

Sidekick 981

Chapter 981: Slapping Henry and Lucy's Faces (3)

But this was impossible! Their security system was impeccable. As a result, other than members of the Goodman family, no one else could access this surveillance video.

Furthermore, to prevent hackers from accessing this footage, the machines which stored the surveillance videos were not connected to the Internet.

And thus, this was impossible unless someone entered their house!

However, that would never happen!

Henry didn't receive an alert from his security personnel!

Therefore, no thieves had entered his home!

Then how did this surveillance video get leaked?!

Whilst Henry and Lucy were surprised, everyone else at the ball had finished watching the video.

Unlike the previous video which was somewhat ambiguous, this one was irrefutable evidence!

Henry and Lucy had killed Qin Hongzhi and imprisoned Qin Yufan! They were using Qin Yufan to threaten Qin Chuan!

What a shocking truth!

Jian Yiling was not the murderer. It was Henry and Lucy!

Everyone turned to look at Henry and Lucy with the same expression they used to look at Jian Yiling a while ago.

Qin Chuan also stared blankly at the screen.

After a long time, his gaze moved to Jian Yiling.

This was the first time today he properly looked at Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling's eyes were still clear. She remained calm although Qin Chuan's eyes were fixated on her.

It was the same as the first time he saw her.

As he looked at her, Qin Chuan had mixed feelings in his heart.

Finally, a bitter smile appeared on his face.

Yes, it was a smile. And yet, it was unusually bitter.

At this moment, members from the Major Crimes Unit and the Special Crimes Investigation Division entered the ball venue.

The contents of the video which was played were enough for these teams to arrest Henry and Lucy.

Henry began to panic. He quickly made a call home.

However, the call was not answered by his security personnel.

Instead, it was answered by a voice that made him terrified.

“Elder?” Henry stammered when he heard the man’s voice.

Why was he here?

“We asked you to expand our business into the Eastern markets! We didn’t tell you to commit crimes! Now, you are responsible for your own actions!”

After that, the Goodman family elder hung up the phone.

“Elder... Elder...”

Henry was dumbfounded.

He did not expect his family elders to come to Beijing to intervene with his plans.

Why was this happening?

And why did they know what he was doing?

This didn’t make sense! This couldn’t be happening!

After all, expanding into the Eastern markets was only a small part of their plans. It wasn’t the most important project.

This meant that the family elders were not meant to intervene.

Who disclosed this information to them?

And if that was the case, did they release the surveillance videos?

Without the help of someone in the Goodman family, it was impossible to take the surveillance videos without anyone noticing.

As Henry thought about this, his face became completely white.

Being abandoned by the Goodman family was more frightening to him than seeing this surveillance video.

Then, Superintendent Ruan walked up to Henry: “Mr. Henry Goodman and Miss Lucy Goodman, you’re suspected of being involved in Mr. Qin Hongzhi’s death and the illegal imprisonment of Miss Qin Yufan and Ms Zhang Manzhu. Please come with us to assist in our investigation. You have the right to remain silent. However, every word you say now may be used against you in court.”

Then, Henry and Lucy were handcuffed.

With everyone else watching, the two of them were taken away by the police.

This was supposed to be the first party for Henry and Lucy. It was meant to announce their arrival to everyone in Beijing.

And yet, this party somehow led to their imprisonment!

Chapter 982: I Hurt Her

“Where are my mother and sister?” Qin Chuan asked someone from the Major Crimes Unit.

“Mr. Qin, please rest assured. Your mother and sister have already been rescued. They’re very safe. Currently, they’re in the hospital for an examination.”

Superintendent Ruan was the person who replied.

In reality, the Major Crimes Unit and the Special Crimes Investigation Division had not done much. They merely went to pick up Qin Yufan and Zhang Manzhu from the Goodman Residence. The Goodman family had already released the two of them.

However, Superintendent Ruan did not mention the reason behind this. Someone explained that they did not need to pursue those things.

“Thank you,” Qin Chuan replied.

“Mr. Qin, you do not need to be so polite. This is our responsibility. Later, we will go to the hospital to ask for an oral statement. I hope that Mr. Qin and your family members will be able to cooperate with us then.”

“Understood.”

Then, Qin Chuan turned his head to look at Jian Yiling.

For some reason, he felt that all of this had something to do with Jian Yiling.

“Well, since your family members are alright, you should go and visit them. My family is doing incredibly well. Mr. Qin does not need to worry,” Zhai Yunsheng said. He sounded a bit impatient.

Upon hearing this, Qin Chuan withdrew his gaze and walked away.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng said to Mr. Hall, “Mr. Hall, let’s continue our conversation in another place.”

“Alright,” Mr. Hall replied with a light smile on his face.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng, Mr. Hall, and Jian Yiling left the ball together.

This meant that the only people remaining were the other individuals attending the ball today.

As the hosts had been taken away by the Major Crimes Unit, the ball naturally ended here.

However, everyone had not fully recovered from what had just happened.

Was this over then?

Was Jian Yiling not the murderer? This meant that the Zhai family and the Qin family no longer had to fight, right?

The Goodman family’s intentions were so evil!

Before they entered the Beijing markets, they wanted the existing families to be at each other's throats!
What a vicious move!

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In the hospital, Qin Chuan saw his mother and sister.

The two of them were somewhat malnourished but otherwise uninjured.

As the Goodman family had to send videos to Qin Chuan regularly, they hadn't treated Qin Yufan and Qin Chuan's mother harshly.

"Thank you brother," Qin Yufan said. Her eyes were red as she stubbornly did not let her tears fall out.

This was the first time Qin Yufan called Qin Chuan 'brother'.

This incident brought change to the Qin family. They both lost their father and the entire Qin family was nearly destroyed by the Goodman family.

As the deceased had already left this world, those left behind had to live well.

In terms of bloodline, Qin Chuan was the closest person to her.

"What did you call me?"

"During the time I spent with your mother, together, we talked about a lot of things. I realized that your mother did not know that she would be abandoned by my father. After I heard about this, I understood a lot of things. Now that my father is gone, you're the person closest to me."

"You're also my sister," Qin Chuan said. Similarly, he had also accepted Qin Yufan.

"Brother, are you in a bad mood?"

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to show these negative emotions to you."

"Is it because of... Yiling?" Qin Yufan guessed.

Qin Chuan became silent.

When she was faced with this silence, Qin Yufan knew that she had guessed correctly.

"Brother, Yiling is not someone who can't distinguish between right and wrong. She knew that you were suffering when you did those things to her."

"But in the end, I still hurt her."

"Brother, please don't be like this. Yiling won't blame you for your actions. You had no other choice."

At this moment, Qin Yufan realized the extent of Qin Chuan's feelings for Jian Yiling.

Chapter 983: Visit

Perhaps, he himself did not realize his feelings for Jian Yiling. Or perhaps, he was just hiding his feelings as reality no longer allowed him to express such feelings.

"I'm alright," Qin Chuan replied. "Please take some time to recover. I will give you a share of the equity and assets left by our father. Don't worry about that."

Qin Hongzhi's death had been quite sudden. As a result, the family property had all been given to Qin Chuan in accordance with Qin Hongzhi's most recent will.

"I don't want those things. Since our father left them to you, it's now up to you how to manage the company," Qin Yufan said. After all, she accepted Qin Chuan as her brother. Therefore, she was willing to trust him.

"I will still give you the share that you deserve," Qin Chuan insisted.

After he said this, Qin Chuan got up. "Take some time to recover. I will go and take care of some matters."

Then, Qin Chuan left the ward.

After he left, Qin Yufan began to frown.

The look on Qin Chuan's face made her quite worried.

If Jian Yiling did not have romantic feelings for Zhai Yunsheng, she would definitely encourage her brother to bravely pursue her.

However, according to her observation, although Jian Yiling was a little slow when it came to these things, she still had romantic feelings for Zhai Yunsheng.

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In the early morning, the news that the Goodman family had caused the death of Qin Hongzhi and orchestrated the subsequent conflict between the Qin family and the Zhai family hit the headlines.

However, the news only remained on the Internet for half an hour. Then, it was taken down.

It was obvious that the Goodman family did not want such news articles to appear. After all, it would tarnish their family's reputation.

Hence, the news was only seen by internet users who surfed the web in the early hours of the morning.

At this time, Jian Yubo was still awake. He only closed his laptop after reading this news.

"Boss, Miss Yiling's name has been cleared. Tonight, you can finally get a good night's sleep."

Jian Yubo's assistant knew that although Jian Yubo did not say anything, he had been incredibly worried about Jian Yiling in the past few days.

Due to this reason, Jian Yubo's assistant had purchased sleeping incense and placed it into Jian Yubo's room.

"Mhmm," Jian Yubo replied. Then, he took out a delicately wrapped box and handed it to his assistant: "Hand this to her,"

It was a delicate pink box.

As Jian Yubo merely said 'her', his assistant was unsure of who Jian Yubo meant.

"Is this a gift for Miss Yiling?"

"Mhmm."

"Boss, if Miss Yiling knows that you care about her so much, she will definitely be very happy!"

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The next morning, Jian Yiling planned to visit Qin Yufan and Qin Chuan's mother.

Before she left for the hospital, Jian Yiling went to knock on Jian Yichen's door. She asked him to go with her.

"It's best for me to not go," Jian Yichen said.

"Okay," Jian Yiling said as she turned around to leave.

However, Jian Yichen hurriedly pulled her back: "You're leaving? Just like that? Shouldn't you persuade me a bit more?"

Upon hearing this, confusion appeared on Jian Yiling's face.

"You should persuade me! I might change my mind if you persuade me!"

"Persuading you," Jian Yiling said.

When he heard this, Jian Yichen wailed: "Yiling, that's not how you persuade someone!"

"Bonk—"

Jian Yiheng who walked out of his room hit his brother's head.

"Brother, why are you hitting me?" Jian Yichen cried out as he covered his head.

"Are you going or not? If you don't go, I will beat you up," Jian Yiheng said.

"I'm going! I will go right now!" Jian Yichen hurriedly said.

Then, Jian Yiheng turned to Jian Yiling: "This way of persuasion is simple, direct, and effective."

Jian Yiling nodded her head and made a mental note of it.

Chapter 984: Tsundere Brother (1)

"What the heck?! Don't teach Yiling these things!"

"Mind your language in front of Yiling!"

"I... I was just shocked by your words! Why are you... Why are you teaching Yiling to hit me?"

"Well, why are you acting like a tsundere[1]?" Jian Yiheng asked with a serious expression on his face. "If you want to go and see her, then go and see her. Why are you using Yiling as an excuse?"

Upon hearing this, an aggrieved expression appeared on Jian Yichen's face as he said: "But I don't want her to overthink... After all, she suffered so much in the past few days. Therefore, I should at least go and visit her to comfort her. However, I don't want her to think too much about my actions. Brother, you haven't dated before so you wouldn't know what I mean. If you're not interested in a girl, you shouldn't give her false hope. You need to make sure that she completely gives up on you."

"You're speaking as though you've been in a relationship before," Jian Yiheng replied. He was not afraid of embarrassing Jian Yichen.

"Well... Am I not dating Yu Xi?"

"Ah-choo!"

Yu Xi was walking over to Zhai Yunsheng's door when he heard this conversation.

"Hey! We were only pretending to be a couple! Are you trying to ruin my chance at finding a girlfriend or something?"

"Wait a minute, I only just mentioned your name. Why are you here already?" Jian Yichen said with a weak conscience.

"Jian Yichen! You deserve a beating! Don't think that I won't beat you up just because you're good-looking!"

"So what? My brother is here! Do you dare to beat me up?" Jian Yichen said as he ducked behind his brother. He acted high and mighty.

Upon hearing this, Jian Yiheng stepped to the side and brought Jian Yiling beside him. "Ignore them. Violence is not suited for you to see."

"Hey, I'm your brother!"

Jian Yichen reached out and attempted to call for Jian Yiheng. However, Jian Yiheng completely ignored him. He only cared about his sister who could feed him good food.

Although Yu Xi's physical strength wasn't great, Jian Yichen was weaker comparatively.

In fact, Jian Yichen hadn't really won against anyone before in a fight.

As his shield had disappeared, Jian Yichen immediately surrendered: "Yu Xi, let's just have a good talk."

"Well, call me Brother[2] Yu Xi."

"Excuse me? You already got your revenge for the frog incident... Why are you..."

"Well, that doesn't matter," Yu Xi said with a smirk on his face. "I just want you to call me Brother Yu Xi."

"Get lost!"

After yelling at Yu Xi, Jian Yichen dashed into Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling's apartment to seek Jian Yiling's protection.

"Yiling! Protect me!"

After Jian Yichen hid behind Jian Yiling, he became high and mighty again.

“Jian Yichen, do you have any respect for yourself?” Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yichen. Zhai Yunsheng was currently lounging on the sofa.

“What do you mean? This is my sister! I know you’re jealous! You don’t have a young sister in the Zhai family!” Jian Yichen said proudly.

Upon hearing this, Yu Xi walked over to Jian Yichen and patted him on the shoulder: “Friend, your sister is Master Sheng’s fiancée. In the future, she will have children with him. Guess who will be jealous then?”

Immediately, Jian Yichen’s face sank: “Yu Xi! Can’t you say something else! Ahhh, I’m so angry!!!”

[1] Translator Note: A Japanese term for a character development process that describes a person who is initially cold (and sometimes even hostile) before gradually showing a warmer, friendlier side over time

[2] Translator Note: Brother here refers to an older brother which is meant to be a respectful way to greet someone.

Chapter 985: Tsendere Brother (2)

What if his sister gave birth to a little girl? That little girl would have to sweetly call Zhai Yunsheng her father!

Ahhh, he couldn’t think about this. If he thought about this, he would end up punching Zhai Yunsheng.

Jian Yichen’s fists were itching.

Jian Yiling: “Well, I won’t necessarily give birth to a daughter. Under normal circumstances, the probability of giving birth to a boy is the same as giving birth to a girl.”

“Yiling, have you thought about this?”

“Mhmm.”

“Don’t think about this! You’re not allowed to think about these things!”

“But, these things will happen after marriage.”

“What do you mean by marriage? You guys are engaged! Not married!”

In Jian Yichen’s mind, if he shouted loud enough, his sister would not get married!

After this conversation, everyone decided to go and visit Qin Yufan as originally planned.

When they entered the ward, Jian Yichen hid behind everyone else.

However, Qin Yufan still noticed him immediately.

Immediately, everyone else moved out of the way.

As Jian Yichen no longer had anywhere to hide, he had to look at Qin Yufan.

Jian Yichen had no choice but to come up and greet her: "Um... Hello Miss Yufan. Please get some good rest. Although you've been plagued with misfortunes recently, I hope that you won't encounter such troubles in the future."

Qin Yufan: "Who are you saying this as?"

Qin Yufan's hand squeezed at her sleeves.

"Well, your friend. After all, we were comrades that suffered together. Therefore, I can technically be your sister."

"I only recognize Yiling as my sister. You're not my sister," Qin Yufan replied as she stubbornly turned her face away. "However, I'm grateful for your visit. Just don't come in the future. I will be able to forget you faster."

"Okay," Jian Yichen replied. "I won't come in the future. Please take care of yourself."

After saying that, Jian Yichen turned around and left the ward.

Everyone else in the ward became silent.

They all knew that Qin Yufan had a stubborn personality. Was she actually giving up on Jian Yichen? Or was she saying these things because she was angry?

Yu Xi left the ward to look for Jian Yichen.

Jian Yichen was standing in the corridor of the hospital. He lit up a cigarette however, he did not smoke it.

"Do you not know how to smoke?"

As they had a little girl in the family, Grandma Jian forbade the men in the Jian family to smoke.

Jian Yichen squeezed the cigarette in his hand. However, he did not place it into his mouth. He merely watched the cigarette burn and turn into ashes.

Yu Xi: "If you have feelings for her, you shouldn't cut her off like that."

Jian Yichen was evidently upset. However, he was trying to act as though he did not care.

"I actually don't like her," Jian Yichen explained. "I don't know what it's like to like someone either."

"Why do you have such thoughts?"

"A long time ago, instead of picking romance, I chose to help my loved ones survive."

"Why are you saying strange things again? Did you drink instead of smoke? And by the looks of it, it seems like you drank a lot."

"Yu Xi, what does it feel like to like someone romantically? Do you want to protect them in the same way you want to protect your family?"

“How do I know? That’s something you should go and ask Master Sheng.”

“Ah, right.”

“Don’t act so sad. I feel a little uncomfortable.”

Upon hearing this, Jian Yichen began to laugh. He put out the cigarette in his hands and then got up.

“Yu Xi, you fool! Did you believe in my words? Hahaha... You’re way too easy to trick! No one else would believe in my words. I worry about your IQ!”

Chapter 986: Wen Nuan Bullies Cai Qinyue (1)

“What... You were just messing with me? You bastard...”

Yu Xi was so angry that he wanted to hit Jian Yichen.

However, Jian Yichen had already run away.

“God damn! I will never trust him again!” Yu Xi said as he gritted his teeth.

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Once Cai Qinyue knew that Jian Yiling’s name had been cleared, she threw a tantrum in the apartment that she rented.

As she was throwing a tantrum, someone came to knock on the door.

“Who is it?” Cai Qinyue asked as she opened the door with a huff.

To her surprise, Wen Nuan was standing outside of her apartment.

Wen Nuan was dressed in a fashionable outfit. She was wearing low-key yet valuable pieces of jewelry.

Wen Nuan typically dressed plainly. Therefore, it was a surprise to see her wearing such an outfit.

“Wen Nuan? What are you doing here?” Cai Qinyue asked angrily.

“I’m here to ask you to leave,” Wen Nuan replied.

“What do you mean? This apartment doesn’t belong to the Jian family or the Wen family? So who are you to ask me to leave?”

“But I’ve already purchased this apartment,” Wen Nuan replied. “As the owner of this apartment, I no longer want to rent this place to you. Therefore, please move out.”

Upon hearing this, Cai Qinyue’s eyes widened in shock. She could not believe that Wen Nuan was doing such a thing: “Wen Nuan, you shouldn’t bully someone intolerably!”

“Bully someone intolerably? I purchased this apartment. Therefore, I have the right to decide what I want to do with this place. How is that bullying someone intolerably?”

“You can purchase any other apartment in Beijing! And yet, you purchased the one I’m living in! You’re doing this intentionally!”

“Yep, I’m doing this intentionally,” Wen Nuan replied. “After all, when my daughter was being wrongly accused, a certain someone went to the Wen family to mock me. If you’re allowed to do something like that, why can’t I? You’re not allowed to bully my daughter like that!”

“Wen Nuan, you b*tch!” Cai Qinyue shouted. She dashed forward to hit Wen Nuan.

Wen Nuan took a step back. The bodyguards that she brought along helped her block Cai Qinyue.

“My apologies. I knew you would go crazy. And thus, I decided to bring some bodyguards.”

“Wen Nuan, if you’re brave, you wouldn’t hide behind some bodyguards!”

“Unlucky. Please move out of this apartment as soon as possible. I will pay you for one month’s worth of rent as a breach of contract. However, you won’t find a suitable apartment to rent in Beijing any longer.”

“Wen Nuan, you b*tch! You spent money on an apartment just to make me move?!”

“Yep, I’m willing to spend money on this. I think it’s worth spending this money on this. I want to see you be tormented and troubled.”

Nowadays, Wen Nuan was making money from her own studio. In addition, her husband also gave her money.

Therefore, buying an apartment was nothing to her.

“You b*tch! You’re despicable and shameless!”

“You can curse for as long as you like. Either way, I won’t let you stay in Beijing peacefully.”

Wen Nuan was already resolved to fight Cai Qinyue to the end.

“Alright. I will move! I don’t care about this trashy apartment anyway!” Cai Qinyue growled.

Although she agreed to move out, a bunch of troublesome things was awaiting her.

She had to pack and find a new apartment.

Furthermore, she was no longer Ms. Wen.

Therefore, she had to save money because she needed to hire a lawyer for a daughter. Due to this reason, she could not spend much money on anything else. Everything had to be done by herself.

She knew that Wen Nuan was deliberately causing her trouble. And yet, she had no way out.

As Cai Qinyue thought about this, she began to feel sad.

Then, when she thought about the jewelry pieces that Wen Nuan was wearing, Cai Qinyue’s sadness grew.

Chapter 987: Wen Nuan Bullies Cai Qinyue (2)

Cai Qinyue began to look for another apartment. However, she faced many difficulties.

When the landlord learned about who she was, they all refused to rent their apartment to her.

In other cases, after she negotiated a price with the landlord, the landlord would suddenly change their mind. They told her that the apartment was instead going to be sold.

It seemed as though someone was deliberately preventing her from renting an apartment.

In the end, Cai Qinyue could only live in a hotel room.

However, this was not good news for her.

Without any income, even if someone had a mountain of wealth, they could easily deplete it.

She regretted that she divorced Wen Cheng so quickly. As a result, she hadn't asked him for any maintenance payments after divorce.

As she thought about this, the more upset she got. As a result, Cai Qinyue sent a message to Wen Cheng.

[A Cheng, I want to meet you. When would you be free?]

The other person replied incredibly quickly: [My brother changed his WeChat account. Currently, I'm managing his old WeChat account. If you want to talk about something, just tell me.]

Wen Nuan was replying!

She even changed Wen Cheng's WeChat account!

It was evident that she was preventing Cai Qinyue from meeting Wen Cheng again!

When Cai Qinyue realized this, she was so angry that she wanted to smash her phone.

[Wen Nuan, are you done with messing around? You've already been married to your husband for almost a few decades! Why do you still care about your brother's business?]

[Even if I've been married for many years, I'm still my brother's sister. On the other hand, you got a divorce with my brother. Therefore, you're no longer his wife.]

[Wen Nuan, is there a problem with you? Stop being so nosy!]

In response, Wen Nuan sent a series of photos to Cai Qinyue.

[Aren't these women quite good-looking? Recently, I've been introducing potential partners to my brother. All of them come from good families. Furthermore, my mother and I have already considered their moral conduct and general behavior.]

As Cai Qinyue called Wen Nuan nosy, Wen Nuan decided to show her what exactly would be called nosy.

When Cai Qinyue saw those photos, she became so angry that she simply wanted to vomit blood: [Wen Nuan, you're sick in the head! I only just got divorced!]

[Well, in order to help my brother get over you as soon as possible, what's wrong with introducing him to new people? Even if you guys just got divorced, it's still getting divorced. A certain someone divorced my brother incredibly quickly when she learned that he was about to go bankrupt.]

Cai Qinyue gritted her teeth as she typed: [Wen Nuan, I want to contact your brother. Give me your brother's new contact information.]

[And I'm telling you that my brother is about to start a new life. So don't bother him.]

[Even if we're no longer together, he is still the father of my child!]

[Your child is in jail. What do you want to talk about?]

Wen Nuan's words touched Cai Qinyue's sore spot.

[Wen Nuan! You b*tch!]

[You have no right to say that to me. If you want to keep typing those things, I will just block you.]

Upon reading that message, Cai Qinyue's lungs felt as though they were going to explode from anger.

She put down her phone.

In the end, she was reluctant to smash it.

Furthermore, she did not want Wen Nuan to block her.

Cai Qinyue patiently typed out: [Wen Nuan, we've known each other for decades. Please just give me your brother's new contact information. I just want to talk to him about the maintenance payments after divorce.]

[I'm not giving you his contact information. You're not going to receive any maintenance payments after your divorce either.]

[Wen Nuan! What exactly do you want to do?!]

[Nothing much. You bullied my daughter. Therefore, you have to suffer a bit.]

[We're already suffering so much! Can't you let us go?]

[You're suffering? You're merely not rich anymore. How is that suffering? You've been pampered when you were my brother's wife! As a result, you forgot what hardship felt like! However, now, you can enjoy it!]

Upon reading this message, Cai Qinyue felt that her blood pressure was rising. If she had high blood pressure, by now, she would probably be sent to the hospital.

Chapter 988: Meeting the Elders of the Goodman Family (1)

Inside a gym owned by the Harmony League.

On the outside, the place looked like a gym. However, it did not accept any gym-goers.

Inside the indoor swimming pool, Han Mengyu and Xing Wei were swimming.

Zhai Yunsheng was lying on top of a nearby deck chair.

His upper body was muscular and well-defined.

Yu Xi was also lying in a seat next to Zhai Yunsheng.

“Master Sheng, do you know the elders of the Goodman family?” Yu Xi asked.

“I don’t know them.”

“Huh? Wait but, Lucy and Henry got caught because someone in the Goodman family found out what they were doing. As they were unhappy with what Lucy and Henry were doing, they ended up releasing the incriminating evidence.”

“Mhmm,” Zhai Yunsheng responded in a low voice.

“Then... It wasn’t you?”

“Nope?”

“Huh? Then who did it? Or was God Ling just lucky?” Yu Xi guessed as he rubbed his chin.

If it wasn’t for the fact that the elders of the Goodman family dealt with Lucy and Henry, they wouldn’t have resolved this matter so quickly.

Zhai Yunsheng did not respond to Yu Xi’s question. Instead, he sipped a drink.

“Master Sheng, what are you drinking? It doesn’t look like soy milk, ordinary milk, or juice.”

“Tonic soup.”

“Huh?”

“Yiling made it.”

Yu Xi: “...”

Master Sheng was sipping the tonic soup as though it was wine!

Yu Xi was amazed to see this.

Han Mengyu swam for a bit more before he left the pool. He teased Zhai Yunsheng: “Master Sheng tries to keep himself in good health nowadays. He has a regular sleep schedule, eats at regular times of the day, and even drank Chinese medicine a while ago! If it weren’t for his feelings for our sister-in-law, I’d give him a string of Buddhist beads! He’d actually be a monk!”

“Wait really? But don’t you hate those bitter things?” Yu Xi asked in disbelief.

“It’s definitely true! Brother Yunmo prescribed the Chinese medicine!”

“Ahhh... No wonder... It’s care and concern from his future brother-in-law...”

For three whole seconds, Yu Xi felt bad for Zhai Yunsheng. However, he used the remaining fifty-seven seconds to laugh at Zhai Yunsheng.

At this moment, Jian Yiling walked in.

When Han Mengyu saw Yiling, he was incredibly surprised.

“Why is our sister-in-law here? Is she here to check up on you?”

“Put your clothes on!” Zhai Yunsheng ordered.

“Clothes? Where are my clothes?”

Han Mengyu and Yu Xi hurriedly looked for their clothes.

Then, they quickly wore their clothes.

“What are they doing?” Jian Yiling asked as she walked over.

Yu Xi and Han Mengyu had all their clothes on. However, Zhai Yunsheng’s upper body was still naked.

“Nothing much. They were competing to see who could get dressed faster. The loser was going to pay for dinner,” Zhai Yunsheng explained.

“Oh.”

At this moment, Xing Wei swam over. He was about to get out of the pool.

When Han Mengyu saw this, he hurriedly stepped on Xing Wei’s head.

“Han Mengyu, what are you... Glug glug glug...”

Then, Han Mengyu turned around and said to Jian Yiling: “Sister-in-law, ignore him! He’s practicing holding his breath.”

“Okay.”

“Why did you suddenly come over?” Zhai Yunsheng asked Jian Yiling.

Jian Yiling looked at Zhai Yunsheng before she replied: “I came to see you.”

“Do you miss me?” Zhai Yunsheng asked. He raised his eyebrows.

“Mhmm.”

Upon receiving this answer, the corners of Zhai Yunsheng’s lips rose. However, as his friends were next to him, he pretended that he wasn’t very happy.

Yu Xi and Han Mengyu could no longer watch the scene in front of them.

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Master Sheng... You should stop pretending... We can already see how happy you are! There’s no need to pretend!

As Jian Yiling turned around to look at Zhai Yunsheng, Han Mengyu loosened his foot on Xing Wei's head. As a result, Xing Wei managed to reveal his head from the water.

"What were you guys talking about?" Jian Yiling asked.

"We were talking about the Goodman family," Yu Xi replied.

Han Mengyu elaborated on Yu Xi's response: "In addition, we were talking about the project in the west of Beijing. The Goodman family also plans to participate in that project. Therefore, the Harmony League will potentially have to compete with them. However, if it's possible, we want to avoid unnecessary conflict by having a discussion with them."

Han Mengyu was always logical when it came to these things. After all, in business, being amiable helped you in becoming rich. Avoiding potential conflicts was the way to handle things.

However, the Harmony League was not afraid of conflict either.

Han Mengyu: "But I don't think we will have the opportunity to meet them. After all, they're the elders of the Goodman family. Unlike Henry Goodman, they hold a powerful position in society. Not everyone can meet them."

Yu Xi: "Yeah, they're so different from us. They're at a level that even we can not reach."

Xing Wei also agreed with everyone else: "Well, if worst comes to worst, we will just take a step back."

As soon as he opened his mouth, Jian Yiling turned around to look at him.

Han Mengyu hurriedly pushed Xing Wei back into the water with his foot.

"Glug glug glug..."

"Sister-in-law, just ignore him. He's practicing holding his breath underwater," Han Mengyu explained with a smile.

Jian Yiling turned around and said to Zhai Yunsheng: "Well if you want to meet them, I can arrange a meeting for you guys."

"Huh? God Ling, what did you say?" Yu Xi asked in astonishment.

"I can take you guys to meet them," Jian Yiling repeated.

"God Ling, do you know the elders of the Goodman family?" Yu Xi hurriedly asked.

Zhai Yunsheng also looked at Jian Yiling curiously.

If Jian Yiling knew them, then all the things that happened before would make sense.

"I don't know them."

"Huh?" Yu Xi said. If she didn't know them, then why was God Ling so certain that she could help them meet up with the elders of the Goodman family.

Han Mengyu: "Sister-in-law, it's not easy to meet up with them. After all, they hold a powerful position in society. They will probably just ignore us. Furthermore, the incident last time was probably just internal cleaning in the Goodman family."

"It's okay, I will take you guys to meet them," Jian Yiling said with certainty.

Han Mengyu looked at Zhai Yunsheng hesitantly.

Even if this didn't work out, then it was just a mere trip.

However... Would it be embarrassing for their sister-in-law?

Therefore, it was best for Master Sheng to decide on this matter.

"Let's go then."

"But Master Sheng..." Han Mengyu started. He wanted to remind Zhai Yunsheng.

It was best to not make Jian Yiling sad.

"We're going," Zhai Yunsheng said with certainty.

Upon hearing this response, Han Mengyu decided to not say anything else.

"Then... When are we going?" Han Mengyu asked cautiously.

If the meeting was in a few days, they could still have some time to prepare.

After all, it wasn't completely impossible for George Goodman to meet them.

If they thought about it, maybe they would have a chance to contact this elder of the Goodman family. They could convince him in advance to save Jian Yiling from embarrassment.

"Right now," Jian Yiling replied.

"Huh? Right now?" Han Mengyu repeated before he froze. "Isn't that... A bit too sudden?"

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Wouldn't it take at least a few days in advance to schedule a meeting with an elder of the Goodman family?

It was impossible for someone to meet them whenever they wanted to.

And even if George Goodman was willing to meet them, a meeting this afternoon was highly unlikely.

"Um... About that..." Han Mengyu started. Then, he gave Zhai Yunsheng a meaningful look.

He didn't want his sister-in-law's ego and self-esteem to be hurt.

Yu Xi also attempted to convince Jian Yiling: "God Ling, wouldn't a meeting this afternoon be a bit too sudden? Shouldn't we ask them in advance?"

After all, even if it was his father, generally, when people wanted to meet him, they would at least give a phone call in advance. They would not just go there immediately.

“Are you guys busy this afternoon?” Jian Yiling asked.

“Well... We don’t have anything on... But I don’t think that’s the problem here...” Yu Xi said cautiously.

Han Mengyu continued to say: “Why don’t we pick another day?”

He couldn’t do anything to prepare for the situation if the meeting was today.

“No need. We can go as long as you guys are free,” Jian Yiling replied.

“Then... Master Sheng, what do you think about this?” Han Mengyu asked Zhai Yunsheng. Once again, he directed such a question to Master Sheng.

“Alright, let’s get ready to go now,” Zhai Yunsheng replied.

“Ahhh, okay,” Han Mengyu said reluctantly. He had no choice but to agree.

Then, Zhai Yunsheng said to Jian Yiling: “Wait for us in the lounge room.”

“Why?”

“We need to shower and change clothes.”

And there was also another one in the swimming pool.

“Alright.”

After Jian Yiling left, Xing Wei could finally climb out of the pool.

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An hour later, the five of them arrived at the Goodman Residence located on the outskirts of Beijing.

The residence was a classical European-style building.

The courtyard of the residence appeared serene yet solemn-looking. The car they arrived in was parked outside the black iron gate of the residence.

Inside the car, Han Mengyu was in an apprehensive mood.

Han Mengyu kept giving Yu Xi looks: What do we do? Our sister-in-law directly brought us over here!

Yu Xi returned a look to Han Mengyu: How would I know? Master Sheng didn’t even attempt to convince her. What else can we do?

Jian Yiling got out of the car and walked over towards the doorbell.

It appeared as though she was going to ring the doorbell.

However, typically, shouldn’t you have a meeting appointment before you come to meet a big shot like this?!

Their sister-in-law was way too direct!

Would the big shot even speak to her?

And if she got rejected by the servants answering the bell, wouldn't she be incredibly embarrassed?

What if she cried?

The rest of them looked at Jian Yiling's soft and fair face. They could not bear to see her sad and upset.

Han Mengyu hurriedly walked forward and said: "Umm... It's rather quiet here. It seems as though the Goodman family elder might not be at home. Why don't we come back another day?"

Xing Wei hurriedly echoed Han Mengyu: "Yeah, that's true. He probably went out. After all, those people are incredibly busy!"

Jian Yiling: "He's probably at home."

Then, she pressed the doorbell.

After the doorbell rang twice, a servant inside the house answered.

Through the electronic screen at the door, Jian Yiling made her intentions clear: "I'm here to see Mr. George Goodman."

The servant paused for a moment and stared at Jian Yiling through the screen. After a moment, they answered: "Mr. Goodman is outside."

Upon hearing this reply, Han Mengyu quickly said to Jian Yiling: "See, he actually went out. Let's just come back next time!"