

Sidekick 31

Chapter 31: Qiu Liyao Seeks to Meet Master Sheng

Qiu Yizhen took quite a few deep breaths and thought about her father's words to calm herself down.

"Jian Yiling, what on earth do you want?!" Qiu Yizhen tried her best to suppress her anger. She desperately tried to stop herself from acting impulsively.

"You and I to live life in harmony. If that happens, the original video will not be posted." Jian Yiling replied simply.

"You're threatening me!" When has Qiu Yizhen ever been threatened in such a manner?

Jian Yiling just looked at Qiu Yizhen and did not reply.

Qiu Yizhen had the right to choose. She could choose not to listen to Jian Yiling's threaten and continue to cause her trouble.

Or she could choose to mind her own business and not meddle with Jian Yiling anymore.

The nerves on Qiu Yizhen's face appeared to twist. All the bystanders felt that Qiu Yizhen was about to rush up to fight Jian Yiling at any moment now.

Jian Yiling's small body would probably not be able to take more than two hits from Qiu Yizhen's fists.

Under everyone's gaze, Qiu Yizhen replied to Jian Yiling, "Okay! Okay fine. You win this time!"

Qiu Yizhen couldn't afford to handle the consequences of Jian Yiling posting the video without the pixelation.

When Jian Yiling got her desired answer from Qiu Yizhen, Jian Yiling only nodded slightly.

Immediately afterward, Jian Yiling walked around Qiu Yizhen and headed outside the classroom.

The rest of them stared at her collected demeanor as she left the classroom.

For some strange reason, Jian Yiling appeared to be quite cool!

She was the first and only one to dare to do this to the tyrant of the school!

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In the evening, Qiu Liyao went to meet Yu Simiao, the chair of the Qiyue Group.

Their relationship had spanned for more than ten years.

This time, he hoped to pull strings from behind the scenes to build connections with the man who came from Beijing.

After that man arrived at Hengyuan City, he had been residing in the Yu Household.

This was because the young master of the Yu family knew the man from the Zhai family.

And thus, Qiu Liyao wanted to use his connections with Yu Simiao to meet this man.

And for this reason, he had sent people to prepare a generous gift.

After trying his best to persuade Yu Simiao, he had finally agreed for them to meet. They would be meeting today in the Old Yu Residence.

The Old Residence for the Yu family was right next to the Jian family. Those two residences were the only houses that were nearby.

Once Qiu Liyao met Yu Simiao, he smiled and said, "Thank you so much for this."

Yu Simiao was in his middle age. His body was slightly out of shape. However, he still retained his good facial features. His eyes were clear and his facial features showed the shrewdness of a successful person in the business world.

Yu Simiao shook his head and said, "Don't be in a hurry to thank me first. I can only take you to the old residence, the rest is on you."

"I know," Qiu Liyao replied. He was still very happy.

Qiu Liyao thought to himself, even if this young master was from a well off family, he was still just a hedonistic son. He only knew about a life of fun and pleasure, how difficult could he be?

He had experience dealing with people like this.

When Yu Simiao saw Qiu Liyao, he shook his head helplessly.

He knew that Qiu Liyao was thinking too little about the situation. Not one person from the Zhai family was easy to deal with.

Although this young master was quite the playboy, after associating with him for a few days, Yu Simiao knew that he wasn't an easy person to deal with.

"He's in the recreation room on the first level. He's currently playing billiards with my son." Yu Simiao said as he led Qiu Liyao to the room.

They stopped in front of the door of the room. There were various entertainment facilities placed around the room. In particular, around seven to eight people stood around the billiards table.

Two young men were playing and beside them stood numerous bodyguards that were wearing black suits.

Chapter 32: Not to be Repeated

Qiu Liyao finally met Master Sheng. Master Sheng was known to be difficult to manage.

Zhai Yunsheng was currently playing billiards with Yu Xi. Zhai Yunsheng wore a black shirt. The top three buttons of the shirt were unbuttoned and revealed a large section of his neckline. His muscles appeared to be tight and firm.

This was very different from what Qiu Liyao had imagined. He had initially thought that Master Sheng would appear to look like a sickly person.

Qiu Liyao assumed that this man would look thin and fragile. However, from his appearance, he couldn't see anything wrong with his health.

Qiu Liyao didn't dare to interrupt their billiards session. Thus, he waited with Yu Simiao on the side for a while.

He waited until Zhai Yunsheng and Yu Xi finished the match. Qiu Liyao stepped forward with a smile.

"Master Sheng," Qiu Liyao smiled as he called out.

Zhai Yunsheng turned his head to look at him. A smile formed on his lips.

For the split second when their eyes met, Qiu Liyao felt nervous for no reason.

The last time Qiu Liyao saw eyes that seemed to be able to read the minds of people was when he met the Chairman of the Tianxing Group.

And at that time, he only had the chance to briefly glance at the other party. With his status, he didn't have the opportunity to talk to the chairman.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, Qiu Liyao took out his carefully prepared gift. A thousand-year-old ginseng.

The ginseng was situated in a big red box. Multiple roots stemmed from the thousand-year-old ginseng.

"This is my..."

"Do you know how to play?" Zhai Yunsheng asked as he interrupted Qiao Liyao.

His eyes didn't even look at the ginseng that Qiu Liyao had bought with a huge sum of money.

Qiu Liyao paused for a moment before he glanced at the billiards table next to him. He replied in a hurry, "I'm not good at this. My skills definitely can not be compared with Master Sheng's."

"Play a match with Yu Xi," Zhai Yunsheng replied as he passed the cue stick to Qiu Liyao.

Qiu Liyao didn't know how to respond. He didn't understand the meaning behind Zhai Yunsheng's actions.

After hesitating for a while, he took the cue stick.

Following that, Qiu Liyao watched Zhai Yunsheng walk towards a nearby sofa and sat down.

Qiu Liyao looked at Yu Xi who was already arranging the billiards. He could only try his best and play this match with Yu Xi.

Yu Simiao walked over to Zhai Yunsheng. He asked in a quiet voice, "Is Master Sheng unhappy?"

"What?" Zhai Yunsheng asked. His voice was magnetic.

There was a faint smile on the corner of his lips. It was like a smile yet not a smile. His eyes were sharp and appeared to look playful and evil at the same time.

Yu Simiao felt his heart sank. He knew that Master Sheng wanted him to say it by himself.

“About the situation where I brought Chairman Qiu to see you.”

Zhai Yunsheng’s right hand kept tapping on the armrest of the sofa. After a while, he slowly said.

“Don’t let this happen again.”

“Got it.” Yu Simiao knew that he had to refuse all visitors from this time onwards.

After that match, it was Yu Simiao’s turn to have a match against Qiu Liyao. Although Qiu Liyao came to talk to Zhai Yunsheng, there was no chance to do so.

Yu Xi walked over to Zhai Yunsheng and said quietly, “Master Sheng, thanks to you, I finally have the opportunity to see this guy suffer for a bit! You don’t know how much I hated him when I attended Shenghua High School.”

After a pause, Yu Xi started speaking again, “Also, Master Zhai also gave me instructions to introduce you to some innocent girls.”

Yu Xi didn’t dare to hide this from Zhai Yunsheng. Whatever Master Zhai asked him to do, he would tell Zhai Yunsheng.

This wasn’t the first or second time that Master Zhai had wanted Yu Xi to introduce a girl to Master Sheng.

And as for the reason why he wanted an innocent girl was probably because he didn’t want Master Sheng’s body to be damaged if he did play around.

Chapter 33: Sending Jian Yiling Back to the Old Residence

It was difficult to blame Master Zhai for having such thoughts. Although Zhai Yunsheng appeared to look quite healthy, he was actually quite ill. If he wasn’t careful, he would die easily.

He was the only child of the Zhai family. If he were to die, then there would be no one to carry on the legacy of the Zhai family.

However, other than women, Master Sheng played with everything else.

When it came to this aspect, he was as pure as a piece of white paper.

When it came to age, Master Sheng was not old enough to be urged to marry.

It was normal for him to not date. Yu Xi himself hadn’t yet dated.

However, Master Sheng’s situation was special.

While he was in the capital, the Zhai family had tried to recommend some girls to Master Sheng. They tried various ways to get Master Sheng interested in these matters.

However, Master Sheng remained indifferent.

Master Zhai had even said, as long as Master Sheng was interested in the girl, it didn't matter what background she was from. Everything was fine as long as she had a good family and upheld herself to good moral conduct.

"You manage it." Zhai Yunsheng replied as he gave Yu Xi a look.

Yu Xi had an exasperated look on his face. He knew that phrase was not for him to manage the girl but rather, was asking him to manage Master Zhai.

"Master Sheng, I feel that I will die in your grandpa's hands sooner or later." He couldn't lie to Zhai Yunsheng. Thus, he could only help Zhai Yunsheng in fooling his grandpa in Beijing.

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Jian Yiling was in her study room at night. Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng came to find her at the same time.

When Jian Yiling saw both of them appear at the same time, she knew something was up.

"Yiling, Father has something to discuss with you." Jian Shuxing's brows furrowed a lot. He didn't dare to look directly at Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling nodded. Her expression appeared to be serious and calm.

"Your... Your brother... Is coming out of hospital..." Jian Shuxing stammered out. Although his actions in the work environment were swift and decisive, when facing his daughter, his words were scattered.

"Let me say it." Jian Yuncheng interrupted. "Yunnao is about to be discharged. However, his hand hasn't become better. We haven't found someone to operate on his hand for the time being. The hospital has suggested for us to take him back home to rest first. This hopefully will be better for his mood."

"However, Yunnao still doesn't want to meet you for the time being. After discussing this with your father, we decided that we are going to send you to your grandparent's house temporarily. We've already contacted them. After you finish school tomorrow, you will be taken there. Pack anything you need today. Tomorrow, I'll ask someone to deliver it in advance."

After Jian Yuncheng stopped talking, he waited for Jian Yiling's response.

Before coming to notify Jian Yiling, Jian Shuxing, Wen Nuan, and Jian Yuncheng had discussed this for quite some time.

They had expected that Jian Yiling might have some extreme reaction.

Jian Shuxing didn't dare to look at Jian Yiling directly. Last time when Grandma Jian had proposed for Jian Yiling to live in the old residence, he had declined. However, now, they were sending her to live there for such a reason.

"Okay," Jian Yiling replied. Her reply was simple and clear.

Then, she turned around to go pack her things.

Jian Shuxing and Jian Yuncheng did not anticipate such a reaction.

They assumed that Jian Yiling would cry and throw a tantrum.

They thought about all the possible outcomes other than this one. They did not expect her to quietly accept their arrangements.

Their hearts felt as though they got hit by a blunt object as they looked at the quiet and small figure of Jian Yiling.

“Yi... Yiling... If you need anything, tell father... Father...” Jian Shuxing started as he tried to say something to appease Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling shook her head. Her face remained soft and calm.

Chapter 34: I'll Treasure My Darling

Jian Yiling knew that Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan were reluctant for this to happen.

She had read the original novel and seen this scene play out before her eyes.

In the original novel, Jian Yiling had a violent reaction. She cried and threw a tantrum.

As a result, Jian Shuxing and Wen Nuan became softhearted and didn't end up sending her to the Old Residence.

However, the result was quite cruel. When Jian Yunnao returned to the house, there was a constant tension between Jian Yiling and him. It was as though there was a sword that was held above their heads at every moment.

The conflict between Jian Yiling and Jian Yunnao became worse. This caused the entire Jian family to fall into deep suffering.

Compared to that happening again, Jian Yiling decided to listen to the arrangements and to go live in the Old Residence for some time.

Early in the morning, Grandma Jian came over. She arrived before Jian Yuncheng had delivered Jian Yiling's luggage to the Old Residence.

It was a few minutes past eight. Jian Shuxing hadn't yet left the house.

“Mother, why are you here? You can just ask the driver to come over. Or you can ask Yuncheng to deliver the luggage later.”

Grandma Jian intentionally ignored Jian Shuxing. She walked straight to the door to find Jian Yiling's luggage piled at the door. Then, she asked the driver to move the luggage to the car.

“Mother, don't be upset... You know that Wen Nuan and I didn't have a choice in this matter...”

Jian Shuxing knew that his mother was angry with him. His expression was helpless and pained.

“Did I say that you did something wrong?” Grandma Jian’s expression was serious. “You have your pains and you have your logic to deal with. I understand that. Then can’t I show my affection to my dear granddaughter? If both of you don’t have the time and energy to take care of her, can’t I do that then? Or do you not allow me to?”

“Yes, yes mother. I know. Yiling will trouble you for a while.” Jian Shuxing’s mind went back to how obedient Jian Yiling looked last night. The more he thought of it, the more guilty he felt.

“It’s no trouble for me! I am happy! And actually, don’t pick her up in the future! Give her to me to take care of.”

Grandma Jian was incredibly unhappy. As a result, her words and tone were unkind.

Jian Shuxing could do nothing else but to obediently listen. It was definitely not possible for them to let Grandma Jian take care of Jian Yiling forever. Jian Shuxing wanted to bring Jian Yiling back once Jian Yunnao’s attitude towards Jian Yiling relaxed.

Before leaving, Grandma Jian expressed her opinion on the matter. “Either way, I don’t believe that Yiling is a malicious child. Even if she did something, I believe it was an accident and not her intention.”

Jian Shuxing watched Grandma Jian leave. His heart was slightly moved.

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At night, Grandma Jian waited in front of the gates of Shenghua High School.

She didn’t feel reassured if just the driver picked her up. As a result, she came as well.

Before school had even ended, Grandma Jian had started sticking her head out to look around.

“Grandma Jian, don’t worry. When school is over, Miss Yiling will come out,” the driver quietly convinced.

“You don’t understand. Even though my darling looks quite fierce, she has an incredibly sensitive soul.” Grandma Jian had raised three sons by herself. And she also had taken care of many grandsons. She knew the behavior of her children.

Following which, Grandma Jian sighed. “It doesn’t matter if she is finicky. It is okay for the daughters of the Jian family to be finicky. I’m just worried that the conflict in the hearts of these two children won’t be solved.”

After a while, Jian Yiling came out. Grandma Jian happily took Jian Yiling’s bag and dragged her to come to sit beside her.

“Darling, Grandma has missed you so much. Grandma asked your father to ask you to come to live with me for a while at the Old Residence. And you know your father, he can’t win an argument against me.”

“Mhmm.” Jian Yiling replied as she nodded slightly. She didn’t expose that she knew the truth.

Chapter 35: A Chance Encounter

Banshan Villa Region, Dongcheng District of Hengyuan City

There were only two buildings situated in this area. Both were of classical design and had grand appearances. One of these buildings belonged to the Yu family and the other one belonged to the Jian family.

These two families were two of the largest and most prominent families in Hengyuan City. Both families had a long-standing history.

At the current moment, there was a minor car accident that occurred on the road in front of the two villas. One vehicle had rear-ended the other.

No one was injured. However, the entire road was blocked as a result.

This blocked the path of Grandma Jian and Jian Yiling who were trying to get back home.

As there was not much distance between where they were to the house, Grandma Jian decided to walk the rest of the way.

When Jian Yiling passed the site of the accident, she saw that the collision was between two sports cars.

The vehicle at the front was green in color whilst the vehicle at the back was red.

Currently, the driver of the green sports car was leaning against the window. His movements were languid and laid-back.

At first glance, she didn't see the man's face. Jian Yiling only thought that the man was tall and slim.

Furthermore, he wasn't wearing his clothes properly. Several buttons were left unbuttoned.

The man turned around as he felt someone's gaze on him. His eyes met Jian Yiling's eyes.

It was him!

Jian Yiling recognized the man in an instant. It was the man that was hungry in the hospital corridor the other day!

As Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling, the corners of his lips became upturned.

It was clear that he also remembered Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling quickly looked away.

Yu Xi walked over and found that Zhai Yunsheng was looking at something or someone in fascination. Thus, he followed Zhai Yunsheng's gaze.

Grandma Jian and Jian Yiling?

What was Master Sheng looking at them for?

Zhai Yunsheng kept looking in the direction of Grandma Jian and Jian Yiling till they entered the house.

Yu Xi was quite curious. "Is there a problem with Grandma Jian and Miss Jian?"

“Miss Jian?” Zhai Yunsheng asked as he raised his eyebrows. The corner of his lips became more upturned.

“Yeah, it’s Jian Yiling. The only daughter of the Jian family. You might not know but the Jian family has had eight sons in the past three generations. She’s the only daughter! And as a result, she is spoilt by the whole family. Grandma Jian is incredibly afraid of losing her!”

As a friend of the family, Yu Xi knew quite a bit about the situation of the Jian family.

“Let’s go visit the old man of the Jian family,” Zhai Yunsheng suddenly said.

“What?” Yu Xi asked in shock. Visit the old man of the Jian family?

Did Master Sheng say that he was going to visit Grandpa Jian?

Did he hear the right thing?

Seeing that Zhai Yunsheng was planning to head towards the Jian family, Yu Xi quickly pulled at Zhai Yunsheng’s sleeve and said, “Master Sheng, you’re still waiting for the traffic police.”

Yu Xi pointed at the site of the accident. Master Sheng had been driving when the car behind him had crashed into him. They were currently waiting for the traffic police to come to the scene.

The car belonged to Yu Xi. However, the person that was driving just then was Zhai Yunsheng.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at the driver who had rear-ended the car.

His gaze was so frightening that the other guy quivered in fear.

The man who had rear-ended the vehicle was in his twenties. He had tattoos on his arms and appeared to look like a very fierce person. However, at this current moment, he was terrified.

This man was the only son of the director of a real estate company in Hengyuan City.

After he rear-ended the vehicle, he had called the traffic police thinking that the police would support him due to his family background.

However, he had dug himself a grave. And quite a big grave to say the least!

Once he knew that the person driving was Zhai Yunsheng, he had instantly regretted his decision to call the police.

Now, all he wanted was to deal with the matter in private!

He would pay with any sum requested!

He didn’t dare to waste any of Master Sheng’s time!

Chapter 36: Second Aunt He Yan

When Grandma Jian and Jian Yiling arrived at the Old Jian Residence, He Yan was sitting in the living room. He Yan was the second aunt of the Jian family. She was the wife of Jian Shuxing's younger brother.

Jian Shuxing had a good relationship with his two younger brothers, Jian Shuhong and Jian Shupeng. The three brothers supported each other and worked together towards a common goal. Together, they strengthened the legacy of the Jian family.

However, the second aunt of the Jian family was quite dissatisfied with Jian Shuxing's family. She always felt that Jian Shuxing had been given more property and that her husband Jian Shuhong had in turn, suffered a loss.

Furthermore, she felt that Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian adored Jian Yiling more. This made her feel quite jealous.

She was also worried that Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian would leave their entire fortune to Jian Yiling.

All of them were the children of the Jian family. She couldn't let Jian Yiling take advantage of the situation!

When she had heard that Grandma Jian was bringing Jian Yiling over to live with her, she was unable to hold back and decided to bring her son over as well.

Right now, her son, Jian Yujie was being interrogated in the studio regarding his studies by Grandpa Jian.

Grandma Jian wasn't surprised at all when she saw He Yan. He Yan often brought Jian Yujie along to the Old Residence to see them.

After He Yan greeted Grandma Jian, her eyes fell on Jian Yiling.

"Yiling, you've grown even more beautiful." He Yan said as she took Jian Yiling's hand. The smile on her face appeared to look very kind.

Before He Yan was married to Jian Shuhong, she was a known actress. She had a good grasp of how to control her expression.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied as she tried to remove her hand from He Yan's grasp. However, He Yan held her hand a bit too tight so she couldn't pull her hand out. Jian Yiling didn't want to hurt her hand.

"Is something wrong Yiling? Didn't you like me before? Did you encounter something unhappy at school? Talk to me. Maybe I can help you come up with some ideas!" He Yan noticed that Jian Yiling's reaction was a little strange.

Previously, Jian Yiling had a good relationship with He Yan. This was because He Yan was good at speaking and acting. She constantly complimented and coaxed Jian Yiling who was still young.

Jian Yiling didn't know that He Yan was intentionally doing this. She wanted Jian Yiling to become a girl who was undisciplined and who didn't know right from wrong. The more wrong Yiling did, the more she would benefit.

In the original novel, a lot of the stupid things that Jian Yiling did later on were due to He Yan's ideas.

Jian Yiling leaned her body backward. There was an obvious intention to avoid He Yan. However, He Yan still inched forward.

When Grandma Jian saw this, she expressed her dissatisfaction. "My darling has been in a bad mood recently. Don't cause trouble. You'll scare her."

Grandma Jian didn't like He Yan much. Out of the three daughters-in-law of the Jian family, her eldest and youngest son had married wives from families of the same social status. Only her second son had married the female actress He Yan.

Grandma Jian's dislike was not due to He Yan's status or occupation. Grandma Jian dislike was because of the way that He Yan handled matters.

If it weren't for her second son loving He Yan, Grandma Jian would have definitely picked a wife that was well-matched in social status.

However, Grandma Jian's dislike for He Yan was relative to the other daughter-in-laws. She hadn't troubled He Yan after she joined the family. This was her son's life to live and not hers.

However, when it came to Jian Yiling, Grandma Jian had always been protective of her.

Even if her grandsons provoked her darling, she would still tell them off. How would He Yan be spared?

Even if it was someone else who did this to her previous granddaughter, Grandma Jian's attitude would be the same. No one was as important as her darling.

He Yan quickly smiled apologetically, "Mother, I don't mean anything else. I wouldn't ever harm Yiling. I don't even have enough time to love her. I just hate how Yiling isn't my own child."

Even though He Yan was smiling apologetically, she was internally gritting her teeth and fuming inside.

Chapter 37: He Yan's Scheme

She hadn't done anything. For Grandma Jian to say this to her was evidently because she had prejudice towards her.

He Yan knew that she wasn't from a well off family like Wen Nuan. As a result, she was not as loved by her mother-in-law. However, her mother-in-law couldn't say such hurtful words to her!

Grandma Jian attempted to explain, "Yiling has been worried and anxious about her exams recently. Maybe wait till she's in a better mood before you play with her."

He Yan continued to smile apologetically and replied, "Mother, I know. And in regards to your exams, don't mind about it too much Yiling. You don't have to worry about getting good grades and causing yourself too much stress. Getting good grades is not worth the stress. Our family can fund your expenses."

He Yan always used these words to instill into Jian Yiling that she didn't need to put effort into her life.

He Yan had told Jian Yiling numerous times that she could rely on her grandparents and parents. Later on, she could rely on her husband and her brothers.

In the future, the fortunes that her grandparents would leave her would be enough to fund her throughout her lifetime.

Jian Yiling reached out and pulled Grandma Jian's clothes before saying, "Hungry."

As soon as Grandma Jian heard Jian Yiling say this, she urged the servants to bring up the dishes, "Hurry up, let's have dinner. Yiling is hungry already."

When Grandma Jian took Jian Yiling to the dining hall, He Yan's expression darkened.

This brat. She had listened to her before? What was wrong with her today?

If she became a good child, this was not good news for her!

He Yan took the time before dinner to go to the bathroom to make a call.

The phone rang for a while before it was picked up. A middle-aged woman picked up from the opposite side.

He Yan asked, "Aunt Mo, what is happening? How did Jian Yiling become a totally different person?"

He Yan's tone was full of accusation.

"Madam, I... I don't know either. I've been taking care of the young master in the hospital these days. I haven't had much time to interact with Miss Jian," the voice from the other side of the phone replied cautiously.

"Then have you continued to tell Jian Yunnao that his entire life is going to be over?"

"I have. However, I'm incredibly worried and scared that he's going to remember the details from that day. I've asked the doctor. When someone is emotional, their memories can become blurred. However, when they calm down, they can remember things again! If he remembers, he will know that I've been lying to him!"

Aunt Mo's voice became weak. It was obvious that she was really scared.

He Yan comforted the middle-age woman, "Don't panic. If he remembers, you can tell him that you saw the wrong thing. Anyhow, it's been so long and he hasn't remembered. It is likely that he won't ever remember it. Furthermore, when they argued, they had body contact anyways. When he fell down the stairs, he would be incredibly dizzy. How would he know whether he slipped himself or whether his sister pushed him? Plus, you were the first person who appeared next to him when he fell. As long as you say that's what you saw when you ran over, he wouldn't think too deeply into it. He will only know that his dear sister was this cruel to him. The more you love someone, the more you will eventually hate them. Once it comes to those emotions, the brain won't be able to differentiate them. Young people are always like this."

The middle-aged women across the phone went silent.

After a while, the woman said, "Madam, I think let's just leave this case alone. Jian Yiling has had her lesson already. Her parents are also very kind to me. They hadn't even complained that I brought my daughter to live with me. They've also paid me a higher salary. I don't want to hurt them anymore..."

He Yan's temperament changed all of a sudden, "Aunt Mo, think clearly about this! Who let your daughter attend Shenghua High School? And who arranged for you to have such a generous paying job? Do you not want to do it anymore? If so, deal with your daughter's university tuition in the future by yourself!"

Chapter 38: Cousin Jian Yujie

The woman's heart was swayed once again as she thought about her daughter. Her daughter was lovable, intelligent, and had boundless prospects.

He Yan paused and then changed into a softer tone to continue talking, "Don't think about it too much. You're doing the best thing for your daughter. Your daughter is not only beautiful but she's also talented. She should have the opportunity to stand out amongst her peers. If it's because of money and she's unable to attend a good high school and university, then her entire life would be regrettable. Look at her right now, not only does she have exceptional results, but she has also made friends with outstanding individuals. Her future is bright."

He Yan's words successfully persuaded the middle-aged woman. Her daughter was her weakness.

"I understand. I am willing to do anything for my daughter. In regards to Mr. and Ms. Jian, I'll repay them in my next life!"

He Yan was satisfied with this answer, "Then let's continue what we are doing right now. As I'm still at the Old Residence, I'll go see this girl again. I'll figure out what she is up to!"

After finishing her sentence, He Yan hung up the phone.

He Yan had initially called Aunt Mo because she wanted to figure out why Jian Yiling's attitude had changed all of a sudden.

It turned out that Aunt Mo was useless and she still had to rely on herself.

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At the dinner table, Jian Yiling met her cousin Jian Yujie for the first time.

Jian Yujie and Jian Yunnao were the same age. They were both seventeen.

If they excluded Jian Yiling, those two were the youngest grandchildren in the Jian family. They were a few years younger than their brothers.

The other grandchildren of the Jian family were all in their twenties.

Initially, they hadn't planned to want any more children. However, Grandma Jian had said during Chinese New Year all those years back, that she wanted to embrace a granddaughter. Thus, Jian Shuxing and Jian Shuhong had attempted to give her a granddaughter.

As a result, in the same year, two more grandsons were born.

At this time, everyone had given up. Grandma Jian had also accepted her fate.

It was unexpected that a year later, Wen Nuan became pregnant once again.

And this time, she gave birth to a daughter. This delighted Grandma Jian.

Many things grow in the garden that was not sown there. Sometimes, doing a thing intentionally will not give the result that you want. Rather, it is better to let things follow fate.

When Jian Yujie saw Jian Yiling, he smiled at her.

Although He Yan had always resented Jian Yiling, Jian Yujie really liked his younger female cousin.

This was his only sister and her appearance was incredibly cute as well.

When she was young, she looked like a doll. At that time, he adored his younger sister.

It was a shame that there were too many elder brothers in the family. He couldn't fight against them and could only watch them play with her from afar.

There was nothing to be done. He and Yunnao were the youngest in the brothers and thus, there was a big difference in height, size, and strength.

He didn't have many chances to see Yiling. Most of the time, it was in the Old Residence and at those times, most of the extended family were there.

There were seldom opportunities where he had the chance to talk to Yiling.

Thus, Jian Yujie seized the opportunity and tried to get her to have a favorable impression of him.

Jian Yiling returned Jian Yujie's smile.

Although her smile was on the surface level, in Jian Yujie's eyes, her smile was particularly cute.

When they were eating, Jian Yujie sat next to Jian Yiling. He kept adding food to Jian Yiling's bowl.

"Yiling, you need to eat more to grow taller! When I was your age, I was half a head taller than you right now!"

Jian Yiling was relatively small when compared to her peers.

Although she was already in senior high school, she still looked like a junior high student.

"Yes, yes, Yiling, you have to eat more. You don't have to control your diet to maintain your figure. You're still young right now. You can worry about your figure when you're older," He Yan quickly added on.

Chapter 39: Jian Yujie's Aspirations

Jian Yiling focused on eating.

She didn't respond to what He Yan was saying.

Jian Yiling's ability to focus was really good. Even in a noisy environment, she could focus on her work and not be disturbed.

He Yan became gloomy as she kept on speaking. She felt as though she was being a clown.

However, she couldn't do anything about Jian Yiling.

After finishing dinner, everyone moved to the courtyard to drink tea together.

This was a habit of Grandpa Jian and Grandma Jian's. Typically, when the younger generation came to visit, they would also join Grandpa and Grandma Jian.

At the same time, it was an opportunity to admire the beautiful orchids that Grandpa Jian loved.

The courtyard's design was originally of European style. However, as Grandpa Jian loved orchids, after he had retired, he began planting orchids in the garden.

Grandpa Jian had intentionally constructed a Chinese style garden in the courtyard. The garden was not in line with the overall style of the residence. In the garden, there was mahogany furniture and a tea set. The orchids grew next to the table and bench.

"Sister Yiling, look at my hands. There is nothing here right?"

Jian Yujie showed Jian Yiling his hands.

His pair of hands were slender and elegant.

He showed Jian Yiling the front and the back of his hands. Then he turned his hands around and somehow, a red rose suddenly appeared.

Then the rose was turned around and it abruptly burst into flames. After turning his hands once more, the fire became extinguished. In its place was a small and cute unicorn keychain.

Jian Yujie handed the keychain to Jian Yiling whilst saying, "A gift for you."

Jian Yiling took the cute and pink keychain and thanked him quietly.

Although she didn't like this style of things, it appeared that her cousin thought that she did.

Jian Yujie showed a satisfied smile. Sister Yiling was really suited to cute things. Next time, he would buy more of these small trinkets to give to her.

Grandma Jian smiled and said, "Yujie's hands are getting more and more skillful. He can definitely become a good magician."

This was Jian Yujie's hobby. He wanted to become a magician.

He had mentioned this to the family several times. Both Grandpa and Grandma Jian knew about this. They supported their grandchildren to grow in the direction they wanted.

However, He Yan did not want this. She always used the excuse that her child was still young and did not know what he wanted to do in his life as an excuse.

She constantly said that becoming a magician was only a brief period of enthusiasm for Jian Yujie. She reiterated that if he didn't want to become a magician, he not only will have wasted time, he would also delay his studies.

Grandpa Jian turned towards Jian Yujie and said, "If you like it, you should learn more about it. After you graduate high school, I'll ask someone to find you a good teacher."

Jian Yujie was beaming when he heard Grandpa and Grandma Jian's words. "Thank you, Grandpa!"

He Yan's expression, on the other hand, was incredibly gloomy.

"Father, Mother. Yujie's has excellent academic results. It will be a waste for him to become a magician."

He Yan had a total of three sons. The first two refused to study finance and did not want to run a business. She couldn't do anything about them. Those two were already in their twenties.

However, when it came to her third son, she definitely would not allow him to waste his time and do something that did not have a future.

How much money could a magician make in a year?

Grandma Jian explained, "You need not only intelligence but also spirituality to become a magician. You can't only rely on your hands. Furthermore, his excellent academic results will act as a foundation for the future. It is not a waste."

Grandma Jian knew what He Yan was thinking. However, it was more important for the child to do what he wants. Yujie has been wishing to become a magician for several years. It was definitely not a brief period of enthusiasm.

Chapter 40: Master Sheng Pays a Visit

He Yan gritted her teeth. It was easy for Grandma Jian to say. She could just rely on Jian Shuxing or Jian Shupeng's sons to inherit and carry on the family legacy.

However, what about her? Did she have to rely on her nephews to feed her in the future?

He Yan suppressed her dissatisfaction in her heart and continued to smile. She said, "Let's think about this later. Let's wait until Yujie finishes his college examinations."

The smile of Jian Yujie's face gradually disappeared. In its place was an inevitable look of disappointment.

However, he quickly recovered. Jian Yujie was someone who had strong mental fortitude. If not, he would have listened to his mother's wishes many years ago. His mother's attitude towards these things was rather tough and unyielding.

At this moment, there was an unexpected guest that came to visit the Jian family – Zhai Yunsheng.

This visit surprised and puzzled Grandpa Jian.

He knew long ago that Zhai Yunsheng was living with the Yu family next door. However, he hadn't expected that he would come to visit.

After all, the two families were not close, and based on his social standing, there was no reason for Zhai Yunsheng to visit him.

Many people wanted to visit Zhai Yunsheng these days. Most of which were declined by Yu Simiao.

Grandpa Jian hadn't considered visiting Zhai Yunsheng. He didn't want to forcibly create a relationship with the Zhai family or the Tianxing Group.

And thus, although Zhai Yunsheng lived next door, they wouldn't communicate or interact.

He Yan was also surprised. She also heard about Master Sheng before.

Everyone who was in the social circle knew that Master Sheng came to Hengyuan City. It was impossible for He Yan to not know.

He Yan had initially wanted to visit Master Sheng. However, she was persuaded otherwise by her husband.

Her husband thought that their family didn't associate much with the Zhai family. There was no point in forcibly trying to make this connection and possibly making a fool of oneself.

It was then that He Yan decided to not go and meet Master Sheng.

However, she didn't expect to meet Master Sheng at the Old Jian Residence.

He Yan thought to herself that indeed, the older you are, the more status and standing you have in society. Master Sheng had been in Hengyuan City for quite a while now. This was the first time that he has visited others, and that person turned out to be their Grandpa Jian!

Grandpa Jian personally went to greet the guests. The rest of them continued to sit in the garden to drink tea with Grandma Jian.

Jian Yiling held a teacup in her hand and quietly sipped from it.

Jian Yujie sat next to Jian Yiling and introduced her to magic tricks that he recently learned. Most of which were from books or tutorials that were online. He had either learned these in secret or figured these tricks out by himself.

Although Jian Yiling didn't understand magic, she could see Jian Yujie's enthusiasm and talent for magic.

On the other hand, He Yan was unable to hold herself back. Her mind was not focused on drinking tea.

When Grandma Jian saw He Yan being unable to sit still, she sighed to herself.

Compared to He Yan, Grandma Jian liked her granddaughter and grandson much more.

It didn't take long for Grandpa Jian to come back. This time, he brought back two young men with him.

One of which everyone recognized. He was Yu Xi, the son of the Qiyue Group.

Yu Xi's appearance was outstanding. His attractiveness and figure were both top-notch.

However, he still couldn't be compared to the man who stood beside him.

That man beside him was the person who Jian Yiling had met earlier. He was previously leaning on the green sports car.

"Please take a seat, Mr. Zhai," Grandpa Jian said with a neutral tone. There was no sense of admiration or servitude contained in his tone. Grandpa Jian treated Zhai Yunsheng in the same way he treated his other guests.

Zhai Yunsheng sat down opposite to Jian Yiling. His eyes were solely focused on her.

An eerie smile played on Zhai Yunsheng's lips. The smile made people feel that their privacy was encroached upon.