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Chapter 251: Why Did Luo Xun Get a Gift as Well?

Previously, the ‘gifts’ that he had received from Jian Yiling were either her tears, her snot, or her urine... She had soaked a pair of his pants!

The best gift he had received was probably the 5 red pockets of \$8.80 that Jian Yiling had given him when she was sick.

“Oh my goodness, I’m so jealous!” Luo Xun cried out as he gathered around Jian Yumin. He curiously gazed at the paper bag in Jian Yumin’s hands.

“I’m also jealous! This isn’t fair! Why aren’t we getting any congratulatory gifts? Ahh, this isn’t fair at all!”

“Yeah! This hurts man! Today’s celebratory banquet suddenly doesn’t smell as delicious anymore!”

One by one, the members of the band expressed their envy and jealousy.

This wasn’t fair. They didn’t have a younger sister. Let alone a younger sister that was caring and considerate who prepared gifts for their brother!

Luo Xun kept nagging Jian Yumin. He had to see what gift Jian Yumin had gotten from Jian Yiling.

Finally, under Luo Xun’s persistence, Jian Yumin opened the gift in front of everyone.

There were two things inside of the paper bag.

One was a sweater. The turtleneck sweater was crimson red in color.

Typically, most men didn’t wear crimson red as the color didn’t look good on them. However, the color suited Jian Yumin incredibly well.

The second item was a black woolen hat.

Although the design of the items was not complicated, the gifts could withstand careful appreciation.

“Oh my, I really like the gifts Yiling! Thank you very much!” Jian Yumin cried out. The smile on his face was dazzling.

It was nice to have such a considerate sister!

“Jian Yiling knitted this,” Jian Yujie emphasized. He was worried that Jian Yumin would assume that the gifts were bought by Jian Yiling.

He added this because he had received a similar gift.

“Oh my!” Luo Xun exclaimed.

He was already jealous to see Jian Yumin receive a gift. However now, he was told that Jian Yiling had knitted the gift herself. Upon this realization, he became ultra jealous.

Jian Yumin stroked the sweater with both of his hands. The expression on his face was full of happiness. This made the other members want to smack the smile off his face.

Jian Yuncheng couldn't refrain from becoming jealous as well.

He also had a sweater that was knitted by Jian Yiling. However, Jian Yumin had gotten a hat as well! No one else had gotten a hat! This gift was unique and unmatched!

After this, Jian Yiling took another paper bag out of her backpack. It was slightly smaller than the other paper bag.

There were more bags?

Jian Yiling handed the smaller paper bag to Luo Xun:

"Here you go."

Luo Xun was so surprised that he pointed at his nose to confirm with Jian Yiling, "For me?"

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling answered in a low voice.

Upon hearing Jian Yiling's reply, Luo Xun immediately took the paper bag from her hands.

When he opened the paper bag, he saw a hand-knitted woolen hat. It was the same color and style as the one that Jian Yumin had received.

All of a sudden, Luo Xun felt overwhelmed with happiness.

"Oh my goodness! Yiling knitted me a hat as well!"

It was now Jian Yumin's turn to be upset, "Hey, crybaby, why did you give a gift to this kid? Just give one to me. Forget about him. He's not important."

The remaining two members of Jupiter were even more unhappy, "Why does Luo Xun get a gift?"

Jian Yumin was Jian Yiling's cousin. It was fair that he received a gift. The only thing they could do was envy and hate him for it.

However, Luo Xun was just like the two of them? So why did only Luo Xun get a gift?

Was it because Jian Yiling was a fan of his as well?

Yu Xi was also dumbfounded as he watched the scene in front of him. What was going on? Did Yiling really give a man who she hasn't met many times a woolen hat that she had knitted by herself?

Why was this the case? He's known God Ling for so long already! Even to this day, he hadn't gotten a gift!

What was this situation?

Was it because Luo Xun was charming? Was it because he knows how to dance and sing?

Could God Ling not withstand Luo Xun's charm?

Then, Yu Xi took a look at the other people at the table. He noticed that Jian Yuncheng, Jian Yumin, and Jian Yujie's expressions were no longer friendly.

Chapter 252: Waiting in Vain

Their unfriendly eyes were all focused on one person. And that was the person who had received a gift from Jian Yiling. It was Luo Xun.

"Crybaby, please explain the situation. Why did you give this brat a gift?"

Jian Yumin asked Jian Yiling in a grave and serious tone.

"I want to thank him," Jian Yiling replied.

In the original novel, Luo Xun had protected Jian Yiling for a long time. However, in the end, he had gotten into trouble because he had been involved with Jian Yiling.

However, right now, everyone's eyes were focused on Luo Xun.

Everyone stared at him as though they were a group of policemen that were looking at a suspect.

Upon hearing Jian Yiling's words, Luo Xun was confused as well. He didn't know what he had done to make Jian Yiling thank him.

However, he enjoyed the feeling of being envied by everyone.

"Well, it's because I'm cute!" Luo Xun cried out shamelessly.

As soon as he said this, Luo Xun was immediately met with disgusted glances from the other group members.

How shameless!

How awfully shameless!

This brat needed to get bashed up.

Following this, Jian Yumin turned around and said to Jian Yiling, "Crybaby, don't be fooled by this brat's smiling face!"

Jian Yumin was worried that Luo Xun had tricked Jian Yiling with his cute little face. His cute puppy dog face had a universal appeal to everyone

However, this was not okay.

"Yeah, my brother is right!" Jian Yujie echoed. Surprisingly, the two of them were in sync on this matter.

Jian Yujie was incredibly unimpressed.

This was a hat that was knitted by Yiling! Knitting a hat would take Yiling quite some time and effort!

It made sense that his elder brother got a gift. However, why did Luo Xun get a gift as well?

Jian Yuncheng's expression was gloomy. He stared at Jian Yiling and Luo Xun. His displeased expression was evident on his face.

Especially when he saw Luo Xun's smiling face as he received Jian Yiling's gift.

Normally, by this time, he would have opened his mouth and said something more direct than Jian Yumin to warn Luo Xun. He wanted that person to stay away from his sister.

However, this time, his senses demanded that he resist that impulse.

His relationship with Yiling was already very estranged. If he were to do something like this, it could potentially make the current situation even worse.

Jian Yuncheng was a very cold and arrogant person. It was not easy for him to hold back his emotions. However, he forced himself to do so this time.

He wanted to intervene in the situation. However, he knew that he couldn't. Such a feeling was difficult and bitter at the same time.

This made the food taste dull and tasteless.

Yu Xi took the spare time to send a message to Zhai Yunsheng. Zhai Yunsheng hadn't joined them on their trip today. A picture accompanied the message that he sent.

[Jupiter's concert was a success. God Ling gave Jian Yumin and another group member gifts. The gifts were a hand-knitted jumper and hat!]

After the message was sent, Yu Xi didn't get a response for a long time.

Due to this reason, Yu Xi assumed because it was late, Master Sheng had fallen asleep already.

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Whilst everyone was eating at the Yu family's restaurant, Jian Yunnao waited by himself in the car.

Although Jian Yuncheng had told him that he could go home first, Jian Yunnao refused to do so. He decided to wait for everyone to return.

Around one o'clock in the morning, Jian Yunnao finally saw Jian Yuncheng.

"Brother!" Jian Yunnao cried out immediately as he saw Jian Yuncheng. His eyes lit up. Then, he looked behind Jian Yuncheng only to discover that no one was following him.

"Where's Yiling?" Jian Yunnao asked in a hurry.

"Yumin took her home."

Jian Yumin was returning to the Old Jian Residence. On the other hand, they were going back to the Jian Residence.

Thus theoretically, it made sense for Jian Yumin to send Jian Yiling back home. It was the most logical and efficient option.

Chapter 253: A Chance Encounter with Jian Yiling at the Research Institution

Jian Yuncheng couldn't find a reason to argue against that. As a result, he had to come back from the restaurant by himself.

Jian Yunnao's gaze darkened.

Jian Yuncheng also frowned. However, he didn't say anything to comfort Jian Yunnao.

And thus, the two brothers returned to the Jian Residence. When they returned, their parents weren't yet resting. Instead, they were waiting for them to come back home.

However, Jian Yuncheng hadn't brought back any good news.

"Mother, father, I want to go back to school."

On the way back home, Jian Yunnao had been thinking about this. He had finally made his decision.

"You've been on leave for quite some time already. It doesn't matter if you miss out a few more days," Jian Yuncheng replied.

Jian Yunnao shook his head and said, "I know what's happening at school. Furthermore, I'm the one who has caused it. It doesn't matter who spread the rumors. When it comes down to it, my sister was wrongly accused and abused by everyone because of me."

Jian Yunnao didn't know what he could do to make amends to the situation. However, he knew that he needed to do something,

At the very least, he should at least give an explanation about this matter to Jian Yiling.

After glancing at one another, Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan agreed to Jian Yunnao's request.

"Okay, that's fine. Let's do that once you get discharged from the hospital. After that, you can return back to school."

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After his parents agreed, Jian Yuncheng went to the institution the next day to fill in the documents for Jian Yunnao.

Rehabilitation exercises in the later stages could be done at home as long as the person visits the research institution regularly for checkups.

Coincidentally, Jian Yuncheng accidentally ran into Jian Yiling at the research institution.

However, as he knew that Jian Yiling was on good terms with Cheng Yi and Luo Xiuen, he didn't think too much of the situation. He had heard from Grandma Jian that Luo Xiuen often went out with Jian Yiling.

As it was almost lunchtime, everyone at the research institution put down the work in their hands and headed towards the institution's dining hall.

As there were not many researchers in the institution, the design of the institution's dining hall was quite homely. There was a kitchen that could be used. Furthermore, the chefs in the institution could prepare the food that everyone wanted to eat.

The food here was also customized according to every individual's preferences.

As Jian Yuncheng watched Jian Yiling, he saw that she was busy with something in the kitchen.

When Jian Yuncheng took the initiative to walk towards Jian Yiling, he discovered that she was making sushi.

The white rice balls were being squeezed by small and equally white hands.

Jian Yuncheng stood by the side and watched silently for a while.

He watched Jian Yiling plate the sushi neatly on the plate after making them.

There were several plates in front of Jian Yiling. The patterns and colors of the plates were different, however, all the plates were of the same size.

Soon, Jian Yiling finished plating her sushi. There were seven pieces of sushi on each plate.

Then, she placed all the plates onto a tray and brought them to the table.

Cheng Yi, Luo Xiuen, Professor Xu, and the other members of the institution were all given a plate.

And everyone was given a plate of sushi that they liked.

“Oh my goodness, Yiling! I love you so much! This is amazing!” Luo Xiuen cried out. It appeared as though she was ready to rush up to Jian Yiling and give her a few pecks on her face.

“Ahem, Sister En,” Cheng Yi coughed. He tried to remind Luo Xiuen that Jian Yuncheng was here. She shouldn’t be making a move on someone’s sister if her family was here.

However, Luo Xiuen wasn’t interested in Jian Yuncheng. As a result, she didn’t care about what impression her actions gave to him.

Out of all of Jian Yiling’s brothers, Luo Xiuen was only interested in Jian Yumin.

After Jian Yuncheng watched for a while, he approached Jian Yiling and said with a soft voice:

“Yiling, eldest brother is hungry too.”

The tone of his voice made it sound like he was pleading. It sounded as though he was a little child who was begging for food.

Chapter 254: Jian Yunnao Returns Back to School (1)

Upon hearing Jian Yuncheng’s voice, Jian Yiling turned around and told him the regrettable truth:

“There are no extra ingredients.”

The ingredients that were used to make the sushi had to be as fresh as possible. Especially the sweet shrimp and the salmon.

When Jian Yiling had bought the good quality ingredients, she had planned out how much to buy. She wanted to ensure that there was no wastage. Thus, she didn’t buy anything extra.

If she had the ingredients, she was willing to make sushi for Jian Yuncheng.

However, this was not the case. She wasn’t a magician. She couldn’t pluck ingredients out of the thin air. As a result, she could only give a straightforward answer to Jian Yun Cheng.

As he was unable to get food, Jian Yuncheng could only stand there and watch the members of the institution eat their food.

Jian Yiling returned to the kitchen and made a few rice balls from the leftover rice. She wrapped a thin piece of seaweed around the rice balls.

Then, she handed it to Jian Yuncheng.

This was different from the food that the others had gotten. The sushi that the members of the institution had gotten was both beautiful and delicious.

However, Jian Yuncheng had only gotten plain rice wrapped in seaweed.

Despite this, Jian Yuncheng willingly took the rice balls. He immediately began eating.

In fact, strangely, his expression even looked quite content.

After the meal, everyone still had some time to rest. Thus, Jian Yiling and everyone else started to play a game.

When they played mafia, Jian Yiling's identity kept getting discovered first. As a result, she frequently got murdered first.

However, this wasn't because everyone liked to bully her. Instead, it was merely because it was easy to read her expressions.

After a few games, the rest of them felt bad.

And thus, everyone else changed to a different game. This time, it was solving puzzles. And instead...

They got completely wrecked by Jian Yiling.

Every single time, Jian Yiling was the first person to find a clue and solve the riddle.

Hmmm... Was it too late to play mafia again?

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Jian Yunnao returned to school.

He wore a special blue and white cast around his injured hand.

This cast was custom made for him by the research institution. It was designed to protect him and help him with his rehabilitation simultaneously.

Jian Yunnao's return had attracted the attention of the students at the school.

[Oh my goodness, Jian Yunnao returned to school! Is his hand better?]

[This is awesome! Our piano prince has finally returned!]

[Wait, but isn't he unable to play the piano now?]

[I've heard that an internationally renowned surgeon performed an operation on Jian Yunnao's hand.]

[Is that true? That's fantastic news! I want to know more about this miracle doctor! I want to meet them!]

[Waaaa. This is such exciting news! I wonder what Jian Yunnao thinks about the rumors that were circulating about. Back then, everyone said that Yiling pushed him down the stairs. Who do you think is behind all this? Do you think the Jian family can figure this out?]

[I'm just going to leave a comment here. If there's any news, please reply to my comment. I want to follow-up on this post.]

Whilst the forum was in a passionate discussion, Jian Yunnao appeared in his classroom.

In the past two months, Jian Yunnao had lost a lot of weight. As a result, his appearance had become quite emaciated.

However, he had finally returned. He was finally back at school.

Upon seeing Jian Yunnao again, Mo Shiyun's feelings were incredibly complicated.

It had been a long time since she had seen Jian Yunnao.

Whenever she sent him messages, the replies that she got were quite cold.

Mo Shiyun was not a person who liked to stick her warm face against someone's cold bottom.

And thus, when she sensed the coldness in Jian Yunnao's replies, she stopped trying to reach out to him.

However, as of now, she still didn't know what had gone wrong between them.

And thus, she didn't know how to interact with Jian Yunnao now that he had returned back to school. Who was she to him?

Chapter 255: Jian Yunnao Returns Back to School (2)

As Mo Shiyun pondered about this, the other students in the class had already gathered around Jian Yunnao. One after another, they expressed their congratulations on his recovery.

"Thank you. Thank you all for your concern," Jian Yunnao responded.

Immediately afterward, Jian Yunnao took advantage of the large number of people gathered around him and made a serious statement. "I have seen all the posts on the internet. My sister Yiling was wrongly accused. She was trying to save me and not harm me. I hope that everyone will stop maliciously speculating about this matter. Please do not use words to hurt her."

As Jian Yunnao said this, his heart felt bitter.

He knew that he was the one who had hurt Jian Yiling the most. It was his actions and words that had wronged her the most as well.

Jian Yunnao's words had removed everyone's last shred of doubt on the matter.

Previously, there were a few stubborn people that kept insisting on the possibility of falsifying the surveillance video. However, now, they had to believe in Jian Yunnao's words. His words couldn't be fake, could they?

"Oh, I see. This was all a misunderstanding. We've misunderstood Jian Yiling."

"Yeah, that's true. I blame the person who started to spread this rumor. The story that they had made up seemed so real. We were all deceived by them."

"Please rest assured. We won't make such a mistake again."

"Yeah, I apologize for making those assumptions and believing in those rumors. When I have the chance, I will apologize to her. I hope that she won't take offense on this matter."

"..."

One after another, everyone expressed themselves to Jian Yunnao.

This also included Zhu Sha. Until yesterday, she had still been muttering to Mo Shiyun about Jian Yiling.

Zhu Sha liked Jian Yunnao. Due to this reason, she was willing to listen to whatever Jian Yunnao said. She wasn't willing to miss any opportunity to gain a favorable impression in front of Jian Yunnao.

This series of events made Mo Shiyun's feelings become even more complicated. She didn't know how to express herself.

Jian Yunnao was adamant that Jian Yiling hadn't pushed him. However, her mother has said that she had seen with her own eyes that Jian Yiling had pushed Jian Yunnao down the stairs.

What was this situation? Did his family demand for him to say that? Or was he spoiling Jian Yiling once again? Was he spoiling her to the point that he chose to defend her even when she pushed him down the stairs?

Mo Shiyun couldn't understand the situation.

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At the end of the last class in the morning, all of the students headed towards the cafeteria to have lunch.

Considering the state of Jian Yunnao's hand, his classmates and friends wanted to bring him lunch from the cafeteria.

However, Jian Yunnao insisted on going to the cafeteria to eat.

The school cafeteria had become one of the few places that he could openly see his sister.

Several of Jian Yunnao's friends accompanied him to the cafeteria. They asked him to find a spot to sit down as they queued up to buy food.

There were still plenty of empty seats in the cafeteria. However, Jian Yunnao wandered back and forth through the cafeteria for quite some time.

His goal was not to find empty seats. Instead, he was trying to find Jian Yiling.

Finally, he found the small figure of Jian Yiling in the corner of the cafeteria. She was eating lunch with her friend.

In addition to the food from the cafeteria, Jian Yiling had brought an extra lunch box with her.

Inside the pink lunchbox was the marinated beef that Jian Yiling had cooked two days ago. Back then, she had a bit of free time. And thus, the marinated beef was an extra dish for Hu Jiaojiao and Jian Yiling.

There were also two thermoses of soy milk with grains and cereals. Jian Yiling had also prepared this in advance and brought them to school. One was for her and the other was for Hu Jiaojiao.

Jian Yunnao found a spot where he could clearly see Jian Yiling. However, he decided to not be seated too close to her.

When his friends returned, he kept peeking at Jian Yiling as he ate.

Chapter 256: Aunt Mo's Dismissal (1)

One of Jian Yunnao's friends spotted Jian Yiling who was seated not far away from them. He turned around and asked Jian Yunnao, "Hey Yunnao, isn't that your sister? Do you want to go over and say hello?"

"No... No... It's fine. She's... She's enjoying her meal with her friend. Let's not go over and interrupt them."

Jian Yunnao said this in a somewhat weak tone.

"Ahh, I see." Jian Yunnao's friend replied. He decided to not persist with the suggestion. However, he looked at Jian Yiling again before saying, "But Yunnao, your sister is actually quite good looking. She almost looks like a character from Japanese mangas."

"Hey! Don't think of any nonsense!" Jian Yunnao cried out. He immediately glared at his friend with a stern look.

"Oh... I'm just saying... There's no intent behind my words."

Jian Yunnao's classmate explained in a hurry. After a moment, he couldn't help but lament, "Ahh, you're so worried about your sister. You must be incredibly close to her. I don't understand why there were rumors that she had hurt you... Those rumors were so widely spread as well... How unexpected..."

Jian Yunnao lowered his head and looked at his head. "Ye... Yeah," He stammered out.

The person who had started it all was himself.

When Jian Yunnao saw that Jian Yiling had finished her food, he took a few more bites of his lunch before he followed her.

Once he saw Jian Yiling enter her classroom, Jian Yunnao decided to return to his own classroom.

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Mo Shiyun and Zhu Sha were having lunch together. During lunch, Zhu Sha kept talking to Mo Shiyun.

“Oh my. Jian Yiling actually didn’t push Jian Yunnao! Who would have thought? Well, I guess that’s a good thing. Jian Yunnao’s happiness comes before anything else.”

However, Mo Shiyun lowered her head and continued to eat her food. She decided not to respond to Zhu Sha.

“Oh, by the way, why aren’t you having lunch with Jian Yunnao anymore? Don’t you usually eat with him? How come you didn’t go to have lunch with him today?”

In Zhu Sha’s mind, she was still thinking about how she could use Mo Shiyun to get closer to Jian Yunnao.

Before Jian Yunnao got hospitalized, Mo Shiyun often ate lunch together with Jian Yunnao.

After Jian Yunnao got hospitalized, Mo Shiyun began to have lunch with Zhu Sha.

Mo Shiyun paused for a moment before she said, “I’m afraid that his sister won’t be happy.”

“Why do you need to care about her? She just has a bad temper! She acts as if her brother is hers or something. It’s as though she hopes that her brothers never get married!”

Zhu Sha’s eyes were filled with scorn. One could easily sense her dislike for Jian Yiling by just listening to the tone of her voice.

“Stop it. It’s not good to talk about it,” Mo Shiyun said.

“I’m not scared of her,” Zhu Sha retorted. She refused to cave in.

After a while, Zhu Sha remembered another piece of news. She quickly shared it with Mo Shiyun, “Oh, by the way, did you know that we have a new member of the Board?”

“Isn’t that quite normal?”

“It’s normal to have a new board member. However, this one is incredibly handsome!”

Zhu Sha’s expression appeared smitten. It was as though she was a love-struck fool.

“Hm...” Mo Shiyun mused. Her mind was on Qin Chuan. She had no interest in the new member of the Board.

Furthermore, members of the Board were typically quite old.

“Well, I still think that Jian Yunnao is more handsome! I hope he can recover soon. I want to hear him play the piano again!” Zhu Sha said. Whenever she spoke about Jian Yunnao, Zhu Sha’s face lit up. It was quite easy to guess what she was thinking.

“Mhmm.”

After talking with Zhu Sha for a little longer, Mo Shiyun’s mobile phone suddenly rang.

Usually, her phone was switched off during class. However, it was lunchtime right now. Thus, she had switched her phone back on.

It was her mother who was calling her.

The moment she saw the caller ID, Mo Shiyun had a bad premonition.

Her mother cared about her studies the most. She would never call her during school hours unless something important happened.

As soon as Mo Shiyun answered the call, she heard Aunt Mo's anxious voice:

"Shiyun... I... I..."

Chapter 257: Aunt Mo's Dismissal (2)

It sounded as though Aunt Mo was about to cry.

When Mo Shiyun heard her mother's voice, her heart felt like it was being torn out.

"Mother, what's the matter? What's wrong? Calm down. Did that bastard come after you again?"

"No... It's not him... It's... It's Young Master Yuncheng. He dismissed me..."

"What did you say? Dismissed? Why are you dismissed?"

Shock was evident on Mo Shiyun's face.

After a quick glance at Zhu Sha, Mo Shiyun got up and left the cafeteria. She didn't want her friend to look at her with curious eyes. She walked over to the flower bed outside the cafeteria to continue her conversation with her mother.

"Mother, please don't cry. Tell me what Young Master told you."

Aunt Mo's cries made Mo Shiyun's heart clench. She didn't want to hear her mother cry.

"Young Master Yuncheng just said that they no longer need two maids in the house anymore. Miss Yiling is currently living in the Old Jian Residence. Furthermore, Young Master Yuncheng and Young Master Yunmo aren't home very often. As a result, the only person who needs to be taken care of at home is Young Master Yunnao. Thus, Aunt An is enough. That's why they no longer need me."

Originally, the Jian Residence only had one maid. And that was Aunt An.

Aunt Mo came after Aunt An. She was hired because Aunt An was getting old. Accompanied by her age, her physical strength couldn't keep up with the work required of her.

When the Jian family was looking for a new maid, Mo Huiqin had a lot of competition. Originally, she wouldn't have been the one who had gotten hired. However, He Yan had pulled some strings behind the scenes and helped her secure the high salary job.

However, there was no way for them to refute Jian Yuncheng's words.

If he had said that he had dismissed Aunt Mo because she had done something wrong, then Aunt Mo would have been able to argue back and explain the situation.

However, he merely said that they didn't need two maids any longer. He didn't even give Aunt Mo the chance to fight for herself.

Mo Shiyun was dumbfounded. She was at a loss as to what to do. Everything had happened way too suddenly.

Her mother had been waiting for her salary to be paid so that she could start saving money again.

However, now, Aunt Mo had suddenly lost her job. There was no way for them to scrape a living.

Aunt Mo continued to sob over the phone, "Shiyun, what are we going to do now? Young Master Yuncheng has dismissed me. We have to move out of the house now."

However, how were they going to find a place to live at this very moment?

"Mother, did Young Master Yuncheng settle your salary for this month?"

"Yes, he did. He followed the original contract."

"Then... Then, that's fine. With this month's salary, we can still go out and look for somewhere to live. After that, it's not too late to find another job as well."

"But... But it's only six thousand dollars..."

"Wait, how come? Don't you usually get sixteen thousand dollars? Where is the other ten thousand dollars? Did Young Master Yuncheng deduct it?"

"On the contract, I'm meant to get six thousand dollars every month. The other ten thousand dollars was an extra amount that was given by Master and Madam. When I started to work at the Jian Residence, Madam had said that the base salary would be six thousand dollars. As long as I didn't make any mistakes, at the end of the month, she would give me an extra ten thousand dollars as a bonus."

Typically, the salary of a maid in Hengyuan City was between four to six thousand dollars a month. Six thousand dollars was not a low base salary.

Furthermore, a bonus of ten thousand dollars was incredible. It could not be comparable to other households.

The Jian family treated their employees quite well. It was not a problem for them to spend an extra ten to twenty thousand a month. They just wanted their employees to work hard and do their best.

"Wait, but mother, you didn't make any mistakes recently."

"I... I don't know either... Young Master Yuncheng didn't say what mistakes I made. However, he settled my salary with only six thousand dollars."

Young Master Yuncheng had settled Mo Huiqin's salary according to the contract. Although Mo Huiqin felt that this was unfair, there was nothing that she could say either.

Chapter 258: Aunt Mo's Dismissal (3)

However, the extra ten thousand dollars was merely a verbal promise. It was not a contractual obligation. Thus, Young Master Yuncheng could refuse to pay it.

“Mother, where are you right now?”

“I’ve just finished packing our belongings. I’m still in front of the Jian Residence.”

Jian Yuncheng had requested for Mo Huiqin to move out immediately. He didn’t even let her stay for another day. He refused to give her any buffer time.

The Mo family was not renting the cottage that they lived in. As a result, the Jian family wasn’t required to give them additional notice before they demanded them to move out. Letting the Mo family live in the cottage was an act of kindness from the Jian family.

As of now, Mo Huiqin was standing in front of the iron gates of the Jian Residence. She was holding numerous bags of luggage with her.

“Are there no vehicles nearby? I’ll call a taxi for you.”

There were not many buses in front of the Jian Residence.

“No, I want to wait a little longer. I want to wait for Master and Madam to come back. I want to ask them about this matter.”

As of now, she had only heard the news from Jian Yuncheng. Mo Huiqin hadn’t seen Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan yet.

“Mother...” Mo Shiyun whispered out. Her heart felt incredibly pained.

Her mother was still holding onto that glimmer of hope.

Mo Shiyun wanted to persuade her to give up on that hope. However, she couldn’t bear to say those words.

There was nothing that she could do. She didn’t even have the strength to persuade her mother to give up.

Even if she persuaded her mother to give up, she couldn’t do anything else to help her mother with the situation either.

“Shiyun... After school... You won’t be able to get into the house anymore...” Aunt Mo cried out. Her voice sounded incredibly agonized.

Aunt Mo thought about her daughter coming home from school and not being able to go back to her warm room to do her homework. The more she thought about it, the more that she hated herself for her own incompetence.

“Mother, I’m not afraid. It’s all right. We’ve gone through hard times before! This is nothing. Let’s stay at a hotel tonight. Tomorrow, you can start to look for an apartment. Then you can look for a job after that. It’ll be fine.”

Mo Shiyun tried her best to comfort her mother.

“Okay, I will.”

Mo Shiyun glanced at the time. She realized that she couldn’t talk to her mother for much longer.

“Mother, my friend is still waiting for me. I have to leave now.”

“Okay, okay. Focus on your studies.”

Mo Shiyun hung up her phone and returned to the cafeteria. Zhu Sha had finished eating already. She had been patiently waiting for Mo Shiyun.

“What’s wrong? Did something happen?” Zhu Sha asked out of concern.

“No, it’s nothing.” Mo Shiyun replied. She didn’t want to tell Zhu Sha what was happening in her family.

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After school, Mo Shiyun returned back to the familiar Jian Residence.

In front of the house, Aunt Mo was still standing in front of the gates. There were several suitcases and bags that were scattered around her.

“Mother...”

When Mo Shiyun saw her mother standing in the cold wind, Mo Shiyun was overcome with grief.

She rushed forward and hugged her mother.

“Shiyun! I’m so sorry... I let you down...”

Upon seeing her tired daughter who had returned from a long day of school, Aunt Mo felt incredibly guilty.

“Mother, I’m fine.”

Mo Shiyun forced herself to not show any grief. She wanted her mother to feel slightly better.

At this moment, the Jian family’s car pulled up to the Jian Residence.

Usually, the car would have arrived much earlier than the bus. However, Jian Yunnao had requested the chauffeur to bring him to the Old Jian Residence before returning home.

As the car proceeded to the gates, the iron gates of the Jian Residence opened automatically.

At the same time, Jian Yunnao who was seated in the back seat had opened the window. He looked out of the car and his eyes met up with Mo Shiyun’s eyes.

Jian Yunnao saw Aunt Mo and Mo Shiyun. He also saw the bags of luggage at their feet.

Jian Yunnao frowned for a moment. However, in the next moment, he withdrew his gaze.

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This reaction from Jian Yunnao was like a needle that pierced into Mo Shiyun's heart.

If she had been guessing before, now, she could completely come to the conclusion that her relationship with Jian Yunnao had been completely broken off.

However, the reason for their broken relationship had not been explained. She hadn't even been questioned by Jian Yunnao. In fact, they hadn't even argued.

It was merely a silent, unilateral announcement of her death sentence.

However, Mo Shiyun still had pride in her bones. If it was just because of Jian Yunnao's attitude that had changed, she would have never allowed herself to ask him why he was doing all of this.

But today, it wasn't just about her. It was also about her mother.

And thus, Mo Shiyun had to change her attitude. She stepped forward and walked towards the car window:

"Yunnao, what's going on? At least let me know why this is happening."

"I don't know why either," Jian Yunnao replied. It was only when he saw them standing in front of the house with their luggage that Jian Yunnao knew that the Mo family had been kicked out of the Jian Residence.

"Yunnao, we've known each other for more than two years. Are you sure that you want to cut off contact with me like this? You're not even giving me a reason."

"Known each other for more than two years..." Jian Yunnao repeated. After a moment, he continued to speak. "Mo Shiyun, I don't know anything about your mother's situation. I'm not in charge of the affairs related to hiring a maid at my house."

Affairs related to hiring a maid...

Those words brought Mo Shiyun back to reality.

A maid... It turned out that in Jian Yunnao's heart, she was still just the daughter of a maid in his house.

She had thought that he would be different. However, it turned out that she was wrong.

"Okay, I understand," Mo Shiyun replied. She stubbornly prevented herself from showing any signs of sadness.

Even a maid's daughter had her self-esteem.

After her reply, Mo Shiyun immediately turned around and dragged her mother away.

"Mother, let's go!"

"Shiyun..." Aunt Mo said weakly as she was dragged away by her daughter. She turned her head to look at the Jian Residence somewhat reluctantly. She wanted to wait for Master and Madam to come back. She hadn't given up yet.

"Mother, don't say any more. Let's go." Mo Shiyun said firmly.

Even if they left the Jian family, they could still survive.

Even if life was difficult, at least they could live with dignity.

Mo Shiyun and her mother dragged their luggage ten meters away. As they had quite a lot of luggage, they couldn't get anywhere on foot. And thus, they had to wait for a vehicle to come by.

When Mo Shiyun looked back at the front door of the Jian Residence, the car that Jian Yunnao had been in had already driven into the residence. The iron gates at the entrance were closed once again.

As they had to wait for a vehicle to come by, Mo Shiyun and her mother had to wait for a long time in the cold wind.

However, at this moment, a limousine stopped in front of them.

At first, neither of them looked at the limousine in front of them. They assumed that the people inside the car were heading towards the Jian Residence.

However, the car had stopped in front of them. A well-dressed middle-aged man got off the car and approached Mo Shiyun and her mother.

"May I ask if this is Miss Shiyun?"

Mo Shiyun was astonished to see the polite man in front of her.

"Yes, that's me. Who are you?"

"Miss Shiyun, did you meet a pregnant woman on the streets around two years ago? Back then, she had gotten into a car accident."

Mo Shiyun nodded, "Yeah, I did meet someone like that. I took her to the hospital. As the doctor said she was fine, I left."

"Miss Shiyun, the person that you saved was the lady of our house. Because of your help, both my Lady and her child were saved. My Master and Lady are very grateful for your help back then. They sent me here to try and find you. However, back then, the information that you left was quite limited. As a result, it took us quite some time to find you."

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Upon hearing this, Mo Shiyun replied, "In that situation, anyone else would have done the same thing as well. I just did what I had to do."

Mo Shiyun knew that she was in a bad situation right now. However, she didn't want to use that incident to ask for help from someone else.

The man smiled before he glanced at the luggage behind Mo Shiyun and Mo Huiquan. He could easily guess the situation that they were in right now.

The man smiled again before he said, "My Lady has been thinking of you ever since that day. Why don't you come with me today to visit her? Please help me fulfill my lady's wishes. You can also see the child that you saved back then."

The man's words took into account Mo Shiyun's self-esteem and ego.

He made sure that Mo Shiyun would not be burdened by any psychological considerations.

However, Mo Shiyun still hesitated for a moment.

After considering her mother's situation right now, Mo Shiyun ultimately decided to say yes:

"Okay, thank you for your trouble."

The man politely invited Mo Shiyun onto the limousine and helped them with their luggage.

For Mo Shiyun and her mother, this was the difference between heaven and hell.

Today's experience had been a rollercoaster for them.

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On Sunday, Grandpa Jian decided to attend an orchid exhibition. He decided to bring Jian Yiling along with him.

This was because Grandpa Jian had discovered that his darling had somehow acquired quite a bit of knowledge about growing flowers and plants. In fact, sometimes, she was better than him!

Grandpa Jian had initially only planned to bring Jian Yiling to the orchid exhibition. However, when he left, he somehow ended up taking most of the family with him.

Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, Jian Yuncheng, and Jian Yunnao all ended up going.

"Did the Jian company close down or something? Is the business dying?"

Faced with Grandpa Jian's question, Jian Shuxing explained in a hurry, "No, that's not the case. Our family business is doing quite well. Lately, sales have increased by 20% compared to the last financial year."

Grandpa Jian smiled lightly before he said, "Ah, I see. I thought it was because our company had collapsed. I assumed that was the case because it appeared as though all of you had nothing else to do. Otherwise, why would you come and accompany me to an orchid exhibition?"

Upon hearing this, Jian Shuxing's expression was somewhat embarrassed.

Grandpa Jian hadn't been kind with his words at all.

However, although Grandpa Jian said such things, he didn't stop them from following him.

As a result, everyone went to the orchid exhibition together.

At the exhibition, there were many valuable and rare orchid species that were on display.

Jian Yiling and Grandpa Jian were focused on the orchids.

Whenever Grandpa Jian talked about the orchids, Jian Yiling listened to him attentively.

This made Grandpa Jian especially happy. Usually, he felt that no one else in the family understood him. However, his darling was listening to him so patiently about the orchids that he loved.

However, the others that were at the orchid exhibition had different things in their minds.

This was especially true of Jian Yunnao. He barely took his eyes off Jian Yiling.

He followed behind Jian Yiling and just watched her.

Before he had left the Jian Residence, he had prepared the words that he had planned to say to her. However, now that he saw her, he was no longer able to say them.

This left a bitter feeling that could not be explained in words in his heart.

After walking around the exhibition for a while, Grandpa Jian took Jian Yiling to the rest area for some food and drinks.

And thus, Jian Shuxing and the others finally had the opportunity to sit down with Jian Yiling.

Wen Nuan had brought an assortment of desserts for Jian Yiling to eat. These were the desserts that Jian Yiling liked to eat the most.

Jian Yiling said thank you to Wen Nuan. She acted in a very polite manner.

In Wen Nuan's mind, her daughter was acting too polite. In fact, the politeness made it appear as though there was a certain distance between them.

This undoubtedly made Wen Nuan feel sad.

However, Jian Yiling did not realize this.

At this moment, a familiar person came over.

This person was a friend of Grandpa Jian. He was the CEO of a listed company.