

Bodyguard 461

### Chapter 461 – Here Comes the Shark

Pinliang was in a hurry, but Xiaofu couldn't just pull his pants up in the middle of taking a dump, could he? Wait a second, Laing Bro, I'll be done soon!

Pinliang was in such a hurry! The lavatory was located in front of the first row, too, so wasn't Xiaofu just ruining his image right now? It'd look alright if he'd gotten into the lavatory after rushing there, but pacing around as he held his stomach, wouldn't Mengyao laugh at him?

Pinliang farted a loud, stinky fart, and he became self-conscious and his face reddened. He sneaked a glance at Mengyao.

God, the smell! I'm gonna faint, Yao Yao! Yushu jumped up and waved her hand in front of her face. Liangy, go get a butt plug or something! Do you want to suffocate Yao Yao and me to death?

Pinliang's fart had only been audible to the students in the first few rows, but Yushu's announcement turned the fart into the focal point of the entire plane.

I Pinliang was really starting panic. He was about to explain himself when another fart escaped from his crack, followed by poop as well as a result of his panic. He'd sh\*t his pants.

Ahhhhhh! Zhong Pinliang, are you doing this on purpose? Yushu couldn't take it anymore. She held her nose and started running towards the tail of the plane. The smell was nasty!

Mengyao frowned in disgust herself. What the hell was Pinliang up to, stinking up the plane? She stood up and followed Yushu to the back.

Xiaoxiao was eating a cookie, but the intensity of the fart made her spit it right out. She ran to the back of the plane on instinct as well.

Lin Yi, however, didn't really mind. He'd lived in places smellier than the fart. Pinliang's actions, on the other hand, did disgust him a little. Since the Miss had left, Lin Yi got up and walked to the back as well.

Xiaofu finally came out from the lavatory, and Pinliang ran in, cupping the crotch of his pants. The sound of rushed water followed right after.

Pinliang hadn't brought a change of pants, so he had no choice but to take his pants off and wash them in the lavatory.

He was too embarrassed to come out the lavatory until the plane landed.

The event had been organized by Pinliang, so while it was very comical for Pinliang to disembark from the plane in wet pants, nobody laughed. It comforted Pinliang at least a little.

Sorry, Liang Bro. I didn't do it on purpose, Xiaofu apologized in embarrassment. He'd screwed up.

It's fine! Pinliang looked at his only follower. There wasn't much to say anyway. He waved his hand generously. Just do your best as a shark later.

Dont worry, Ive practiced in my bathtub a lot. Itll go off without a hitch! Xiaofu thumped his chest confidently.

Pinliang nodded. Whether he could redeem himself depended on this! If he gloriously fought off a shark in front of everybody, then having shit his pants wouldnt mean as much.

The seaplane landed on the VIP water runway section of Fun City, and a speedboat came after a bit to get all the students to shore.

The entire VIP section had been booked by Pinliang, so there wasnt anyone else there.

The seawater was clear, and there was a sand-paved shallow water section lined with pebbles. There were some conches, small crabs, and fish as well. It was a nice environment.

Lin Yi didnt hurry to change into his swimsuit like everybody else. He sat in the sand and watched the little creatures in silence. Clear waters were very rare in cities and tourist attractions, and Lin Yi felt like hed gone back to his old home.

Hed always play on the beach with Er Goudan. Naturally, the old man had forced most of Lin Yis time to be spent on training in the water. Goudan, on the other hand Lin Yi really wondered what his body was made of! It took him so much effort just to maintain his balance in the current, but the guy maintained his posture in the water like he was a tower.

Why arent you changing into your swimsuit? Xiaoxiao walked over curiously after seeing Lin Yi sit down on the sand and stare into the water.

For what? I cant swim, Lin Yi said distantly. Why arent you?

Because I need to be by your side! Xiaoxiao said, as if it were a matter of course.

Lin Yi shook his head. Now that his train of thought had been interrupted, he turned his attention to the girls who had changed into their swimsuits. Eighteen-year-old girls had bodies that had finished puberty, so this was a nice chance to feast his eyes. He wondered what sort of swimsuits Yushu and Mengyao would wear. Compared to Mengyao, Lin Yi was actually more interested in how Yushu would look in a swimsuit.

Hed seen them in swimsuits before, but seeing it in person was always better than seeing it in a picture.

Much to Lin Yis disappointment, Mengyao and Yushu werent in swimsuits at all. Theyd set up a huge umbrella and were sitting under it as they took out the snacks in their bags. Were these two here for a picnic?

Probably. Mengyao and Yushu had had more than enough chances to go to the beach. He remembered a lot of beaches in the travel pictures on the laptop.

There dont seem to be any sharks here? Yushu said disappointedly as she looked out into the calm waters.

Its a tourist spot. Of course there arent any sharks, Mengyao said.

That Liangy, he lied to me! He said hed barbecue shark meat for me! Im never believing him ever again, Yushu said angrily.

Even if there were, would you really eat shark meat he barbecued? Mengyao pursed her lips.

Ugh. Yushu remembered how Pinliang had sh\*t his pants back on the plane. Just thinking about it disgusted her. She probably wouldnt accept any shark meat from Pinliang now, would she?

Xiaofu put the shark fin costume on his back now that most of the students were in the water. He furtively dived into the water and circled around a few times.

He started getting nervous when nobody noticed him.

He didnt want to get too close to the other students. The water in the shallow area was very clear, so people might see that he wasnt really a shark.

But he couldnt just scream Im a shark! Here comes the shark!

Pinliang was getting worried as well. He needed to be the sharkslayer, so he couldnt be the one who noticed it first! The shark should first scare all the students to shore, then he could jump in to challenge and slay the beast!

The two were panicking a little when Yushu jumped up excitedly. Yao Yao, its a shark! See, it really is a shark!

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Yushus cry made everybody turn their attention to the sea. There actually was a shark fin swimming about!

Mengyao was rather shocked. She looked at where Yushu was pointing. There really was a shark. Isnt this a swimming area? How come theres sharks?

I opened up a hole in the isolation belt so a shark could get in! Pinliang quickly waddled over to provide an explanation to the girls.

It wasnt total bullsh\*t. He was worried that Yushu would realize what was up. Hed specifically swum over to the far side and opened a gap in the isolation belt.

Of course, he wasnt afraid that a real shark would really come swimming in. The chances of that were simply too low!

Unless, of course, there was the scent of blood present. A shark wouldnt just come swimming over for no reason.

Oh, thats great! Nice, Liangy, good job. Well have shark meat to eat! Yushu patted Pinliangs shoulder happily before worry appeared on her face. I say, Liangy, you washed yourself clean, right? Does it still smell?

Nope, not at all. I was just in seawater. I smell like salt, if anything! Pinliang quickly explained.

Thats more like it! Yushu said that, but she instinctively backed off from Pinliang.

The appearance of a shark sent the students running to shore, terrified and panicked. All that was left was the shark now, all alone.

Xiaofu was feeling pretty relieved himself as he swam a little closer. Pinliang was taking his time to battle the shark when he saw Yushu take the first move. She was running in the direction of the shark.

Shu, whatre you doing! Thats dangerous! Mengyao cried out in shock. What on earth was the girl doing?

Its okay, Im just taking a look! Yushu didnt have much fear of shark. Lin Yi had been able to kill one off while carrying her, after all, so Yushu thought that sharks werent all that scary. They were probably more vulnerable compared to other animals, so Yushu wondered if she could take on a shark herself.

Yeah, Shu, come back! Its too dangerous! Ill handle the shark! Pinliang didnt want Yushu to get too close and see what was really going on.

But Yushu wasnt interested in what Pinliang had to say. She ran to the shore without turning back. Without much of a choice, Pinliang started running as well, worried that Yushu would jump in the water and start swimming to the shark first.

Not far off on the beach, Lin Yi lifted his head and took a look at the shark in the sea. He then looked at Yushu and lowered his head, not very interested.

Hey, arent you their follower and bodyguard? Theres a shark in the water. How come youre not protecting Chen Yushu? Xiaoxiao looked at Lin Yi, confused.

Zhong Pinliangs there, isnt he? Ill stay here. Lin Yi smiled.

Him? Xiaoxiao thought that Lin Yi would charge out and expose his relationship with Mengyao and Yushu, but the guy wasnt budging at all. When danger strikes, hes the first to run away.

Ah. Whyre you telling me to go if you know that? Zhong Pinliang would be running away if it actually was dangerous. Does he look threatened to you? Lin Yi asked.

Now that you mention it, no. Xiaoxiao shook her head.

Plus, is that really a shark? Lin Yi sneered. What kind of shark even swam like that? Swimming horizontally? Quite a shark it was.

Not a shark? What is it then? Xiaoxiao blinked, not understanding what Lin Yi was talking about.

I guess well see. Lin Yi wasnt too sure himself, but it didnt look like it was controlled remotely. It seemed like a person.

Pinliang jumped right into the water and growled at the shark, pointing his finger at it. You damned shark, how dare you disturb us! Ill execute you!

Wow, Pinliang really is brave! Hes fighting the shark! The unaware students started shouting praise at Pinliang. It felt rather good to him.

Shu, lets leave this place. Its too dangerous! Mengyao pulled Yushu away from the shore.

Watch this, Yao Yao! Yushu wasn't scared one bit. She lifted a cobblestone out of the sea and called out, Liangy, duck!

Pinliang turned around to see the shocking sight of a monstrously huge object flying in his direction. He dodged on instinct and the object hit the shark in the sea with a loud thud.

Ahhhhhhhhh! Xiaofu wailed as the stone hit his forehead. Fresh blood flowed out, dyeing the sea red.

Yeah, I killed the shark! Yushu danced about excitedly, not expecting to be able to one-shot the shark.

Why did I hear a wail? Do sharks make that sound? Mengyao looked at the sea suspiciously.

Uh, that was me! Pinliang quickly explained, nervous and worried. Xiaofu wasn't dead, was he?

You? I hit the shark. Why were you wailing? Yushu asked.

Uhh, the sharks in pain and can't even scream, so I screamed in its place! Yeah, I was just helping, Pinliang explained with a hollow laugh.

I see, Yushu nodded. Liangy, hurry and haul my shark out! I wanna eat barbecued shark meat.

Umm, okay! Pinliang was quite dejected. He'd wanted to show off his skills and hadn't expected Yushu to get to the shark first. What a waste of effort.

He dived down to see Xiaofu gritting his teeth and holding his forehead, but he seemed fine other than the flesh wound. He sighed in relief and pointed at the frozen shark at the bottom of the sea he'd prepared beforehand, telling Xiaofu to push it as Pinliang pulled it to shore.

Xiaofu endured his forehead pain and helped Pinliang get the shark out before quickly diving back in and leaving the scene.

It's pretty big! Yushu excitedly ran to the shark and poked at it with a finger. Hm? Why's this shark so cold? Like it came out of a freezer?

Uh, well, sharks are cold-blooded animals, of course it's cold! The panic pushed at Pinliang's mind and he formed an ingenious excuse right on the spot. He sure was a genius.

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Really? Shu blinked. She didn't know if sharks were cold-blooded or not, so Pinliang's explanation seemed rather believable.

Yeah! Pinliang said confidently. Shu, I'll start grilling the shark for you and Yao Yao, okay? I couldn't bring flammable stuff onto the plane, so I specifically brought a solar-powered grill! I'll show you high-tech cooking in just a bit.

Ooh, nice! Hurry, then! Yushu was delighted to hear that she'd be having barbecued shark meat soon.

Mengyao looked at the shark oddly. How come this shark's one fin short?

What?! Pinliang's eyes widened as he looked at the shark. It was true, the shark was missing a fin on one side! And it looked like it had been cleanly cut off by someone.

Pinliang was infuriated. That supermarket vendor had cheated him! Selling the shark to him for such an expensive price when he'd cut a fin off?! Pinliang decided that he'd raze the shop to the ground when he got back.

Probably got taken off by Shu. Yeah, that's probably it. She sliced it off with that rock! Pinliang explained.

Really? Wow, I'm good! Yushu wasn't expecting to have ripped the shark's fin off of it like that.

This shark, it's not one of those frozen sharks sold at market, is it? Mengyao kicked the shark. The body was hard, evidently prefrozen.

Yeah, Yao Yao, why does it look like it's from a market? Look, is that a price tag in its mouth? Yushu started inspecting the shark curiously after what Mengyao said. Is this really the one I killed? Did you get the wrong one, Liangy?

It's the right one, for sure! Pinliang gritted his teeth as he looked at the damned white price tag in the shark's mouth. Was Xiaofu blind?! He didn't see the missing fin, and he'd missed that price tag in the mouth too!

Pinliang held the curses in his mind back and quickly pulled the price tag out of the shark's mouth. He stuck it into his own mouth and chewed on it a bit before swallowing it. It's not a price tag, come on! It's a scallop, a really nice scallop! They say people die for money and birds die for food, so the shark must've come here looking for these scallops when Shu killed it with a rock!

Pinliang changed the subject so the two wouldn't dwell on the shark for too long.

Scallop? And you just ate it raw? Mengyao was starting to get suspicious.

The shark was risking its life for it. It's obviously really good. Oh, darn, I'm sorry, I should've saved something that good for you, Yao Yao! Pinliang said.

You can keep it. And stop calling me Yao Yao. It sounds weird, Mengyao said.

Doesn't Shu call you Yao Yao? Pinliang asked.

Shu calls me Yao Yao sis, not Yao Yao. Do you want to call me that too? Mengyao glared at him, her tone cold.

Uh, never mind, then. Pinliang didn't want to turn into Mengyao's little brother. It'd make it even harder for him to chase her! He laughed it off instead. Well, I'll go barbecue this shark then. Yo, boys! Come here and help out, let's split this shark for the class!

Similar to Mengyao and Yushu, some students were more or less suspicious of the origins of this shark Pinliang dragged up, but hearing that they'd all get a portion of barbecued shark was enough to stop anyone from doing anything irritable. They started helping Pinliang out, feeling a lot less hostile towards the guy now.

Pinliang set up the solar-powered grill and looked around, waiting for Xiaofu. After looking a while, he finally saw the guy walking over with a shirt wrapped over his head.

How do you feel? Pinliang asked quietly.

Luckily, it only hit my forehead. Its just a flesh wound, Xiaofu said.

Why didnt you hold on a bit longer before sinking? I didnt get to do anything! It was so embarrassing when you went down so fast! I didnt get to be the hero at all. Pinliang sulked.

I couldnt do anything about it, Liang Bro! That Chen Yushus too much. She shot a rock at me right at the start! If I didnt sink and another rock came, Id be dead! Xiaofu said, still feeling threatened.

Youre right. But damn, who wouldve thought that Chen Yushu would get so excited! Pinliang shook his head.

Should I go be a shark again? Xiaofu asked carefully.

That works. Lets talk about this later. Pinliang nodded. Right now we have to get this grill going and start the barbecue!

Pinliang and Xiaofu set the grill up, but it didnt start heating up. Pinliang started getting worried after waiting a while. Whats wrong with this thing. How come its not working?

Not enough solar power? Xiaofu looked at the sun, his tone cautious.

What do we do? Pinliang looked up as well. Clouds were rolling in.

Its okay. Theres a manual pump, right? Ill pump and you blow at the charcoal inside! It should get the heat going, Xiaofu said.

Alright! Pinliang nodded and started blowing into the grill as Xiaofu worked the manual pump for all that he was worth.

They went at it for a long time to no avail. Pinliangs mouth was swollen from all the blowing while Xiaofus arms throbbed with pain.

How come the fire hasnt started yet? Yushu saw that the boys were almost finished cutting the shark up into portions, but Pinliang was still trying to start the grill. What grill is that?

Its a new model. I saw it on TV. Fish Bros recommendation, Xiaofu said gleefully.

You actually believe the shopping ads on TV? Yushus eyes went wide.

Uh Pinliang barely stopped himself from kicking Xiaofu. So this was some unreliable TV ad! He thought it was new technology.

Liang Bro, dont get mad! Well get it started soon. Ill give a final burst of strength. With that, Xiaofu increased his pumping speed, drenching himself in sweat from the work.

Xiaofy, whats with that wrapping on your head? You look like some Indian chieftain. Yushu said as she reached for the shirt on Xiaofus head..

Dont! This is a symbol of effort of determination! You see those people with a piece of cloth tied around their heads on TV, right? See, Im lighting this grill up with all Ive got! Xiaofu quickly explained.

Oh, I see. Hurry up and pump then. Pump harder! Yushu encouraged. Im hungry! Yao Yao said that if its still not done, we should get someone else to do the barbecue!

## Chapter 464 – Drilling Wood to Make Fire

Were almost done, were almost done! Pinliang started panicking at the thought of Mengyao going to someone else. Xiaofu, did you not eat breakfast? Pump harder!

I did, but I puked it out. No, not puke, I sh\*t it out! Xiaofu explained.

Pinliangs face darkened, feeling a little awkward. This bastard sure liked bringing up all the embarrassing stuff! Did he forget that he had sh\*t too, in his pants, no less? He quickly pushed the topic aside, worried that Yushu would laugh at him again. Shut up and pump as hard as you can!

Pinliang started blowing harder as well, making loud sounds as he blew at the charcoal.

Alright, here goes!! Xiaofu clenched his jaw and sped up once more. With an audible burst of flame, a wail from Pinliang and the smell of burnt hair followed.

Pinliangs hair had been burnt and his face blackened. Fortunately for him, that spark of flame had lasted for only an instant. He wouldve lost his face otherwise.

Whatre you doing, Xiaofu! Pinliang said, irritated. You wanna burn me alive?

But Liang Bro, you told me to pump harder, Xiaofu said plaintively.

Pinliang didnt have much to say to that. He did tell Xiaofu to go faster. Then keep it up. That burst was good. Well get the grill going soon!

Alright! Ill pump harder! Xiaofu nodded before roaring and pumping.

But Pinliang was scared to put his face too close to the grill this time around, blowing from afar instead. It didnt work out as well as it had before, and without Pinliangs help, even Xiaofus added speed wasnt able to get the fire going.

Something snapped and Xiaofu fell on his ass, going ack as he landed on the sand. It wouldve been quite a fall if hed landed on solid ground.

What now? Pinliang was getting pissed off. Hed wanted to show off in front of Mengyao and impress her, but there was problem after problem from the start!

It broke! Liang Bro, the handle broke! Xiaofu raised the pump handle with a sour face.

Broke? Pinliang fumed. What the hell kind of grill did Xiaofu bring. Did he bring it here to embarrass him??

Man, you guys are way too unreliable! Yushu shook her head in disappointment as she looked at Pinliang and Xiaofu. She turned away to see smoke rising by Lin Yi, much to her pleasant surprise. See, someone else already has a fire going! Im gonna go there.

Yushu ran off as Pinliang frowned. It was Lin Yi who had started the fire!

Liang Bro, I thought we werent allowed to bring sources of fire aboard the plane? Howd he start a fire? Xiaofu asked, confused.

That's right! We're not allowed to bring fuel or lighters or anything on the plane! He must've hid them and broke the rules! Let's go report him! Pinliang was fed up, but seeing Yushu run over with Mengyao to Lin Yi made him panic. Come on, let's go confront him!

Lin Yi got a couple of clams and crabs from the beach to roast. He wasn't very interested in shark meat, and decided that he'd start a fire with some branches and make a meal himself.

He didn't really talk much to his classmates other than Xiaobo, so nobody thought much of Lin Yi's loner attitude.

Boss, here are some clams! Is this enough? Xiaobo released the clams he was storing in his shirt he using like a basket next to Lin Yi.

Probably enough for the two of us, Lin Yi said after glancing at the pile.

I'm here too! Xiaoxiao said worriedly. I also wanna eat.

Go get some clams yourself! Lin Yi said thinly as he eyed her. Who did this girl think she was? Did she think there was such a thing as a free lunch?

Fine. Xiaoxiao stood up and walked off to the sea, a little upset and irritated. What was with the horrible way Lin Yi treated her? Couldn't he treat her a little bit nicer?

She reached the water to see that the clams in the shallow area had almost all been taken by Xiaobo. Annoyed, she decided that she'd have to go to deeper waters to find some.

Fortunately for Xiaoxiao, she knew how to swim. She'd only lied to Lin Yi to get him to teach her. Going into deep water wasn't really dangerous for her.

Boss, why can't you act like a gentleman! Xiaobo felt bad for Xiaoxiao. Personally, he would gladly roast some clams for a pretty girl if she asked him to.

But Xiaoxiao was chasing Lin Yi right now, so Xiaobo couldn't court her. Lin Yi wouldn't let him, anyway.

Lin Yi! Where did you get your fire source? Pinliang was pissed off. He felt like he held the moral high ground, and he was the one who got them a plane! He had the authority to question Lin Yi this way, so he did so confidently.

Lin Yi frowned and looked up at Pinliang. What, do you need a stick up your ass?

You! Pinliang was quite furious. He'd come here to denounce Lin Yi for his crimes, but the guy slapped him with a single reply! Yet, Pinliang wouldn't back down at this time. He pointed at Lin Yi. Sources of fire aren't allowed on the plane, but you got on with firewood and a lighter! Did you even consider the safety of your classmates? Do you want me to call the police on you?

Pinliang raised the stakes by involving everybody's safety, and some of the onlookers who found Pinliang getting cocky started supporting him!

It was true. Didn't Lin Yi just put everybody at risk by bringing prohibited items onto the plane?

Did you see me bring firewood and a lighter onto the plane? Lin Yi snorted. You're obviously here to cause trouble again.

Howd you start the fire without a fire source, then? Pinliang was convinced that Lin Yi had broken the rules. He didnt have anything to start the fire with. It had to be a lighter or firewood!

Boss started the fire by drilling wood! Xiaobo couldnt stand there and take this anymore. This Pinliang just ran out and accused Lin Yi of using firewood and a lighter!

Drilling wood? Pinliang blinked before laughing loudly. Are you kidding me? Starting a fire with drilling? Did you help yourself by using a magnifying glass?

Did you even go to elementary school? You dont know that you can start fires by drilling wood? Xiaobo rolled his eyes. He didn't want to ignore this guy.

Do it again, then! If you cant start a fire with wood drilling, Im call the cops! Pinliang roared with rage.

Shield Brno, Lin Yi! Show him how its done! Yushu said without hesitation. Shed witnessed Lin Yis wood drilling firsthand, after all.

### **Chapter 465 – A Real Shark**

Lin Yi glanced at Yushu and ignored her.

Show Pinliang how it was done? Lin Yi had better things to do than that. He started roasting the clams.

Lin Yi, you can start fires by drilling wood? Mengyao had stayed silent, but Yushus words made her curious.

Yes. Lin Yi couldnt just ignore the Miss when she spoke.

Will you show us? Mengyao didnt want Lin Yi to get in trouble. From that look on Pinliangs face, she was worried that hed really call the cops! Lin Yi was her follower, and she didnt want him getting hauled off by the police.

Oh. Sure. Lin Yi went and got two branches and got ready to start a fire.

Wait a minute, whyre you so far away? If you can actually do it, then do it in front of me! Pinliang stopped Lin Yi right away. The guy actually said yes to doing it again, much to his surprise. It took almost nothing to get him to agree, so Pinliang was worried that he had some way of cheating!

In front of you? Lin Yi thought that this guy could chase Mengyao all he wanted, but why go mess around with some solar powered grill? He had ignored him, but now Pinliang was aiming his spear at him! Lin Yi was feeling rather troubled. The guy was probably itching for another beating. Maybe he hit his head?

Under normal circumstances, Pinliang would avoid confronting Lin Yi as much as he could, but it was different today. Hed booked the plane, and hed organized the trip. So in a sense, he was the one responsible for this spring trip! Thinking about it that way, he did have authority to stop and scold Lin Yi if he did turn out to have brought fire hazards onto the plane. It justified Pinliangs current actions.

He wouldn't have been this angry if Lin Yi had just admitted to it nicely. He'd probably just let him off the hook with a bit of scolding and confiscating his firewood, but Lin Yi just had to go and claim he could start fires by drilling wood!

Pinliang had heard of the act before, but he'd never seen it done in real life! If it were really possible, professionals and explorers wouldn't put so much emphasis on always having fire sources on them! They could always just get two pieces of wood together and start drilling!

Yeah, now start drilling in my hands! Let me see if you can do it. Pinliang was worried that Lin Yi had something up his sleeves. He decided to just ask to hold the other stick. He really couldn't fathom Lin Yi starting a fire in such a cartoonish fashion.

Ha. If you want to, then. Don't blame me if it burns you. Lin Yi had been thinking how he should punish the guy, but him actually asking for the fire to be started in his hands was beyond his expectations.

Alright, I won't! I'll consider myself unlucky if that happens. Everybody's here to prove it. Pinliang snorted, unfazed. I'm just worried you can't do it in the first place.

Lin Yi didn't say anything. He put one stick in Pinliang's hand and used the other one to lightly rub it.

Hah! I thought you actually had a plan! You're never gonna start a fire like that, not in a hundred years! Pinliang started laughing at what Lin Yi was doing. If you wanna embarrass yourself, be my guest!

Pinliang was feeling pretty happy right about now. He'd suffered his share of embarrassments and humiliations for so long and it was finally Lin Yi's turn! He was happily laughing when he heard a puff, followed by a burning sensation on his palms.

Huh? Pinliang realized that the stick in his hands had been lit. There was a coal burning! He quickly threw the stick aside and started crying out, Hot! Hot!

Pinliang had given the class benefits during this trip, so they couldn't really laugh at him, but not Yushu. She started laughing at the look on Pinliang's face. Xiaobo was laughing as well.

Pinliang wanted to dig a hole and hide in it. He wanted to hide in the sea! He was looking for an excuse to leave when he saw a shark fin swimming around in the water!

It was a happy sight. Xiaofu's timing was impeccable. He was being a shark again! He was doing it in the deep water area, too, so Yushu wouldn't be able to hit him with a stone no matter how strong she was! Even an Olympic athlete couldn't throw that far.

Another shark attack! Pinliang shouted, directing everybody's attention. Everybody, wait here. I'll go take care of this shark!

Pinliang knew what to say this time. He was going to slay this shark, not pull it onshore! This was because he wouldn't be able to, since he only bought one frozen shark from the market. There was nothing to drag out.

But he could very well say that the shark was in deep water this time, he couldn't pull it that far. They had a shark to eat already as well, so he didn't need to pull it onto shore in the first place.

In order to wash himself clean of the awkwardness of the wood drilling, Pinliang charged as fast as he could into the sea and started swimming towards the shark.

What a brave shark you are! I'll show you what Liang Bro can do! Yushu had stolen his thunder earlier, but Pinliang wasn't going to give her that chance this time. He needed to end the shark quickly!

Pfft. Lin Yi almost burst out laughing at how enthusiastic Pinliang was. The shark was an actual shark! Pinliang's bravery did manage to impress him a little, swimming at the shark like that.

Liang Bro, what're you Xiaofu watched Pinliang charge and froze. That shark wasn't him, so a scary possibility came to Xiaofu.

But Pinliang was already too far gone. Pinliang couldn't hear Xiaofu shouting at him at all, overwhelmed by passion as he closed in on the shark and stared.

Because the shark had its jaws wide open!

Wha? Pinliang froze. Xiaofu?

The shark didn't say anything, but the jaws did get closer.

This shark had been attracted here by the scent of blood, the blood from Xiaofu's forehead and the blood of the shark the boys had been cutting and cleaning. The shark had swum through the hole Pinliang made in the safety separator.

Mother of god! Pinliang finally realized this was not Xiaofu. This was a real shark!

Pinliang was terrified. He screamed and swam back, leaving a stream of urine behind him as he exerted the strength he'd gathered from when he fed on breastmilk! It was a frenzied swim, but the humiliation was nowhere near as important as his life!

Xiaoxiao was panicking as well. She had been hunting for clams when she saw her bracelet missing from her wrist! This was the gift her mother had given her before she passed away! She dived down and carefully looked for her bracelet, abandoning the clams she'd been hunting.

### **Chapter 466 – Lin Yi Steps in**

Xiaoxiao didn't notice the shark getting close. She was too focused on getting the bracelet back as Pinliang swam in her direction.

Pinliang's eyes lit up when he saw Xiaoxiao. He pivoted towards her, planning to escape by redirecting his pursuer. He wanted to shift the shark's attention to Xiaoxiao!

He would never do something like this in normal circumstances. After all, he was very much afraid of her. Now that his life was being threatened, it didn't matter. He needed to save his life at all costs, even

if that meant sacrificing someone else to the shark right behind him! Only by making Xiaoxiao the new target would Pinliang live.

As expected, the shark placed all its focus on Xiaoxiao instead and started swimming towards her.

Boss! That shark! Xiaobo cried out in shock, pointing in Xiaoxiao's direction.

Lin Yi frowned, also seeing the shark change its target. He wouldn't mind at all if Pinliang got eaten. He'd actually be pretty happy if that happened.

But Xiaoxiao

Lin Yi didn't like her very much, but he didn't hate her or even dislike her. Plus, if she got chomped by a shark out of nowhere and for no reason at all, then Lin Yi really would pity her.

He could get over it if he didn't know her, but she *did* sit next to him in class, and he did cause her trouble. Lin Yi would be lying if he said he didn't feel any emotion. He stood up and started walking towards the sea.

Feng Xiaoxiao, you dumbass, get out of the way! Lin Yi yelled in spite of himself.

Huh? Xiaoxiao was surprised by Lin Yi's abrupt yelling and raised her head to see Pinliang swimming with all his might towards her, a shark right behind him!

Xiaoxiao blanched. She could tell that the first shark was fake after Lin Yi pointed out the discrepancies, but this one was evidently a real shark, especially if Pinliang was trying this desperately to get away.

But wasn't this guy too much of an asshole? Did he have to swim to her? Wasn't he just telling her that he wanted to sic the shark on her?

Xiaoxiao was furious but was still hesitant about swimming away. The bracelet her mom gifted her had fallen off around here, but if she left now it'd be really difficult to locate it again! It'd be almost impossible if she came back later.

What're you thinking about? Lin Yi was starting to get a little frustrated and worried. Xiaoxiao seemed rather smart, so why was she turning into a sitting duck in a time of crisis?

M-My bracelet, Xiaoxiao said, panicking.

Lin Yi was floored. The girl was thinking about her bracelet when a shark was swimming towards her. What the hell was wrong with her? Xiaoxiao not moving, however, meant that she wouldn't make it to shore even if she started swimming right at this second.

At that thought, Lin Yi dived into the sea, his clothes still on.

Pinliang's life had nothing to do with him, but that idiot Xiaoxiao Lin Yi didn't want her to die or anything.

Xiaoxiao was frozen from disbelief and shock. Was Lin Yi really jumping into the sea to save her? She couldn't believe what she was seeing.

Was this really Lin Yi?

Lin Yi swiftly swam over and ignored Xiaoxiao, but he did see Pinliang hide from the incoming shark behind Xiaoxiao like a coward.

Fighting a shark was nothing new to Lin Yi, and while he was in deep water, his feet still touched the bottom. With a place to push himself off, he could very well use his late phase golden class strength to kill the shark with one punch.

But that would be too much for everybody watching, so Lin Yi decided to use the method he'd gone with last time. After punching the shark, he thrust the stick that was still in his hands and stabbed it into the shark's gills.

It was a clean kill and the shark died instantly, much to the absolute shock of Xiaoxiao, and Pinliang, who never expected that a shark would be such easy prey for Lin Yi. What was he even thinking, making him his enemy?

Xiaoxiao, on the other hand, was stunned by Lin Yi's sheer skill. His movements wasted no time, and he was both effective and efficient. He was worth the huge sum of money Pengzhan was paying him.

The spectating students, however, had just seen Yushu kill a shark with a cobblestone, so Lin Yi's kill had much less of an impact on them. They just assumed that sharks died easily after Yushu's example.

You trying to kill me, scum?! The first thing Xiaoxiao did after getting over the shock was to kick Pinliang's crotch, resulting in a wail and Pinliang's eyes rolling back, almost sinking himself into the sea.

Xiaoxiao had put a lot of strength into that kick. She was boiling mad at what Pinliang did. It was essentially attempted murder! He was trying to get the shark to eat her! Wasn't that plain murder?

So Xiaoxiao didn't hold back with that kick. Pinliang would really deserve it if he died!

Pinliang knew what he'd done, so as much as it hurt he silently got back to shore with his hands holding his crotch, not even able to talk as he endured the pain.

Xiaofu quickly walked over to ask the pale Pinliang how he was doing.

No one pitied Pinliang. What he did really was rather immoral. Trying to get the shark to target someone else when he couldn't fight it himself? Wasn't that too much?

They could imagine how it'd be if it hadn't been Xiaoxiao but someone else. Would Pinliang do the same and direct the shark to them? If it were for Lin Yi, would that person now be dead at the bottom of the sea?

You dumbass, why weren't you running? Lin Yi was a little angry at Xiaoxiao refusing to run. He wouldn't have had to come into the water himself if she had! Now he was all wet and didn't feel comfortable one bit.

My it was the bracelet my mother gave me. Xiaoxiao remembered her lost bracelet. She ignored the stench of the shark blood in the water and dived down to look for it.

What bracelet? You'd risk your life for it? Lin Yi didn't know how to react.

Its her final gift before she passed, Xiaoxiao said, a little embarrassed when she looked at Lin Yi, but didnt avert her eyes. This bracelet was very important for her. She didnt want to lose it.

Final gift? It was Lin Yis turn to be stunned, but if that really was the case, he understood why Xiaoxiao was willing to risk her life to look for that bracelet. Surprising Lin Yi further was the fact that Xiaoxiao lost her mother.

My mom died when I was very young. Xiaoxiao shook her head, a hint of sadness in her eyes.

Lin Yi sighed. He didnt think Xiaoxiao would have this side to her.

He felt around underwater, and then dragged out Xiaoxiaos right hand.

### **Chapter 467 – Zhong Pinliang’s New Plan**

Wh-Whatre you doing? Xiaoxiao jumped in fright, not knowing where this was coming from. What did Lin Yi think he was doing? She subconsciously moved her hand away but didnt make it in time.

Lin Yi didnt say anything. He put something in her hand and turned around to leave.

It was a bracelet. Xiaoxiao looked at what Lin Yi had given her, stunned speechless.

Shed been looking for this for so long, and Lin Yi had gotten it after just feeling around in the water?

Xiaoxiao stared at Lin Yis receding figure, her eyes filled with disbelief, feeling that she didnt understand Lin Yi at all.

Lin Yi was no treasure hunting expert. He couldnt find Xiaoxiaos bracelet at the bottom of the sea that easily. All he did was use the faint hostility Xiaoxiao had towards him and located the item with Xiaoxiaos presence on it with the jades ability.

It was a very common ability the jade had, and Lin Yi had used this trick often on the battlefield to find the items his enemies left behind.

However, it only worked when people were hostile toward him. It didnt apply to anybody else.

And with that, the spring trip ended rather plainly after Pinliangs little incident.

At dusk, everyone got on the seaplane theyd been on earlier and returned to Songshan.

Pinliangs face was pale as he sat beside Xiaofu. They werent sitting at the very back anymore, but behind the other students instead, at around the middle of the plane.

The perfect spring trip plan, completely ruined! Pinliang felt that nothing went his way these days! No matter what he did, it always ended in failure! He might think the god of misfortune had latched onto him if this went on.

Sorry, Liang Bro, I didnt warn you in time when that shark came, Xiaofu said guiltily.

Forget it, I was too impatient. Pinliang said with a wave of his hand. Mengyao probably has an even worse impression of me now. She probably thinks Im a coward who tries to get girls in trouble when Im in danger. Its hopeless. Its over. Its utterly impossible at this point.

Liang Bro, dont say that! Dont give up yet! Theres still hope! Xiaofu said. In truth, he too felt that hopes were looking really slim for Pinliang.

Really? Theres still hope? Pinliang was like a drowning man clutching at the straw keeping him alive. He knew it was hopeless, but he didnt want to let go.

Yes! Xiaofu said after some hesitation. Liang Bro, I actually think you should do a B&E!

A B&E? Pinliang paused, a little shocked at what Xiaofu was suggesting. Youre telling me to

Yes, I am! Xiaofu didnt really mean it at first, but now that hed said it, it seemed like a good idea. So he continued, Look, Liang Bro, its April now, and we only have two months left before college entrance exams. Times running out, so if you dont do anything now, itll get even harder in college! At college, Chu Mengyao will start to date people, and what if she gets a boyfriend!

Yes, youre right! Pinliang nodded. But isnt a B&E too risky? Chu Mengyaos house isnt a normal one. I dont want to get screwed!

Pinliang did give Ruoming a similar breaking and entering suggestion once, telling him to force himself on Tang Yin, but it was something to do to poor girls such as Tang Yin who didnt have a powerful background!

Mengyao was no poor girl. If he were to do something to her, would Pengzhan spare him?

Not necessarily! Xiaofu said, waving his hand as if he were a wise man. Think about it, Liang Bro. What do these upper society people care about most? Their name! If Chu Mengyao becomes your woman would she tell on you? Would she dare? Even if she would, Chu Pengzhan might not even agree to her pressing charges! This involves his daughters name and honor, her lifelong reputation! If this got out, hows Chu Mengyao supposed to marry anybody?!

That makes sense, but that doesnt guarantee that Chu Pengzhan wouldnt do anything to me behind the scenes! Pinliang was still a little worried after thinking about it.

Thats easy. First, Chu Mengyao will be your woman, so I dont believe that she wont care about all that. As long as she cares, youll be able to use that and penetrate her mental defenses! Xiaofu said confidently. Second, Liang Bro, you have to gain power! Go to Chu Pengzhans company and tell them that Chu Mengyaos your woman, that youre Chu Pengzhans son-in-law! Let them all know! Once you establish that fact, Chu Pengzhan will have a hard time dealing with you even if he wanted to, since everybody knows about it! Hell have to admit to you being his son-in-law. Thatll be his only option if he doesnt want people laughing at him!

Huh? I say, Xiaofu, you sure have some good ideas! Pinliang said after Xiaofus analysis. It made perfect sense! It wasnt a bad idea at all. It was doable if things went right!

Of course, Liang Bro. If youre really worried that something will go wrong, theres another way. Xiaofu was getting excited himself. You lock Chu Mengyao up first and go to Chu Pengzhan to tell him how shes your woman. See what his reaction is! If he takes it and admits to your status as son-in-law, then perfect, you go back and cook the rice! If he doesnt want to admit it, let Chu Mengyao go unscathed. Tell him its just a joke! The risk is as small as it gets!

Xiaofu! I never realized this, but you're really so smart!! Pinliang had some reservations at first, but this failsafe plan Xiaofu gave him really put him at ease! There was practically no risk anymore!

Heh heh, all thanks to your lessons, Liang Bro! Xiaofu smiled happily.

Man, I got kicked by Feng Xiaoxiao down there. It's all swollen. Looks like I won't be able to use it for a while, so B&E won't work for the time being anyway! Pinliang said in regret.

Xiaoxiao gripped her bracelet tightly. It seemed that she needed to reassess Lin Yi's strength.

She underestimated Lin Yi way too much. That was why she kept failing. It seemed that getting Lin Yi to fall in love with her wasn't a simple task either, especially after how he'd saved her today. She could feel that Lin Yi didn't have any romantic feelings for her or anything. He'd only saved her out of a sort of pity!

So Xiaoxiao felt like she needed to make some adjustments to her plan. As things were, Lin Yi would never fall for her even if she chased him like this for her entire life. She needed to make more than a few moves.

A little hesitant, she looked at Lin Yi, who was sitting beside her. Didn't going after him after he'd saved her make her ungrateful? It'd be repaying grace with revenge.

Most importantly, he even helped her find her mother's bracelet.

#### **Chapter 468 – Xiaoxiao's Confession**

No! Lin Yi saving her was one thing, the humiliation she suffered was another! There was no way she was just letting this go like that. She was Feng Xiaoxiao, and Feng Xiaoxiao didn't hesitate. She wasn't indecisive!

Harrumphing, she hardened her heart. She said she'd make him pay; she wouldn't go back on her word.

Monday morning the next day, Lin Yi went to pay Mr. Tang a visit with the shark fin he'd just cooked. Stuff like this wasn't very special to two young misses like Mengyao and Yushu.

Naturally, Mr. Tang was very much delighted at the sight of Lin Yi visiting with shark fin, as was Mrs. Tang. Lin Yi appearing in their lives had caused nothing but miraculous changes.

Lin Yi, I've thought about it. After moving we'll buy a store. It'll cost a bit more, but we'll be able to start a barbecue shop. Mrs. Tang voiced her thoughts on the matter. It was a decision she'd made after she heard about Lin Yi's suggestion to open a shop from Tang Yin.

That's great! Lin Yi nodded. Then you'll be able to have the shop at the front and the living space at the back, and you won't need to worry about having a place for the time being.

That's right. Mrs. Tang seemed a little discomforted as she spoke. But, the money we borrowed from you—it might take longer to pay you back. We did make some money these days, and along with what's left from paying Old Tang's surgery fees, we should have enough to pay for the store.

Mrs. Tang knew that having Tang Yin say this to Lin Yi would certainly be too embarrassing for her, so she decided to be the one to say it anyway. Even if Lin Yi rejected it theyd be fine, since it would be her taking the humiliation.

Ah, you dont need to pay that money back, Lin Yi said with a smile. You can tell me if its not enough.

It is, its enough! Mrs. Tang replied with a wide smile. She turned to Tang Jucheng. Old Tang, see! I told you that itd be fine with Lin Yi!

Thats good. Tang Jucheng sighed in relief. He was quite nervous about being indebted. Lin Yi might be Tang Yins boyfriend right now, but they were werent engaged. Owing that amount of money to Lin Yi had constantly unsettled Tang Jucheng.

Mom, why are you so greedy! Tang Yin was a little unhappy. She wasnt really against using Lin Yis money now, but she had borrowed it for her family! It didnt sit well with her that she still felt like she owed him! Now that her parents couldnt pay Lin Yi back, the debt fell onto her. How was she supposed to handle that?! What if she couldnt pay it back?

Tang Yin! Greed? What are you saying! Isnt our family in a difficult time! Mrs. Tang glared at her daughter, thinking that the girl sure didnt understand how to use her resources. Couldnt she have just asked for a bit more if Lin Yi was so generous? They could have purchased a larger store or even gotten one with a second floor!

Tang Yin lowered her head, upset and feeling wronged. She couldnt argue against her mother. She might say something embarrassing if she did, so Tang Yin decided to just stay silent.

Well, Uncle Tang, Aunty Tang, Ill be going to school with Tang Yin then, Lin Yi said with a smile as he helped get Tang Yin out of the awkward situation.

Okay, it is almost time. Dont be late! Mrs. Tang said with a smile as she walked Tang Yin and Lin Yi to the door.

Before leaving, Lin Yi turned around and pushed a debit card onto Mrs. Tang.

Mrs. Tang paused before accepting it with a smile, understanding that Lin Yi was giving it to her as she slipped it into her pocket. He had done it behind Tang Yins back too, meaning that this was absolutely free money, not a loan.

There wasnt any evidence, and Tang Yin didnt even see it.

Other than the shark fin, Lin Yi had also come today to give Mrs. Tang the debit card. He wanted her to get the barbecue shop set up quickly and lessen Tang Yins burdens.

What did you give my mom just now? Tang Yin had sharp eyes and noticed the movement.

Nothing. Lin Yi smiled.

Did you secretly give her money again? Tang Yin guessed. She wasnt stupid.

Nope, just a small accessory, Lin Yi said nonchalantly.

Oh. Tang Yin sighed in relief, still worried that she'd have a hard time paying Lin Yi back for everything she owed him.

Lin Yi drove Tang Yin to school and parked the car on the food street. He was getting out when Xiaoxiao drove up and parked beside him in her Audi TT.

Xiaoxiao's car took up another vendor spot, but none of the vendors dared say anything. After all, this was someone who knew Lin Yi. No one in their right mind would get themselves involved.

Honey! Xiaoxiao waved at Lin Yi after parking her car.<sup>1</sup>

What! Lin Yi's eyes widened. He turned and looked at Xiaoxiao, wondering if she had gone insane. Was she seriously calling him honey now?

The look on Tang Yin's face darkened as she looked at Xiaoxiao, confused. Xiaoxiao had been overly intimate with Lin Yi back at the cafeteria, and it had been enough to make her uncomfortable. What did she think Tang Yin was, calling Lin Yi her husband in front of her like this?

Lin Yi, didn't you say you'd talk to her about it? Xiaoxiao ran over and hugged his arm. You liar! You told me you'd give her a break up fee and break up with her! Why're you still with her?

Feng Xiaoxiao, are you out of your mind? Lin Yi was angry at Xiaoxiao's absurdity.

Lin Yi, I think I might be pregnant. Can you take me to the hospital to check? Xiaoxiao continued, not responding to what Lin Yi said.

Tang Yin frowned as she looked at Xiaoxiao. Considering what Lin Yi had just said, she didn't believe Xiaoxiao.

But anyone would have suspicions when hearing something like that. What's going on?

Didn't Lin Yi give you a break up fee? Xiaoxiao looked at Tang Yin, confused. I've known Lin Yi for a long time! I wanted to let you be the mistress because I felt bad for you. I was willing to share, but since you weren't cooperating, I had no choice but to have Lin Yi say bye bye to you.

Tang Yin paused. She didn't really believe what Xiaoxiao was saying, but she couldn't help herself from having some suspicion with how confidently and boldly Xiaoxiao spoke those words!

Honor and reputation was very important to a girl. Why would Xiaoxiao, who didn't even have a boyfriend, dirty herself by saying things like that?

She noticed some passing students look in their direction, and felt her face heat up with embarrassment and frustration. What Xiaoxiao was saying was obviously being used to attack her! Even if she was lying, Tang Yin still felt uncomfortable about it. This would make the people listening think she was trying to steal Xiaoxiao's man!

Never would Tang Yin have imagined that she'd be the main character of a love triangle!

Lin Yi, talk to her and clear it up. I'm going. Come find me at lunch! Tang Yin said to Lin Yi before quickly walking away, not wanting to get looked at with those confused eyes any longer.

Lin Yi, on the other hand, looked at Xiaoxiao, looking a little pissed off. What do you want, exactly?

Lin Yi, I like you! Xiaoxiao tilted her head up and stared into Lin Yi's eyes, her face completely red. I can't take it anymore! I'm in love with you! I thought I could hold myself back, but after you saved me yesterday I can't stop myself anymore!

### **Chapter 469 – Fen in Trouble**

Feng Xiaoxiao decided to take the initiative and cause him some trouble.

Lin Yi looked at Xiaoxiao, confused. As clichéd as the damsel in distress scenario seemed, it was true that it was an effective way to move someone's heart.

Except, Lin Yi hadn't felt Xiaoxiao's heart being moved at all yesterday!

If they were talking about saving a damsel in distress, he'd saved Tang Yin a couple of times. She never did anything like pledging herself to him! His current relationship with her had formed only through experiences and a long amount of time.

It was the same for the Miss as well. He'd saved her many times too, but you didn't see her expressing anything.

So Xiaoxiao confessing to Lin Yi after he saved her that one time was very unbelievable.

Lin Yi, out of all the men I've met, you're the only one who's moved my heart! Xiaoxiao looked at Lin Yi longingly, her face red as she spoke.

Lin Yi was about to say something when a ringtone sounded. It was Lin Yi's phone.

Excuse me, gotta take this phone call. Lin Yi gestured to Xiaoxiao to wait before answering his phone.

Xiaoxiao was at her boiling point. When had she ever stooped so low, speaking like this to a boy? She was Feng Xiaoxiao! She'd sworn to never lower her head to anyone in this short life of hers, that she'd find a way to stay true to herself and not waste her life!

But was Lin Yi seriously answering his phone in the middle of her confession, a confession she'd barely managed to gather enough courage for?

Maybe the uncle could endure this bullshit, but not the aunt! In a frustrated rage, Xiaoxiao raised her foot to step on Lin Yi.<sup>1</sup>

Lin Yi wondered to himself why this girl liked to step on people's feet so much. He instinctively moved back, and Xiaoxiao broke her high heel from the intense force she'd put into the stomp.

Ah! Xiaoxiao was starting to panic as she glared at Lin Yi with all her might. Let me step on you! Or you're not taking that phone call!

With that, she tried to snatch Lin Yi's phone away.

Lin Yi frowned. He thought that Xiaoxiao was being a little ridiculous, but that frantic, maddened look on her face made him feel like she was ready to sacrifice her life to drag him down with her.

So he decided to let her do what she wanted, and extended his foot for her as he picked the phone up. Hello?

Die! Die, die! Die, die, die! Xiaoxiao sent a barrage of frenzied stomps onto Lin Yi's foot. It wasn't really painful for Lin Yi, but it sure was taking a toll on Xiaoxiao.

Boss, Fens gotten kidnapped! Xiaobo's panicked voice sounded right after Lin Yi answered the phone.

Kidnapped? What happened? Lin Yi paused, knitting his brows as he listened carefully, not paying Xiaoxiao any attention.

Boss, I woke up this morning to go to Fens house. We said we'd take a morning walk and eat breakfast together. Xiaobo got a little shy as he spoke. I go every morning.

Alright, get to the point. Who's the kidnapper? Lin Yi understood Xiaobo's actions. Boys and girls in love were very passionate, after all, so Lin Yi wouldn't disregard Xiaobo's daily efforts. Didn't he himself go to Tang Yin's house early in the morning today?

So this morning, Fen was waiting for me at a bench near the breakfast stall, like usual, but normally it's me that gets there first. Today, the traffic was bad, so I was late, Xiaobo said. I was just getting off the bus when I saw two men drag Fen into a white van with no license plate! I panicked and quickly got in a taxi to follow them, to the entrance of a compound. The taxi driver parked nearby, but I'm not brave enough to go in.

Lin Yi sighed quietly after hearing the story, not quite understanding why those men kidnapped Fen. Were they sent by Zhaoming, perhaps?

Where are you? I'll be there right away, Lin Yi asked.

There's a road sign here. It says Dunmeng 7th Street, but it looks like nobody passes by. Should be in the outskirts, Xiaobo said. The taxi fare was over three hundred bucks, so it's probably really far out!

Alright, don't do anything rash! You have to wait for me! Lin Yi said. Keep in touch.

Alright, boss! Hurry, I'm worried what they might do to Fen! Xiaobo said.

Ah, don't worry. With me there, it'll be fine, Lin Yi said.

He hung up on Xiaobo and turned away from Xiaoxiao. He was about to get on his van when he saw Xiaoxiao's Audi TT beside it. He hesitated. Lend me your car for a bit.

His van was obviously nowhere near as fast as Xiaoxiao's sports car. With the limited engine in his van, he could break the gas pedal and wouldn't be speeding anywhere. The location Xiaobo told him wasn't one he'd heard of before either, and the fact that the fare was more than three hundred yuan also canceled out the possibility of the bad guys van taking the long way. This much money was more than a hundred kilometers!

Ah? Xiaoxiao paused, still not calm. So now that he needed her car he finally remembered her existence? Xiaoxiao harrumphed in response. Sure, but I need to be in the car too!

I'll tell you it's dangerous first, so come along if you insist. Lin Yi didn't have time to bullshit with Xiaoxiao. He didn't know what was going on over there, so the longer it took him to get there, the more dangerous it got. He didn't have time to try and persuade Xiaoxiao.

I insist! Xiaoxiao nodded. The more dangerous and thrilling, the better!

You're pretty special, aren't you? No wonder you like street racing. Lin Yi shook his head. Keys.

Xiaoxiao took her keys out, but didn't hand them to Lin Yi directly. She remotely unlocked the car first. I'll give them to you when we get in the car. What if you ditch me here?

Hah. Lin Yi smiled wryly. I'm not someone who lies to my friends.

So I'm a friend? Xiaoxiao was a little excited hearing that.

An acquaintance, I guess. Don't hate you or like you. Lin Yi simply told the truth. He didn't feel anything on either end for Xiaoxiao. To him, Xiaoxiao was just a thrill seeker who'd been spoiled by her family, so of course he wouldn't concern himself with her.

Carry me there. You're short on time, aren't you? One of her high heels had broken off, so limping over there would take quite a bit of time.

Lin Yi looked at her and swooped her up with one arm before placing her in the front passenger seat.

Xiaoxiao was a little taken aback. She wasn't expecting this kind of strength from Lin Yi's slim frame. He carried her with one arm!

Lin Yi got in the car and took the keys from Xiaoxiao before starting the car. Set the GPS for Dunmeng 7th Street.

Okay. Xiaoxiao started the GPS, extremely excited. It seemed like Lin Yi was about to drive like a pro! She'd been waiting for this.

### **Chapter 470 – Private Property**

It's okay if we run red lights, right? Lin Yi asked. It wasn't his car, after all.

Y-Yeah! Xiaoxiao, naturally, didn't care about the fines.

Lin Yi nodded. Sit tight and buckle up.

Xiaoxiao thought that Lin Yi telling her to buckle up while they were still in the city was a little much, but she found out a moment later that it was a good thing she did.

She'd been driving for a very long time, and she'd never noticed the qualities the Audi TT had. It made her feel like she'd completely wasted the car's potential.

Lin Yi was an unstoppable streak on the city roads, not paying any attention to either the traffic lights or the traffic police signaling for him to stop.

So awesome! Xiaoxiao was bursting with excitement. How come I cant do this? Even the cops cant stop you!

Im doing this to save someone. You just race around for the thrill. Its different, Lin Yi said evenly as he looked in the rearview mirror. There were two police cars on his tail.

Lin Yi was a bit speechless, but thinking about it, what he was doing was no different from street racing. Of course hed have police cars behind him.

Whoa, theres police cars behind you, Lin Yi! Hurry, lose them! Xiaoxiao wasnt afraid in the slightest as the intense excitement rushed through her. Ive seen stuff like this in movies before.

Lin Yi rolled his eyes. Hed guessed that Xiaoxiao wasnt from a normal family by the way she transferred to different schools. Her family had to be pretty influential.

With that in mind, her attitude towards getting chased by the police was quite understandable.

But Lin Yi didnt want to cause trouble. His first priority was the rescue, not adding extra miles onto the journey by trying to lose the cops. Whats your license plate number?

SA FX520. Why? Xiaoxiao asked.

FX520? Lin Yi repeated. It was a pretty special and personalized plate. Feng Xiao, I Love You. It proved just how different her family was to be able to get her hands on a license plate number like that. It was much harder than getting license plate numbers with eights or sixes.<sup>1</sup>

But Lin Yi didnt say anything and pulled out his phone to call Lingshan.

Lingshan hadnt been home for a couple of days now, staying with the team to investigate any sources that could lead to the organ trafficking syndicate.

She assumed Lin Yi had some news for her when she saw him call and quickly picked up.

Ms. Braindead, the license plate number is SA FX520. Theres two police cars pursuing me. Tell them to stop. Lin Yi hung up before Lingshan could even respond.

Huh? Lingshan looked at her phone in shock before glowering. That damned Lin Yi was actually giving her commands! She decided to beat his face bloody the next time she saw him.

As pissed off as she was, she didnt want to anger Lin Yi when she needed him. Indignant, she called the traffic police squad. Tell them that SA FX520s handling an operation. Have them stop the pursuit.

As expected, the police cars behind him disappeared awhile after the phone call, and he even passed the coming traffic booths without any police chasing them.

Holy! Lin Yi, just one phone call? Xiaoxiaos eyes widened in shock. She had some influence herself, but getting the entire citys police to ignore her with one phone call wasnt something she was capable of!

Im trying to save somebody, Lin Yi said coolly. Dont put me in the same category as heiresses like you.

Hehe, well, still! Youre really cool! Xiaoxiao punched the air in excitement. By the way, whos Ms. Braindead?

A friend of mine, Lin Yi said.

Then why're you calling her Ms. Braindead? Is she dumb? Xiaoxiao asked curiously.

It's just what I call her, Lin Yi said helplessly. It wasn't really something he could explain to somebody else.

Can you nickname me too? Xiaoxiao felt that the girl had to be pretty close with Lin Yi for him to give her a nickname like that. It would explain how one phone call was enough to solve everything.

This girl was driving Lin Yi crazy. Who even asked to get nicknamed voluntarily? Lin Yi decided to ignore her and shut his mouth. He realized that Xiaoxiao was the sort of person who'd beam if you gave her a bit of sunlight and flood tears when you were a little mean to her. Just talking to her caused a lot of trouble, so Lin Yi decided that he won't say anything.

Xiaoxiao was a little upset to see Lin Yi ignoring her. She turned away to look out the window.

They were almost at Dunmeng Street when Lin Yi's phone vibrated. It was a text.

Boss, I can't wait anymore! I'm going in! They might be doing something to Fen!

It was from Xiaobo. Lin Yi frowned. So Xiaobo couldn't control himself after all, diving into the lion's den all by himself. Wasn't he just causing trouble?

But he did understand Xiaobo's feelings. Anyone would find it hard to hold back when his beloved was kidnapped.

Lin Yi called him, but Xiaobo's phone was off, as expected. Xiaobo must've made up his mind.

Dunmeng 7th Street held a compound that seemed to be part of a factory. Lin Yi drove closer and saw that there weren't any other buildings. These were the outskirts, after all. Other than bare land, there weren't any buildings.

Who are you! Lin Yi had just reached the compound's entrance when two buff men walked out to stop Lin Yi.

Tourists, Lin Yi said, looking afraid while he assessed the situation. This was an isolated and guarded place. It didn't seem like something planned by Zhaoming.

If Zhaoming had wanted to kidnap Fen for revenge or for venting his anger, he wouldn't have been able to get such a fortified base of operations this isolated in a short amount of time. Was this a different person or group?

What Lin Yi didn't understand was why these people wanted Fen. It wasn't likely that she'd offended anybody.

This is private property. Stop hanging around and leave! one of the men said after looking at the car. It was a sports car with a boy and girl in it, meaning that they were probably a couple out for a cruise. He didn't pay it much thought and waved them away, signaling for them to get out.

Oh, okay. Sorry! Lin Yi started the car and acted as if he was going to reverse when he slammed on the gas pedal, crashing the car right into the two men.

Two loud thuds and the buff men flew away before landing on the ground, bloody and unconscious.

Ahhhh! Xiaoxiao shrieked in shock. She was crazy herself, always beating people up and had even stabbed someone before, but Lin Yi ramming his car into people without even a second thought was more than enough to stun her.

### **Chapter 471 – Car Ramming**

In the center tile-roofed house of the three in the yard was a ferocious looking one-eyed man. He kicked Xiaobos ass, sending him tumbling to the ground. Sneaking around, whatre you up to, kid? Youre not a reporter, are you?

Luck wasnt on Xiaobos side. Hed climbed into the yard from the side so that he wouldnt get caught by the two guards at the entrance. It was a decent plan, but the one-eyed man was right in the middle of peeing when Xiaobo climbed the wall. His sudden appearance frightened the man and he even stopped urinating.

Needless to say, the one-eyed man was so furious he dragged Xiaobo into the tile-roofed house without another word.

Wheres Fen! Where did you guys take her? Who are you people? Now that hed been captured, Xiaobo went all out, looking as if he was here to deliver justice as he manned up.

Fen? The one-eyed man blinked. What Fen? What the fuck are you here for?

You kidnapped my girlfriend and youre asking me what Im here for? Xiaobo raged. Whatre *you* here for!

Girlfriend? Youre not talking about that limper we just got, are you? The one-eyed man did remember one girl with a limp whod come in earlier.

Where is she?! Let her go right now! Xiaobo had nothing to fear now that he was going all out. If you dont let us go, youll regret it when my boss comes!

What? The man started roaring with laughter as if Xiaobo had just told him a joke. Your boss? Who do you think your boss is? We wont regret it, dont you worry. Well, since youre with that limper, fine, well lock you two together. Since you wanna forsake heavens path and charge through hells door, well make you two a disabled couple! Well cut both your organs out and let you two help each other out in times of trouble, heh heh.

The man had just finished speaking when two loud crashes boomed from outside. Silenced ensued.

Whats going on? The one-eyed man was on alert instantly. He turned to one of his lackeys. Er, you lock this kid in the basement first. Its not the cops outside, is it?

Its my boss! You guys are dead! Xiaobo had an absurd sort of confidence in Lin Yi. If he was here, it meant both Fen and he were safe!

Your boss? The man breathed a sigh of relief. Everything was fine if it wasnt the cops. Biao and Fei shouldve taken care of him already. Well go take a look.

Then, the kid Er pointed at Xiaobo.

Leave him here for now. He wont be able to run out with the door locked, the one-eyed man said nonchalantly. Take the bastard with you. Lets go see the idiot delivering us new organs!

Alright! Er took out a shotgun from a drawer and exited the tile-roofed house with the one-eyed man. The sight before their eyes stunned them.

Biao and Fei were both lying on the ground, their faces covered with blood. There was no hope for them in that gory state. They then saw an Audi TT. Evidently the car had rammed into Biao and Fei.

Fuck! Kill them! The man was panicking. It was usually just the four of them brothers guarding the place, and now two were dead, killed by a car!

Th-They have a gun! Xiaoxiao said nervously as Er and the one-eyed man came out.

Hah. Told you itd be dangerous. If youre scared, you can take the car and go back right now, Lin Yi said calmly as he glanced at Xiaoxiaos pale face. I promise nobodys gonna chase you.

N-No way! Xiaoxiao was too scared to drive off on her own. She understood that being with Lin Yi was the safest option. Plus, she wasnt just afraid. There was excitement mixed in as well.

Lin Yi was like one of those lone heroes you see in the movies, charging into the HQ of a crime syndicate by himself before destroying everyone and capturing the bad guys!

Lin Yi didnt say anything. He floored the gas pedal the instant Er raised his gun, driving in a serpentine fashion before slamming into Er, sending him flying along with the gun, nowhere to be found.

Lin Yi didnt want to expose too much of his skill in front of Xiaoxiao, so using the car to end these people was the best option.

The one-eyed man had thought that the people in the car would just surrender if they pulled a gun on them. After all, normal people felt an instinctive fear at the sight of a gun and what it entailed. Only those with a death wish would do anything rash.

So Lin Yi using his car to attack and get rid of Er was nowhere within his expectations!

He felt the peril of the situation and decided he had to run. He was only getting paid to guard the place for someone else, so putting his life on the line wasnt something he was keen on doing. The money wasnt worth it! He needed to make an escape immediately.

But his vision went black the next instant, unconscious and clueless as he fell to the ground.

Lin Yi took the one-eyed mans belt off and bound his arms together before using Ers to tie his legs together. He put the guy aside for now.

Hed already killed three, so naturally he wouldnt leave any alive. This one-eyed man was evidently a leader figure, so Lin Yi got out of the car to put him down without killing him first as the guy tried to run.

Lin Yis complete lack of hesitation during this whole infiltration filled Xiaoxiaos wide eyes with excitement and admiration. If Xiaoxiao admired Lin Yis driving skills previously, then she now admired

Lin Yi as a person, as a whole!

Xiaoxiao knew that even the bodyguards protecting her father wouldnt be able to do what Lin Yi did so cleanly and swiftly! Hed taken care of everyone in the yard without any trouble at all!

Lin Yi walked to the front of the tile-roofed house and kicked the door to pieces.

The windows of the tile-roofed house werent transparent, so Xiaobo couldnt tell what was going on outside. The door being shattered made him jump before he saw who it was. Excitement overwhelmed him. Boss, youre here!

You Couldnt you have waited? What if something had happened to you? Lin Yi asked, Wheres Fen?

I dont know! From what Ive heard, I think they locked her in the basement, Xiaobo said.

Oh. Did they say why they kidnapped her? Lin Yi said as he kicked open the other door in the room. It seemed to lead down to a basement.

Lin Yi smiled wryly. Hed made the whole thing more complicated than it actually was, assuming that the basement would be well hidden. It was right here.

Not really a surprise, to be honest, considering the skill those thugs and the one-eyed man had.

They were the weakest tier of thugs. How far could they get in the first place?

#### **Chapter 472 – Nest of the Crime Syndicate**

No, but they said something about you delivering them fresh kidneys, something about cutting Fens and my organs out so we could suffer together! Xiaobo shook his head as he remembered.

Oh? Lin Yi blinked. Kidneys? Organs?

Could this be the nest of that organ trafficking crime organization? Did he just stumble upon the HQ?

He remembered what Lingshan said about this syndicate, that they specifically targeted beggars, hobos, and the disabled. Lin Yi made the connection and realized that Fen just so happened to be disabled! The slums werent an area with rich people either, so it was very plausible that the criminals had chosen to operate there.

Lin Yi kicked open the door to the basement, but Xiaobo rushed past him and charged in before he could. Lin Yi shook his head. Xiaobo was being way too impulsive. They didnt even know if there were more enemies in the basement.

But Lin Yis jade didnt give off a warning, which meant it should be safe. There was no reason for Lin Yi to stop Xiaobos charge.

Xiaobo! Fen didnt expect Xiaobo to appear here. She was quite surprised. H-How did you get in?

Fens first thought was that Xiaobo had gotten captured as well, but after thinking about it, the door to the basement had been kicked open. Could Xiaobo be here to rescue her?

But there were four buff dudes standing guard! How did Xiaobo get so deep into the base?

Fen was getting quite confused when she saw Lin Yi's figure at the basement door. She understood immediately that Xiaobo must have come with Lin Yi's help.

But Fen was moved all the same. Lin Yi's help must have been vital, but Xiaobo had still come to rescue her without considering his own safety! She was touched, very much so. What a good life she led, having a man who cared for and loved her like this!

Heh heh, I got on a taxi to follow you when you got kidnapped in that van, and I called Boss. Xiaobo scratched his head, a little embarrassed. If it weren't for Boss getting here on time, I'd be locked up in here too!

Boss, thank you! Fen was copying Xiaobo and calling Lin Yi boss too, sincerely grateful.

Lin Yi waved it off, as if to say it wasn't a big deal.

He'd approved of Xiaobo as his follower at this point. He wouldn't have any complaints no matter how much he needed to help him.

What Lin Yi was concerned of, however, was something else. Fen hadn't been the only one in the basement. There were two other sets of eyes watching from a corner! They didn't know who Lin Yi and Xiaobo were, keeping their mouths shut as they watched.

One of them was a teen around sixteen years old. From the way he was dressed, he seemed to be a beggar. There was also a disabled woman around thirty years old in plain clothes. She was missing two arms.

If it were only Fen here, Lin Yi might think that these people were solely targeting Fen or Xiaobo. Seeing other people involved, along with what Xiaobo said regarding cutting out organs, Lin Yi assessed with confidence that this was a base of operations for the organ traffickers!

Xiaoxiao was both excited and afraid as she cautiously walked behind Lin Yi. From what she could see, Lin Yi was, without a doubt, the greatest hero who'd taken down a criminal syndicate!

Xiaoxiao did a lot of stuff that was on the edge of the law, like fighting or racing, but that didn't mean she had no admiration for heroes. She only sought thrill from other sources because she herself couldn't adopt the role of the hero.

Witnessing Lin Yi wipe out a criminal syndicate stimulated and excited her. Lin Yi, is this a criminal syndicate?

Probably. Lin Yi planned on calling Lingshan to let her take over. He wasn't a hero or anything, and he'd come here for the sole purpose of getting Fen out. That was all. Leaving one man alive earlier was just so he could understand why they'd kidnapped Fen too.

Everything else, however, was of no interest to Lin Yi. It wasn't his business whether they could get to the mastermind of the whole operation with this lead.

Xiaobo now noticed Xiaoxiao walking behind Lin Yi. He couldn't help himself from giving Lin Yi a thumbs up. It'd just been a few days! Had Lin Yi gotten with Xiaoxiao already?

Lin Yi could see the dirty thoughts Xiaobo was thinking. He glared at him in annoyance. My car's slow, so I drove here in Feng Xiaoxiao's.

Oh. Xiaobo was a little disappointed. He thought Xiaoxiao and Lin Yi were a couple now.

You guys, stay put. I'm going to make a phone call, Lin Yi said to Xiaobo and Fen before leaving the basement, dialing Lingshan's number.

Lingshan almost denied the call when she was it was Lin Yi again. She had enough trouble to deal with as was, but this Lin Yi kept adding little things and increasing her stress!

Hello! What is it now?! I talked to the traffic police already! Didn't they back off? Lingshan roared, pissed off. She didn't want to take this phone call, but she knew that she couldn't piss Lin Yi off too much. Showing some of her frustration to him, however, should probably be fine, and so she continued to roar, Do you know how busy I am? It's been days since I've had a good night's sleep because of this case!

Oh, well I found a place I suspect to be a nest of organ traffickers, but if you're busy, then bye bye. Lin Yi hung up.

What?! Lingshan was stunned. Organ trafficker nest? That Lin Yi found? Lingshan stood up subconsciously from the excitement. Wait

But she realized that Lin Yi had hung up already, much to her itching frustration and pounding heart. If what Lin Yi said was true then wouldn't all her recent problems be cleared up?

Everyone on the police team looked at Lingshan standing up all excited. They stared with questioning eyes, but Lingshan didn't explain herself. I'm going to the office for a bit.

With that, she fast walked back to her office and closed the door before calling Lin Yi.

Ha, I thought you weren't interested! Lin Yi answered with a smile.

Come on. Don't be mad! I was just a bit excited, that's all. I was in a bad mood! Mister, please tell this Miss Braindead where that nest is. Lingshan's hair was standing up from the tone she was using on Lin Yi, but there wasn't much she could do when Lin Yi only reacted to gentleness! The only way to get help from him was through endurance!

Well, it's Dunmeng 7th Street. It's best if you come alone, and in a big car. Lin Yi told her the address.

Alright, wait for me! I'll be right there! Lingshan hung up and ran down to get a car before driving right to where Lin Yi was, alone, since Lin Yi didn't let her bring anybody along.

### **Chapter 473 – Break Up Fee**

Lingshan took a look at the mess in the yard and frowned. Are these people dead?

I killed them with a car, Lin Yi explained evenly.

How could you just kill people? As a policewoman, it was only natural that Lingshan couldnt quite tolerate Lin Yis actions.

They were pointing a gun at me. Should I have waited for them to shoot instead of running them over? Lin Yi rolled his eyes. I called you here so that you could take over.

Lingshan nodded. Lin Yi was making sense, and he did at least leave her one of the criminals alive. She was quite pleased with that.

She quickly went to Fen, the beggar, and the woman to take records before getting them into the police car. She was going to drive the other two victims and leave Fen with Lin Yi.

The back of the Audi TT was tiny, so unfortunately Xiaobo and Fen would have to squeeze together.

Lingshan then started cleaning up the scene as Lin Yi left.

In truth, Lin Yi wouldnt get in much trouble for his killings even if he went to the police station. He only did what he did in self defense and for the sake of a rescue.

But it was troublesome, and Lin Yi didnt like troublesome things. Letting Lingshan deal with the whole thing was a lot more relaxing, and it even let the girl take some credit.

They werent in emergency mode anymore, so Lin Yi drove rather slowly on the way back, much to Xiaoxiaos unhappiness. Lin Yi, how come youre driving so slow?

You can drive if you think its too slow, Lin Yi said coolly.

Uh, you drive then. Xiaoxiao was a bit frustrated. She still wanted to see Lin Yi show off his skills! It didnt seem possible anymore.

Tang Yin went back to class and remembered what happened this morning. Shed assumed it was fake, but the more she thought about it, the more worried she got. Was there really something between Xiaoxiao and Lin Yi?

She remembered how Xiaoxiao transferred to the school all of a sudden, sitting beside Lin Yi and everything. It was quite troubling to think about. Why would Xiaoxiao latch onto Lin Yi every day if they didnt know each other?

And she was saying all those things in front of Lin Yi and her when she knew who the girlfriend was too. Was she speaking the truth this morning?

Why would a girl dirty her name and honor to announce how Lin Yi mightve gotten her pregnant, that they should go to the hospital to have it checked?

Tang Yin thought that even if shed gotten to that point with Lin Yi, she wouldnt announce it to everyone. Unless unless there was an external threat that forced her to announce her relationship with Lin Yi as an emergency measure. Then shed do it.

So was it the case for Xiaoxiao? She wouldnt announce that stuff if Tang Yins relationship with Lin Yi didnt threaten her, would she?

If she was willing to throw her pride away to say those things, did that really mean she had that sort of relationship with Lin Yi?

Tang Yins brain was a mess as she thought about it, all based on the scene shed seen this morning. Her heart didnt want to believe that Lin Yi would move his feelings for her onto someone else, but what Xiaoxiaos words implied wasnt that. She seemed to be talking as if shed been with Lin Yi first, and Tang Yin had only come after!

If that werent the case, Tang Yin wouldnt believe that just a couple of days after transferring here was enough for Xiaoxiao to fall in love with Lin Yi, and even develop her relationship with him that far! The only possibility was that the two had known each other beforehand

She remembered asking Lin Yi about his relationship with Xiaoxiao, and hed only replied that Xiaoxiao had seen him drive before, only briefly and vaguely explaining the encounter, that she wanted to learn how to drive.

Tang Yins frown started deepening.

Learning how to drive. Just for that? She went through all the trouble of transferring schools and into the same class as Lin Yi, just so she could learn from Lin Yi?

Tang Yin took her phone out. There weren't any missed calls, or texts. Why wasnt Lin Yi explaining anything?

With the ongoing confusion, Tang Yin managed to hold out until the end of first period. There were still no calls or texts from Lin Yi. She waited in class, yet Lin Yi never paid her a visit!

Didnt she speak to Lin Yi about this when they parted in the morning, that hed come to her and explain the situation after first period?

But Lin Yi was nowhere to be seen, even after the next class began!

Tang Yins head exploded with doubt and confusion. Could that scene this morning be real?

Tang Yin was really starting to regret not staying longer to hear what Xiaoxiao had to say! She shouldve ignored the humiliation!

But she couldnt and had to leave.

Tang Yin didnt even manage to react in time when the teacher asked her a question. She didnt know how she did it, but she survived the classes. She couldnt take it anymore.

How could Lin Yi do this to her? Even if there really was something going on with Xiaoxiao and him, he should at least talk to her about it! What did he think she was? Did he think it was right to not even say anything about the whole thing?

Frustrated, Tang Yin gathered up her courage and walked to the doorway of Lin Yi's class. She asked a student to help get Lin Yi out for her! She wanted to confront him and see just what the meaning of this was!

Lin Yi's relationship with Tang Yin was known throughout the entire school at this point, so nobody found it odd that she was looking for him.

But the student looked around the classroom before turning back to Tang Yin. Lin Yi isn't here?

Oh? Tang Yin blinked, and, for some reason, asked another question. Then is Feng Xiaoxiao there?

The student looked back before turning to Tang Yin. Feng Xiaoxiao isn't here either.

Oh! Thanks Tang Yin's eyes got wet. She was so upset she felt like crying. Both Lin Yi and Xiaoxiao weren't in class. What were the odds that this was a mere coincidence?

Did they really go out together? Tang Yin almost tripped on her ankle when she considered the possibility. She quickly leaned onto the wall to steady herself.

Tang Yin was already suspicious enough as was. Seeing both Lin Yi and Xiaoxiao absent only heightened those emotions.

She recalled what Xiaoxiao said to her this morning and how serious she'd said it.

Didn't Lin Yi give you a break up fee? Xiaoxiao looked at Tang Yin, confused. I've known Lin Yi since a long time ago! I wanted to let you be the second wife because I feel bad for you, I was willing to share, but since you weren't cooperating, I had no choice but to have Lin Yi say bye bye to you.

Tang Yin felt even more upset as she thought about it.

*Wait a second Break up fee?* Tang Yin jolted as she remembered seeing Lin Yi give her mother something. Was that the break up fee Xiaoxiao was talking about?

She quickly phoned her mother at the possibility, taking a deep breath and calming herself before speaking. Mom, where are you?

I'm at the bank, Mrs. Tang said, the words slipping out from excitement. She was absolutely overjoyed. She'd checked the debit card Lin Yi gave her before Tang Yin called and learned that there was five hundred thousand yuan on the card!

### **Chapter 474 – Misunderstanding**

That was five hundred thousand yuan, after all, and it was Mrs. Tang's first time in her life seeing a sum this large! She'd been overjoyed when Lin Yi gave them two hundred fifty thousand, even if they were only left with fifty thousand after the one hundred fifty thousand used to pay Wang Luwei back his debt. Still, it was Lin Yi's money that he willingly gave. It proved that Lin Yi cared, that Tang Yin had a place in his heart!

So Mrs. Tang was looking at the debit card in her hand happily, indescribably pleased when her ringtone interrupted her. She snapped out of it and saw that it was her daughter.

When Tang Yin asked her where she was, Mrs. Tang blurted out that she was in the bank without thinking about it, regretting it the instant after. From how sneaky Lin Yi was being when he gave her the card, it was evident that he didn't want Tang Yin learning about this, but now she'd exposed herself!

She hoped her daughter wouldn't suspect anything.

I saw that there was quite a bit left after your father's hospital fees, so I wanted to calculate and see how big of a place we could get, Mrs. Tang explained quickly.

Mom, how much did Lin Yi give you this morning? Tang Yin's heart tightened as her suspicions solidified. She'd been suspecting that Lin Yi had given her mother money behind her back. Her mother being at the bank proved it!

So Tang Yin didn't bother asking if Lin Yi had given her money. She simply asked how much, implying that she'd learned of the whole thing and that her mother shouldn't try to hide it.

Ah? Mrs. Tang was surprised. So her daughter had found out already? The possibility that Tang Yin was bluffing didn't cross her mind, and she hesitated a little before speaking. Five hundred thousand.

What?! Five hundred thousand? Tang Yin's eyes widened with shock, and she crumpled as her strength slipped away, as if her mother had sucked it all out with those words. Her phone crashed to the floor, and the battery even popped out of the case.

But Tang Yin didn't care. She swayed as she leaned against the hallway wall, almost fainting.

Her tears betrayed her and slid down her face. As expected, Lin Yi had given her mother a huge sum of money: five hundred thousand! It was five hundred thousand yuan!

That was enough for them to start a restaurant! Why would Lin Yi give her family that money for no reason at all?

He'd only given them two hundred fifty thousand for her father's surgery fees along with the money meant for Wei. Why would he give them double that money all of a sudden. What were his intentions?

The first connection Tang Yin made was what Xiaoxiao said this morning, about the break up fee. It had to be the break up fee for Lin Yi to be giving them that much money, right?

It seemed that this had to be the case. Tang Yin leaned all of her weight against the wall as her tears fell silently.

Why? Why did Lin Yi come bother her when he had Xiaoxiao already?

She really was too naive, too simple-minded. She assumed that he was different from those tyrannical young masters, but what was the difference? Just thinking about what happened to Fen, and Lin Yi's actions didn't even need an explanation.

*Lin Yi I hate you!* Tang Yin bit her lip, not sure what she should do, or what she wanted to do.

Tang Yin, whats wrong? What happened to you. Did someone bully you? Liu Xinwen came out of the bathroom to see Tang Yin crying next to a wall, her phone in pieces on the ground.

Xinwen. Tang Yin forced a smile upon seeing Xinwen. Its nothing. Just feeling a bit dizzy

Dizzy? Whyre you crying then? Xinwen didnt buy that lie. Did someone bully you? Yin Yin, tell me. Ill butcher him with a knife!

Xinwen had always been a tough nut since she was a kid. Shed never changed.

Its nothing, really. Tang Yin, naturally, wouldnt tell Xinwen about what she was feeling, even if she was her best friend.

Shed been dumped by Lin Yi. How was she supposed to tell her this? Xinwen was the one whod warned her to stay away from Lin Yi in the first place, and she hadnt listened! She had it coming!

Xinwen didnt want to force things since Tang Yin was insisting on keeping it to herself, so she picked the components of the phone off the floor and put them into Tang Yins hands.

Thanks. Tang Yin didnt even bother checking if the phone was still functional. She just stuffed it into her pocket.

Tang Yin, if youre upset because of something, you need to tell me! Ill stand up for you! Xinwen said a little worried.

Thanks. But Im really fine! Tang Yin shook her head.

Xinwen helped Tang Yin back to class, and the bell rang just as they walked in. Unable to ask any more questions, Xinwen only sighed before returning to her seat

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Lin Yi was driving back to school when he looked at the time on the car dashboard. He realized that first period had long since ended! Tang Yin had wanted him to go to her too. She wasnt panicking or anything, was she?

Naturally, Lin Yi didnt think that far. As far as he could see, Tang Yins expressions told him that while she was a little pissed off. It was far from any feelings of suspicion. There wasnt much need for him to be worried.

Never would he have thought that the money hed given to Mrs. Tang out of kindness had been mistaken for a break up fee. He wouldnt have bothered with that gesture if hed known this would happen!

He took his phone out and called Tang Yin, and found that itd been turned off, much to his surprise. She wasnt angry at him because he didnt go to her during lunch, was she?

Are you calling Sis-in-law, Boss? Xiaobo could guess who Lin Yi was calling.

I promised to see her after first period, but I had to save you! Lin Yi smiled wryly.

Ah? No way! Does that mean Ive sinned? Xiaobo said, shocked. Boss, do you want me to go explain to her?

No need, Ill do it. Lin Yi smiled. He wasnt used to having other people do stuff like that for him yet, and as far as he was concerned, it wasnt that big a deal.

*Tang Yins angry?* Xiaoxiao was actually quite delighted at the news. She clenched a fist happily, glad that shed finally pissed her off. It seemed that her actions this morning had been rather effective! She should utilize it more.

Lin Yi put his phone under the windshield since Tang Yin had shut her phone off, but it started ringing right as he did.

He picked up thinking it was Tang Yin. It turned out to be Fatty Lai.

Hello, Fatty Lai? Lin Yi picked up.

Boss, where are you? I have good news! Fatty Lai sounded quite excited.

Chapter 475 – Some Adjustments

Oh? What news? Lin Yi blinked, thinking that it should be about the medicine company.

Boss, Im at Professor Guans. Are you free? I can talk to you in detail if you could come over. Its about the auction, Fatty Lai said.

Alright then, Ill go there now. Lin Yi looked at the time. Hed skipped half the morning classes already, might as well skip a few more.

Then Ill be waiting here! Fatty Lai hung up excitedly.

So I have something to do later. Feng Xiaoxiao, you wanna get Kang Xiaobo and Fen to school? Lin Yi looked at Xiaoxiao in the front passenger seat.

Sure, you go attend to your affairs! Xiaoxiao said, absolutely delighted that Lin Yi wasnt going back to school yet. Tang Yin would definitely get more and more pissed off if she couldnt see Lin Yi, to the point where theyd break up!

Lin Yi, on the other hand, didnt have those concerns, unaware of what Xiaoxiao was thinking. He drove to Songshans School of Medicine and got out of the car.

The school didnt allow just any car into the residential area, and all foreign cars had to go through registration. Lin Yi didnt want to deal with the trouble of registering Xiaoxiaos car, so he stopped at the school gates and walked in himself.

Xiaoxiao happily got into the driver seat and drove Xiaobo and Fen back to the slums. She wanted to drop Fen off first, so that she could get some info on Lin Yi from Xiaobo.

Xiaobo, wont you tell me a little about Lin Yi? Xiaoxiao asked as she drove.

Boss, huh? Xiaobo didnt see anything wrong with that, so he started chatting away.

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Lingshan waited until Lin Yi left before she called the team over. Dunmeng 7th Street was soon completely surrounded.

Liu Wangli hopped out of the police car and looked at the three dead and one injured in surprise. He saw the two rescued victims as well, and gave a thumbs up to Lingshan. Captain Song, youre amazing! You found the organ trafficker base in no time at all!

Uh Lingshans face reddened a little upon hearing the praise. She cleared her throat. According to my initial observations and assessment, this isnt the actual nest of the criminal organization, just an exchange point. Its used to keep the beggars, the homeless, and the disabled locked up before they carry out the next step.

Thats still really impressive! The whole teams been searching without sleep, and we didnt even find anything! Youre really something, Captain Song! A veteran captain in a different police team was really impressed as well.

The other captains werent pleased at all when Lingshan was assigned the new head of the detective branch, but the constant solving of multiple big name cases, along with Lingshans extraordinary martial arts skills that placed her first in the police force, proved to them that the girl was very much worthy of admiration and respect.

Lingshans face only reddened more. She felt like shed bought her success by paying Lin Yi with cuteness and girliness, and it shamed her. Getting credit like this it made her feel like she was cheating.

Facing everyones praise, Lingshan couldnt really say much. She turned to Wangli. Liu Wangli, you take these two victims back first, and the rest of you, get the suspect to the hospital.

Lingshan sighed as she watched her colleagues work. Should her life be considered a failure? She didnt rely on Huaijun now, but Lin Yi instead.

However, when thinking about it, this was also due to her own ability! Other people didnt know Lin Yi, so she was the only one who could get Lin Yi to help! The process didnt matter, the results did. And that was enough.

As for the things she did to Lin Yi, how she called herself Miss Braindead, among other things That could just be the sort of nickname teasing between friends! She didnt have to think too much about it. It was just like the nicknames between her and her colleagues. The nicknames might not necessarily sound nice, like Tough Bull or Metal Bullet, but the nickname Lin Yi called her was exclusive to just Lin Yi and her.

Lingshan didnt know if this counted as comforting herself, but she did feel a lot better.

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Lin Yi walked into Xuemins house to see Fatty Lai on a sofa talking to Xuemin, who simply nodded, smiling without interrupting him.

Xuemin had to be aware that he was no businessman, so he was probably just listening to Fatty Lais points without butting in.

As the saying went, different specializations were like different mountains. He might be famous in the medical industry, but it didnt mean he was good in other fields. Hed come off as rather irritating if he poked holes and gave orders in other specializations.

Boss, youre here! Fatty Lai leapt up in excitement upon seeing Lin Yi enter.

Youre rather agile! Lin Yi was quite troubled. Fatty Lai just bounced up like hed been sitting on a spring! It wouldnt be anything too special if his body wasnt big like that, but him being so agile despite his bulk was really rare.

Heh, I actually work out, you know! Fatty Lai said. But my genes arent very good, so even drinking cold water makes me fat. Ive always been trying to lose weight! It just didnt work!

Oh, so its your genes? Ill make some adjustments for you sometime, Lin Yi said placidly.

Oh-kay? Fatty Lai trailed off as he looked at Lin Yi in disbelief. Boss, are you saying genes can be adjusted?

Yeah. Lin Yi nodded. But your chubbiness is actually quite pleasing to my eyes.

Then no need for adjustments! Im fine like this! Fatty Lai changed his mind instantly now that Lin Yi was pleased by his body.

Maybe we can make you a little skinnier. Lin Yi smiled. After the company gets on track, Ill do some acupuncture on you when I have the time.

In fact, Lin Yi could very well do the acupuncture whenever he wanted. It was nothing more than a gesture, and he could even do it while speaking!

The problem was, he wasnt too trusting of Fatty Lai, and he wasnt treating him like a genuinely close friend. There was no need to rush to giving him benefits, so he decided to observe him a little longer.

Okay, Boss! Youre really so nice to me Waah Fatty Lais heightened emotions prompted him to cry again.

Lin Yi really didnt know what to say. It seemed that the crying problem wasnt fixable; it wasnt something he could cure. It was a personality problem.

Heh, dont get angry, Boss! I was just getting a little emotional. Its alright now, Ill stop crying! Fatty Lai hit the brakes when he remembered what Lin Yi said about crying.

Lin Yi waved his hand. Hed gotten used to Fatty Lais behavior. Being with him, he had to adapt to his dam burstings. Hed grown numb to them over time.

## **Chapter 476 – Auction Matters**

By the time Lin Yi seated himself on the sofa, Fatty Lai had regained his composure and was pulling out an album from his office bag, a smile on his face as he handed it to Lin Yi. Boss, take a look at this!

Lin Yi took the album and started flipping through it.

Auction? Lin Yi saw that it was an album introducing the auction. The location was Yanjing.

Correct! Fatty Lai nodded. But this auction isn't just any auction! It's an auction where the top tier houses attend, a large-scale super auction hosted every year!

Oh? Lin Yi blinked, not expecting such influence from this auction. It seemed that Fatty Lai wasn't just a nobody if he could get his hands on an album to this kind of auction.

Fatty Lai's right. I know of this auction as well. They send me an invitation every year, but I've never attended, Xuemin said humbly.

Xuemin's position in this day and age was something very coveted by these houses. A miracle doctor's value, after all, was worth far more than a beneficial business partner! What use was money when one was dead?

So, in order to emphasize the value those houses placed on Xuemin, they'd always send Xuemin an invitation, and not just one invitation either.

The thing was, Xuemin was more of a plain and honest person. He wouldn't set exorbitant clinical fees, and he naturally wouldn't attend some auction.

But you need to go this time, Professor Guan! Fatty Lai said with a smile. I wouldn't have had to go through so much trouble getting an invitation if I knew about all the invitation letters you had for people you could bring along!

Ha Lin Yi smiled. Fatty Lai might've wanted to show off his invitation a little bit, but it turned out that Xuemin had a couple of them. There wasn't any point of showing off anymore.

This auction, there'll mostly be some rare treasures, things that only the powerful houses can afford with their vast wealth, Fatty Lai said. Of course, there'll also be some newcomers to the realm of entrepreneurs, other than just the regular veteran figures. These newcomers are people with a lot of potential themselves.

So you're saying that this auction is the one we've chosen for the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing? Lin Yi said, understanding what Fatty Lai was saying.

That's right. The people attending this auction will be exclusively rich people. As long as there's demand from them, it'll be hard for our company products to fail! Fatty Lai said.

Alright, you make the decisions. Lin Yi nodded. Now that he'd let Fatty Lai take charge, the decisions should be left to him as long as he said it'd work.

It's really nice to follow you, Boss! Fatty Lai almost started crying again as the joy got to him. Lin Yi wasn't involving himself at all and leaving everything to him! It took him quite a bit of willpower to hold the tears back. Boss, I booked three plane tickets for tonight. We'll be flying to Yanjing in just a bit.

That fast? Lin Yi blinked. Doesn't it say here that the auction starts three days later?

That's the time for the attendants. If we're just going to buy an item, it's fine even if we're one or two days late, Fatty Lai said. But we're going there as sellers, so we need to arrive earlier and go through the registration process.

I see! Lin Yi nodded and agreed to Fatty Lai's plans.

Lin Yi informed Pengzhan and the Miss, texting them that he had something to do for a couple of days and needed to be on leave. Pengzhan didnt mind, naturally, but Mengyao sent a text warning Lin Yi, Remember who you are, and dont mess with any girls.

Ha Lin Yi shook his head after reading Mengyaos text. He then dialed Tang Yins number. Her phone was turned off, unfortunately.

Lin Yi could only send her a text and explain that there was nothing going on between Xiaoxiao and him, that he needed to rush to an auction in Yanjing and also bring back a gift for her.

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Miracle Doctor Kangs house.

Meanwhile, Miracle Doctor Kang himself had, naturally, received an invitation. While the Kangs werent considered the bottom of the highest tier houses, they were still a leading titan in the industry. It would only make sense for the auction to invite them.

The Kangs did also put a couple of items of their own on auction every year.

How come the auction is early this year? Miracle Doctor Kang looked at the letter in his hand, confused.

Yeah, father. Its always in August. Wonder whats wrong with the Yu house this year. Guifeng nodded, curious.

Silence! Miracle Doctor Kang glared. Do you think you can just mouth off about the Yus like that?

But theres no outsiders here. Guifeng knew hed misspoken, but tried to explain himself anyway.

No outsiders? Wed be in trouble if there were! Youll doom the Kang house irreparably with that! Miracle Doctor Kang harrumphed. Dont even think about this kind of thing from now on! The Kang house is an advanced house, so dont cause any trouble. It may just be us two now, but if you get used to it and let words like that slip outside, itll ruin everything.

I understand, Father! I was wrong, Guifeng quickly apologized.

It doesnt matter why House Yus starting the auction early. The Kangs will still have to attend! Miracle Doctor Kang harrumphed. This time Ill go with you and Zhaolong. Well go to the Xiaos for the wedding plans first before heading to the auction.

Understood, Father! Guifeng nodded. Do we also use last years standard for this years auction items?

Yes, but well prepare an extra portion as a gift for the Xiaos, Miracle Doctor Kang said. Get things ready as soon as possible! Well have to get moving in the next two days!

Dont worry, Father! Guifeng nodded.

Miracle Doctor Kang was more at ease when he let Guifeng handle things. His elder son was a lot more reliable than his younger one. Hopefully, theyd be able to get House Xiaos support during this trip to Yanjing as well as a huge profit from the auction.

The Kangs would always prepare a couple of special, limited edition Golden Creation medicines for the auction every year. These were coveted by the high-class houses, and the bids always skyrocketed!

The profits were so enormous that they were actually a source of the Kangs annual income.

But the so-called limited edition Golden Creation was actually just undiluted Golden Creation medicine. Some of the components were also made of more aged reagents.

As a result, the limited edition was naturally different from the regular Golden Creation, and good medicine like it was the ideal target for rich folk who coveted it. Miracle Doctor Kang himself got more popular because of this product.

In Eastern medicine, some ingredients are better the older they are, like ginseng, for example.

### **Chapter 477 – I'll Give It Back**

Feng Xiaoxiao was in a happy mood as she returned to school. She had been planning to go and attack Tang Yin psychologically using Lin Yi. It was the guys own fault for not being at school! Since he wasn't here, Tang Yin wouldn't even be able to confront him.

*Hm hm hm!* Xiaoxiao smiled happily as she strolled.

She reached class nine's door and was about to call Tang Yin out when her phone rang. She was the only one in school who actually had her ringtone enabled. Even the people who set their phones to vibrate had to be careful.

The dean, Wang Zhifeng, was just patrolling the hallways, checking the students' discipline when he heard a phone ringing. He was about to explode on the rule-breaker when he saw who it was.

He quickly lowered his head and walked away, shifting his eyes away.

Zhifeng didn't think he was being very honorable with his position as school dean. There were two special cases in the school that he couldn't touch, one of which was Lin Yi, the other being Xiaoxiao.

It sucked, but there wasn't much he could do other than look the other way.

But Xiaoxiao actually raised her head and beckoned him? She started speaking in a sweet voice, Mister Wang, Lin Yi has something to do these next two days, so he can't come to school. I'm requesting leave for him!

They were right at the door of class nine, not far away from the window Tang Yin sat next to. It was open, and Tang Yin felt her heart stop as she listened.

She was leaning into her table and not paying attention to what was going on outside, but Xiaoxiao's voice made her jerk her head up subconsciously, shocking her when she heard Xiaoxiao ask for leave in Lin Yi's stead. Were they actually in a relationship after all?

Oh, alright. Troubled, Zhifeng gave the permission and quickly left.

Xiaoxiao's face, on the other hand, grew cold all of a sudden as she looked at who was calling. She quickly walked to the bathroom and picked up. What's wrong?

Xiaoxiao, you have to come back to the hospital today, a middle-aged man said from the other end.

Hospital? What hospital, I'm gonna die even if I go. Should I go there to waste my life away? Xiaoxiao's emotions heightened all of a sudden. She seemed quite resistant to the idea.

Didn't the doctor say it's possible to slow it down? the man said after a moment's silence.

Bullcrap! They said the same about mom, so where is she now? Xiaoxiao said, not calming down. My mom, my aunt, it's going to happen anyway. If you don't have time to be with me, then please, will you stop wasting my time?

I'm sorry. The man sighed. But Dad has to work. This time, though, I've contacted an expert through a colleague. I'll have a car pick you up.

No! I'm not going! I haven't had enough fun yet. How much time do you think I have left? You're just gonna trap me there for two months again if I go! I don't have that many two months left to use! Xiaoxiao yelled into the phone before slamming it onto the floor, pissed off.

The middle-aged man sighed helplessly as he put his phone in his pocket. He wanted to be with his daughter as much as possible, but the circumstances of his job barely gave him any off time throughout all 365 days of the year.

Xiaoxiao's chest heaved as she put her hands on the mirror to steady herself. She looked at the students having fun in the field and held back the tears rimming her eyes. *I can't cry. I'm Feng Xiaoxiao. You can do it, Feng Xiaoxiao!*

She rested a little until she heard someone approaching the washroom. She quickly regained her composure and left the washroom calmly after picking her phone up from the ground.

Tang Yin was feeling really upset. She was worried she wouldn't be able to control herself in class, so she made her way to the washroom instead, dazed. She was thinking of washing her face and calming down when she saw Xiaoxiao come out right as she went in, yelping in fright at the intense hostility and alertness in her eyes.

Tang Yin didn't know what she should do at a time like this. She never had the experience. At the end of the day, she was just an eighteen-year-old girl, a twelfth grader who'd never encountered any romantic rivals. Her mind seemed to be empty as she confronted the situation.

Xiaoxiao, however, was much more composed than Tang Yin was. She blinked when she saw Tang Yin, smiling at her. I'm going to go on a honeymoon with Lin Yi soon. He gave you the break-up fee, right?

Xiaoxiao knew that her father would still send a car to pick her up even if she'd hung up on him. Lin Yi had to attend to something, so her disappearing at the same time was a good chance to make Tang Yin misunderstand.

H-He did, but I won't accept it! I'll give it back to him! Tang Yin said determinedly as she bit her lower lip, raising her head to look Xiaoxiao in the eye. Tell him this: I hate him!

Okay, Ill be sure to send the message, Xiaoxiao said, a little stunned. Was Tang Yin saying that shed received a break up fee? What was going on?

She didnt understand but kept a composed look all the same as she smiled at Tang Yin. But Id advise keeping the money for yourself.

I dont want to! Tang Yins eyes wettened a little as she watched Xiaoxiao walk away. She wasnt sure if it was because this felt undeserved, or because of her budding relationship with Lin Yi coming to an end.

A black Audi A61 with a custom license plate parked at the gates of Songshans First School that afternoon.

Captain Feng, weve arrived at the school, the driver said carefully to the middle-aged man in the back seat who was resting his eyes.

Oh, were here? That was fast. The man opened his dry and bloodshot eyes. He was evidently a man whod overworked himself. Turn the AC off, and roll the windows down for some air.

Understood. The driver did as he was told.

The man known as Captain Feng took his phone out and dialed a number. He waited until Xiaoxiao picked up. Xiaoxiao, Im in front of the school.

How many days is it this time? Xiaoxiao had known that she wouldnt be able to get out of this, that her father would come pick her up whether she agreed or not. The phone was rather sturdy, on the other hand. It still worked after the impact.

The phone Xiaoxiaos father gave her was customized with a special GPS tracker. The phone itself was extraordinarily durable, as well.

Two or three days. Its just a checkup; it wont take long. We can bring the treatment stuff back with you, Captain Feng said after some hesitation.

Alright, wait a second, Xiaoxiao agreed rather quickly.

Ah? Captain Feng was a little puzzled. When had his daughter said yes so quickly? It always took a lot of talking and even physical pulling that one time, but now

What? You dont want me to go? Xiaoxiao joked a little. She hated how her father was never by her side or Mothers, but he was still her father.

### **Chapter 478 – Kang’s Marriage Proposal (First Half)**

No, Ill wait for you! Captain Feng was feeling rather troubled. What was up with his daughter today? She really was acting very odd.

But she did agree to come on her own, so he didnt really have anything to complain about.

Xiaoxiao had actually said yes this quickly because Lin Yi was away from school on a trip. She could practically see how much of an impact itd have on Tang Yin if she were to disappear at the same time!

*Hmph! Heh, thats what you get for messing with me. You had this coming!* Xiaoxiao raised a clenched fist before turning and walking down the stairs. She stepped out the school gates and saw the Audi A61 parked right outside. Without saying anything, she opened the door and got in.

Xiaoxiao, the person treating you this time is a colleague of mine! Hes an expert on hereditary diseases! Captain Feng said with a kind look after Xiaoxiao got in the car.

Captain Fengs name was Feng Tianlong,<sup>1</sup> a special ops agent who couldnt be by Xiaoxiaos side all the time because of his work. It was unfortunate, but Tianlong didnt regret it. Hed chosen this path, and he had to walk on.

Oh, another expert, I see, Xiaoxiao replied quietly. Shed met with these so-called experts countless times since she was a kid, and itd always been a disappointment. Xiaoxiao was nearly numb to it.

Rather than use her time for these medical pursuits, she thought itd make more sense for her to freely experience her youth, enjoy life. At least shed die without regrets when the day did come.

Tianlong shook his head at his daughters attitude, but it was within expectations. He didnt say anything.

In truth, he didnt feel very optimistic himself anymore, but as long as there was one sliver of hope, he wanted his daughter to live healthy and well.

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The plane slowly landed in Yanjing, and Lin Yi, Xuemin, and Fatty Lai exited the plane together before entering a hotel that Fatty Lai had booked beforehand.

Boss, the three Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing were auctioning are they really enough? Fatty Lai asked carefully.

The rarer something is, the more valuable, right? Plus, were not really here just for profit anyway. The goal is to make our name known. Lin Yi smiled.

I see Fatty Lai did agree with what Lin Yi said, but he was actually a little greedy himself. If there were only three of these pills, then the chance hed be able to get one was a little too small for his liking. If there was just a bit more hed have a chance.

However, this wasnt something he could say to Lin Yi. Fatty Lai could only keep it to himself.

Hed been communicating with the auction managers beforehand, and after going through the straightforward procedures, everything was set up. They only needed to provide the auction items and a base price for the items, and theyd be good to go.

The host of the auction, on the other hand, didnt carry out any verification processes on the auction items, except for those who applied for a verification test on their items. Evidently, even the host understood that some rarities simply couldnt be verified in such a short period of time. There was also the fact that the attendants of the auction were exclusively people from higher society, and none of the auctioneers would want to damage their own reputation with fake goods.

There'd been cases of fake auction items in the past, but even a one-time lie was enough to completely destroy the seller's reputation. The host, House Yu, on the other hand, wasn't a group anyone would want to cross either. Word was that the last time a seller pulled a stunt like that a couple years back, the Yus took action and bankrupted them.

But the item that Fatty Lai was auctioning off had one of the lower price tags placed on it, despite how amazing of a description he'd given it. It was given a base price of one million.

Fatty Lai didn't bother explaining too much. He decided to just settle with one million, since that would be nowhere near the price they'd be getting in the future. For him, he'd pay one hundred million without hesitation for the item, let alone one million.

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Xiao Residence, Yanjing.

Miracle Doctor Kang was visiting the two brothers of House Xiao, Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben, with Guifeng and Zhaolong.

The elder of House Xiao had passed, and Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben had fallen from their past glory. The Xiaos might be a lower-end house of the powerful top tiers, but they still expressed a warm welcome in response to the Kang visit.

Miracle Doctor Kang, you should have just let Big Bro Guifeng come! You didn't need to visit yourself, it's such an honor! Xiao Ji seemed quite excited at Miracle Doctor Kang's arrival. If they hit this marriage alliance off properly, the Xiaos would have credibility and funds from the bank once more, along with the support of their business partners. It'd turn things around for them.

It's almost time for House Yu's auction, so I just came along for the visit. Miracle Doctor Kang smiled.

The Yu auction Xiao Ji paused. Isn't that auction hosted every August?

It's starting early this year, haven't you heard? Miracle Doctor paused as well. The Xiaos might be on the bottom end of the most powerful houses, but they should still be included in the invitation list. Why did they look like they haven't even heard of the news?

Especially when even an outlander like him did. The Xiaos were based in Yanjing. It didn't make sense for them to be unaware.

We have Hah, brother, the invitations with me. I put it aside when we were busy with the funeral, I forgot to tell you, Xiao Ben said with a smile after his face darkened a little.

He was a smart man, and so he lied. In truth, the Xiaos hadn't even received an invitation! It was extremely angering that they'd just stop sending the invitation after their old man passed. What did the Yus think they were doing?

I see, so it's with you. I thought they'd missed us. Xiao Ji nodded with a smile. So it's starting early! I wonder if you have anything you must have from this year's auction, Elder Kang?

The catalog will only be announced on the day of the auction. We'll have to wait and see! Miracle Doctor Kang shook his head with a smile.

Xiao Bens heart sank a little. Once, during their days of glory, the Xiaos would receive most of the catalogued auction items a couple days early. Hed enjoyed such power with his brother in those times! The things theyd circle in the catalog would always end up belonging to them, without fail.

But now they werent even bothering to send them an invitation! The Xiaos might be poor now, but they were still a powerful house! Where did they get off looking down on them with such contempt?

Of course, of course! Xiao Ben quickly said after noticing how his elder brother was thinking about showing off their past glory. Im afraid we wont be able to get any items from the auction by then! Were not even sure if well go; theres just so much to handle in the family these days!

Xiao Ben decided to preemptively lay down an excuse for his absence.

Right, Guifeng, wheres the gift? Miracle Doctor Kang looked at Guifeng.

Here! Guifeng waved to Zhaolong, who stood by the door. He quickly walked over to his father.

Uncle Xiao, Second Uncle Xiao, this is a box of Golden Creation medicine of the highest quality. Please accept it! Zhaolong graciously presented the box, full of respect.

Xiao Ji and Xiao Bens eyes lit up when they heard it was high quality Golden Creation. This was a box that had been auctioned for more than dozens of millions before! Selling it would surely delay the fire of poverty engulfing the Xiao family.

#### **Chapter 479 – Kang’s Marriage Proposal (Second Half)**

Under normal circumstances, they wouldnt even care about a mere ten million yuan.

But as they were now, it was something that got them excited.

Youre Kang Zhaolong, arent you, kid? Youre quite the young man! Xiao Qi said as he received the gift, a bright smile on his face.

I am, Uncle Xiao! Zhaolong replied politely.

Yes, youd go quite well with our Xinyan. Xiao Ben was nodding himself as he contemplated how troublesome his niece was being. Didnt she understand how big of a family the Kangs were? Why wasnt she in the least bit interested?

Theyd been trying to persuade her for the last couple days, too, to no avail. Xiao Qi and Xiao Ben were feeling rather helpless about her. At the end of the day, Wang Xinyan was still a distant relative, not part of the main Xiao line. They werent in a position to be making decisions for her.

Locking her up in her room wasnt the best plan either. They had to let her go sooner or later.

As for Xinyans parents, they were resistant to the marriage at first, but even they went silent upon learning that it was the eldest grandson of Miracle Doctor Kang.

Xiao Qilin never had much of an opinion herself, and she usually took after what her husband wanted. She didnt have much to say after he agreed to the marriage.

The point was that they'd be rid of all the trouble with shares mentioned in the will if they agreed to wed Xinyan to Zhaolong. Xiao Ben and Xiao Qi said it themselves.

But they'd have a part of their company taken away if they were to refuse. The Xiao brothers even went as far as to blatantly threaten them, saying that they'd ally themselves with the Kang and attack their medicine company!

What relieved Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben was the fact that Xiyuan was the only one still resisting. She was the final obstacle they needed to get through.

Where is this Wang Xinyan? You guys haven't called her out yet; I was hoping to see my future granddaughter-in-law! Miracle Doctor Kang asked pleasantly as he seated himself on the sofa. This was the first marriage he'd been involved with as a grandfather, after all. Plus, he was quite satisfied with the girl.

I'll get her right now! Xiao Ben made eye contact with his elder brother before heading to the inner living room.

I say, Lil Sis, Brother-in-law, have you guys gotten through to that niece of mine yet? Miracle Doctor Kang's come himself, he's here personally! He doesn't just do that for anyone, Xiao Ben said to Xuben and Qilin, who stood outside Xinyan's room.

Yan's not willing. I think we should let this go. Qilin didn't have many opinions, but she still loved her daughter very much. She'd rather have the marriage fall through than see her daughter unhappy.

That's why they say girls have long hair and limited vision! Xiao Ben said angrily after a brief pause. Do you understand the sort of family Miracle Doctor Kang's is? His eldest son Kang Zhaolong is the prime inheritor to House Kang! There's no way this would go wrong for Xinyan!

Qilin, I've heard about this Kang Zhaolong myself. He's an honor student and not someone with bad habits! I've done some research too; he hasn't even had a girlfriend before! I think he'll treat Xinyan well! Xuben spoke up.

He didn't want anything bad happening to the company, but he didn't want his daughter getting into an unhappy marriage either. He'd gotten someone to investigate Zhaolong in private, and it yielded rather shocking results.

Was this even a young master? He'd grown up studying and was now a PhD student, striving for a double PhD! The decisive factor was that he didn't mess around with girls, which was extremely typical of young masters nowadays. He'd never had a girlfriend in his life!

He was the absolute opposite of his cousin, Kang Zhaoming!

The investigation convinced him that there was no reason to not accept this marriage proposal. Where were they supposed to find a son-in-law of a quality like this? A young man with good grades, class, and a powerful family! With Miracle Doctor Kang's support, the only thing he had to worry about was how

quickly the company would grow!

Is that so? But Yan doesn't want this. She's never even met him before, there's nothing between them! Qilin understood that Zhaolong had character, which was also why she wasn't resisting the idea of Xinyan marrying her.

But the troubling thing was that Xinyan had no feelings for him. It made Qilin hesitate.

Feelings will naturally emerge. Plus, this is just an engagement. We can always call off the wedding if things really don't turn out well! Xiao Ben said. We're just using this marriage in name first, for the mutual benefits of our family. Let the two kids spend time with each other. Who knows, they might just hit it off right from the get-go!

I see Qilin thought that her second brother was making a lot of sense. It was just an engagement; she wasn't marrying him yet. They should let the kids interact with each other before anything else! They could stay together if it worked and very well cancel everything if it didn't!

Yeah, Miracle Doctor Kang's waiting right outside with his family! Quick, tell Xinyan to come greet them, Xiao Ben urged, worried that he was keeping the Doctor waiting.

Alright then! Qilin said as she walked into the room. A moment later she was pushing out an emotionless Xinyan.

Xinyan didn't understand. Why were her parents so easily persuaded by her uncle and second uncle? Did they really want her marrying a total stranger?

Her father was listing plenty of reasons why Zhaolong was a good person, but Xinyan just didn't like him. It was that simple.

How was she supposed to fall in love with a person she didn't even know?

Dad, is your company really that important? Xinyan looked up at her father, hoping that she could change his mind.

I Xuben uttered awkwardly. The company *was* his life's work, after all. He didn't want it to go to ruin.

I understand, Xinyan sighed. Fine, I'll go out there with you guys, but I'm not promising anything.

Alright, let's just go out there first; you don't have to talk. Who knows, it might just be love at first sight after you meet him! Xiao Ben said. Kang Zhaolong really is an excellent young man!

Xinyan didn't add anything else. Saying anything was meaningless at this point. How was she supposed to resist and change anything when even her parents said yes?

But she had no intention of marrying a stranger. It was just an engagement; they weren't marrying yet. All she had to do was find a way to get out of the whole thing before they get married.

She'd never accept a marriage arranged by her family.

This was the modern age. What kind of family even did this anymore?

Xinyan was brought into the Xiao house living room by Xiao Ben, and Zhaolong found himself instantly attracted to the clean and pretty figure. Hed never had a girlfriend before, and while he may put forth a good image to impress his grandfather, the fact was that he was feeling extremely horny. Hed actually been longing for a woman for a long time.

And now, Wang Xinyan was his soon-to-be, official wife! Zhaolong didnt need to hide anything anymore. Nobody would say anything if he did anything to her.

Xinyan frowned in disgust. That lustful longing in Zhaolongs eyes was making her really uncomfortable. This was an excellent young man? She felt instant disdain. Things werent looking too good if this was the standard for excellent young men.

### **Chapter 480 – Younger Cousin**

Zhaolong paused the instant the disgust in Xinyans eyes came to life. He understood the situation immediately. As things stood, this was a girl with class, not a gold-digger who excitedly threw herself on rich young masters the minute they saw them.

But this only moved Zhaolong. He liked it.

He wouldnt have said anything if he had to take a gold-digger home, but there was no denying that it would be rather annoying.

Xinyans behavior was just his cup of tea. The lust in his eyes faded quickly, clarity returning and replacing the longing. He was a conscientious man, the extent of his will evident from his years of hard study.

Hello, Wang Xinyan. Im Kang Zhaolong! I hope we get along. Zhaolong extended his hand generously, his tone passionate as he spoke.

Xinyan wouldnt have found him repulsive if Zhaolong had come to her like this right from the start. After all, he was a sacrificial lamb for his familys benefit, not different from her. She wouldn't hate him even if she didnt like him.

But that lust in his eyes was more than enough to show the impurity he was restraining. It was nothing less of revolting, and she just looked at he hand in front of her. She spoke coolly, Im sorry, but my familys locked me up for a couple days. I havent had the chance to wash my hands.

Ah? Zhaolong froze, his face darkening for an instant before he regained his composure. As furious as he was at how insulting Xinyan was being by announcing how shed been forced into the marriage by her family, he didnt want to break up with her right away. It was humiliating, but Xinyan was a girl he was falling with. It wouldnt hurt for him to try and chase a girl like this. There was also the fact that this marriage was a potential bond between the two families. As a minor of his house, it wasnt his position to publicly displease the Xiaos.

It seems like Xinyan isnt very willing to marry into the Kang house? Miracle Doctor Kang said, infuriated after what Xinyan said. Zhaolong may not have the right to speak up, but not him.

The Kangs werent a top-tier family, but this marriage would benefit both parties. The Xiaos understood perfectly well that the Xiao elder had passed, leaving two juniors behind. Miracle Doctor Kang was very much qualified to act the elder in this environment.

Um Xiao Ji was getting furious himself. He didnt expect for Xinyan to just insult the Kang family publicly! He was about to give her a light scolding when he saw Xiao Ben looking at him. He swallowed the words back.

Xiao Ji may be the older Xiao, but Xiao Ben was the wise and resourceful one. Xiao Ji had realized at this point that the two brothers had to work together to save the family business. It was why he stopped caring about his position as the elder brother and listened to everything Xiao Ben said.

Elder Kang, she *is* a young girl, after all; theyre not as generous. Of course she wouldnt seem all that willing right from the first meeting! Xiao Ben laughed. Theyre young, theyll work it out themselves, make their own decisions. Weve done our part introducing them to each other, but we cant go much further than that. Im sure theyll be able to take the next step after some interaction!

Xiao Bens words were very smooth and quite different from what hed originally said, but Miracle Doctor Kang found it acceptable, at least. He could see that Xinyan was clearly resistant towards the whole marriage, meaning that the Xiaos had given a lot of effort on their part for things to progress to this point. Him giving any demands now would only worsen things, and that wasnt what he wanted to see. The only thing he could do was agree with Xiao Ben and let the two young ones spend some time with each other.

Now that the two of them have met, itll be easier for them to spend some time with each other in the future! I heard Xinyans going to school in Songshan? Zhaolong could go visit her during the weekends. Miracle Doctor Kang nodded.

Xinyan, you wont say no when I come visit you, right? Zhaolong said with a smile.

Im a twelfth grader, and it gets quite busy and I might not have time Xinyan said quietly.

Xinyans statement might have been a refusal, but there was nothing inappropriate with what she said. It pissed Zhaolong off, but there wasnt much he could do about it. Theres time for a meal, isnt there? I just want to treat you to dinner so we can get to know each other.

I-ll see if I have time. Xinyan frowned. She couldnt do much either after what Zhaolong said. That eager look her father was giving her was rather troubling too.

Xinyan thought that she was still young, and that she could probably get out of this marriage by dragging it out and not giving an answer. Who knew what might happen during that stalling. The thought comforted her a little.

Miracle Doctor Kangs face softened as well now that Xinyans passionate resistance ceased. Guifengs booked a table and room at a restaurant. Should we go have a meal together?

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Tang Yin didnt know how shed managed to get through the first day. Dazed and stumbling, she made her way home and saw her mother, a huge smile on her face as she discussed where they should buy the storefront with her husband.

Youre back, Yin? Mrs. Tang turned happily to Tang Yin, failing to notice her unstable emotions. Your dad and I are doing some research. Were getting a bigger storefront, ideally one with two floors. Itll be enough space for us to live there, and it wont be that expensive! Five hundred thousand should be more than enough.

Okay Tang Yin said quietly, the words shed planned on saying swallowed down. Shed wanted to get the five hundred thousand back from her mom, but that wasnt something she could do in a situation like this. Troubled, she went back into her room and shut the door immediately, laying flat on the bed before crying.

Exhausted and upset, she fell asleep as she sobbed.

Tang Yin would always read books and study in her room after coming home, so Mrs. Tang didnt see anything wrong at all.

She didnt know how long itd been, but Tang Yin woke up from a noise outside. She climbed out of her bed groggily, thinking of washing her face and going to study when she saw her cousin Wang Luwei and her girlfriend Dan. They were sitting on the sofa with hesitant faces when she opened the door.

Yin? Youre awake? I didnt call for you when I saw you sleeping! Mrs. Tang said, suddenly happy when she saw her. Youre tired from school all the time, so I didnt want to wake you up, but good timing! Wei needs your help again!

Tang Yin blinked. What happened to Wei this time?

Sis, you gotta help me! Wei begged, his face downcast. You gotta help save Dan!

What? What trouble did you get into this time? Tang Yin was in a foul mood to begin with. Hearing Wei mess up again only made her even more unhappy.

Wei could sense the displeasure from Tang Yin as well. He didnt dare say any more, having been scared in the first place.

Mrs. Tang sensed it as much as Wei did. She glared at Tang Yin. What, now that youre rich you wont help your brother anymore?

How am I rich?! Tang Yin frowned. I didnt even say anything about not helping him!