

Bodyguard 441

Chapter 441 – Unlucky Feng Xiaoxiao

Please welcome our female lead today, school beauty Chu Mengyao! Next is our male lead! Lets have him express his burning love for her by lighting the fireworks!! Xiaofu announced like a master of ceremonies. He seemed to have gotten himself a loudspeaker, the type youd see a street vendor use.

Mengyao frowned- this was one of the things that annoyed her the most! Pinliang would always think up some ridiculous things to try and woo her, like that letter of blood, for example It made Mengyao quite speechless. How did this person manage to be dumber than Shu?

And he was actually stupid, too; Yushu was just faking it.

Xiaoxiao pretended to brush by Lin Yi inadvertently, and as she did so, she picked up a line of firecrackers on the ground to hook on Lin Yis pants. Without even a brief pause, she walked away and left.

Ha Lin Yi smiled slightly. So *this* was what that girl was planning, she wanted to blast him with firecrackers! She sure was optimistic.

But Lin Yi didnt expose her right away- he acted as if nothing had happened, keeping his eyes on Mengyao and Yushu.

Xiaoxiao, on the other hand, felt her heart pounding with intensity as she walked away. After all, Lin Yi wasnt normal, so what if hed noticed? It was pretty noisy on the field right now, but it wasnt like Lin Yis awareness was low.

But Xiaoxiao didnt see any special reaction from Lin Yi after shed hung the firecrackers on his butt. She breathed out in relief, thinking that Lin Yi must not have been paying attention to other things as he was focused on Mengyao and Yushu.

Pinliang prepared to light the fireworks on the tree up as Xiaoxiao sneaked around some distance away behind Lin Yi, lighter in her hand. Shed swiftly light the firecrackers on Lin Yi as Pinliang lit the fireworks up

That way, itd look like Pinliangs fireworks had gotten a little out of hand and got to the firecrackers here. If Lin Yi wanted to blame someone then hed have to blame god for his bad positioning that caused his demise.

A spark sounded after Pinliang lit the fireworks up. They were custom-made fireworks thatd form the words I love you Yao Yao in the night sky. They may seem like simple fireworks, but they had cost Pinliang quite a lot of money to get his hands on them.

At the same time, Xiaoxiao lit the firecrackers on Lin Yis butt with her lighter before gleefully turning around to get away

Ha Lin Yi only smiled as he quickly removed the fireworks from his butt and hung it on Xiaoxiaos, tying a dead knot after hooking it up.

Tragically, Xiaoxiao was only focused on running away. She didnt even realize what Lin Yi had done to her butt until she noticed something dragging along after a couple of steps that kept hitting her leg. Curious, she turned her head to see something absolutely shocking Ahh!!!!

Xiaoxiao couldnt believe what was happening to her- didnt she hang this on Lin Yi? Why was it on her?? She raised her head to look at Lin Yi, who actually nodded at her with an evil smile on his face.

She was about to undo the firecrackers when she realized the bastard had tied a dead knot! She couldnt get it off at all!

The lead was about to finish burning, and Xiaoxiao was really starting to panic. She couldnt just take her pants off in front of the whole school, could she? Thatd be so humiliating!

The lead finished burning just as Xiaoxiao was hesitating- the firecrackers started exploding, giving Xiaoxiao a fright. She ran over to Pinliangs side, shouting all the while. Help! Water! Is there any water!!

Pinliang was pretty happy with his handiwork- he was waiting for the words I love you Yao Yao to light up in the sky and stun the entire audience when Xiaoxiaos cry for help reached him.

Wha?? Pinliangs eyes were wide open in disbelief as he looked at the exploding firecrackers behind Xiaoxiaos butt. Hadnt she hooked those on Lin Yi? Why were they on her??

Xiaoxiao even gestured to him after shed hung the firecrackers, telling him that the plan could proceed as planned Hed lit up the fireworks because of that signal, so why were the firecrackers in a different place all of a sudden?

Lil sis Xiaoxiao What Pinliang looked at Xiaoxiao, confused.

Well talk about that later! Get me water, hurry and stop the firecrackers! Xiaoxiao was in full panic- she didnt have time to be explaining anything to Pinliang, the firecrackers were getting to her pants already! It was about to reach her butt

Water Water Pinliang looked around, but there wasnt any water around! He did get some buckets of water for tree planting earlier, but hed poured it into the soil already

Pinliang was hesitating when the firecrackers reached her butt, burning a couple of holes on her

Xiaoxiao held back from crying as she threw her image away and tumbled around on the ground, rolling a couple of rounds before finally extinguishing the firecrackers. The cloth on her butt, however, was now destroyed and exposed a full view of her ass.

Xiaoxiao believed that even her underwear was showing- she didnt even dare stand up, lying down with teary eyes, very upset. She gritted her teeth, and managed to hold herself back from crying.

She was Feng Xiaoxiao, she couldnt cry! She didnt need compassion, or pity- those were the expressions for the weak! Xiaoxiao took in a deep breath before sitting up, her eyes on Pinliang. Take off your shirt and give it to me!

What? My shirt? Poinliang blinked.

Hurry! Stop wasting time! Xiaoxiao frowned.

A-Alright Pinliang couldnt risk pissing Xiaoxiao off, be it her background or Xiaoxiao herself. They were both out of his league, and since Xiaoxiao had asked for it, Pinliang didnt have much choice but to take his shirt off for Xiaoxiao.

Xiaoxiao took the shirt and wrapped it around her waist before walking away from the crowd. She was heading in the school gates direction

Xiaoxiao was as upset as one got- it was supposed to be Lin Yi experiencing this humiliation, so why was it her?! She didnt notice if the students watching were laughing at her, but she was definitely a joke now

Getting her ass blasted open like that- she was a girl! It was absolutely embarrassing, as embarrassing as it got!!

Lin Yi Im going to eat you!!! Xiaoxiao was going insane. She got in her car and gritted her teeth, ramming the steering wheel as hard as she could, treating it as if it were Lin Yi. It took a while before it barely eased her rage

But after venting that rage her butt started to sting and hurt- she hadnt felt that earlier, but now that shed calmed down she couldnt even sit properly from the pain. Half-lifting her butt up, she started her car and quickly drove home to get some rest...

Chapter 442 – Remediying

It was summer, so Pinliang wasnt wearing much- he only had a casual shirt on before he took it off for Xiaoxiao. He was currently half-naked, and it wasnt quite appropriate for the romantic setting hed set for his confession today It got the students snickering and giggling, much to Pinliangs irritance and rage. Whatre you laughing at?! Never seen someone with muscles?

Pinliangs words only made the crowd laugh even harder, especially when Pinliangs power held no sway over these people right now. After all, he wouldnt be able to tell who was and wasnt laughing under the night sky- Pinliang couldnt really do anything to them, and there was no fear because of that.

Yao Yao, let me use fireworks to express my love for you Huh? Pinliang raised his head to point at the fireworks in the sky for his confession when he realized it had ended already. The moment had passed, and while itd been happening everyone was looking at Xiaoxiao as she asked him for his shirt- everyone had missed the words I love you Yao Yao in the sky, including Pinliang! His efforts had been wasted!

The fireworks were gone, it was over! Pinliang didnt know what to say anymore- what was he supposed to say now that the fireworks had ended?

Go check the fireworks, see if theres any more! Pinliang instructed to Xiaofu, his face solemn.

Xiaofu quickly ran over to check the firework canisters at the Eskimo tree- but it seemed to have been used up already. They didnt have any more fireworks.

Unwilling to give up, Xiaofu got his lighter out to light up the used fireworks, but it was really dark and hard to see- he actually lit up a branch thinking it was a fuse and burned the whole tree.

Pinliang didnt catch on at first- he thought that Xiaofu was getting the fireworks starting, but it felt very out of place. Why were the fireworks burning the tree instead of flying up into the sky?

Liang Bro! I messed up, I set the tree on fire! Xiaofu started panicking after failing to stop the fire. He started crying out to Pinliang loudly. Liang Bro! Come help!!

Hahaha Xiaofus actions started a round of laughter- Pinliangs confession night had turned into a comedy.

Stop the fire! Somebody get some water! Pinliang ran over, his face dark as he looked at his precious Eskimo burning- it pained him.

Oh! Yao Yao, I see the firetree, but theres no silverflower! Yushu called out in surprise.

Shu, we should stay away from people who do reckless stuff like this- a fire might start! Mengyao was quite speechless at Pinliangs chain of actions, and was especially confused at what Xiaoxiao was doing. What was up with her, exactly?

Wait, Yao Yao, I need to give them a reminder! Yushu then turned to shout at Pinliang to give him a kindly reminder. Break the life support bottle, use the water to stop the fire!

Oh, oh! Youre right! Pinliang nodded quickly and instructed Xiaofu to carry out the deed.

With a smile, Yushu left the scene with Mengyao.

Shu, youre getting so evil. The water in that is filled with drugs! Itll never stop the fire Youre messing with him so much Mengyao said.

Thats his fault for believing! See, you wouldnt fall for that, Yao Yao. This just means Zhong Pinliangs a huge dummy! Yushu said confidently.

Xiaoxiao didnt come to school the other day, and the peace delighted Lin Yi, who was unaware that Xiaoxiao was currently in bed cursing his name. Lin Yi would be suffering many deaths if curses actually affected people.

Lin Yi You bastard Ill flush you down the toilet!! Xiaoxiao couldnt even sit on a toilet properly now- her butt was still stinging with pain, red and white all around from the firecrackers! Shed applied Miracle Doctor Kangs Golden Creation medicine already, but as effective as it was for outer injuries, the effects werent too prominent with burns.

Darn liar, Miracle Doctor Kang! Its not useful at all! Whats with that price, what a scam! Ill burn his house to the damn ground next time I see him!! Xiaoxiao gritted hatefully

Pinliang wasnt looking very happy himself- everything hed carefully planned yesterday ended up being a huge joke, and that gave him the sort of frustration that couldnt be vent out..

It was Xiaoxiao who ruined the performance, but he didnt dare say anything even if he had complaints.

What the hell happened yesterday? Werent the firecrackers on Lin Yi, how come they were on Xiaoxiao? Pinliang had gotten demerits from Zhifeng- he wasnt the nephew of a shareholder anymore, and was now a regular paying student.

Who knows? I only saw her sneak up behind Lin Yi. Not sure what happened after. Xiaofu shook his head.

It was such a good chance, too- what a waste! Pinliang held a fist, very pissed off. He relaxed his hand after it tired him out. Were graduating soon Will I even have a chance like that anymore?

Liang Bro, I think that youve conveyed your feelings, even with the whole thing getting ruined! Chu Mengyao probably felt it, too, so the process isnt important, its the end result! Xiaofu analyzed. Maybe you should ask Chen Yushu and see if Chu Mengyao likes you now?

Yeah, I guess we could do that! Pinliang nodded.

The first class ended, and Pinliang sent Yushu a text, asking her out to the front of the classroom.

Liangy, you looking for me? Yushu quickly went to meet him, since Pinliang wasnt interested in romancing her. He just wanted to ask about Mengyao.

Heh heh, yeah, Shu. Sorry about yesterday, I messed it up. So What did Mengyao say? Pinliang asked carefully.

Yao Yao, huh? She didnt say much, but she seemed a little disappointed. Maybe it wasnt good enough? Yushu said after some blinking and hesitating.

Man I knew it, it mustve really disappointed her. But did she say anything about the things I could do to make it up? Pinliang asked.

Uh, I didnt ask Right, I wanna eat some night market fried mushrooms again! Yushu stretched lazily. Ill go buy them during lunch, and Ill help you ask later. Hope I dont forget, though.

No, Ill go buy it- its just some fried mushrooms, right? Ill go! Pinliang said quickly. Shu, help me ask how I can remedy my mistake, okay?

Okay then Yushu nodded and walked back into clas.

Pinliang had served Yushu more times than he could count the last couple years, but he didnt have a choice- Yushu was the closest person to Mengyao, after all, and if he didnt please her enough itd be impossible to get any info on Mengyao.

Chapter 443 – Experiment Failure

Mengyao noticed Yushu thinking really hard about something during class. Shu, whatre you doing? Whatre you thinking about?

Yao Yao, Im just wondering if I have any wishes I want to fulfill Yushu felt like she had all her wishes granted recently, and there wasnt anything to ask Pinliang to do for her anymore.

Wishes? You want to eat shark meat, dont you? Mengyao didnt know what Yushu was up to, but the thought came to mind.

Oh, yeah! I want shark meat! Yushu exclaimed excitedly now that Mengyao had reminded her. Ill ask Zhong Pinliang to get me treat me to shark meat!

Zhong Pinliang? You want him to treat you to shark meat? Mengyao blinked.

Yeah. He asked me what he could do to make up and make you happy just now. Yushu said.

Dont go to him- if you want shark meat ask Lin Yi to get you some. Mengyao didnt want to get involved with Pinliang.

Dont worry, Yao Yao, its me asking, so it wont involve you. Yushu was pretty experienced with this sort of stuff at this point.

Do what you want then Mengyao didnt have the energy to bother anymore- the last three years Yushu had been doing these things far too frequently. It made Mengyao rather numb to it whenever Yushu would take advantage of Pinliang again, but it did make her curious as to why Pinliang still trusted Yushu after being had so many times.

Pinliang decided to skip the last morning class- he went to the night market street with Xiaofu directly and got two portions of fried mushrooms for Yushu. He placed them in front of Yushu, managing to get the food to her right before lunch break started.

Oh. Ill talk to you after I eat- it wont be crispy if it gets cold. Yushu waved her hand to dismiss Pinliang.

Pinliang nodded and went back to his seat. Hed bought a couple of dumplings with Xiaofu, thinking of just eating that for his lunch- he didnt have the appetite with so much to think about.

He caught Yushu finishing her fried mushrooms, and quickly sprung up to chase after Yushu, who was now walking to the trash bin. She smirked internally upon seeing Pinliangs anxious face.

The guy sure was dumb- wasnt he tired of getting scammed all the time? Here he was, asking to get scammed again.

I say, Liangy, cant you give me some space here? Youre even following me to the trash bin, now Yushu put on an unhappy face for Pinliang to see.

Heh heh Shu, Im just in a bit of a rush, thats all. Here, Ill throw that for you! With that, Pinliang took the trash from Yushus hands. What did Yao Yao say?

She says that yesterday was a pass, but shes under a lot of pressure from school stuff. She wants to go someplace fun, and summer camps in May, thats too long for her to wait! Yushu had thought up an excuse already.

Oh, going out?? Thats perfect! Pinliang was joyed- this was his dream! Hed always wanted to go out with Mengyao, to go out on dates with her!

Whatre you thinking about? Yao Yao wouldnt go out with you alone, alright, shes not your girlfriend yet, right? Yushu said disdainfully- Pinliang was being so obvious with what he was thinking.

But Pinliang wasnt disappointed at all from what Yushu said- it actually excited him quite a bit

After all, Yushu said that Mengyao wasn't his girlfriend yet, and that meant that she might be in the future. So Mengyao had some feelings for him after all????

The thought made Pinliang very happy. Shu, tell me- where does Mengyao wanna go?

To the beach, maybe? You organize a spring trip for the whole class! Otherwise Yao Yao wouldn't go at all if it's just the two of you. Yushu said.

Alright, no problem! Spring trip, right? I'll go organize it in just a bit! Pinliang quickly nodded, satisfied now that he had a target. With that, he waddled away to help Yushu throw out the trash.

Having taken care of Pinliang, Yushu walked back to class, humming.

The clinical tests showed no results, and it came as a surprise to the Kangs.

Everyone, including Miracle Doctor Kang, who had consumed the original Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, only experienced varying degrees of disgusting diarrhea and vomiting. There wasn't any toxin cleansing taking place at all!

Other than the liquids and solids being expelled from the body, nothing special had happened at all.

As weak as he felt, Miracle Doctor Kang sat in his study and asked for an emergency family meeting to address the problem.

Zhaolong, what was the problem? How come none of us had our toxins expelled? Miracle Doctor Kang was perplexed- even if the dog poop wasn't the correct component, the one he'd consumed was the original pill! The results were prominent for Zhaoming after he'd just eaten half of it, so how come his condition was the exact same with everyone who'd eaten regular dog poop?

I don't know, grandpa. We know that the component is dog poop, so this doesn't make sense. The one you took was the original Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, too, so why didn't anything happen? Zhaolong's head was spinning as well- he felt exhausted.

Is it only effective to certain people? Miracle Doctor Kang wondered, confused.

I don't think so, grandpa. Nothing happened to me this time. Zhaoming stopped himself there and stood up holding his stomach. I can't- I need to go to the washroom, I'm about to shit my pants!!

With that, Zhaoming ran out the study, farting all the while he ran.

But nobody minded the stench from his farts- everyone present had been farting the whole day.

Zhaoming's right- nothing happened to him as well. Did something go wrong in our experiment? Miracle Doctor Kang nodded in agreement.

Well Grandpa, I've thought about every possible situation, but I couldn't come up with an explanation. Zhaolong shook his head. Unless the one Zhaoming ate was different from the one you ate?

Different? Wasn't it the same half with the other half of the original pill? Miracle Doctor Kang frowned.

It's just a guess, but there's no evidence to prove it now. But, if we think about it, the approach we took might've been wrong. Zhaolong said. We all got hung up in the heat of the moment, thinking what's most

impossible is the most possible, that dog poop has to be the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing!
But really think about it- is it really that simple?

You're saying that the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing isn't actually dog poop? Miracle Doctor Kang found sense in Zhaolong's words now that he'd calmed down to think about it. A miraculous pill like that couldn't really be *just* made of dog poop, could it? Wouldn't that be so simple?

That's a guess, but yeah. Right now, I have two bold theories about the whole thing! Zhaolong was studying for a PhD, after all- he was the most educated in the Kang family, and his analyses made sense.

Tell us! Miracle Doctor Kang nodded, beckoning him to continue.

Chapter 444 – Miracle Doctor Kang's Plan

The first one: Kang Xiaobo did get us a genuine Pill of Life Extension of Toxin Cleansing, but his line of Kangs were never on good terms with us. So even if he does give us a genuine pill, he wouldn't want us to have it too good- meaning he'd mixed in dog poop into the pill!! Zhaolong said. If we take Kang Xiaobo's age into consideration it's possible that he'd come up with a prank like that.

So if we think about it that way, Kang Xiaobo purposely mixed in dog poop with the pill before gifting it? Miracle Doctor Kang thought about it- it was plausible that Xiaobo had done so to make them take in dog poop along with the pill.

It's possible! Zhaolong nodded. So, the one Zhaoming ate might be the half with the pill, and the half you ate, the one with the dog poop

Miracle Doctor Kang was feeling a little regretful as he listened to the analysis. He should've eaten it himself if he'd known, rather than have Zhaoming test it!

The second possibility: as the pill was being thrown into the trash, something we were not aware of happened. It might've gotten mixed with dog poop by someone, or might've had some dog poop stuck onto it without anyone doing anything. It's a possible scenario as well Zhaolong continued. So in the end, dog poop shouldn't be part of the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing at all- we've been researching the wrong thing!

Miracle Doctor Kang remained silent, his expression solemn. Truth be told, he simply didn't know what to say! Fortunately for them, what had happened had happened within the inner Kang circle, not privy to outsiders. They'd be the absolute laughing stock of everyone otherwise.

Miracle Doctor Kang and his family, old and young, gathered around the dinner table for dog poop. What a joke.

Having finished pooping, Zhaoming returned to the room. Well? Any conclusions?

The half you ate before might not be all dog poop, but we can't prove that anymore. Miracle Doctor Kang said briefly. In any case, the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing isn't dog poop! Well end this here. Nobody speak a word of this!

Guifeng, Zhaolong, and everyone else only nodded. Of course they wouldn't- who the hell would do something that humiliating?

Zhaolong, you'll have to get on schedule with the Xiao house marriage plan. Now that the research of the pill was a failure, the marriage plan with Xinyan took priority again.

Alright, I'll go to Yanjing a few days later then, for the betrothal gift and for the confirmation of the wedding? Zhaolong was feeling rather disappointed as well- he'd thought that the Kangs would prosper, but nothing bore fruit at all.

Yeah, it's just an engagement, so I won't be going. Guifeng, you go with Zhaolong. Miracle Doctor Kang instructed.

Yes, father. Guideng nodded.

One more thing- Cuipu, I have something for you to do. Miracle Doctor Kang turned to Cuipu.

Cuipu froze- he was the useless son of the Kang family, the parasite who only played around without doing anything substantial. What made his father decide to entrust him with a task at all??

But it did make him happy. The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing research may have been a failure, but Zhaomings involvement in the whole thing had produced value for them in Miracle Doctor Kangs eyes.

What is it, dad? I'll do my best!! Cuipu guaranteed.

You're well connected- help me pay close attention to Kang Xiaobos family! That friend of his managed to get his hands on the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, so he should be connected with some masters. See who they make or have made contact with- if there really are these monsters around we need to dig them out to serve us! Miracle Doctor Kang said.

That's my field- I'll keep an eye out, leave it to me! Cuipu patted his chest confidently.

And with that, things came to a conclusion, along with the end of their discussions about the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing. But Miracle Doctor Kang still wasn't giving up- that pill symbolized power and wealth, and if House Kang really could take control of that, then they'd grow into a house of a much larger scale.

Xiaoxiao came back to school in the afternoon, very calm, much to Lin Yis surprise. At least there wasn't any rage visible on her face, much like how she wasn't revealing any of her emotions after getting peed on last time.

Lin Yi guessed that under that calm facade Xiaoxiao was boiling as she thought of a revenge plan!

Lin Yi felt like this was really undeserved- why did this girl always bother him like this! Couldn't she leave him alone if she couldn't handle him??

Fine, I'll leave then!! Lin Yi decided to just skip afternoon class- he'd received Xuemins phone call earlier, telling him that Fatty Lai had finished with the paperwork for the office space. With one nod from Lin Yi, it'd be under Guan Xins name.

Xuemin had the medicine items reviewed and approved already- not something hard with Xuemins connections in the medical world, it was really just a procedure they had to go through.

Now that the medicine company was all set up, all that was left was a manager.

Lin Yi wanted to use this opportunity to go discuss the medicine company with Xuemin. Xiaoxiao, on the other hand, could have fun on her own at school.

A very subtle smile formed on Xiaoxiao's lips as she watched Lin Yi walk away- it was just perfect, she needed to have a good talk with Pinliang and understand just what Lin Yi's weaknesses are!

As things were, she wasn't getting anywhere stumbling around like this. Lin Yi's skills were far beyond her expectations, so incredibly agile

To be able to so swiftly move the ignited firecrackers off his body and tie it with a dead knot on her! It was a very shocking speed.

Sitting on her cushion, she leaned forward and poked Xiaobo in his back. Have time? Can we talk about your boss a little?

Xiaobo had witnessed what happened with Xiaoxiao and the firecrackers yesterday- he was pretty curious himself, but now that Xiaoxiao was starting a conversation with her he didn't have to trouble himself with approaching her for questions.

What happened to you yesterday with the firecrackers? Xiaobo wasn't with Lin Yi yesterday- he'd missed what had happened before that.

It was just an accident- I was careless. Let's not talk about that. Can you tell me about Lin Yi? Xiaoxiao evidently didn't want to talk about the firecrackers. You saw it too, right? Lin Yi left right after I came, he's obviously avoiding me!

Xiaoxiao looked at Xiaobo with melancholy- her face was as sad as it got, as if she'd been heartlessly dumped. It was impossible not to pity her.

Ugh Boss just has some stuff to do, it's not like he's avoiding you on purpose Xiaobo knew that Lin Yi had to deal with the medicine company, but this wasn't something he could tell Xiaoxiao, especially when it was still in its initial, confidential stage. Xiaobo wasn't beneath that sort of awareness.

Chapter 445 – Lin Yi, Stunned

Oh, we didn't finish talking last time- what do I do if I want to get Lin Yi to like me? Xiaoxiao asked softly.

Uh I don't think it'll be too hard. Boss is a soft person on the inside- he's open to friendliness and basically softness, but he resists if you're forceful. So it's been proven that if you take a softer approach and attitude, act cute a little I think boss would try to soften up a little for you and stop ignoring you.

It was a bit inappropriate to be discussing his boss behind his back, but the situation Xiaoxiao was in was just so sad. A girl transferring to a new school alone for the person she loved, failing to win his approval and praise and instead ignored and set aside Xiaobo only gave her more information because he pitied her.

Oh? So that's how Lin Yi rolls Xiaoxiao was rather surprised, but Xiaobo was Lin Yi's closest man- if even he was saying this then it meant there'd been something wrong with her previous strategies.

As things stood, her trying to embarrass or threaten Lin Yi wouldnt do anything at all- itd actually cause *her* problems! It seemed that she really needed to adjust her plans to get Lin Yi to submit.

Yeah. I feel like girls need to learn how to act cute- you dont know how to act cute, right? Thats why boss doesnt like you. Xiaobo said as if it was only natural. You need to know that sis-in-law Tang Yin isnt any less prettier than you, and shes even a bit taller! If you really do like my boss then you need to be more gentle!

Is that so Xiaoxiao frowned slightly at the thought- treating Lin Yi gently? Lin Yi, who was a man..?

What a joke!! She was Feng Xiaoxiao, and Feng Xiaoxiao didnt do things to please and win over guys! People would be laughing at her if word got out.

It was off limits. Simply off limits. Acting cute?? She hadnt the faintest idea how shed do that, not when shed never done it in her entire life! She wouldn't be able to pull it off at all!

(The original word doesnt strictly translate into act cute, but its something along those lines. The word is used when a kid says pleeeeee, daddy! Just one more story! or when a girlfriend asks her boyfriend to buy her that purse and uses the same act cute tactic.)

But if she didnt do that Lin Yi wouldnt teach her drifting at all

But was drifting really that important in the first place? Xiaoxiao felt lost- shed come here for Lin Yi because hed disregarded and ignored her once. It pissed her off, especially when he was just a mere follower, a lackey! Where did he come off talking to her with that attitude? Shed come here to really just pay Lin Yi back and vent her frustration! Getting him to teach her drifting was really just a condition that came with the package!

Xiaoxiao had been thinking that Lin Yi would never agree to teaching her that before she even came- but then she realized that Lin Yi didnt give a shit about her at all!

But even that was tolerable, so Xiaoxiao endured Until Lin Yi went and peed all over her!!! He even tied firecrackers onto her butt, on a dead knot, no less!

Did the guy want to kill her??

Xiaoxiao couldnt take it anymore. She wanted revenge! This had evolved into something far more complicated than just drifting. This was now hate, and her rage towards Lin Yi could only be eased when Lin Yi had paid the price.

With the newfound clarity, Xiaoxiao decided that Xiaobos advice was rather on point. The problem now was how shed approach the problem!

Even if Xiaoxiao had to act cute to get Lin Yi to teach her drifting, it didnt really matter anymore at this point. Learning drifting itself had lost its importance, too- she needed to get Lin Yi to pay!!

Xiaoxiao's eyes lit up all of a sudden, an idea coming to mind. Since Lin Yi liked Tang Yin she could just go and make a love triangle with them, ruining her relationship with Lin Yi! She'd get Lin Yi to fall in love with her, and then she'd dump him!!! Xiaoxiao started smiling at the thought. She'd wait until Lin Yi was head over heels for her, unable to hold back. And then she'd tell him the truth!

Tears would fall, and Lin Yi's heart would break.

The plan invigorated Xiaoxiao with willpower. With the looks she had going for her, taking Lin Yi down wasn't a challenge at all. It didn't matter how close he was with Tang Yin, they weren't in the same classes! She was!

She was even sitting beside Lin Yi, too- she really did have everything set up for her. It'd be an insane failure if she couldn't even win this battle of love with an advantage this decisive.

Xiaoxiao's expressions shifted from uncertain to happy, from angry to hopeful. Xiaobo only assumed that she'd thought things through. Well, I told you all this because I feel bad for you. Don't go ruin my boss relationship with Tang Yin, okay!

I won't, come on! I'll just watch quietly and look at him, I don't need him to return anything! Xiaoxiao nodded. But you need to keep this a secret for me, okay!

Of course. Xiaobo nodded with a smile. He was quite compassionate towards this Xiaoxiao girl.

Lin Yi arrived at Xuemin's villa to see two police cars parked outside, much to his surprise. One was Lingshan's local police car, and the other was the one Huaijun had driven him to school in last time.

Lin Yi didn't find it too surprising for Huaijun to be here, but what was Lingshan doing here??

He pressed on the doorbell, and Nanny Liu opened the door, inviting him in directly since she knew him already. She got Lin Yi some slippers. Professor Xuemin in the study with two guests. One of them is the Mister Yang you personally know.

Ah, got it. I'll go see them myself. I know the other one as well. Lin Yi smiled.

Alright. Nanny Liu didn't say much to that and got back to her work.

Lin Yi walked up to the study, knocked on the door, and Xuemin's voice sounded in response immediately after. Is that you, Yi? You're quick.

It's me! Lin Yi pushed open the door and nodded with a smile on his face, which disappeared as a sudden figure came up to him, giving him a fright. He was about to dodge when he saw who it was.

Smiling bitterly, he let Huaijun embrace him in a bear hug, who was laughing rather happily. How's my condition now?

Lin Yi rolled his eyes. You'll live, but you need to wait before you can regain your original strength.

Original strength? Huaijun paused before the realization hit him. Eagl- Lin Yi, you're telling me I can get my strength back?

When have I ever lied? Lin Yi shrugged.

But Lingshan spoke up from the sofa before Huaijun had the chance to. All the time!

Miss Braindead, no ones gonna call you mute if you keep your mouth shut! Lin Yi glared, a little displeased at Lingshans interruption. You better not come begging for my help next time, since everything I say is a lie!!

Big Bro Yang, look! Hes bullying me again! Lingshan looked to Huaijun with puppy eyes, as if shed been wronged.

WHA?! Lin Yi froze, shocked.

Song Lingshan could actually be a girl when she wanted to?

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Lin Yi almost fell back out the doorway from the shock. Lingshan was twisting her personality!

Haha, Song. Its probably time for you to get a man, too. Youre so wild and unrestrained! Huaijun said with a laugh.

Ah? Big Bro Yang Wha-what are you saying? Get a man? What man? Lingshans eyes went wide as she blushed, a little pissed off as she looked at Huaijun.

Its not like youre never going to marry, right? Huaijun didnt mind the look. Plus, Im your big bro and everything, but I still need to go beg Lin Yi for his help!

You Begging him? Lingshan had always been suspicious of Lin Yis identity. Even if he was a really strong bodyguard there was no reason for Huaijun to shower him with such praise and approval, especially when he wasnt one to give anyone his approval easily. The way he carried himself when with Lin Yi, the way he looked up to him It absolutely perplexed her.

Yang Huaijun was someone whod retired from a top-secret special ops organization, and while hed sustained injuries and lost a huge chunk of his strength, the man still great achievements and past glory. Approval and even respect didnt come from him easily, not in the slightest.

But what was with his attitude towards Lin Yi?

Lingshan didnt understand just how the two were associated! What was most suspicious was how hed utterly lost his composure the first time he met him!

Huaijun nodded, completely serious. Im begging him to cure me right now!

Huaijun had the heart to get Lin Yi and Lingshan together. While House Song was powerful on its own, they didnt meddle with Lingshans romantic affairs much, especially since the Songs were descended from a family of warriors. They respected strength, and Elder Song said to Lingshan herself that hed be very supportive if Lingshan could find a man who could beat her in combat.

And Lin Yi fit that condition nicely! It was just one condition, so Lin Yi could very well give it a try.

What made Huaijun hesitate was the whole thing with Ning. He understood that Nings family would never accept him, but he still couldnt help himself from covering for her all the time.¹

It was an odd mentality. He buried his feelings for her deep, and turned himself into a guardian angel of sorts for her.

Lingshan didn't know what to say. She thought that Huaijun would be able to help back her up today, but she seemed to have been mistaken, because Huaijun couldn't command Lin Yi either!

Ha You doubted me. All our deals are off, Lin Yi said as he sat down on the sofa beside Lingshan.

Lingshan almost spat out blood in regret at that. She would've held her tongue if she'd known what would happen! She thought Huaijun could back her up, she really did!!

That look on Lin Yi's face said that he didn't need anyone's help, and he didn't want her bothering him either. As frustrated as Lingshan was, there was simply nothing she could do except try to make it up to Lin Yi a little. She kicked him softly. Hey, come on, don't be so stingy, okay?

It's not about being stingy, it's about principles. I said I won't help, and that's that. It's all off. Lin Yi was quite delighted. He didn't want to take care of Lingshan in the first place, and he wouldn't have paid her any attention at all if it weren't for Huaijun!! Now that he had this chance it was only natural he'd use it to erase his involvement with that troublesome girl.

Lingshan glared in frustration. After some hesitation, she decided that there wasn't any other option left. She started pulling at the corner of his shirt and speaking softly into his ear, Miss Braindead was wrong, okay? Just forgive her this once.

Lingshan was trembling a little from just uttering those words. When had she ever brought herself down like this to beg for someone's help?

But this was the only way when it came to Lin Yi, she needed to drop her airs! What did she do to deserve this rotten luck? Now she was utterly helpless against him! She'd never be able to make a comeback ever again.

Ah Fine, I'll forgive you this time. Lingshan's attack was actually pretty effective, to Lin Yi's surprise. So even Lingshan could pull something off like this and move him.

After all, there weren't any pretty girls who weren't cute, just pretty girls who didn't know how to express that cute side. This was the conclusion Lin Yi had come to. It seemed that he was still too kind not a good thing.

What if a female assassin acted cute toward him one day? Would he let her go if that happened?

Lingshan's voice was soft, and Xuemin couldn't hear what she'd whispered, but not Huaijun. He heard everything!

He was strong. He'd delevel a bit due to his injuries, but he was an early phase golden class at his peak. That meant that he had much better ears than normal. What Lingshan said to Lin Yi really did take him aback. He almost fainted from the shock.

Was this even the Song Lingshan he knew? Lingshan did show him a girly side once in a while, but it was the sort of girly side a younger sister would use on her brother! She still thought of him as an elder, there weren't any romantic feelings attached in the slightest!

But Lin Yi He wasn't even older than her, was he?

Did Lingshan finally fall for someone?

Huaijun kept his suspicions to himself, acting as if he hadn't heard anything. This concerned the honor and reputation of a girl, and while it was something she could say to Lin Yi, she might very well go kill herself if any unintended listeners caught her doing it.

Lingshan stabbed an intense glare at Lin Yi before turning her head away, pissed off and refusing to give him any more attention. She'd gotten the satisfactory answer she was looking for, anyway.

Xuemin didn't know what had happened, but his gut told him that Lin Yi's relationship with Lingshan was an unusual one. He sighed to himself. He was aware of his granddaughter's feelings for Lin Yi, and Xuemin would be pretty confident in securing a marriage if it were any other boy, but this was Lin Yi. He didn't have any control at all over the situation.

For a start, Lin Yi was better than he was, and most likely excelled in areas other than medicine on top of that. Just their conversation was enough for him to make that conclusion.

Yi, wait awhile. Yang and Song had something to ask me, and they'd just come, so let's talk after they get their answers, Xuemin said to Lin Yi. As he got closer to him, Xuemin started treating him like family. He'd stopped using courtesies with him as much.

Yeah, no problem. I'll just sit around for a bit. But Lin Yi turned to Huaijun. Or I can give you guys some space?

With that, Lin Yi started to stand up.

Lingshan had to stop herself from clawing him back. This was something she'd wanted Lin Yi's help with, what was with him giving them space?

No, you can listen too. We could use your help if a clue or something comes up, Huaijun said with a wave of his hand before Lingshan said anything.

Lingshan breathed a sigh of relief. It seemed that Captain Yang's relationship with Lin Yi was a rather strong one. He may claim to be begging for Lin Yi's help, but she could tell that Lin Yi would never turn down a request from him.

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As expected, Lin Yi nodded and sat back down on the sofa. I'll listen.

Huaijun didn't waste any time and got straight to the point. Grandpa Guan, I've brought Song along today mainly to ask for information about your connections.

No need for the courtesies, Yang. Just tell me what you need. Xuemin waved his hand. He understood that Huaijun had to have something important if he was coming to him like that.

Thank you, Professor, Lingshan quickly said.

So, Grandpa Guan, theres a criminal organization trafficking organs, stealing the kidneys and corneas of beggars, homeless, and the disabled. The audacity with which they operate has gotten out of hand its absurd, Huaijun said. I wanted to ask if you could help check the sources that the bigger hospitals use for these organs and what those sources are. Hopefully therell be some clues in there!

Thats not difficult, but I can only ask around. For those whove had surgery done already, I cant ask them to cut it back out even if its from an illegal source, Xuemin said.

Of course. That wouldnt be very ethical. But theyve been involved in criminal activity, so punishment is still due, Huaijun said. Thank you again for the help, Grandpa Guan.

Ill give Xiaoxiang a call. Hes the shareholder of the most hospitals. His network is more extensive than mine. Xuemin nodded.

Xiaoxiang was Guan Xuemins younger son, Guan Xiaoxiang. He was Guan Xins father, and held many shares of different hospitals, owning a private hospital with Guan Xins mother in Songjiang as well. A proper celebrity of the medical field.

Haha, with Uncle Xiang and Aunt Lans help, Im sure something will turn up. Huaijun nodded. Aunt Lan was Guan Xins mother, Xiaoxiangs wife.

Huaijun had brought Lingshan along to ask Xuemin for help, and now that Xuemin had agreed to help without hesitation, they were done here. Xuemin evidently had Lin Yi over for something else too, so there was no need to stay. Huaijun stood up to say his goodbyes. Grandpa Guan, well be going then. Its been a little busy at the station recently. Well visit some other day!

Alright, drop by for dinner sometime. Xuemin nodded.

Wait! Lin Yi stopped Huaijun. Your second stage medicine, its ready, but I didnt bring it. Can you come to my school for it tomorrow?

Alright, but Im involved with a huge case in a neighboring city. I might be pretty busy with that. Ill have Song go for me if I dont have the time. Huaijun nodded. I know you dont want me to be saying thanks all the time. You get it anyway.

Yeah, go work. Youre not gonna die from that. Lin Yi shrugged. Didnt see you so busy before I cured you.

Heh, the more capable you are, the bigger things you do, right? Im almost cured anyway, arent I? Huaijun said, a little embarrassed. Also, Im creating a chance for you and Song, right?

Wha?! Lin Yis eyes widened, as did Lingshans.

Lin Yi was speechless. Why was this Huaijun always thinking about getting him together with Lingshan? What Lingshan was shocked about, on the other hand, was how Big Bro Yang acted around Lin Yi. This playfulness wasnt like him at all!

Hmph! It had to be that Lin Yi! Hed corrupted Huaijun! It had to be the case! She had to make Lin Yi pay someday when she made her comeback, but that day was still far away. She couldnt do anything now, and it seemed shed have to work rather hard.

After walking Huaijun and Lingshan to the front door, Lin Yi went back to Xuemins study. The old man was just finishing his phone call when Lin Yi stepped in. I called Mr. Lai. Hell be here soon.

Mr. Lai? Fatty Lai, right? Lin Yi blinked before making the connection.

Haha, thats him. Xuemin, naturally, couldnt really call Lai Changyi Fatty Lai.

The two were only a couple of words into their conversation when they heard people talking outside the room. Then a human ball tumbled into the study. Fatty Lai had been here before, so Aunt Liu let him in after recognizing him.

But Fatty Lai had heard Xuemin mention that Lin Yi was here. In his panic to meet Lin Yi, he got too excited and tripped on the door threshold, literally rolling into the room. He hadnt seen Lin Yi since the birthday party, after all.

Lin Yi was taken aback by the rolling. Is that martial arts or something? Even if you wanted to come in quicker you didnt need to do this, right?

Heh heh Was just a mistake, sorry. Tripped myself Fatty Lai said, a little embarrassed Miracle Doctor Lin, I finally get to meet you again! I missed you! W-Waah I thought you didnt want me anymore! I thought I would never see you again! You dont know how excited I was when Professor Guan called me! I havent been this excited since my son got married!!

Alright Just Put some distance between us. Im a little worried. I dont doubt your sexual orientation, but I have my guard up, Lin Yi said after moving away from Fatty Lai.

Its alright as long as I can see you, Miracle Doctor Lin! Fatty Lai didnt mind Lin Yi avoiding him one bit as he took out a document from his bag. Miracle Doctor Lin, please give this a look! The rights to the building have all been put under Ms. Guan Xins name, so the contract will be effective as soon as she signs!

Oh? Your new companys in the building too, right? Whatre you gonna do if you hand everything off? Lin Yi said, confused.

Ill become a renter. But dont worry, Ill pay my rent on time every month! Fatty Lai said. You wouldnt kick me out, would you, Miracle Doctor Lin?

Lin Yi felt that this Fatty Lai was a bit noisy, but he had no reason to kick him out. The guy had given him his entire skyscraper. Hed be a real asshole if he kicked him out.

No, just stay. Forget about stuff like rent. Lin Yi waved his hand.

Heh heh, Ill stay, then! Fatty Lai had made his decision. He wanted to latch onto Lin Yi! After all, it was obvious that as long as he was close with Lin Yi, good things would keep happening in his favor!

Lin Yi wasn't too close with him yet, and didn't seem like he wanted to be, but that was fine. As time passed, they'd start getting along. After all, their relationship had developed pretty well already. Lin Yi was now willing to meet him, at the very least!

How's your father? Lin Yi had taken somebody's skyscraper for free, and it didn't sit right. He didn't like to take stuff for free, and while payments for his services were costly, those were deserved since he'd put in effort for them.

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This skyscraper, on the other hand, was something Fatty Lai had given to Lin Yi for nothing. He felt like he needed to give something back to Fatty Lai and asking about his father could lead to something.

Fatty Lai froze at the question. He didn't quite believe what he'd heard. He made sure he'd heard Lin Yi right before he let his joy take over, and after that, his tears and snot. He felt like his hard work and determination had finally paid off! Lin Yi had always been unwilling to even meet him, care about him. But now he was asking him about his father on his own accord! What a blessing! What an honor it was!

Wow Miracle Doctor Lin, I knew it, I knew you were a good man! I knew you cared about my father! Fatty Lai cried as he prepared to kneel. Let me thank you in my father's stead

What the stop! Stop now! Lin Yi was in shock. He was pretty much afraid of this bastard at this point! Don't be like that! If you continue, I'll stop asking from now on. Jeez, should've kept my mouth shut

No! I'll stop, I'll stop crying. I-I'm just crying with joy! Fatty Lai got up quickly and wiped away his tears.

He was a man worthy of the crybaby moniker. His tears disappeared as fast as they came, and he was now wearing a huge smile again.

As long as you don't cry, you can call my phone like normal next time. Lin Yi was speechless. This guy sure had impressed him. He decided to give him the right to phone calls just so he could get him to cry less.

Really? That's Miracle Doctor Lin! Fatty Lai almost cried again when he remembered what Lin Yi had just said. He quickly held back his tears for the sake of retaining his phone call right.

Tell me about your dad's condition then. It's uremia, right? Lin Yi said with a wave of his hand. This guy sure could be a drag even when he wasn't crying.

Right, uremia. After using that half of the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, he's seeing prominent effects, and he's awake with a clear mind now. Everything's getting better for him, but the doctor says he's not fully healed yet. He said that the treatment can continue, but we don't know if things will worsen, Fatty Lai said worriedly.

Has he had a kidney transplant? Lin Yi nodded.

No. He's too old, and the doctor doesn't recommend putting him on the operating table. We're worried he won't make it back out alive, Fatty Lai said honestly.

Alright, there's no problem then, Lin Yi said. Here, I'll write down a couple of Eastern medicines for you. You go buy them for me, and I'll brew something for your old man to drink for a week. Come back a week later to refill the medicine.

Ahhh! Okay! Thanks, Miracle Doctor Lin! Fatty Lai was bursting with emotion. He felt like he'd done the right thing! Miracle Doctor Lin had a kind heart, after all, and after his constant grinding he was now finally willing to help!

Lin Yi didn't have complete trust in Fatty Lai yet, so he didn't ask him to buy all of the important things, just the ones he needed for the first stage treatment. He didn't specify the amount either, asking for around five ounces per medicine type. He even added a couple of medicinal items that he didn't need for the treatment to the list.

Fatty Lai took the list and hugged it in his arms, afraid that he'd lose it. With that, he rushed out to do some medicine shopping.

Lin Yi let out a long sigh of relief after finishing with Fatty Lai. He turned to Xuemin. Grandpa Guan, did you get the company's medicinal items approved?

Yes. Those are all trivial affairs. I only needed to ask Xiaoxiang to go help. He'll have them delivered here in a bit. Xuemin nodded. There was a knock on the door right as he finished speaking.

Dad, the stuff you asked for. It was a middle-aged man who walked in, his face resembling Xuemin's. He should be Xuemin's son, Guan Xiaoxiang.

Just set it there. Right, let me introduce you. This is the Mr. Lin Yi I talked to you about, Xuemin introduced.

Nice to meet you, Uncle Guan. Lin Yi stood up in greeting. Xiaoxiang was still his elder, after all, and he didn't want to put on any airs.

But Xiaoxiang's attitude towards Lin Yi seemed neutral. He nodded. Nice to meet you, Mr. Lin.

Xiaoxiang shouldn't have referred to Lin Yi as Mr. Lin after he'd called him uncle. It was polite, but definitely cold.

Lin Yi smiled wryly in response, wondering how he'd annoyed the guy. He didn't know what else to say and stood there awkwardly.

But Xuemin spoke up, How's the company, Xiaoxiang?

It's doing good, Xiaoxiang said quietly. Dad, why're you thinking of starting a company all of a sudden? You never liked using your name for stuff like this, right? Be careful that you don't lose focus after getting old. A lifetime of glory can always end overnight.

Xiaoxiang, what're you talking about? Xuemin's face quickly grew solemn as he eyed his son. Did you need anything? If not, you may leave.

It's busy back at the company. I came to give you the materials. I have to rush back, you know, Xiaoxiang said coolly. I'm just giving you a reminder: Don't get scammed.

With that, Xiaoxiang looked at Lin Yi before turning and leaving the room and the villa. Then came the thud of the villas front door closing.

That kid! Xuemin was rather pissed off. He shook his head, a bitter smile on his face. I hope you dont mind, Yi.

Ha, Uncle Guans just saying that for your own good. Hes worried I might be a scammer. Lin Yi smiled slightly in understanding. Xiaoxiangs words were logical, too. He didnt pay him respect, but he was doing the right thing from a family perspective, warning Xuemin not to fall for any scams.

He was just too straightforward about it, that was all. He couldve said those things after Lin Yi left, but Lin Yi didnt care in the first place.

Hes not against you or anything. Xuemin shook his head. This kid still hates me because of the past!

The past? Lin Yi blinked.

The older son of mine. Ive told you about him. Hes a good-for-nothing and unemployed. He used my name to get some medical businessman to start up a medicine practice, and hes doing quite well with that, Xuemin said. When my younger son was about to graduate from college, he teamed up with a couple of close friends, thinking of starting a clinic using my name. I turned him down right away. Hes just a bit bitter about me letting you use my name for this medicine company, thats all.

Lin Yi couldnt help but let a chuckle slip out at the explanation. So, Uncle Guans jealous of me?

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Probably. I dont know what hes doing, acting like a child at that age, Xuemin said with a smile. He didnt mean what he said about me losing my wits. Thats why he came back with the documents I asked for so quickly. He doesnt have anything against you; he was just saying that to me, to vent some of that dissatisfaction with me! Yi, he involved for no reason. It wouldve been the same for anyone.

I see, I see. Lin Yi nodded, enlightened. But Uncle Guan seems to be doing rather well? He doesnt rely on the family anymore?

Not really, not after last time. Xuemin shook his head and gave a wry smile. But, Xiaoxiangs lucky. He found a sponsor even more powerful, and now hes doing very well. He does come visit once in a while to prove how he doesnt need me to succeed.

Haha, I didnt think Uncle Guan had that side to him. Lin Yi smiled. He probably knows you did what you did for his sake. Its just that he hasnt gotten over it yet.

He knows. Youre right, he just hasnt gotten over it, Xuemin said. Alright, lets stop talking about him. Ive gotten used to it after all these years. He looks apathetic around me, but he still cares.

Wonder who *my* parents are. Haha, Lin Yi said, a little emotional. Hed only understood what it meant to have parents after growing up, but he never managed to get over thinking about how his parents had abandoned him. Fortunately for him, he had two mentors who loved him. It was enough of a replacement for parental love.

Xuemin paused. Hed made some guesses at Lin Yis background and even thought that he was the descendant of the man whod given him some pointers. It was one of the reasons why he trusted Lin Yi unconditionally, but he just never asked the question aloud.

Lin Yi never talked about it, so he didn't think it was appropriate to just mention it out of nowhere. He was also worried that it might be meant to be secret, and Lin Yi not being able to answer his question would only make things awkward.

You dont know who your parents are? Xuemin looked at Lin Yi, surprised.

Haha, I have two mentors. They treat me nice, like Im their son. Theyre a little strict, but they do it for my sake. Lin Yi wouldnt hide that information intentionally. There wasnt much to hide anyway.

Its good you think that way. As long as its someone who treats you well, it doesnt matter if theyre your real parents or not. You can always treat them as so, right? Xuemin smiled. Shifu, shifu, that means a fatherlike teacher!¹

Yeah, thats right. I didnt really miss out on my childhood, so my mentality is pretty normal. Lin Yi nodded seriously.

Did your *shifu* teach you medicine? Xuemin asked after some hesitation.

Yeah. One taught me martial arts, and the other taught me medicine. Theres a bad shifu too. He teaches me how to steal and gamble, Lin Yi said with a wry smile.

I see. Xuemin felt his head aching a little from the complexity of Lin Yis relationships with his *shifu*. If your medical skills are this good, then your *shifu*

Haha, thats not something I can tell you, Grandpa Guan. Both my old man *shifu* and my martial arts *shifu* have a bit of a special case going on with their identities. So, sorry, but I need to keep it a secret until I get their permission. Lin Yi didnt want to hide too much from Xuemin, but these sensitive matters should only be discussed with their permission.

Matters like these were kept unclear even to people close to him, like Huaijun.

Its alright, I was just asking. Xuemin was a little disappointed, but understood where Lin Yi was coming from. He wasnt wrong to keep that information hidden. Lets talk about the company then. For the initial stage, only the painkillers and injury medications can be released. Theres no formulas for the other types, so I cant make any decision there.

Haha, I do have other formulas for those types, but I wonder which ones will sell better? Lin Yi wasnt well-versed in the business side.

Well, as long as its effective, anything sells, Xuemin said. Common cold medicine, for example, will sell well if you add a couple of side effects to it! But medicines like that have old, stable brands and companies already. Its a little pointless to go into that competition now.

Cold medicine formulas are set already. Even if I improve them there wont be too much of a difference. Our best bet is using acupuncture or cupping, but unless were in a clinic, its impractical. We cant just mark acupuncture needles and cups as common medicine people buy, right? Lin Yi nodded with a smile.

Actually, I'm not an expert myself in business. It's just my personal opinion, Xuemin said. You should hire an expert to manage the company.

True, but it's not easy to just find a manager. Lin Yi understood what Xuemin was saying. There's the matter of trust, and the matter of ability. Whether or not the medicine company starts with a bang depends on the manager's competence.

That's a question for Mr. Lai. He's been in the business industry for a long time; he's experienced. Asking him to locate a manager shouldn't be difficult at all! Xuemin said. At least it's much easier than if we do it.

That's true. Lin Yi nodded.

Fatty Lai came rushing back after around half an hour, a couple of bags of medicine in his hands as he burst into Xuemin's study. Miracle Doctor Lin, I bought them! I bought them all!

With that, Fatty Lai put the bags in front of Lin Yi on the coffee table.

Lin Yi looked at how many bags there were on the table. How come there were so many? Even if he'd asked for one gram per medicinal item, there shouldn't be this many!

Lin Yi opened the first bag to check the number of medicinal reagents inside. It was according to his list, five ounces of items. Lin Yi didn't understand. This is all we need. What's with the other bags?

The other bags have the same contents, but from different places! Fatty Lai panted. There's a lot of scammers nowadays, so I was worried that some stores would sell fake medicine. I thought that it'd be safer to visit other stores.

Lin Yi didn't know what to say. These weren't cheap. Fatty Lai sure didn't mind spending money! He remembered how he'd gifted him an entire skyscraper to please him. This didn't seem like much compared to that.

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Lin Yi pawed through the other bags before saying, Some of them have been on the shelves a bit too long, but everything's authentic.

Good, that's good! Fatty Lai was afraid that everything he brought to Lin Yi might be fake. All was good as long as they were genuine. Then please choose the good ones, Miracle Doctor Lin!

Okay. Grandpa Guan, do you have a medicine brewing kettle here? Lin Yi asked.

I do. I'll have Aunt Liu bring it over. Xuemin was a famed doctor in the medical field. He wouldn't be short of a basic Eastern medicinal tool like a brewing kettle.

Then do I have to leave? Fatty Lai was a conscientious man. He understood that it might be taboo to watch Lin Yi brew medicine, so it'd be better for him to back off instead of trouble him.

It's fine, sit. There's a couple of things about starting a company that I'd like to learn from you! Lin Yi gestured for Fatty Lai to sit.

Learn from me? Fatty Lai felt overwhelmed by the statement. He quickly waved his fat hands in front of him. No, no. Such words! It'll just be some of my opinions, but don't worry, I'll tell you everything I know! I won't hide anything! It's my honor that you're letting me speak, Miracle Doctor Lin!

Aunt Liu got the items ready for Lin Yi very quickly. He swiftly picked a couple of the fresher reagents and put them into the brewing kettle. It seemed like he'd made some random choices, but the amount he picked up had been quickly and meticulously calculated.

Fatty Lai watched in wonder, but felt that this wasn't much. He was aware that Lin Yi's medical prowess was far beyond that of small flourishes. This was nothing compared to the other things he was capable of.

Even Xuemin was a little taken aback by Lin Yi's speed. It didn't seem like he was even looking at the reagents, and the initial process was completed in just a moment's notice.

Fatty Lai, I'm planning to have two types of medicine listed for the initial stage of the company. One's a painkiller without any side effects, and the other one's a medicine for injuries. How do you think I should advertise them after getting them listed? Lin Yi asked.

Miracle Doctor Lin, the injury medicine, does it have effects similar to the Golden Creation Medicine Miracle Doctor Kang has? Fatty Lai's face looked smart all of a sudden, talking business, the crybaby and wuss image completely wiped away.

It's similar. I've never seen the Golden Creation Medicine before, but my injury medicine does heal wounds quickly as well, without leaving scars. Lin Yi nodded.

Then it's likely very similar! Fatty Lai said after a sigh. My suggestion is to have this injury medicine listed first to gain it popularity!

Oh? Can you elaborate? Lin Yi and Xuemin had planned to promote the two medicines together, but Fatty Lai was suggesting a different route.

Heh, if we only put out one medicine with similar effects to the most famous Golden Creation Medicine out on the market, everybody's going to compare the two products, Fatty Lai said. At first there'll be doubt, but if they realize that the medicine has the same effects as Miracle Doctor Kang's, they'll start leaning towards us!

Naturally, there's two prerequisites. First, we'll need to set the price lower than theirs, and we'll need to have an ample supply. According to what I know, Miracle Doctor Kang's Golden Creation Medicine has a low supply, and since they give priority to some special organizations and the military, normal people don't get to buy much at all! If they don't have access to Golden Creation, they'll definitely choose us.

Also, if our product is obviously better than theirs, we won't have to lower the price. If we can't increase the production rate of the medicine, however, then it'll be the same the medicines will still be low in stock, and it doesn't matter if we're fighting them for the market share.

Fatty Lai wiped his brow and exhaled after speaking that last line.

Lin Yi and Xuemin blinked, not expecting that from Fatty Lai. The guy was pretty good. He wasn't just a crybaby after all.

Then, the painkiller Lin Yi said modestly, inexperienced in the business field and all.

After the uproar we cause with the injury medicine, it shouldn't be a problem for the painkiller to do well! Fatty Lai said. After the consumers accept our first listed product, we don't even need to promote the second one! Although, we could host a launch conference for it.

I see! Lin Yi nodded, enlightened. Then do we still do the auction I was thinking about? I wanted to auction off a couple Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, but

Lin Yi hesitated. He wasn't too close with Fatty Lai, so he couldn't just let him know how insanely easy it was to make that pill. If he made Fatty Lai feel like he'd paid an entire skyscraper for half a jellybean, Lin Yi was sure he wouldn't be pleased. Even though he'd offered the building, Lin Yi still didn't want Fatty Lai pissed off at him.

So he lied, But the pills really hard to make, and a lot of the reagent providers have stopped production, too. It's a limited number, so we can't mass produce it. Would it seem like the pill isn't associated with the company if we do the auction?

No, not at all! It's a nice gimmick! Fatty Lai waved his hands, thinking to himself that his decision to scoop out the pill from the dog poop was a genius one. Lin Yi probably didn't have a lot of them anymore. This was what a priceless treasure was! The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing must be an insane rarity.

I thought of it as a gimmick too, but I feel like you're saying that it doesn't really do much? Lin Yi asked.

How so? Fatty Lai waved his hands. We can tell the public that the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is a limited edition medicine because of its low synthesis success rate, plus the rarity of its reagents. Yes, we might as well say that it's an ultimate medicine from the master providing us with our recipes! The rarer something is, the more expensive, right? With this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing as an opener, its effects would definitely make the process with the injury medicine that much smoother!

Lin Yi nodded. He liked Fatty Lai's ideas. Do you know where we can hire a manager to handle the company?

Uh Fatty Lai's eyes lit up with excitement and anticipation, along with the reddening of his face. What do you think about me?

You? Lin Yi had to pause a bit before understanding what Fatty Lai was saying. You're saying you want to be the manager?

Yeah, what do you think? I've been fighting in the business industry for more than ten years! I have experience! Fatty Lai said as he thumped his chest.

But your trading and real estate companies Lin Yi looked at Fatty Lai in confusion.

The trading company will be used for medicine promotion from now on, and the real estate one will be for our chain companies! Fatty Lai said with a wave of his hand. I built and founded these two companies myself. I have full authority!

Chapter 451 – A New Follower

Lin Yi didnt know what Fatty Lai was on about. Was he really thinking of abandoning his already set up company for a managerial position at his new one?

Youre leaving your family business behind? Lin Yi didnt understand what Fatty Lai was trying to achieve.

I gave the family business to my older brother, Miracle Doctor Lin. I dont want it anymore, and its better this way. I dont want to fight my brother all the time. Fatty Lai smiled. Plus, I feel like Ill have a much brighter future if I follow you! Miracle Doctor Lin, I can see this company of yours getting much bigger than that Miracle Doctor Kang Medicine Company! As your companys manager and Miracle Doctor Lins spokesperson, Ill be a big shot! My brother will probably come kneeling and crying when he knows how important the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is!

Kneeling and crying Dont you do that all the time? Lin Yi was rather impressed by Fatty Lais spirit. He was abandoning so much to come work with him.

Heh heh, thats different. Youre a miracle doctor! I wouldnt be kneeling and crying just to anybody. Fatty Lai said, a little embarrassed.

Lin Yi had thought that the guy was a natural-born crybaby, but it turned out that he was only a crybaby to him. Lin Yi found that to be quite a headache.

Thats good and all, but this medicine company is just something Im starting on a whim. Im not sure if itll go on, or if therell be any products! Theres too many uncertainties! Lin Yi wanted Fatty Lai to understand what he was getting himself into. Who knew how things would progress from here? His old man didnt give him a clear answer either.

Its alright, Miracle Doctor Lin. Why dont you accept me as your follower? Fatty Lai was a smart man, and hed understood the reality of the situation long ago. Lin Yi was no ordinary man, and he definitely wouldnt be taking any losses following him.

After all, money had long since lost its importance to someone whod been raised in luxury. What Fatty Lai wanted now was fame and power, something Lin Yi could very well help him with!

Being a follower isnt too fun, but that depended on who was followed. Needless to say, hed be completely willing if Lin Yi was the one hed be following!

Lin Yi was someone with extreme power. With those medical skills, the strongest houses would trample over one another to get in line and get on Lin Yis good side! Everyone got sick, and everyone would eventually die. Lin Yis ability to slow down their dying process was a one in a million value!

Follower? He may just be a follower then, but follower also meant spokesperson when he dealt with the public! Lin Yi was a busy man, so of course he wouldnt have time dealing with all those people trying to kiss ass. If he were to then show up as Lin Yis follower *Heh heh*

Fatty Lai was feeling rather sweet and warm just thinking about it! What was an electronic company worth compared to this? His brother had limited vision, getting all fixated on that when he was seizing this golden opportunity!

One had to have thick skin to be a crybaby. Fatty Lai was one such example, thick-skinned and crying all the time. Wasnt that what got Lin Yi to like him?

You wanna be my follower? Lin Yi looked at Fatty Lai oddly. I dont need a follower though.

No, no, Boss Lin Yi! Hear me out! Fatty Lai started analyzing again, now addressing Lin Yi as Boss Lin Yi as Lin Yi blinked, speechless. Boss, you need to understand who you are! After the medicine company gets all set up therell be a lot of powerful families coming to your doorstep to beg for the medicines! You cant meet everyone who wants to meet the boss, one by one, right? Youre busy enough as it is, and you still need to mess around with girls and live life! You wont have time at all! So youll need a follower to handle all that stuff for you, and Im a good candidate for that!

Lin Yi thought about it. Fatty Lai was making sense. But I have a follower already.

Youre talking about Kang Xiaobo? Think about it, thats not enough! Fatty Lai shook his head. Hows one follower enough? And Kang Xiaobos always by your side, going to school with you as you enjoy life- he cant always be taking care of company affairs, can he? Itll be enough for him to be the vice chairman. Ill be the follower who takes care of the company!

Lin Yi nodded, but he did leave something out. He still had one more follower back in his old home, Er Goudan. He thought about Goudans intelligence level and shook his head. The guy was a fighter and a punching bag, but that was about it.

He decided that hed give the guy a call someday, see what he was up to. He was starting to miss him after so long.

Fatty Lai continued to strike the iron while it was hot. Lin Yi seemed to be agreeing with what he was saying! And, youre not just a nobody, boss! You cant just have one follower in the first place! Look at all the big shot characters, they all have tons of followers! Chauffeur, bodyguards, secretaries, butlers, nannies

Alright, alright, stop. Ill accept you as an intern follower first then! Ill make you an official one if you pass the test period. Lin Yi was getting a little annoyed from Fatty Lais ramblings, but the guy was making sense.

The problem was that Lin Yi himself was a follower too. He wondered how it would look now that Fatty Lai was his follower, especially when he went out with the Miss.

A follower having followers He might very well be the first in history, the strongest follower.

Haha, Ill be your follower from now on then, Miracle Doctor Lin! Fatty Lai said happily, forgetting that the word intern was supposed to be attached to the title. Dont worry. Just leave the medicine company to me!

Lin Yi didnt know what to say. This Fatty Lai was much more passionate about this than he was. It seemed that hed have much less to trouble himself with having a follower like that by his side.

Although, he wasnt completely trusting of Fatty Lai just yet. He needed to know exactly what sort of person he was first, and until then there were still things he couldnt leave to him to handle. Hed have to wait and see.

He handed the medicine to Fatty Lai upon finishing it and sat on the sofa after he left. What do you think, Grandpa Guan?

You're talking about Mr. Lai? Xuemin asked.

Yeah. I feel like there's something up with him? Lin Yi thought that the way Fatty Lai spoke and did things wasn't typical of an elite in the business field. He looked more like an idiot. If it weren't for his business suggestions from earlier, Lin Yi would've even assumed that the guy was one of those young masters who never did anything worthwhile.

Not at all. Xuemin shook his head. When you two were talking I did some research on the web and searched up Lai Changyi. After graduating from college at twenty-two, he used the fifty million yuan in capital his family gave him to start his own business. While he did use his family's connections, he managed to turn the fifty million into a trading company and a real estate company in just ten years, both worth more than ten billion. He's not a nobody. As for his crying, I think that's just because of the situation. He's a good son, and he'd only kneel and cry when it's for his father. I didn't find anything humiliating about him in the news at all.

Chapter 452 – Guan Xuemin's Sense of Crisis

Oh? Lin Yi paused at what Xuemin said. It seemed that this Fatty Lai was pretty good. He'd thought that the guy was just some wuss with a strategic brain. So Fatty Lai's here to genuinely help?

Haha, he's smart. He knows who to follow for a brighter future. Xuemin smiled. He might not have made that decisive decision if it weren't for the half of the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing he dug out from the trash, but the pill gave him confidence. It decided his future path.

Lin Yi nodded. If the information Xuemin researched was accurate, then that'd be the only explanation. He found Fatty Lai's taste and vision of making him his boss quite impressive.

As for the shares, do you have any suggestions, Grandpa Guan? Now that Fatty Lai was in their ranks, Lin Yi needed to address the issue regarding the splitting of the shares.

I work in a different field, but I still think that you should have at least half the shares! Xuemin suggested after a sigh. We're all on good terms now, but you can never be too safe. With half the shares you'll have the final say in things. That's very important.

Alright! Lin Yi wasn't worried that there'd be any betrayals, but the whole thing with Pengzhan Industries earlier was an example he didn't want to follow. It'd be so much trouble to take care of all that if it did happen, too, so Lin Yi decided that he'd follow what Xuemin suggested. Alright, both you and Xiaobo will have fifteen percent. I'm still watching Fatty Lai, but if he turns out to be genuine I can give him another fifteen percent. We'll put the fifty-five percent left under Guan Xin's name.

Oh? Xuemin paused, not quite understanding Lin Yi's intentions. What was he planning, putting all his shares under Guan Xin? It'd be logical if the two were already a couple, but from what he'd seen only one party was active, and that was his granddaughter. Lin Yi didn't seem to have the same feelings Guan Xin had.

Lin Yi's decision was rather thought-provoking. He'd placed the building under Guan Xin's name as well, and that was odd enough as it was. Xuemin couldn't help but ask the question at this point. Yi, you've

given me fifteen percent, and fifty five to Guan Xin along with the rights to the building. If our family were to take over the company, itd be no more trouble than just announcing it. Did you take this into consideration?

Hah. Lin Yi smiled. He wouldnt say anything if Xuemin just accepted everything without saying anything, but Xuemin would indeed drop in his list a little. The entire medicine company was something hed started on a whim in the first place, and he wasnt planning on investing too much effort into it. If Xuemin were to swallow the whole thing up, Lin Yi would just admit to his misjudgement of the mans character.

At the end of the day, the main reason hed started the company was that he didnt want to be living on a womans money and eating soft rice.¹ He needed to earn some allowance himself! With that one hundred million from Tianyi, it didnt really matter if Lin Yi started a company.

It was also for Xiaobos sake, so that Miracle Doctor Kangs family would stop looking down on him, and also so that he could stand up for himself.

So Lin Yi smiled. Grandpa Guan, the whole things founded using your fame. All I supplied was two medicine recipes. If you want to take it, theres nothing I can say.

Haha, you have too much confidence in me. Xuemin didnt have any greed for stuff like this, but Lin Yis trust still moved him nonetheless. Ill give Xin Xin my shares, but if she decides to take over your company one day, dont come looking for this old man.

She wouldnt. Lin Yi shook his head. Guan Xin wasnt that type of person at all, not according to what he knew about her.

He discussed medicine with Xuemin for a bit before getting up to leave. His bag was still at school, so he needed to go back.

Im going then, Grandpa Guan. Call me if anything comes up, Lin Yi said.

Not waiting for Xin Xin to come back? I had wanted to keep you for dinner, Xuemin said, regretting it a little. They didnt get to finish their discussion, and the three of them wouldnt be having dinner like hed thought.

Would things actually work between Lin Yi and his granddaughter? As an elder, Xuemin very much wanted Lin Yi to become his son-in-law, but he couldnt help but feel that he was in a crisis after Lingshan showed up. Huaijuns attitude towards them was troubling as well.

But Lin Yis reaction gave him comfort. At least he didnt really like Lingshan, and hed placed all his shares with his granddaughter too. He trusted Guan Xin, he knew that much. At the very least, Xin Xin was currently in the lead in this race.

Maybe next time. Lin Yi looked checked the time with his phone. I still need to get back to school.

Alright, next time then. Xuemin didnt insist. Things were different now too. He was a business partner with Lin Yi, and hed inevitably drop by often.

Lin Yi walked out of Xuemins house and drove back to school. He stepped into the classroom to be greeted with the final bell for night study hall.

Mengyao and Yushu had gotten used to Lin Yi missing class long ago and didnt bother asking him where hed went.

But Mengyao still found it a little irritable. Lin Yi was her follower, and it was still his working hours! The guy shouldnt be missing all the time like that.

Youre back, Lin Yi?

Lin Yi was just sitting down when a gentle, fragile voice hit him. He almost fell out of his chair.

Xiaoxiao was giving him the full on puppy eyes, smiling slightly as she looked at Lin Yi with a very cute look. She pulled out a drink from her desk and handed it to him. Are you thirsty? I bought this for you.

Are you okay? Lin Yi looked at Xiaoxiao in disbelief. His rivalry with Xiaoxiao wasnt that bad, but it had to be equal to him murdering her father, right? What was this attitude Xiaoxiao was giving him. Was she perhaps hiding a blade behind that smile?

I am? Xiaoxiao blinked, confused. Whats wrong? What do you mean?

Xiaoxiaos question shut Lin Yi up immediately. What could he say? That hed peed on her, blasted her ass with firecrackers? They were currently enemies! She shouldnt be that sweet and gentle with him at all. It defied logic.

But the words failed to come out from his mouth.

1. Remember what soft rice is?

Chapter 453 – Feng Xiaoxiao Acting Odd

Its nothing. Glad youre okay. Lin Yi nodded, very troubled. Why was this girl even more of a rarity than Yushu, and why did he always bump into them? Hed thought that his war days were terrifying, but there were some rather scary things in real life as well.

Here, its for you! I had one earlier. Its really good, so I bought one for you. Xiaoxiao put the drink in front of Lin Yi.

Thanks, Lin Yi said helplessly. What else could he say? If Xiaoxiao had come at him like usual, scolding and yelling, then he could handle that. It was normal and expected. He could just ignore her and thatd be it.

He couldnt just pretend he couldnt hear when someone was being nice and talking to him all politely, could he?

Lin Yi even wondered if this girl was a twin of Xiaoxiao, the gentle sister after the violent one got blasted home yesterday.

Lin Yi was actually getting a little thirsty. He opened the drink. It was sealed, so there shouldnt be a problem. He took a sip just in case and only continued drinking after deeming it safe, though he still had reservations.

Drink up! Xiaoxiao shook her head. If you like it I can buy it for you every day.

Pfft! Lin Yi instantly spat everything out after what Xiaoxiao said that. He was in the middle of drinking!

The liquid he spat out landed on Xiaobos back.

Xiaobo had been eavesdropping on the conversation behind him, getting all envious when he got sprayed all of a sudden. He turned around with a bitter look on his face. Boss, Im so envious already, okay? Whyd you spray me?

Sorry. Lin Yi sweated before looking at Xiaoxiao oddly. Feng Xiaoxiao, just be honest, what do you want?

What do you mean? Xiaoxiao looked at Lin Yi with wide eyes, as if she didnt understand what Lin Yi was talking about.

Were you the one who got blasted by those firecrackers yesterday? Lin Yi asked.

Come on, dont bring that up. Its so embarrassing, Xiaoxiao whispered, pouting her lips as she blushed.

Lin Yi couldnt believe this. Did you lose your mind after the blast?

Youre the crazy one, okay! The me now is the original me, Xiaoxiao said tenderly. I wanted you to teach me street racing, remember? I just realized that my methods were a little wrong, so Im changing them.¹

Ill never teach you that! Its illegal! Lin Yi said.

Its alright, you can teach me normal racing or drifting, Xiaoxiao said seriously.

No time. Lin Yi frowned.

Fine, I wont learn it then, Xiaoxiao said with a nonchalant smile.

Lin Yi looked at Xiaoxiao in disbelief. What the hell was going on? Xiaoxiaos face still looked a little pissed off when hed left at noon, so what was with her?

Night study hall today was physics, and the teacher entered rather soon. Lin Yi couldnt really ask questions now, so he turned his head away to focus on his studies, not heeding Xiaoxiao anymore.

A smile stretched across Xiaoxiaos lips as she refrained from cheering. So it was true! Lin Yi had a weak spot for softness! As long as she kept this up then it was only a matter of time before she claimed Lin Yis heart! Shed abandon him right after that, and show him what happened to people who pissed her off! *Haha!*

Xiaoxiao kept fantasizing about the next plan during the entire class, while Lin Yi troubled himself thinking about why Xiaoxiao had become like this.

From his past experience, Xiaoxiao should be coming up with some sort of grand scheme. From the first time shed offered him a drink, thered been only bad intentions, all for the sake of getting him to the toilet so she could take a pic.

It was unlikely shed use the same low-class tactic again, so the drink should be safe. It was just a move for Xiaoxiao to get on his good side.

Pinliang was rather happy right now. Hed reached out to a business partner of his fathers and booked the entire VIP area for a high-end seaside beach. It was something he could show off when he invited Mengyao!

Hed talked to the dean and Mr. Liu already. Hed announce this good news right after school.

Night study hall finally ended, and Mr Liu walked in as Pinliang excitedly moved to the podium himself.

Everybody quiet down, and put down your bags. I have good news! Mr. Liu was quite supportive of Pinliang sponsoring a spring event. There wasnt much time left for the twelfth graders to mess around with each other, and the tree-planting event hadnt been anything too special. Pinliang offering to sponsor the class like this actually gave the teacher a good impression. He thought that the kid was more than just a rich kiddo.

Everyone quieted down upon hearing that there'd be good news. They all stopped what they were doing and looked up at Mr. Liu.

This weekend, our class will take a spring field trip. Well be going to Fun Citys natural beach! Mr. Liu had barely finished the sentence when applause burst forth from everyone present.

Going to the beach was, naturally, much more interesting than planting trees. Excitement that'd been long suppressed rose as the students cheered.

This trip is sponsored by Zhong Pinliang, so you wont need to pay a cent! Just buy some snacks for yourself! Mr. Liu said. Lets give Zhong Pinliang a round of applause for his contribution to the class!

Mr. Liu had wanted to hold a class meeting and scold Pinliang a little. The guy was too ballsy, lighting fireworks on a tree! Wasnt he scared of starting a fire?

But he couldnt really say anything about that now.

Whooooooo! The students only got more excited now that they were told it was a free trip. After all, there werent too many rich kids in the class. Their allowances were limited.

Alright, thats it. Well wait for a more detailed plan from Zhong Pinliang. Ill announce it, Mr. Liu said. Dismissed!

The students that had treated Pinliang with hostility now looked at him with much more amiability. Many of them even said goodbye to him as they left.

Pinliang was feeling rather pleased himself. He should've done this a long time ago if he knew this would happen! He would've established a great image, and hed have pleased Mengyao and Yushu too! What was there not to be happy about?

He ran over as Mengyao and Yushu prepared to leave the classroom. Yao Yao, Shu, are you guys satisfied with this event I planned?

Its not bad. Yao Yao says its alright, Yushu said after looking at Mengyao.

Chapter 454 – I Wanna Eat A Shark

Mengyao looked rather indifferent as Pinliang spoke, as if she didnt even hear him, but she didnt say anything to deny what Yushu was saying. That was how she was, using her name to mess with Pinliang, who never learned no matter how many times he fell for her tricks.

Thats great! As long as Yao Yaos satisfied, Im happy! Pinliang said. By the way, I got us a huge golden bus, but why dont you and Yao Yao go in my car, Shu? I got my license last month, so Ill drive my dads Bentley!

Youre driving after one month? No way were going in your car! What if we die! Yushu harrumphed. Also, our families all have cars, okay? Yao Yaos car is a supercar too. Its not any worse than your Bentley!

Ugh. Pinliang had wanted to show off a little, but couldnt say anything to Yushus comment. He regretted even putting his license on the table to show off in the first place.

It was indeed something worth envying, a student getting a drivers license. But that only applied to normal people. To young ladies like Mengyao and Yushu, something like that wasnt new at all.

Do you have a private plane? A cars nothing special, but if its a plane! Yushu turned her head back suddenly, blinking.

Eh? A plane? Pinliangs eyes went wide, and he smiled wryly to himself. Did this woman not know how much a private plane cost? His family might be rich but he still couldnt afford a private plane. One Sonic 757 cost tens of millions of dollars, an insane amount of money!

Its fine if you dont. Yao Yao gets carsick and she can only take the plane. Were not going. You go have fun with everyone else, Yushu said to Pinliang, her tone regretful.

What! Pinliang almost tripped over himself. Was that all it took for them to call it off? Whyd he waste so much effort getting everything set up then! Have fun with everyone else? What the hell!

Pinliang had planned the entire thing for Mengyao, and that was it! What was the point if Mengyao wasnt there? A plane A thought came to Pinliang all of a sudden. Shu, what do you think about renting a plane?

He couldnt afford a plane, but renting one was still possible for him. Hed heard renting a small private plane didnt cost much. A helicopter was even cheaper than that too.

Oh, that works! Rent a seaplane, then! I wanna land on the sea! Yushu almost made Pinliang trip over again.

A seaplane? Pinliang was getting dizzy. Can that even be rented?

Maybe. Cant you go ask? Yushu didnt act like a know-it-all, at least. I heard that there was a private seaplane service at Fun Citys beach.

I see. Ill go ask, then. Pinliang shook his head, a bitter smile on his face as he regretted not clearing up all of his confusions beforehand so he wouldnt be dealing with this trouble. He decided itd be worth it as long as he earned Mengyaos favor. Then what would you like to eat, Yao Yao? Ill make preparations ahead of time!

Oh, we want barbecued shark meat! Preferably a fresh, live shark caught directly from the sea! Yushu said.

Shark? Pinliang blinked, his face getting more bitter by the second. You want me to catch a live shark?

Who in their right minds would do that? He didnt want to die! Pinliang was starting to feel that this spring field trip for Mengyaos favor might not be as easy as it seemed.

Alright, were leaving. Text us when youre done preparing! Now that Yushu had given him her instructions, she took her leave with Mengyao, leaving Pinliang standing there smiling bitterly.

Xiaofu had been waiting in the corner for a long time. Whats wrong, Liang Bro?

What do you think? You heard Chen Yushu, right? Renting a planes not too bad, its fine as long as we rent one. But catching a shark? Was she even serious when she said that? Pinliang sighed.

Hows that a joke, Liang Bro? Xiaofu waved his hand. I thought you were fussing over the price of renting a plane!

You know what happened with my family. My uncle isnt a shareholder at this school anymore, but that didnt affect my dads business. He even partnered with a huge boss recently, so we have tons of money. As long as they have a plane rental service it should be fine! Pinliang said. But catching a live shark isnt that too much?

Not necessarily! Xiaofu smiled evilly. Its simple! Liang Bro, well just get a dead shark and put it underwater. Ill put on a shark uniform and swim around pretending to be the shark, and all you have to do is come down and pretend youre fighting me! Ill sink down, dead, and you just need to haul the dead shark up onto the shore!

Youre right! Pinliangs eyes lit up at the genius of Xiaofus idea, and he gave him a thumbs up. What an idea! Amazing! Chu Mengyao likes strong fighter boys, right? Ill just fight a shark and demonstrate my manliness for her. Shell be fawning over me by then!

Yeah! So this isnt hard at all. Thats what Ive been saying! We need to do some research about the plane rental first! Xiaofu wasnt too good at anything else, but thinking up petty tricks like this was his specialty.

Thats easy. Ill discuss it with my dad when I get home! Pinliangs troubles were all solved, and he felt quite relieved as he hummed and walked out of school with Xiaofu.

Mengyao, on the other hand, was looking at Yushu rather helplessly. Shu, can you stop messing with Zhong Pinliang?

Its his fault for being a dummy. Yushu didnt care. Yao Yao, were graduating soon! If we dont mess with this idiot more, well regret it when we go to college.

Youre always thinking about messing around! Thats all you know! Youll get in trouble one day if you keep it up. Mengyao glared.

Its fine, we have Shield Bros protection now! Im even less afraid of Zhong Pinliang, hehe, Yushu said gleefully.

Whats up with Lin Yi? Whys he hanging around with Feng Xiaoxiao again? Mengyao turned around to see Xiaoxiao walking alongside Lin Yi, giggling as she spoke to him.

Oh. Are you getting jealous, Yao Yao? I can spy on them and see what theyre talking about! Yushu rubbed her hands together.

No! Mengyao shook her head, indifferent. Who cares what he does? Were going home.

Why not? I wanna take a look. Yushu was rather curious.

Then Ill go back first. You find a way to get home on your own. With that, Mengyao opened the car door and got in.

Wait for me! Fine, Im not going! Yushu quickly followed now that Mengyao was pissed off, but surreptitiously kept her eyes on Lin Yi and Xiaoxiao.

Uncle Fu, start the car! Mengyao ordered.

Chapter 455 – The Start of a Nightmare

Whatre you following me for? Lin Yi frowned at Xiaoxiao as she walked beside him.

They say you become who youre always with, right? Xiaoxiao said with a smile. Its fine if you dont want to teach me how to race. Ill just be by your side and youll rub off on me. Ill become like you and well both be racers!

Lin Yi was so overcome with shock at Xiaoxiaos logic that he couldnt even say anything. Do whatever you want then. Im going home.

With that, Lin Yi turned and went to the food street behind the school where his car was parked. Xiaoxiao kept pace with him.

Lin Yi frowned, worried that Mrs. Tang and Tang Yin might misunderstand things. Can you at least follow me tomorrow?

Isnt it nice if you let me go home with you? Xiaoxiao had made up her mind to follow Lin Yi, so no matter what he said shed maintain a soft tone and gentle attitude.

You dont want your car anymore? Lin Yi didnt know how to react to Xiaoxiaos attitude. He couldnt get angry the way he could have if Xiaoxiao was like before. One kick and he could end it all.

Kicking a girl trying to be sweet with him, however, was something Lin Yi couldnt bring himself to do.

Ill go home with you and take the bus back for my car! Xiaoxiao said.

Feng Xiaoxiao, can you please be a little bit more normal? Lin Yi couldnt take this anymore. If you keep up this insanity, Im not coming to school tomorrow!

I wont follow you home then. Please dont skip class! I still wanna be with you every day. Xiaoxiao quickly shook her head in response. Ill leave, alright? Bye.

Lin Yi breathed a sigh of relief as he watched Xiaoxiao leave, finally rid of her. What the hell was wrong with her, anyway? That twisted logic of becoming who she was with too. Lin Yi didnt buy that excuse one bit. She must be planning something shady.

But what Lin Yi didnt expect was that it was the start of a nightmare

Who was that girl? Lin Yi got Xiaoxiao to leave, but Tang Yin saw him with her all the same as she helped her mother out.

Tang Yin had seen him the moment Lin Yi arrived at the food street, but she refrained from calling out to him after seeing a girl beside him, acting as if she didnt see anything, her heart thumping all the while.

She couldnt prevent herself from asking that question now that the girl was gone.

She sits next to me in class. Transfer student, Lin Yi said.

Whys she following you though? Tang Yin felt that itd seem petty for her to be asking Lin Yi stuff like this, but she decided it was fine. The more perfect Lin Yi was, the more afraid and insecure about losing him Tang Yin got.

Shes new here. Didnt know where her car was parked, Lin Yi said offhandedly.

I see. She drives to school too? Her family has to be rich, right? Tang Yin paused, thinking that she probably wouldnt stand a chance against Xiaoxiao if they were to contend for Lin Yi.

Who knows. She did see me drive on the street once, and now she wants me to teach her because she thinks Im good. I dont really have time to bother with her, Lin Yi said.

Oh, I see. Tang Yin started getting nervous again. So Feng Xiaoxiao was here aiming straight for Lin Yi? Tang Yin felt a slight sense of danger at the thought.

Lets not talk about her. Hows Auntys business been recently? Lin Yi didnt want to dwell on Xiaoxiao any longer in front of Tang Yin.

Its alright, around three or four times the old income. If this goes on, itll be ten thousand plus per month! Tang Yin was evidently really happy that her family was able to earn this much now.

Nice. Save up and get a place. You guys can open a barbecue shop. Thingsll be much easier from that point on. Lin Yi nodded. He could always give Tang Yins family a little more funding to help them open a restaurant, but knowing Tang Yin she probably wouldnt accept it if he offered.

I was thinking that too. I dont want Mom to be under the sun all the time, but she said that its a huge risk to open a shop. She said she doesnt want to lose any money there. Tang Yins face reddened a little. She said, she said she wanted to save the money up for a dowry.

A dowry? Lin Yi blinked before he started laughing oddly. Ill go talk with Aunty. Its not like I need that anyway, so theres no point for her to save up for it.

You? Tang Yin paused before her face reddened in realization. She started to lightly hit Lin Yi. Whatre you talking about! Who said anything about marrying you?!

Hahaha! Lin Yi stopped Tang Yins attacks. Auntys agreed to it already.

He helped out Tang Yin and Mrs. Tang for a bit until the students buying from the place started to lessen. He helped push the barbecue cart into the nearby storage area before driving the two back home to the slums.

Yi, theyre relocating the slums district soon. Do you think we should take the money compensation or a new place? Mrs. Tang had been troubled these past few days. From what shed heard, the compensation money was a couple hundred thousand, but taking the other compensation got them a nice apartment place. It was a good deal.

A new place is good. Im not too sure about stuff like this, but Ill ask someone for you. Lin Yi was thinking about Fatty Lai. Wasnt that guy a real estate veteran? Hed get a good answer from him.

Although, knowing Fatty Lai, hed probably gift Tang Yin an entire villa the next day if he learned she was Lin Yis girlfriend. Lin Yi didnt think Tang Yin would accept it though.

Alright. These are just rumors, so were not sure if a relocations really happening. Mrs. Tang sighed. People were talking about it earlier, but nothings been settled yet because the compensation we were offered didnt match what the community wanted.

Its fine. Just remember to tell me if you need anything. I have a friend in real estate, so hell be able to help, Lin Yi said.

Lin Yi didnt get out of the car after taking Mrs. Tang and Tang Yin home. He drove back to Mengyaos villa right away.

Mengyao had gotten used to Lin Yi leaving early and returning late at this point, so she did nothing more than eye him icily before continuing to watch TV with Yushu.

The next day, it took until noon for Lin Yi to finally escape from Xiaoxiaos torture. He asked Tang Yin out for a meal at the cafeteria, but Xiaoxiao actually started following him out the classroom, much to his surprise.

Whatre you following me for? Im going to lunch with Tang Yin. Lin Yi didnt think Xiaoxiao would be coming with him again. She was like his shadow.

Im going for lunch too! Xiaoxiao blinked. I want to get to know your girlfriend, too, since well be seeing each other pretty often in the future.

What do you mean? Youre not saying youll be there every time Im on a date with her, are you? Lin Yis face went green.

Yeah! Xiaoxiao nodded very seriously.

Chapter 456 – The Boiling Point

Tang Yin froze slightly. Xiaoxiao was with Lin Yi!

Lin Yi had explained things yesterday, but she still couldnt help but worry.

She found it absolutely unbelievable how she was worried over losing a boy like this. She rubbed her temples and decided that facts were facts. She recalled her mindset from half a year ago, how she'd looked down on girls in the situation she was in now, worried that they'd lose their boyfriends. Didn't that just show that the girl wasn't confident in her attractiveness? Tang Yin always thought that she'd never end up like them, worrying over stuff like this day and night.

But that was how she was now, and the karma made Tang Yin regret mocking people like that in the past. So old proverbs really were true. You were less than someone if you laughed and mocked them.

Lin Yi, did you wait long? Tang Yin tried her best to look as natural as possible. She turned her eyes to Xiaoxiao. You're the new student, right?

Hi, I'm Feng Xiaoxiao. Xiaoxiao put her hand out. I'm Lin Yi's admirer.

Ehhh? Tang Yin paused before shaking Xiaoxiao's hand, confused. Admirer?

Yeah. He's really cool when he drives. I wanna learn from him but he still hasn't taught me anything yet. Xiaoxiao nodded to Tang Yin generously.

I see. Tang Yin frowned subconsciously. *Admirer. What does that mean?*

Let's go. Ignore her. Lin Yi had no words to describe Xiaoxiao anymore. She was definitely up to something.

And since Lin Yi couldn't bring himself to hit her, he decided that he'd ignore her.

Okay. Tang Yin felt a lot more comfortable after hearing what Lin Yi said. She didn't feel that hostile towards the new girl anymore. Were going for lunch. See you next time!

There's no need for next time. I'm going to the cafeteria now, too! Let's go together. Xiaoxiao didn't care one whit about how much of a third wheel she was being. Her tone still quite passionate.¹

Tang Yin wanted to say something, but didn't. She walked on Lin Yi's right side while Xiaoxiao walked on his left, the two of them sandwiching him. There was an indescribable awkwardness to it.

Tang Yin, have you seen hubby drive before? He's so cool when he does! Xiaoxiao looked at Tang Yin.

Hubby? Tang Yin froze before she started getting a little angry, not because Xiaoxiao had called Lin Yi her hubby, but because she'd said it in such an ambiguous way! She straight out said the word without adding you in front of it, so anyone who didn't know would assume Lin Yi was her husband, or that she shared a husband with her! But Tang Yin didn't correct her. What if Xiaoxiao had misspoken? Wouldn't that be embarrassing if she pointed it out? Yeah, but if you want to learn how to drive, it's better to do so at a driving school.

I have a license. What I want to learn is street racing! Xiaoxiao said.

Lin Yi found a two-person table upon reaching the cafeteria in an attempt to ditch Xiaoxiao. There was no way she'd be able to eat with them this way.

As expected, Xiaoxiao went to line up for her food without sitting with them.

Lin Yi, what is up with that Feng Xiaoxiao? I feel like shes very clingy, Tang Yin asked in an offhand manner.

What, youre jealous? Lin Yi hit the bullseye with one look at Tang Yins expression.

Juh! Jealous? Of course not! Tang Yin, naturally, wouldnt admit to it. I just think shes weird, thats all.

Heh. Lin Yi smiled. What do you wanna eat? Ill go buy it.

Anythings fine. One meat dish and one veggie dish is good. Tang Yin wasnt picky, and usually settled for a plain meal with Lin Yi during lunch, the two of them sharing two dishes without wasting anything.

Lin Yi wasnt picky himself either, so he usually went to the stall windows with the least amount of people lining up. As a result, what they ate during lunch was always random.

There werent a lot of people lining up for the garlic fried meat and steamed ribs, so Lin Yi walked over to buy some.

The two were about to start eating when Xiaoxiao dragged a chair along as she walked over, a tray filled with food in her hands. She placed it right onto the table before placing the chair at the table!

There were always some spare folding chairs available during the busiest and most crowded hours so that people could use them to join other tables. Lin Yi wasnt expecting that move from Xiaoxiao at all.

Lin Yi, I got you some red braised chicken! Here, its really good. Xiaoxiao moved the chicken drumstick to Lin Yis bowl as she spoke.

Wha?! Lin Yi didnt think Xiaoxiao would go and do something like this. Wasnt she just trying to make things awkward for him at this point? Tang Yin was starting to get jealous too, so what the hell was this woman planning?

Why arent you eating? Its really good! Xiaoxiao said with a smile as she looked into Lin Yis eyes. I heard from Zhong Pinliang that the red braised drumsticks and barbecued mutton ribs are really good, but the ribs need to be made upon order. I ordered it, but itll take a while. Eat the drumstick first!

Lin Yi was at his boiling point. He didnt do anything to her because she was a girl, but she kept on coming with her weird antics again and again! He couldnt take it anymore.

Feng Xiaoxiao, are you done or not? Lin Yi glared.

Wh-Whyre you so mean to me? Xiaoxiao jumped in shock, her eyes reddening as a tear rolled down her very misunderstood face. She started sobbing. Whyre you like that? I just wanted to make you happy so youd teach me driving. I just admire you, thats all. Whats wrong with that?

Lin Yi stared at that misunderstood and sad, wronged look on Xiaoxiaos face in complete disbelief. Was this really the same Xiaoxiao who sneaked up on him in the mens bathroom with a freaking camera, the same Xiaoxiao who tried to blast his ass with firecrackers?

She didnt even cry after she got *her* ass blasted, so why was she sobbing because he said something mean to her?

Tang Yin herself was getting rather frustrated at Xiaoxiao's lack of self-awareness. She finally got to have some alone time with Lin Yi, and here she was, a huge third wheel! Now that Xiaoxiao was sobbing so sadly, however, Tang Yin's heart softened up again.

Did she really just admire Lin Yi purely for his driving skills? Was that really all there was to it?

But the thing with admiration was that it was a tricky emotion. It didn't take much for it to turn into good feelings for the person, which was why Tang Yin felt hostile towards Xiaoxiao at first. She couldn't help but feel a little pity for her now. Lin Yi, maybe you can teach her? Don't let her cry like that.

Don't fall for it. The girl's an actress. Lin Yi grimaced and hardened his heart to ignore Xiaoxiao.

Tang Yin couldn't really say anything to that. Fortunately for them, Xiaoxiao was only quietly wiping her tears away, and hadn't been sobbing too loud. Nobody saw what had happened.

Who knew what they'd think if they had.

Chapter 457 – Waste of Effort

Xiaoxiao wiped her tears dry and stopped crying, but showed no intention of leaving. She rested her chin in her hands and watched Lin Yi with eyes of passion and obsession.

It certainly made Lin Yi feel uncomfortable. Even more so for Tang Yin, who wondered why the hell there was an admirer sitting at their table and staring at Lin Yi when he was her boyfriend! Could she not eat in peace?

Aren't you eating, Feng Xiaoxiao? Tang Yin asked, unable to take it anymore. She couldn't really kick her from the table, but she also couldn't just let her watch Lin Yi like this, could she?

Nope! Watching Lin Yi eat makes me happier than personally eating, Xiaoxiao murmured.

You Tang Yin didn't know what to say anymore.

After finally getting the awkward lunch over with, Lin Yi pulled Tang Yin away and outside the cafeteria.

Can you please stop her from following you next time? Tang Yin couldn't take it anymore. It's so weird with her around. I even lost my appetite.

You think I want her to be following me? Lin Yi smiled bitterly.

Tang Yin made an unhappy face, but there wasn't much she could do about it. She opened her mouth to say something, but was worried that Lin Yi would find her petty. Tang Yin was troubled to see that she'd gotten more timid recently. Where had her courage and bravery gone?

She used to mock Lin Yi before, without a care in the world. She even stomped on his feet!

Yet she always thought about it before doing anything now. Was she really that worried that Xiaoxiao would come and take Lin Yi away from her?

What am I even thinking? Tang Yin reprimanded herself a little, feeling shy as she tried to push the frustrating thoughts away. There were only a couple of months until the college entrance exams, and

shed only finished revising the eleventh grades curriculum. There was still the twelfth grades one she needed to go through! She wouldnt make it at this rate.

She rushed back to her classroom and quickly pulled out her studying materials, putting aside her previous thoughts about Xiaoxiao and Lin Yi.

Xiaoxiao got a drink for Lin Yi when she returned to her class. Lin Yi! This is a new fruit juice. It looks good. You want one? I bought two.

What exactly are you thinking, Feng Xiaoxiao? Lin Yi took the drink Xiaoxiao offered, but put it aside instead of drinking it.

What? I just want to be by your side, thats all, Xiaoxiao said seriously. I wont pull anything on you anymore, dont worry.

Lin Yi realized from what Xiaoxiao said that continuing this conversation would be useless. He decided to just ignore her.

He thought that Xiaoxiao would only be doing this for a day or two, that if he ignored her shed be unable to start the second stage of the plan, that shed get tired and back off. But the girl kept it up for a couple days in a row, following Lin Yi wherever he went!

She waited outside the restroom when Lin Yi went, and she was always there when Lin Yi was with Tang Yin! Tang Yin almost gnashed her teeth at her constant appearances, and even started suspecting Xiaoxiaos intentions herself.

Pinliang actually managed to contact somebody in the Fun City staff and got himself a private seaplane. It was extremely expensive, costing around twenty thousand for just one flight. It wasnt much to Pinliang, and it was way better than straight up purchasing a plane. Hed get to win Mengyaos favor too, so spending a bit of money was fine with him.

It wasnt big, but there was more than enough space to seat the forty students in his class. Pinliang decided that hed skip the trouble of getting a bus, since it was the same price for renting the plane regardless of how many people he put in there.

The class started getting excited once more when Pinliang announced that they were going to Fun City in a private seaplane.

But everybody, please pay attention to the things you bring on the plane. No flammables are allowed Mr. Liu started reading out the safety regulations.

The security procedures for a private plane werent as strict as a public one, but there were still basic rules that prevented dangerous items from going aboard the plane. Mr. Liu had to inform the students about all that to avoid any trouble.

Most students didnt have any dangerous items to bring in the first place, so they didnt really mind what Mr. Liu was saying about those items.

Pinliang, on the other hand, had to make some adjustments to his plan.

He had wanted to bring a barbecue grill and some charcoal for an open barbecue on the beach, but since fire sources weren't allowed on board the plane, Pinliang couldn't bring the materials.

Xiaofu, looks like we can't do the barbecue plan anymore. How am I supposed to get Chu Mengyao and Chen Yushu barbecued shark meat without a grill? Pinliang asked.

Liang Bro, I heard that there's a new, solar powered barbecue grill now. Maybe we can get one of those? Xiaofu suggested. I think it's not that expensive either, just a couple hundred dollars.

Really? That's nice. You go buy one then. I'll leave it to you! Pinliang said, relieved that there was a solution to the problem.

Saturday morning, Pinliang and Xiaofu arrived at school with a lot of luggage. Everyone was already gathered at the school gates, prepared to head out to the airport.

Pinliang had wanted to drive there, but Mengyao and Yushu were both taking the bus. He didn't want to stand out that way. He told his father's chauffeur to leave upon driving him to school so he could get on the bus with his classmates.

Xiaoxiao was wearing sunglasses and a panama hat, looking like a vacationing girl with her little backpack, cute and charming. Everyone was glancing at her, and she shared the burden of being looked at alongside Mengyao and Yushu, who, before her appearance, were the only targets for those glances.

Xiaoxiao stood beside Lin Yi, much to everybody's envy and jealousy. Lin Yi's indifference to her being with him made many of these boys want to swap places with Lin Yi.

Lin Yi, I brought a lot of snacks! Xiaoxiao leaned in, her face red with excitement and joy.

Oh, Lin Yi muttered.

I don't know how to swim, so can you teach me later? Xiaoxiao wasn't lying this time. She really didn't know how to swim.

Oh, really? Lin Yi said neutrally. I don't know either.

You Xiaoxiao was getting irritated. It didn't matter what she said. Lin Yi never seemed to care! Was he blind? She had even put on makeup just so Lin Yi would pay her more attention, but he didn't even look at her once! What a waste of effort!

Chapter 458 – Dire Consequences

Bus is here, notified Lin Yi to Xiaoxiao before walking away, leaving her behind.

Without much of a choice, Xiaoxiao followed, frustrated. She ignored everything and just sat beside Lin Yi when they got on the bus. It was supposed to be Xiaobo's seat, but he didn't say anything when he saw Xiaoxiao there, choosing another spot to sit instead.

Liang Bro, how do you think Feng Xiaoxiao's going to get at Lin Yi? It looks like she's fallen in love with him or something, doesn't it! Xiaofu had been paying attention to Lin Yi's movements these days and noticed how Xiaoxiao was acting.

Who knows? Pinliang was rather troubled himself. Maybe something huge? Leave her be. Its good that shes willing to fight Lin Yi. Now Lin Yi wont have time for us! Right now I need to get Chu Mengyao together with me before the college entrance exams. Thats the priority!

Youre right, well leave them be. Xiaofu nodded. So, Liang Bro, the shark plans all set up and ready to go!

Nice, well done! Pinliang clapped Xiaofu on the shoulder. Surely Chu Mengyao will have a different impression of me after this.

In the Solid Cloud Bar was Cihua, whod asked two big shots of Songshan out Zou Tiandi and Zhong Fabai.

Cihua was a criminal and was known as the best underworld boss in Songshan, but he didnt have any thugs walking the streets. All his men were elites.

What Cihua did was business, big business deals. He didnt need petty thugs collecting protection money. This was because he operated on the highest criminal level, carrying out smuggling and drug deals, as well as the recent organ trafficking partnership with An Jianwen.

These were all large-scale business deals, much more profitable than just collecting protection money. It was because of this that Songshan had two big shots other than Cihua. Tiandi and Fabai were titans themselves.

They were both in the entertainment industry, one of them managing a hotel with many men under his command. One, in particular, was Tiandis son, Zou Ruoguang, the best gangster in the Northern District.

Cihua didnt care much for what Tiandi and Fabai messed with, and neither Tiandi nor Fabai could reach Cihuas level and influence the things he did. They never conflicted with each other as a result.

But Cihua needed these two to partner up with him this time around.

Cihua first talked to Tiandi. As far as he could see, Tiandi was considerably more powerful than Fabai, with a son as gang boss in the Northern District.

Brother Tiandi, Im really sorry to ask you out this early! Cihua had something to ask of Tiandi. It was only natural that hed take a warm attitude when talking to him, quickly greeting him when one of his men told him of his arrival. Hm? This young man?

Haha, Cihua Bro, this is my youngest son, Zou Ruoming! Ive brought him along to broaden his horizons. Tiandi was really starting to get disappointed in his eldest son Ruoguang. The boy was a complete pussy. Even his little brother had more balls than him! So he decided that his heir would, at the end, be his younger son. He decided to change his strategy and stop forcing Ruoming to focus on his studies, thinking that hed start developing him into a big shot himself.

Oh? Second Master Zou, I see! Haha, you look like quite the man. Cihua nodded with a smile.

Thanks, Uncle Cihua! Ruoming was very much excited today. His father was finally willing to train him now, bringing him to high-tier underworld figure in just his first outing!

Ruoming had heard of Li Cihua long ago. He was *the* underworld boss of Songshan, after all!

Cihua Bro, what did you call me out for? Is there some sort of business for a brother?¹ Tiandi was on rather good terms with Cihua. Theyd never interfered with each other before.

Brother Tiandi, lets not beat around the bush. I do have a business partnership to propose today, Cihua said, getting straight to the point since they were both gangsters.

Oh? What is it? Tiandi had been quite troubled these couple of days. Lin Yi didnt trouble them anymore, but it still worried him. Getting offered a business deal felt rather healthy for his state of mind.

Im sure you have an idea who I am, Cihua said with a smile. The person backing me has sent an underling over to start a real estate company here, but he doesnt have the manpower. Would you be interested, Brother Tiandi?

Manpower? You mean, Tiandi paused, thinking that his future would be as bright as it got if he managed to acquaint himself with Cihuas backer, but what did he have to offer that caught his eye? Tiandi was still a self-aware man. He hadnt even touched real estate before. He just managed entertainment businesses.

Demolition. Cihua smiled. You know there are some strings we have to pull for a successful demolition and relocation, and I dont have any subordinates well-versed in this field. Brother Tiandi, you came to mind as a good partner for the job!

Relocation, is it? No problem! Tiandi sighed in relief. Relocation was easy. All he had to do was get Ruoguang to go scare and threaten the inhabitants with some men backing him.

So shall I take that as a yes, Brother Tiandi? Cihua was feeling rather confident about this whole thing, since it was right up Tiandis alley. It wasnt a difficult task to begin with either.

Yes. There shouldnt be any problems. Tiandi nodded. Which area does the young master want to develop, may I ask?

The slums district! Cihua said. Its a large area, very fit for development.

Oh, the slums. Thats a nice choice. No problem Tiandi was about to seal the deal when Ruoming stopped him.

Dad, we cant do this! Ruoming said, worried that his father would say yes without thinking it through.

Ruoming, what are you doing? Tiandi paused, upset. Whats the matter with you? Arent you a brave boy most of the time? Now that its illegal youre backing out?

Dad, listen to me! Its not because its illegal, its because of Tang Yin, she lives in the slums, Ruoming explained, panicking. He had been chasing Tang Yin, so it was only natural that he had done some detailed research on her family background, and that hed know where she lived with her family.

What?! Tiandi paused as well. Wasnt Tang Yin Lin Yis girlfriend? So she lived in the slums?

Tiandi started sweating, very relieved that his son reminded him of this. The consequences if he had done anything to her would have been dire.

Chapter 459 – Stolen Seat

What if he had gone and leveled Tang Yins place with a bulldozer like a complete idiot? He probably be in the afterlife the next day! What did he have against Lin Yi that a master of Yan Qiyuans level didnt?

Tiandi didnt have time to worry about pissing Cihua off at this point. He could take a little worsening of their relationship. That wasnt a problem at all! He quickly stood up. Cihua Bro, I cant do this. Im afraid youll have to get someone else, Im sorry!

With that, Tiandi dragged Ruoming along and left without uttering another word, wondering what would happen if Lin Yi learned that he was planning to destroy Tang Yins house with Cihua.

He shouldnt have come in the first place. What rotten luck he had! This wasnt a joke at all!

Cihua frowned at the Zous walking away all of a sudden. Where was this coming from? What is the meaning of this. Whats the matter with them? I asked you because I like you! Fine, so be it.

Cihua Bro, I heard them mention a name just now. Maybe its someone they know? Su Jiaonang said.

Leave them be. Get Zhong Fabai here. Were short on time, and Master Bins arriving soon. We need to get the real estate company up and running before he comes! Chua said. Right, howre things with Jin Gubang?

Hes funded and registered a real estate company, and he plans to give all the shares to Master Bin! Jiaonang said.

At least he gets whats going on. Leave him ten percent of the shares and keep him as the companys CEO, Cihua said after thinking about it. Master Bins only going to fool around, and there needs to be someone there to actually manage the company for him. Hes relatives with Zhong Fabai too, so itll make things easier as well.

Alright, Ill go talk to Jin Gubang about it in a bit. Jiaonang nodded and walked away to phone Fabai.

Fabai didnt have as many concerns as Tiandi. Now that Gubang had fallen, he needed a backer, and Cihua calling him over to work with Gubang and him on a real estate company was perfect timing. Theyd be working for the nephew of the boss behind the scenes too, so Fabai accepted the invitation without even thinking about it.

Because of the specifications of the seaplane, there wasnt a storage compartment for luggage. Some dangerous items werent allowed as well.

Under Mr. Lius guidance, the students went through the security check and boarded the plane.

It was the first time on a plane for many of the students, and their eyes shone with excitement and anticipation. The ones who had taken a plane before were very excited as well, since it was the first time they took a plane that landed on the sea. Everyone looked forward to the trip.

Smaller planes like this were alright at the front, but got very bumpy at the back. Fortunately for them, the students only occupied the forward seats, leaving space at the back for luggage.

Pinliang and Xiaofu were about to seat themselves at the frontmost seats, the most luxurious and spacious row. There were four in total, and two were reserved for Mengyao and Yushu, the other two for his own use.

Theyd put down their luggage and were about to sit when someone pushed them, almost making them fall. Move. Stop getting in the way.

It was Lin Yi. He moved past them and seated himself in the seat that was supposed to be Pinliangs. Xiaoxiao followed and sat beside him, on Xiaofus seat.

Pinliangs face went green with anger that instant. He wanted to get Lin Yi to leave, but didnt dare to. He wanted to get Xiaoxiao to leave, but he didnt dare to do that either! He was unsure of what to do when Yushu spoke up, Liangy, Yao Yao said that she likes brave boys. Only the bravest can sit the farthest at the back with composure!

Yushu, naturally, didnt want Pinliang at the front seats. She still wanted to see what would happen with Lin Yi and Xiaoxiao!

A simple excuse was enough to get Pinliang away, she thought.

I-Is that so? Pinliang now had a way to back off with what Yushu said. Xiaofu, lets sit at the back then! The first rows for scaredy-cats!

There was only one boy at the front, so Pinliangs words were naturally directed at him. He regretted it instantly. Wasnt he just asking to get smacked? What the hell was he thinking?

He sighed in relief after seeing that Lin Yi wasnt planning on getting him back or anything. He quickly walked to the back of the plane with Xiaofu and seated himself.

It was a low altitude private plane, so there wasnt much conflict with regular planes at the airport. The plane was going down the runway not long after.

Neither Pinliang nor Xiaofu had taken a private plane like this before, so they thought that itd be the same as a regular, commercial plane. They only realized how uncomfortable it was when the plane took off.

It was as bumpy as it got, and Pinliangs face rapidly paled with realization. Xiaofu wasnt looking too well beside him, either.

Liang Bro, maybe we should sit a bit closer to the front. This is way too uncomfortable. Xiaofu couldnt take it anymore.

You can if you want. What will Yao Yao think of me if I did? Id look like a coward! Pinliang wasnt feeling too good, but he decided to grit his teeth and get it over with. Hed be known as a dog running with his

tail between his legs if word got out. Hed be a joke!

He might already be a joke, but hed like to be laughed at for fewer things, if possible. If he could grit his teeth and endure it, then hed do it. He only hoped that theyd reach Fun Citys beach soon.

Xiaofu couldnt really leave when Pinliang was staying, so he stayed. It was his first time on a plane, and he didnt have any experience. He was taking it a lot harder than Pinliang did.

Lin Yi didnt pay Xiaoxiao any attention. It didnt matter what she said to him. He always replied with the most meaningless responses in conversation, oh and Really?. It troubled Xiaoxiao.

Shu, what do you think Feng Xiaoxiaos planning? Mengyao had noticed Xiaoxiaos weird behavior the past couple of days herself.

I dunno, but I think shes probably fallen for Shield Bro. Whys she always being so nice to him if she hasnt? Yushu mumbled as she munched on her snacks.

Fallen for Lin Yi? Hows that possible? Wasnt she here to cause him trouble? Mengyao frowned and harrumphed to herself. *Falling for Lin Yi? Why would anyone fall for him?*

Are you getting jealous, Yao Yao? Yushu said with a grin.

Me? Jealous? Its got nothing to do with me. Mengyao harrumphed, as if she didnt care.

Nothing to do with you, huh? I wanted to eavesdrop on them, but fine then. Yushu continued to enjoy her snacks.

Chapter 460 – Spat Out and Eaten Again

Eavesdrop Mengyao hesitated, furrowing her brows. Then go listen, I guess.

Oh, okay! Yushu said with a smile.

But Yushu failed to hear anything after pricking her ears up for a long time. Were those two even talking? It didnt seem so.

Lin Yi had his eyes closed, and Xiaoxiao couldnt do anything about it after Lin Yi ignored the stuff she was saying to him. She decided to listen to her MP3 player.

Shield Bro? Yushu wasnt afraid Xiaoxiao would hear how she addressed Lin Yi. She knew her relationship with Lin Yi anyway, so she wouldve exposed it already if it were her intention.

Hm? Lin Yi opened his eyes and looked at Yushu with curiosity.

Its nothing. Yushu thought Lin Yi had fallen asleep and wanted to wake him so she could hear him chat with Xiaoxiao, but Lin Yi was still awake.

Lin Yi eyed Yushu before shaking his head.

Lin Yi, are you hungry? Xiaoxiao asked. I have some cookies. Lin Yi wasn't pretending to be asleep anymore.

Oh, you eat them, Lin Yi replied distantly before looking out the plane window.

Xiaoxiao scowled. *Come on! So Chen Yushu calls out to you and you instantly respond? Why did Lin Yi ignore her when she spoke? Hey, how much do they pay you?*

What? Pay me? Lin Yi blinked.

Aren't you their bodyguard, or follower, or something? How much do they pay you a month? Xiaoxiao asked.

Tens of thousands, I guess, Lin Yi said vaguely.

Tens of thousands Xiaoxiao was taken aback by the amount. It sure was a lot of money. Her family was rich, but she only had an allowance of ten thousand a month. She thought she could double whatever Mengyao was paying and hire Lin Yi, but she couldn't do that anymore. You're bluffing!

Heh. Lin Yi could guess what Xiaoxiao was thinking. I work for her father. The follower part just kinda comes with the job.

Oh. Xiaoxiao nodded, thinking that it wasn't impossible if it were Chu Pengzhan spending the money.

Feng Xiaoxiao, if you wanna learn how to drive, I currently don't have time, so you don't have to follow me around all the time. It's not gonna do anything. Now that Lin Yi was responding to her, he might as well make things clear.

No, it's fine if you won't teach me. I just want your potential to rub off on me, Xiaoxiao said. I'll be more like you after that.

Lin Yi was rather stunned by that bullshit logic. Rubbing his potential off on her? He didn't know what to say to that. Do what you want then.

Lin Yi didn't bother arguing over this when Xiaoxiao clearly wasn't going to listen. He decided that the girl could follow him all she wanted. She'd probably get tired and stop out of annoyance after a couple of days.

Okay! Xiaoxiao said very happily now that Lin Yi had agreed. Her eyes were even turning into crescents from smiling so widely. Here, cookie.

Lin Yi took the cookie and put it on the small table in front of him.

So I heard it, Yushu whispered to Mengyao.

What were they talking about? Mengyao asked.

Feng Xiaoxiao wants Shield Bro to teach her how to drive. That's why she's following him all the time, Yushu said.

Is that so. Then let her do what she wants. Mengyao, naturally, wasn't very interested after learning driving lessons were what Xiaoxiao was after.

Xiaofu's face was getting paler by the second. He couldn't take it anymore. I can't anymore, Liang Bro! I feel like vomiting!

Hold it in! We'll be there soon! Pinliang wanted to vomit as well, but he was in better shape than Xiaofu was since he'd been in a lot of planes when he had traveled, including small planes like this one that were a little more turbulent.

I can't, I really can't! Xiaofu cried out all of a sudden. Flight attendant, open the window! I need to vomit!

Xiaofu's voice made the students in the front turn around and look, and Pinliang felt his face heat up at the humiliation. What on earth was Xiaofu doing? This is a plane, not a car! The windows are sealed! They don't open!

Then what do I do? I'm really gonna vomit! Xiaofu said.

Hold it in! Hold it in a little while longer! Pinliang raged.

Ugh Blergh Xiaofu seemed like he was about to vomit sometime soon. He covered his mouth with his hands. After a while passed, he finally breathed out. Phew.

Managed to hold it in? Pinliang relaxed. Xiaofu seemed fine now.

It came out into my mouth, but I swallowed it back down, Xiaofu said.

Huh? Blugh Pinliang's stomach churned. Swallowed it back down? How disgusting could Xiaofu get?! He could've held it in, but what Xiaofu said really hit him hard. He was about to open his mouth and vomit when he saw everyone looking at Xiaofu in curiosity, Yushu included. Troubled, Pinliang felt the vomit reach his throat, and he decided that it wasn't going to stop. He steeled himself and did what Xiaofu did, swallowing it back down.

Pinliang burped before waving at Yushu, a wide smile on his face. See? I'm still going strong. Gao Xiaofu just isn't strong enough!

Pinliang sighed in relief. No one seemed to have noticed. He sure was smart, actually swallowing what he vomited without letting people realize what was happening!

Liang Bro, I'm not feeling so good. I need to take a dump, Xiaofu said awhile later.

You bastard. Why're you so much trouble? Vomiting and now sh*tting? Pinliang said, irritated.

Liang Bro, you can't blame me! I didn't get to puke it out, so now it needs to go out from somewhere else, Xiaofu said weakly.

There's a lavatory at the front. Go by yourself! Pinliang said helplessly.

Xiaofu fast walked into the lavatory. Pinliang started to regret letting Xiaofu sit at the back with him. He'd damaged his heroic image!

But why did his stomach feel so uncomfortable? Pinliang's eyes widened in shock. Did he need to shit as well after swallowing the vomit?

The thought frightened him, and Pinliang ran to the lavatory, remembering that Xiaofu was still in there. He knocked. Xiaofu, hurry up!

Liang Bro, whats wrong? Xiaofu said weakly.

I need to use the lavatory! Hurry! Pinliang panicked.

Ah Im sh*tting right now, Xiaofu said.

Pinliang was starting to sweat from the pain at this point. All he could do was pound on the lavatory door.