ceremony. Now I finally understand why the Jian family had done such a thing. They’re paving the way for their daughter.”

The organizer of the competition was a respected individual from the capital. To receive an award from him was an honor.

Although the Jian family was considered influential in Hengyuan City, their family history and power was still a far cry from the families in the capital.

Mo Shiyun struggled to put a smile on her face. “It’s passed now. Let’s just prepare for our college entrance exams.”

There were some things that were better left unsaid. There was no point in hearing Zhu Sha’s voice.

Mo Shiyun knew from the very start that there was no use in complaining. She couldn’t do anything to change the current situation.

Fate had long ago taught her how to silently endure certain things.

“Oh my, Shiyun, you have a really good temper. If I were to be in such a situation, I’d be angry about this for quite some while. If it weren’t for Jian Yiling and her family, then the person who would receive the award would be you. You’d get to meet that big shot from the capital.”

“It’s time for class,” Mo Shiyun replied. She tried to change the subject in a nonchalant manner.

Mo Shiyun knew that it was useless to talk to Zhu Sha about this. As a result, she thought that she was better off for not saying anything.

When Zhu Sha saw Mo Shiyun’s reaction, she couldn’t help but shake her head.

At the same time, another thread had been posted onto the forum. Yet again, it was related to Jian Yunnao’s and Jian Yiling’s incident.

The post explained the entire situation. It called out the account of the individual who started spreading the rumor.

And the results made everyone sigh in disbelief.

The real owner of that account had already unexpectedly passed away.

In other words, someone had deliberately stolen an account to ruin Jian Yiling’s reputation.

It was obvious that someone was trying to frame Jian Yiling.

Otherwise, why would someone be so cunning to use a dead person’s account to spread rumors?

The bloody truth was exposed in front of everyone. This made it hard for everyone to not realize the truth.

Qiu Yizhen and her two lackeys also saw the new post on the forum. The more she looked at the post, the more annoyed she got.

“What luck is this? Why is there so much favorable news for her? In fact, one after another.” Qiu Yizhen muttered irritably.

“Sister Qiu, don’t get angry. At worst, we go back to the old days.”

“That’s true. Even if she didn’t push Jian Yunnao, she’s still not likable. She’s arrogant and defiant.”

Qiu Yizhen’s two lackeys desperately tried to comfort her.

“Yeah, that’s true,” Qiu Yizhen admitted.

“Furthermore, this is a good thing in a way. Although Jian Yiling isn’t likable, she’s still Jian Yunnao’s sister. Jian Yunnao would have been very sad about this.”

The two lackeys knew that Sister Qiu was a massive fan of Jian Yunnao. Thus, they decided to talk about the situation from Jian Yunnao’s perspective. Maybe then, Sister Qiu would hear their words.

As they expected, upon hearing such words, Qiu Yizhen felt much happier.

“By the way, if you’re really upset, then I have an idea.”

“Speak,” Qiu Yizhen said. She had been feeling depressed.

“We can’t do anything to Jian Yiling. However, we can mess with her desk-mate. Recently, Jian Yiling has been quite close to that girl.”

Those words suddenly reminded Qiu Yizhen. She pondered for a bit and looked thoughtful.

“Is it true that her desk-mate is a parvenu?”

“Yeah, that’s true. In the early days, they had demolished a lot of buildings and relocated the original inhabitants of those buildings. Then, they eventually earned a lot of money and gathered heaps of properties. Their family has a lot of buildings under their name. As a result, they have quite a lot of money. However, that’s the only thing that they have. They don’t have much of a background and social standing. As a result, compared to the Jian family, they won’t be that difficult to mess with.”

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Although Qiu Yizhen couldn’t mess with the Jian family, she could still cause some trouble to an ordinary rich family.

And thus, Qiu Yizhen began to scheme.

Although the desk-mate of Jian Yiling’s family background was quite ordinary, when it came to scheming things, she had to make sure that she didn’t leave any traces.

Thereby, she had to carefully consider her options. She didn’t want to think of a way that would eventually cause trouble for herself.

Qiu Yizhen was incredibly clear about the situation. She had to ensure that she would never be exposed again.

After the previous two times of messing with Jian Yiling, her father had already punished her severely. She didn't even want to think about the punishment if she caused more trouble. She didn't want to live those days.

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The coming Sunday was the scheduled date for Jian Yunnao's surgery.

Thereby, Jian Yiling decided to visit the institution a day early to give Jian Yunnao a final checkup before the surgery.

Although the checkup had always been done by other members of the institution, the final examination before the operation had to still be done by her. And thus, it required Jian Yiling to be there.

In order to facilitate the surgery, Jian Yiling decided to stay overnight at the institution. She still had a lot of work to complete.

However, Jian Yiling was only fifteen years old. Grandma Jian would definitely be concerned if she told her about this.

And thus, Jian Yiling decided to call her cousin Jian Yumin for help.

However, as soon as he heard that she wanted to stay outside overnight, he immediately refused.

"No. Definitely not. I'll buy you yummy food. I will give you the entertainment that you want. I will even sing for you. Everything else is okay, but not this."

"There's- There's important business for me to deal with," Jian Yiling replied. She had to make sure that Jian Yumin knew that she wasn't staying outside overnight for fun.

However, this was the first time she had ever requested someone for something like this. As a result, she was a little embarrassed and nervous.

Thereby, she stumbled over her words.

"I don't care if it's business. It doesn't matter what it is. You're only fifteen years old. You have to be home by 9 pm!" Jian Yumin declared in a serious tone.

Luo Xun's voice could also be heard through the phone. He had been eavesdropping on the conversation between Jian Yumin and Jian Yiling.

"What do you mean before nine? She shouldn't go out at night! Brother Yumin, are you calling yourself a good brother?"

"Yeah! Luo Xun is right! You shouldn't go out at night!"

Jian Yumin immediately used the advice that Luo Xun had said.

"Ah... I- I understand."

Jian Yiling could only give up.

After the phone call, Luo Xiuen spoke out, "Yiling, I think your brother has a point. Just sleep well at night. There is no need to hole up at the institution."

Cheng Yi also spoke up. He had also listened in on the conversation. He immediately made fun of Luo Xiuen, "Yiling, Sister En had been eavesdropping for a while. She wants to hear her idol's voice."

In fact, Luo Xiuen had not only heard Jian Yumin's voice, she had also heard Luo Xun's voice. His voice was so cute and puppy-like.

"Cheng Yi, is your skin itching again?"

"No, no. Definitely not. I have a lot of work to do. Continue with what you're doing please."

Cheng Yi immediately lowered his head to look at his computer screen. He acted as though he didn't know anything.

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Jian Yunnao had been in his ward room for the past few days. Every single day, the only thing he could do was read the books that Jian Yuncheng had bought. He had been kept away from his phone and computer. And thereby, he was also kept away from all the turmoil that had been happening.

However, he wasn't a person who liked noise and excitement in the first place. As a result, the silence was not very difficult for him to endure.

However, the medicine that he was given...

He didn't understand why the Huiling Medical Research Institution gave him traditional Chinese medicine. In fact, he had asked them for the reason behind such actions.

However, when the doctors at the research institutions explained, he could find no flaw in their explanation.

The doctors had told him that it was important for them to take care of his health. This was to ensure that he was in the best condition to undergo the operation.

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At this moment Cheng Yi and a few other staff members in white coats walked into Jian Yunnao's hospital room.

"Mr. Yunao, we're here today to take you through the final few tests," Cheng Yi said. His expression was quite serious. It appeared as though he was doing things in a strictly business-like manner.

As soon as Jian Yunnao saw Cheng Yi, he felt a bit uneasy.

He still remembered the time when Cheng Yi gave him a shot in his buttocks. That was psychological trauma for him.

Two of the staff members in white coats came forward and placed a blindfold on Jian Yunnao's eyes.

"Why do I need to wear a blindfold?" Jian Yunnao asked. Although he couldn't rebel against them, his mind was full of doubts.

"This is because we're going to do a medical examination. In a bit, the room will have a special light. The light is not good for your eyes. As a result, the blindfold is there to protect your eyes."

Cheng Yi's tone was serious and convincing.

Thus, the only thing that Jian Yunnao could do was to believe him.

Following this, Jian Yunnao's hospital bed got pushed out of the room. As he wore a blindfold, he had no idea about where he was being pushed to.

Jian Yunnao got pushed to a room full of medical equipment and apparatus. He waited there for a while.

Then, he heard several footsteps come in his direction.

However, the thing that Jian Yunnao didn't know was that out of the people who had just come into the room, one of them was Jian Yiling.

That was the reason why Jian Yunnao had a blindfold on right now. It wasn't because he was undergoing some special medical examination.

The reason behind such actions was because Cheng Yi and the others didn't want Jian Yunnao to know the person doing the operation for him was Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling began to examine Jian Yunnao.

Never in a thousand years would Jian Yunnao guess that the person that was examining him right now was his own sister.

Other than Jian Yunnao, the room was full of people from the institution. As a result, everyone was well coordinated. No one revealed any information to Jian Yunnao.

The darkness made Jian Yunnao incredibly restless. He didn't know what sort of medical examination he was undergoing. However, he didn't dare to move at all.

Furthermore, his surroundings were incredibly silent.

"How long will this take?" Jian Yunnao asked in a quiet voice.

Cheng Yi gave him a professional reply, "Jian Yunnao, please do not worry. Your doctor-in-charge, Dr. F.S, is currently giving you your checkup. It's related to your surgery tomorrow. Thereby, we have to be very careful with this checkup. Please be patient with us Mr. Yunnao."

Upon hearing this, Jian Yunnao's mood changed quite a bit.

"Dr. F.S? Are you really here?" Jian Yunnao asked immediately.

His voice faltered as he said those words. He couldn't hide the excitement in them.

As of now, he still hadn't seen the face of his doctor in charge.

His heart was full of anticipation. He wanted to see the person in charge of his operation.

He was looking forward to meeting him.

Jian Yiling paused for a moment. She stopped what she was doing and looked up at Cheng Yi to ask for help.

It wasn't convenient for her to speak.

Instead, Cheng Yi replied for Jian Yiling, "Of course."

Then, Cheng Yi winked at Jian Yiling. He was telling her that she didn't need to worry about such trivial matters. She could just leave such matters to him and concentrate on the work at hand.

"Then..." Jian Yunnao stuttered. He was quite nervous for some reason. He wanted to hear the voice of Dr. F.S. However, he didn't know how to ask for such a thing.

Cheng Yi smiled before he said, "Mr. Yunnao, do you have something you want to say to Dr. F.S?"

"Yep," Jian Yunnao replied. He steadied himself before continuing, "Dr. F.S, I'd.... I'd like to thank you for accepting my operation. I'd like to thank you for giving me a chance to play the piano again. And mostly, I'd like to thank you for giving me the courage to face my future."

Jian Yunnao didn't know Dr. F.S's full name. Everyone in the institution had called the person in charge of his operation Dr. F.S. As a result, he had no option but to use that name.