

Sidekick 671

Chapter 671: I Will Watch Over Her

In Zhai Yunsheng's office.

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yubo were sitting opposite each other. They were both seated in front of a French window.

"You're very despicable," Jian Yubo said.

"Heh," Zhai Yunsheng laughed. He did not get angry at this comment. "I was never a good person, to begin with. Furthermore, no one from the Zhai family is a good person. However, you're not a good person either."

"You cajoled her," Jian Yubo said. He was stating a fact.

"Yeah, I did. I admit to that," Zhai Yunsheng replied. "I got engaged to her through despicable means. Furthermore, I also used those means to keep her by my side. I knew that she would say yes to me."

"She feels indebted to you. Furthermore, she knows your health condition. Therefore, she hopes to save you. As a result, she said yes to you."

"And so what?" Zhai Yunsheng asked. He gave Jian Yubo an evil smile: "Do you want to stop me?"

"I can't stop you."

If he could, Jian Yubo would have long ago stopped this from happening.

For him, having a clear mind was sometimes a very painful thing.

He knew the merits and drawbacks. He knew what he could do and what he could not do.

Furthermore, he had no right to interfere with her decision in the first place.

As long as she wanted to do something, he had no other choice but to support her.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yubo for a moment. Then, he said: "She wants you to come back."

Upon hearing this, Jian Yubo was silent for a long time.

Then, he replied quietly: "I will watch over her."

He would watch her every step in life.

He would watch her be happy.

For him, that was already enough.

Zhai Yunsheng smiled when he heard this. In other words, Jian Yubo was not leaving this time.

He knew his little rabbit would be incredibly happy to hear this news.

And thus, Zhai Yunsheng invited Jian Yubo to dinner.

Jian Yiling was preparing the meal.

After a moment, Jian Yubo said yes to Zhai Yunsheng's invitation.

Perhaps, deep in his heart, he wanted to get a little closer to that ray of light in his life.

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In the evening, Jian Yubo arrived at Zhai Yunsheng's apartment.

Jian Yichen and Luo Xun were there already.

As Jian Yichen lived next door, he would basically know anything that happened in Zhai Yunsheng's apartment.

Furthermore, he would frequently come over for food. After all, who wouldn't want free food?

Whenever Yiling cooked, he was never missing from the dinner table.

He would not miss an opportunity to stop Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling from hanging out on their own.

This time around, he also dragged Luo Xun along.

Currently, Jian Yiling was cooking in the kitchen. However, the people in the living room all had their own thoughts.

Jian Yichen was enthusiastically encouraging Luo Xun to help Jian Yiling in the kitchen.

However, Luo Xun decided against that. He knew that Jian Yiling was getting engaged to Zhai Yunsheng. As a result, he did not want to interfere with their relationship.

Luo Xun had quite a good impression of Jian Yiling. However, he only saw Jian Yiling as a little sister. It had nothing to do with romance.

He wanted to protect her. And thus, he did not want to cause her any trouble.

And thus, even though Jian Yichen hinted at him to do something many times, Luo Xun refused to do anything.

Zhai Yunsheng ignored Jian Yichen as well. Regardless of what he did, his little rabbit's heart would not beat rapidly for Luo Xun.

On the other side of the room, Jian Yubo sat there quietly.

Jian Yichen had been boisterous ever since young. He had not changed at all.

However, the noise and excitement did not suit Jian Yubo.

Jian Yichen glanced over at Jian Yubo. He realized that Jian Yubo was as silent as usual. In fact, it was as though he was surrounded or even submerged by an isolated and detached atmosphere.

In his past life, Jian Yichen only knew the reason for Jian Yubo's personality a long time after everything had happened.

However, back then, it was already too late. He couldn't change anything.

This time, everyone was still around. He still had the time and opportunity to change things.

Chapter 672: You're Not Allowed to Bully Him

"Yubo, I have something to speak to you about. Let's go to the balcony to have a talk."

Jian Yubo glanced at Jian Yichen's smiling face. After a moment of hesitation, he nodded his head.

Then, the two of them talked for a while on the balcony. They didn't come back until dinner was served.

When Jian Yichen returned, he was full of smiles when he saw the table filled with colorful and fragrant dishes.

"Yiling, you're the best! You know that I love poached fish!"

However, the thing that made Jian Yichen the happiest was not the fact that the table was filled with delicious food.

Instead, he was just glad that Jian Yubo and Jian Yiling were alive and well. They were still by his side.

Jian Yubo glanced at the dishes placed in front of him. There was minced pork and eggplant, pepper chicken, and sizzling tofu.

All of them were dishes that he enjoyed.

It seemed as though she remembered everything.

Furthermore, Jian Yiling also remembered the foods that Zhai Yunsheng and Luo Xun liked to eat. She took care of everyone.

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After eating, Jian Yichen tricked Luo Xun into washing the dishes.

Then, he tricked Jian Yubo into bringing Jian Yiling into the study.

As a result, other than him, only Zhai Yunsheng was left in the room.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yichen with an amused expression on his face. He already had an idea of what Jian Yichen planned to say.

"Tomorrow is our engagement party. What else do you want to do?" Zhai Yunsheng asked with a relaxed expression on his face.

"So what if you're getting engaged? Yiling can still cancel the engagement at any time," Jian Yichen replied with a fox-like smile on his face.

"Well, everyone in Beijing already knows that I'm getting engaged to the daughter of the Jian family."

"My sister doesn't have to worry about having no one to marry. She doesn't necessarily need men in her life. Furthermore, her value won't decrease just because she canceled an engagement. I don't believe in those things."

"And so, are you determined to pick a bone with me?"

Jian Yichen paused for a moment. He wasn't intentionally trying to make things difficult for Zhai Yunsheng. However, he had to do this.

"Zhai Yunsheng, you're going to die early. You won't be able to give my sister the happiness she deserves."

The words "die early" hit Zhai Yunsheng in his heart.

His face darkened for a moment.

At this moment, Jian Yiling ran out of the study room.

"Yiling... Why are you..."

Jian Yichen raised his head to look at Jian Yubo.

He knew that Jian Yubo had failed to hold Jian Yiling back.

Furthermore, Jian Yiling was not dumb. She knew that something was amiss.

And thus, the words "Brother Yubo" made her escape easily. Jian Yubo simply could not stop Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling stood in front of Zhai Yunsheng and frowned at Jian Yichen: "You're not allowed to bully him! Don't say those things about him!"

"Yiling..." Jian Yichen started. He looked at Jian Yiling with surprise.

"You're not allowed to say those things about him!" Jian Yiling repeated. She began to look angry as her small mouth pursued up.

"Yiling... Even though my words are hard to accept, it's still the truth... I just don't want you to be sad in the future."

Jian Yiling shook her head: "I don't care about the future."

She said this with a firm and determined expression on her face.

The firm and determined expression on Jian Yiling's face made Jian Yichen realize something.

The thing he was worried about the most had finally happened.

She was protecting him. Such words revealed a message to Jian Yichen. Jian Yiling had set her heart on Zhai Yunsheng.

And thus, Jian Yichen exhaled helplessly: "Ah... Okay, I understand."

In the end, Jian Yichen finally gave up.

Initially, he wanted to break them apart before his sister set her heart on Zhai Yunsheng. He didn't want her to be hurt in the future.

However, it appeared as though Jian Yiling was actually in love with Zhai Yunsheng already. It was no longer merely about owing him.

And thus, if this was the case, it was meaningless to split them up. If he did so, his sister would only feel pain.

Chapter 673: Doting Uncle Zhai

“Okay, I won’t cause trouble again,” Jian Yichen replied softly.

Jian Yichen then turned around to look at Zhai Yunsheng. He said: “Zhai Yunsheng, you better take good care of yourself. You must live a long life. Don’t you dare make my sister scared or alarmed. Do you understand?”

When Jian Yiling heard this, she was stunned for a moment.

Then, she understood why Jian Yichen had been causing trouble in the first place. It was because he was worried that Zhai Yunsheng’s death would bring her a lot of pain.

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yichen before he replied: “ I will.”

However, after receiving this response, Jian Yichen immediately warned Zhai Yunsheng: “Furthermore, don’t you even think about treating Yiling poorly! If you do things with other women, sooner or later, you will definitely get a heart attack!”

Then, in front of Zhai Yunsheng, Jian Yichen said to Jian Yiling: “Yiling, if you meet another man that makes your heart flutter, don’t even hesitate to dump this guy! Regardless of what you do, I will definitely support you!”

Jian Yichen was quite biased.

It was a sin for wolf cubs to look at other women.

However, his sister could do whatever she wanted!

Somehow, these words were incredibly similar to Jian Yujie’s words a few days ago.

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On the day of the engagement party, the Second Master of the Zhai family appeared in front of Jian Yiling for the first time.

The Second Master of the Zhai family was almost one meter and ninety centimeters. In addition, he was also strong and muscular.

Although he wasn’t angry, he still appeared to be rather intimidating. He had a powerful aura surrounding him.

As soon as he appeared, he attracted the attention of the people around him.

Similarly, in the original novel, the Second Master of the Zhai family was a powerful and feared existence.

In fact, he did not merely have an intimidating appearance. What intimidated everyone more was his means of doing things.

He was even more calculating and ruthless than Master Zhai.

And thus, when he walked up to Jian Yiling, his tall appearance formed a stark contrast against Jian Yiling's small and petite frame.

Typically, everyone would feel fear in the first moment they saw the Second Master of the Zhai family. This was even the case for Grandpa Jian. Needless to say, the younger generations were typically even more frightened.

As he stood in front of Jian Yiling, it was as though he was looking down at her from a high position.

"Yiling," the Second Master of the Zhai family started. His voice was rough and low.

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied. Surprisingly, her voice was calm and collected.

"In the future, please get along with A Sheng. If he does something wrong, remember to tell me. I will help you beat his ass. Furthermore, once you're engaged, you're part of the Zhai family. I'll be your Uncle Zhai. In the future, if anyone dares to bully you, feel free to tell me. I will make sure that they regret being born into this world."

Huh?

He was asking Jian Yiling to call him Uncle Zhai already?

He said that he was going to beat Zhai Yunsheng's ass?

Why was this so different from the expected?

Furthermore, even though his voice was rough and low, why did it sound doting? In fact, it seemed as though the Second Master of the Zhai family was attempting to gain Jian Yiling's favor!

"Mhmm," Jian Yiling replied. She didn't seem surprised at all.

During the conversation with the Second Master of the Zhai family, Jian Yiling merely replied "mhmm" a few times.

Was there a role reversal here?

Then, the Second Master of the Zhai family handed a card to Jian Yiling: "Here's a list of gifts. I don't know what you like. Therefore, I prepared quite a few gifts."

When Jian Yiling opened the card, there was a long list of gifts.

The gifts ranged from jewelry to electronics, to houses and cars, and finally, to bank cheques.

He had prepared every kind of gift for Zhai Yunsheng's fiancée.

However, as there were too many items, he could not bring everything over. Therefore, he gave Jian Yiling a list.

Chapter 674: Perfect Wife for Master Sheng

Jian Yiling wanted to refuse the gift. However, Zhai Yunsheng had already accepted the gift for her.

“Don’t worry about it. It’s yours now.”

“There’s too much,” Jian Yiling replied in a small voice.

A lot of the things on the list were incredibly valuable. Just the property alone was worth a huge sum of money.

“Don’t worry about it. Just think of it as a gift from the older generation. There’s no reason to refuse a gift from them,” Zhai Yunsheng said.

Wen Ruo was also at the scene.

As Wen Cheng and Cai Qinyue were the uncle and aunt of Jian Yiling, they were supposed to be there today.

However, because of the accident, both of them were still hospitalized. As a result, they could not help but be absent from the engagement party.

And thus, only Wen Ruo came over.

When Wen Ruo saw the scene in front of her, she couldn’t help but extend her neck to get a better look.

This was the legendary CEO of the Tianxing Group. In addition, he was the Second Master of the Zhai family. His gift alone was probably worth more than the entire Jian family’s fortune.

Furthermore, this was just an initial gift!

It was obvious that the Zhai family was incredibly different from other families in Beijing.

Even Zhu Zimo’s family could not be compared to the Zhai family in terms of power and wealth.

Then, the Second Master of the Zhai family walked towards Grandpa Jian and Jian Shuxing.

He took the initiative to shake hands with them.

“Greetings.”

Upon being greeted, Grandpa Jian and Jian Shuxing felt incredibly flattered. They did not know how to respond.

In fact, they couldn’t afford such respect from the Second Master of the Zhai family.

“You’re too kind,” Jian Shuxing said hurriedly.

“From now on, we are in-laws. Good fortune has allowed A Sheng to get engaged with a daughter from the Jian family.”

Zhai Yunsheng’s parents had both passed away. As a result, Zhai Yunsheng’s uncle was essentially a fatherly figure for him.

“You’re too kind. Master Sheng is an excellent man. He treats Yiling very well.”

Although the Jian family knew that Jian Yiling was incredibly talented and capable, they still could not withstand such praise from the Second Master of the Zhai family.

Then, the Second Master of the Zhai family talked to Grandpa Jian and Jian Shuxing for quite some time.

The polite and friendly chatter was not in line with his aura and appearance.

Grandpa Jian and Jian Shuxing were at a complete loss of what to do. They were overwhelmed by his enthusiasm.

Only Master Zhai and Zhai Yunsheng knew about this. The Second Master of the Zhai family was incredibly intimidating in front of outsiders. However, in front of his own family, he was basically a paper tiger.

Then, the Second Master of the Zhai family turned his gaze to Wen Nuan.

“I’ve heard that you’ve raised four children?”

“Yes, Yiling has three older brothers,” Wen Nuan replied. She introduced her three sons to him, one by one.

Jian Yuncheng and Jian Yunnao were both present. However, Jian Yunmo was not there.

When the Second Master of the Zhai family looked at Jian Yuncheng and Jian Yunnao, he couldn’t help but smile.

This was amazing.

Grandma Jian had three sons.

And thus, altogether, there were nine grandchildren in the Jian family.

Out of those, Jian Shuxing’s family had four children.

It appeared as though the Jian family had the tradition of having a lot of children.

This was incredibly suitable for the Zhai family.

This was much more useful than money and power to the Zhai family.

Money wasn’t important. The Zhai family did not lack money.

Instead, they lacked people!

Furthermore, Jian Yiling studied medicine. She managed to achieve her qualifications at an incredibly young age.

She was perfect for Zhai Yunsheng!

And thus, in his eyes, Jian Yiling was the perfect wife for Zhai Yunsheng.

Other than the actions that he could not trace, there were no other problems with Jian Yiling.

Chapter 675: Teasing Her

The engagement party progressed smoothly. The Zhai family was incredibly enthusiastic to the Jian family.

This sent a good signal to the Jian family.

In the future, if Jian Yiling married into the Zhai family, she would not be treated badly.

After the engagement party, Jian Yiling went home with Zhai Yunsheng.

When she entered the apartment, Jian Yiling saw Zhai Yunsheng smile.

His smile was rather good-looking.

“This time, you’re no longer entering my apartment as my primary care physician.”

Instead, she was entering as his fiancée.

Jian Yiling’s face blushed when she heard this. Her face was like a small apple that had just ripened.

Upon seeing the blush on Jian Yiling’s face, Zhai Yunsheng’s smile intensified: “We’re already engaged. Are you only becoming shy now? Aren’t your reactions a bit slow?”

Then, he continued to tease Jian Yiling: “You know, after we get engaged, our relationship is no longer the same as before? You’re my fiancée now. We can...”

“We can reproduce offspring?” Jian Yiling asked.

As a doctor who learned biology well, it was impossible for Jian Yiling to not know about this.

She had enough theoretical knowledge about human anatomy and the reproduction of offspring.

“Cough, cough... Cough cough...” Zhai Yunsheng choked.

Initially, he intended to tease his little rabbit. However, Jian Yiling’s words made him choke on his saliva instead!

It seemed as though his little rabbit knew quite a lot of things!

Zhai Yunsheng looked at Jian Yiling’s face. Her face was calm and her eyes were clear.

For a moment, Zhai Yunsheng wanted to put into practice Jian Yiling’s words.

However, that thought only lasted in his mind for a moment.

Zhai Yunsheng hurriedly said: “It’s quite late. Go and rest. Don’t stay up too late. Don’t make your body weak.”

“Okay.”

Then, Jian Yiling turned around and headed into her room.

She did not notice that Zhai Yunsheng was staring at her with heated eyes.

Just now, he had controlled himself.

It was not the right time.

Although he used despicable means to make them engaged, he did not want to use the same methods to make her his.

He wanted to wait for her.

He wanted to wait for her feelings for him to become clearer.

He wanted to wait for her to understand a bit more.

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The news of Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling's engagement blew up the news circle in Beijing.

Most people's first reaction was: Who is Jian Yiling?

Other than the people who hung out with Zhai Yunsheng, everyone else merely knew that Jian Yiling came from an ordinary family in Hengyuan City. They knew nothing else about her.

[Who is Jian Yiling? How did she become acquainted with Master Sheng?]

[Yeah, how did she manage that? People rarely get to see Zhai Yunsheng.]

[The sparrow became the phoenix. This woman we've never heard about suddenly became the matriarch of the Zhai family.]

Then, everyone's second reaction was: How would Qin Yufan react?

Everyone assumed that Qin Yufan would not give up easily. They were waiting for Qin Yufan to give Jian Yiling a hard time.

After all, in Beijing, the only family that dared to mess with the Zhai family was the Qin family.

Although she was currently being discussed, Qin Yufan was staring at her phone.

She was staring at the chat logs between Jian Yichen and her.

The entire conversation was focused on their kidnapping.

Furthermore, their communication was only focused on business matters.

As he said so himself, he just wanted Qin Yufan to control Qin Chuan's power.

However, even till now, she still did not know what Qin Chuan did to him.

Chapter 676: I Want To Be Your Sister-In-Law

Because of the existence of Jian Yichen, Qin Yufan looked at Qin Chuan's matters more objectively and rationally.

Jian Yichen's appearance made her feel that she no longer had to fight by herself.

Having someone around to share her worries with was a wonderful feeling.

When Qin Yufan was staring at her phone in a daze, her phone suddenly beeped.

Jian Yichen had sent her a text message:

[I'm in a bad mood. Would you be free for a drink?]

Qin Yufan immediately replied:

[Yeah I'm free. It just so happens that I also want to drink. I have alcohol at home.]

Because of the incident last time, the bar they drank at was no longer safe.

[Okay.]

After fifteen minutes, Jian Yichen appeared in front of Qin Yufan's house.

Qin Yufan had already prepared the alcohol.

Jian Yichen picked up a bottle and began to pour it into his mouth.

Although his appearance was androgynous, he was still incredibly manly when he wore masculine clothes. On the other hand, his appearance was sexy and feminine when he cross-dressed.

However, other than appearing manly, his actions were quite heavy today.

"Did you encounter something that made you unhappy?"

When Qin Yufan saw Jian Yichen's frustrated and depressed expression, she had a few guesses as to why Jian Yichen was upset.

Today wasn't any ordinary day. Today was Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling's engagement.

For Jian Yichen to be depressed on such a day...

Was it because...

The scene where Jian Yiling and Jian Yichen were smiling intimately in the ward flashed into Qin Yufan's mind...

However, Qin Yufan hoped that her guess was incorrect.

"I feel like a part of my heart was gouged away," Jian Yichen replied.

Did he lose his love?

Was it because of Jian Yiling?

Upon hearing Jian Yichen's words, for some reason, Qin Yufan's heart felt upset as well. She did not know the reason for this.

It was the same feeling when she previously saw Zhai Yunsheng caring for Jian Yiling.

It was easy to get drunk when one was drinking their sorrows away.

Jian Yichen was no exception.

After finishing an entire bottle of whiskey, he collapsed on Qin Yufan's sofa.

On the other hand, Qin Yufan was not drunk. She did not drink much.

When she saw the man in front of her, she began to feel bad for him.

As she thought about this, she decided to second Jian Yiling a message:

[Jian Yiling, do you know that Yichen is upset about your engagement?]

Jian Yiling replied quite quickly: [I know.]

[You were very close to him in the hospital last time. If you don't like him, you shouldn't give him any hope. You shouldn't be so close to him.]

[?]

[Yichen is with me right now. He's drunk. However, I can feel that his heart is broken.]

[He's at your house?]

[That isn't the main point. The main point is that he's drinking because of you. You broke his heart. And thus, he's drinking his sorrows away.]

[He's Jian Yichen.]

[I know his name is Yichen.]

[Jian.]

The focus was on the surname.

[I...]

Qin Yufan stared at her phone and suddenly froze.

Jian.

His surname was Jian?! He had the same surname as Jian Yiling?!

Jian Yichen!

[What relationship do you have with him?]

[He's my brother.]

Then, Jian Yiling sent another message to Qin Yufan: [Why is he at your house?]

When Qin Yufan read the message, she took a look at Jian Yichen who collapsed on her sofa.

All of a sudden, she had a guilty conscience.

However, she quickly understood one thing.

[Jian Yiling, I want to be your sister-in-law.]

Qin Yufan expressed her thoughts. She was never the type to conceal what she wanted.

[For which brother?]

[For this one of course!]

[Good luck.]

[Oh? You don't object to this?]

Previously, they were love rivals. As a result, their situation was a bit awkward.

[Why would I object to this?] Jian Yiling asked. She decided to ask as she did not understand.

Chapter 677: Shouldn't You Be Busy Tonight?

[Then I will take that as a no objection. Furthermore, why are you replying to my messages on your engagement night?]

[?]

[Like, shouldn't you be incredibly busy?]

[Why should I be busy?] Jian Yiling replied. She did not understand Qin Yufan's words.

[Is Zhai Yunsheng that useless? It's not even the middle of the night yet. Has he stopped already? Ahhh, he was the man that I liked previously...]

[?] Jian Yiling replied. She still did not understand.

[Ahhh, forget it. Let's talk about your brother. What does Jian Yichen like? What is he interested in?]

[He likes making money.]

Jian Yichen did not really care about cross-dressing and voice acting. He only played around with those things.

Instead, he was only really interested in making money.

Perhaps, he found it fun to make money. However, making money was something that he invested time and energy into.

Jian Yichen did not care about the views of others. He was not bound by the views of the world.

Therefore, if he had to act like a spoiled child or act cute, he would definitely do that.

[Do you know why Jian Yichen hates Qin Chuan? Why did he go to such great lengths to help me restrict Qin Chuan's development?]

Jian Yiling looked at the message on the screen.

He wanted to use Qin Yufan to restrict Qin Chuan's development.

This was why he wanted the shares of the Qin Group.

He wanted to keep the Qin family in check so that he could protect the Jian family.

After a pause, Jian Yiling replied to Qin Yufan: [I will think of a way.]

[What do you mean by that? I'm asking about whether you know or not.]

Qin Yufan was rather confused when she read Jian Yiling's reply.

It was quite difficult to talk to Jian Yiling. If it wasn't for the fact that Jian Yiling was incredibly cute, she really would have smacked that girl.

Then, Qin Yufan's line of sight fell onto the drunken and unconscious Jian Yichen. She went to get a blanket to cover him up.

"You're an awful person. You pretended to be a woman for so long. Don't you have to pay the price for scamming my feelings?"

###

Zhu Zimo came to pick Wen Ruo up from the engagement party.

Ever since they were dating, Zhu Zimo treated Wen Ruo incredibly well. He would often come over to the hospital to accompany her.

Wen Ruo was very touched by Zhu Zimo's actions. However, she could not forget the list of gifts that the Second Master of the Zhai family gave to Jian Yiling.

"What's wrong? You seem quite distracted today. Did something bad happen today?" Zhu Zimo asked out of concern.

"It's nothing. I just saw the Second Master of the Zhai family today."

"The Second Master of the Zhai family? You saw him? Did he actually come?" Zhu Zimo hurriedly asked. He wanted to hear more details.

"Mhmm."

"Ahh, that makes sense. After all, it's Master Sheng's engagement party. His uncle would definitely be there." Then, Zhu Zimo continued to speak: "What kind of person is he? Is he as intimidating as the rumors say?"

"He's quite intimidating. He has a powerful aura."

Previously, she assumed that the Second Master of the Zhai family would have a scary appearance. However, in reality, he was much more handsome than she imagined. Furthermore, his body exuded the unique charm of a mature man.

Zhu Zimo brought Wen Ruo back home.

Once Wen Ruo entered her own room, she looked at the satellite telephone on her bedside table. She went deep into thought.

After a long period of time, she picked up the phone and made a call.

“I have news to tell you. Yes, the news will definitely cause a lot of commotion. Mhmm, it will cause a lot of commotion in the academic circles.”

After five minutes, Wen Ruo hung up the phone.

Then, she looked at the satellite telephone in front of her. All of a sudden, she felt quite nervous. And thus, she began to dismantle the telephone before she destroyed the chips inside.

Chapter 678: Baskets of Tonics and Supplements

The Second Master of the Zhai family was incredibly busy. After staying for one night, he left the next day.

He departed before the sky became bright.

Perhaps, it was because of Master Zhai’s nagging.

After all, previously, everyone in the Zhai family was single. Master Zhai couldn’t marry someone again. Master Sheng finally found a fiancée. Therefore, the only one left was the Second Master of the Zhai family.

As the Second Master of the Zhai family’s age wasn’t too old, he could still have children if he worked towards it.

Therefore, Master Zhai wanted to nag his son again.

However, his nagging did not work. As a result, his eyes fell upon his grandson and his granddaughter-in-law.

Hmmm... What could he do to encourage her to become pregnant before marriage?

In order to make their family grow, Master Zhai was ready to be shameless.

And thus, Master Zhai continued down this terrible train of thought.

Early the next morning, Jian Yiling received “gifts of love” from Master Zhai.

He gave her baskets after baskets of tonics and supplements.

All of them were for her.

Zhai Yunsheng couldn’t randomly take supplements.

However, Jian Yiling could.

And thus, Master Zhai’s only choice was Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling stared at the baskets of tonics and supplements in the study room. The baskets filled up almost half the room. She did not know what to do with them.

Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng for help.

Upon seeing this, Zhai Yunsheng smiled: “Don’t look at your future husband. I can’t eat these things. However, you can. You should really try eating these things. If you do, later on...”

“Later on?”

“Later on, you will not collapse after doing surgeries.”

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There was a meeting going on in Cai Ningxuan.

A group of people were seated in a small antique room. Males and females were both present. Some of them were older than the others.

Everyone here was well known in their respective industries.

Today, they were here to discuss the Zhai family’s new matriarch.

For other families, an engagement was merely just that. However, it was different for the Zhai family.

An evaluation had to be done on the future matriarch of the Zhai family. This was a rule that had been passed down by their ancestors.

And thus, there was a period of time for them to examine the Zhai family’s future matriarch.

If during this period of time, the future matriarch’s performance was not up to par, then the engagement would be canceled.

Typically speaking, this period of time lasted between two to three years.

After this evaluation, this person would officially be recognized as the matriarch of the Zhai family.

“I guess the matter is settled this time. It really is that little girl called Jian Yiling.”

The person who said this was an old man in his sixties. He had a fat body and a round face.

He was well respected in this group of people.

“Once I saw the pendant in Cai Ningxuan, I knew that this matter was basically settled. The Zhai family would not randomly give out that pendant. If Master Sheng gave the pendant to Miss Yiling, back then, he already made his decision.”

This time, a middle-aged woman spoke up. Her words and aura were not weaker than the man.

After this, other people expressed their views as well:

“The matriarch of the Zhai family affects our entire alliance. I feel like the Zhai family was too hasty with their decision.”

“Ahh, ever since the previous head of the Zhai family passed away, their power began to wither. Furthermore, the current head of the Zhai family is growing old as well. If this continues on, the Zhai family will be done for.”

“Yeah, I think it’s time to pick a new leader.”

A man in his early thirties suggested this. His suggestion immediately caused the expressions of the group to change.

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Everyone else hurriedly opposed to this:

“You shouldn’t speak of such nonsense. The Zhai family has been our leader ever since our Loyalty Alliance was formed. The Zhai family helped us maintain the foundation for our alliance for hundreds of years.”

The Loyalty Alliance had been around for hundreds of years now.

The alliance had been first established during the time when the country had been in turmoil and civil unrest.

Back then, the ancestors of the Zhai family had gathered a group of capable individuals to save the country and its people. The Zhai family formed a humanitarian association for the country.

And thus, the association was named Loyalty Alliance.

Later on, as the times and dynasties changed, these individuals began to engage with business and other industries. During this time, everyone supported each other and advanced or retreated together.

Nowadays, they were more like a business alliance.

They still followed their ancestral traditions. Often, they would do charitable things for those in need. Although the form of charity was different from hundreds of years ago, the idea still remained the same.

The Loyalty Alliance remained strong today. In fact, most families only grew stronger as the years passed by. They closely followed the rules of their ancestors and abided by those rules. After all, everyone in the alliance had an inseparable relationship.

The Zhai family was the leader since the establishment of the Loyalty Alliance. This remained unchanged for hundreds of years.

Another person added to this: “I agree. We’re the Loyalty Alliance. We have the word loyalty in our name. Therefore, how can we do such a thing?”

Upon hearing this, the man replied: “How can we not? The times have changed now. There’s no need for us to follow the same set of rules our ancestors did hundreds of years ago.”

“No.”

The others still objected to the man’s suggestion.

Then, the relatively fat old man said: “Unless the head of the Zhai family or matriarch is unable to fulfill their role, then I’m unwilling to break our ancestral traditions. The fundamentals of our alliance should not be ruined.”

The young man laughed before he said: “Stop talking about ancestral traditions. The rules are dead, however, people are alive. Therefore, if we can not keep up with the times, then our entire alliance will eventually be ruined. Furthermore, you guys have already seen the Zhai family’s gradual decline in power. To make matters worse, the future fiancée of Master Sheng does not appear to be of any help to

our alliance. Furthermore, her appearance makes it seem like... Makes it seem like she probably can't even take care of an ordinary family."

Master Sheng's fiancée appeared to look like a weak and softhearted girl. As a result, she wasn't suited to be the matriarch of the Zhai family.

The girl was quite good-looking. People would want to protect her. However, that was not useful when it came to being the matriarch of the Zhai family.

In this regard, everyone here agreed with the man's point of view.

She seemed way too weak. In fact, did she even have basic leadership skills? How would she possibly fulfill this role?

No one said anything for a long period of time.

"However, if the Second Master of the Zhai family becomes the head of the Zhai family, we can all forget about the things that I just said," the young man added.

He wouldn't have any objection if it was the Second Master of the Zhai family.

However, right now, all of them weren't happy with Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling.

Zhai Yunsheng had poor health. On the other hand, there was essentially nothing good about Jian Yiling.

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Zhai Yunsheng handed over an account password to Jian Yiling.

"What is this?" Jian Yiling asked.

"It's for an account book," Zhai Yunsheng replied. "As times have changed, most things are now online."

Then, Zhai Yunsheng opened a special type of computer software. This software was not released to the public. It was only used by the members of their Loyalty Alliance.

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Then, Zhai Yunsheng logged in with the details that he just gave to Jian Yiling.

After logging in, there was a system where one could look through any accounts.

Strangely enough, not only were the Zhai family's companies there but there were also the accounts of many other companies.

"Don't be surprised. These companies willingly submitted their accounts to the Zhai family."

"A business alliance?"

"Hmm, I guess you could interpret it in that way. However, the history of this alliance can probably be traced back to two or three hundred years ago."

Then, Zhai Yunsheng briefly told Jian Yiling about the history and the current situation of the Loyalty Alliance.

Jian Yiling did not know much about the Loyalty Alliance.

When describing the beginning of the conflict between Qin Chuan and Zhai Yunsheng, the original novel had mentioned the power behind the Zhai family.

Furthermore, the original novel mentioned that Qin Chuan had his own men placed into the Loyalty Alliance.

However, before the plot of the original novel unfolded, the original Jian Yiling had died. Furthermore, the current Jian Yiling had also died because of the fire.

Then, Jian Yiling asked: "Can they check the accounts of other people?"

"No. Your account has the highest authority. Therefore, you can view everything. However, there are some restrictions on the accounts of other people."

Out of curiosity, Jian Yiling briefly scrolled through the accounts.

"There's something wrong with this company's accounts," Jian Yiling said as she pointed to a company called Quan Xin.

Zhai Yunsheng laughed when he heard this. The company she pointed to indeed had a problem of falsifying its accounts.

Jian Yiling's eyes were way too sharp.

Before she even took a close look, she already knew that there was a problem with that company.

Therefore, Zhai Yunsheng said: "I'm just handing you the details. However, you don't have to look into these things for the time being."

Zhai Yunsheng did not want Jian Yiling to work too hard.

His little rabbit was already incredibly busy with her own things. Therefore, he did not want to add an extra burden onto her.

He gave her the account because she was now the matriarch of the Zhai family. She had the right to look into these things.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng said: "Furthermore, according to the rules, they will have to pay their respects to you tonight. However, you don't need to worry about anything. You don't even need to care about what they say. If they're unsatisfied with you, I will deal with it. You don't need to say anything. As a matter of fact, you only need to see them tonight. In the future, you don't even have to speak to them."

Jian Yiling nodded before she said: "Mhmm if you're accompanying me, I won't be scared."

Upon hearing this, Zhai Yunsheng's heartbeat became fast.

Usually, his heartbeat wouldn't even become fast on a rollercoaster. However, his heartbeat accelerated because of Jian Yiling's words.

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Later in the night at Cai Ningxuan.

In an antique room filled with mahogany furniture.

The room was filled with antiques of great value.

There was a round table carved out of mahogany in the middle of the room.

The round table could fit at least eight people.

In the past, only a maximum of seven people sat at the round desk. A seat was always empty.

That seat was meant for the Zhai family's matriarch.

According to the rules passed down from their ancestors, only the matriarch of the Zhai family was qualified to be seated there. She could discuss business matters of the Loyalty Alliance with everyone else.

When Jian Yiling entered the room, the other six people were already there.

As soon as Jian Yiling entered, they all cast a sizing glance at Jian Yiling.

"What? Just because the Zhai family has been without a matriarch for so many years, does that mean that you've all forgotten the rules?" Zhai Yunsheng asked as he stared at everyone else in the room.