

BOOT CAMP 1051

Chapter 1051: Where Did Time Go

This piece of jade is as important as her life! If anyone wants to snatch it from her, she would fight with her life, even if that person was her grandma!

The moment the jade was mentioned, Ye Zhifan's gaze turned sharp.

Ye Jian had become so powerful and she knew that the jade was in his hands. She even mentioned it to him before. Yet, until now, Ye Jian didn't make any moves. She seemed to have forgotten about the jade entirely.

How could she have forgotten about the jade? He knew how good her memory was! It was impossible for her to forget about it!

Since she didn't forget about it, why didn't she ask? Was it because she didn't care about what this piece of jade meant? Was it because she didn't care about the fact that the jade belonged to her mother?

Ye Zhifan didn't know what Ye Jian was thinking or what she wanted to do.

The dining room door slid open and Sun Dongqing came out carrying a plate of vegetables. She had been cooking in the kitchen and smelled like oil and smoke. "Come, come. I made Drunken Mud Snail and Flower Crab. Both your favorites."

The moment she came out, Ye Zhifan glanced at Ye Ying. The father and daughter ended their conversation.

They mustn't mention Ye Jian in front of Sun Dongqing. The moment they do, the house would be filled with the smell of gunpowder. At the same time, there was a high chance that she would rush to the school to kick up a fuss again. Hence, the father and daughter rarely talked about Ye Jian in front of her. This was to prevent complications.

As for Ye Jian, after Ye Ying's transfer, she chose to forget about them temporarily. Even Xia Jinyuan reminded her not to fight with Ye Zhifan yet. Before she was 100% confident that she could take down Ye Zhifan, she mustn't provoke him voluntarily.

Three days after the mid-term exam ended, the results came out. As expected, Ye Jian was the top student of grade eleven.

After the results were out, the entire class started sighing. She took eleven days of leave but she was still able to be the top student. Her ability was fathomless. They couldn't catch up with her at all!

When the teachers of Class One saw that Ye Jian was the top student for all her subjects, the unhappiness they had because of her eleven days' leave disappeared. This student was gifted in studying. Even if she self-studied, she would be able to become the top student.

Mrs. Tong felt at ease too. As the form teacher, she was the most worried about Ye Jian's results as well as the negative influence of not going for self-study sessions.

Now, after the results came out, all the teachers, including Principal Cao, relaxed.

Ye Jian had already moved out of school for three days. After she finished her exam, she didn't care about her results. Besides the result of her Chinese composition, she was confident of her other results.

Thus, she wasn't surprised when the results came out. Even if she saw that she was the top student, her expression remained indifferent.

When her expression landed in other people's eyes, they started bemoaning. This was the difference! The difference! The result was just a number to her. A number that wasn't worth mentioning!

"With your results, you will definitely be able to catch the attention of the teachers from the National Science University or the National Arts University. Your results are much higher than the second placer's." The moment her results came out, Meng Wen immediately mentioned the direct admission. Her tone was slightly jealous as she continued, "The teachers from the National Science University and the National Arts University haven't left. They will definitely ask you to go over later."

Ye Jian already knew what Meng Wen was thinking. Before she could reply, Jiao Hai had already replied for her. "Don't worry. Ye Jian said that she won't participate in the direct admission of the National Science University and the National Arts University. She won't take up a slot."

"I don't believe that she will give up such a good opportunity." Meng Wen straightened her back and refuted. She stared at Ye Jian intently and probed, "Do you know which grade twelve students will get directly admitted?"

Chapter 1052: You're Amazing

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Ye Jian felt like laughing at her probing. Meng Wen's result was not bad but as compared to her, there was indeed a huge gap. Pardon her for being honest, but if there were really a direct admission slot, she wouldn't be able to get it.

"How will I know which student will get directly admitted? I'm not interested in that. If you want to know, you can ask Mrs. Tong. Also, Meng Wen, you don't have to worry at all. I won't take up a slot for the National Science University or the National Arts University. You don't have to make me your imaginary enemy."

"Rather than thinking of the direct admission slot, why don't you study properly during your two years in senior high and strengthen your foundation? That way, even if you don't get the direct admission slot, you don't have to worry about not being able to enter the National Science University or the National Arts University. After all, the direct admission slot depends on your result. If your result is bad, it will be impossible for you to get the direct admission slot."

Ye Jian directly reminded Meng Wen that she should work hard and let her results speak for themselves. It was better than questioning if she would take up one direct admission slot.

If your result was good, there was no need for direct admission!

Meng Wen was a sensitive person. Her entire face turned red when she heard Ye Jian's reply. However, Ye Jian's words contained too much truth so she couldn't refute them even if she wanted to.

Also, she knew that Ye Jian was trying to help her.

She pouted and said in a soft voice, "I understand, thank you." Then, she turned and walked away.

Beside them, An Jiabin started laughing secretly. She laid on the table and her shoulders twitched up and down. Ye Jian couldn't help but smile. "Don't choke on your own laughter! Meng Wen is just worried so she asked me. What's so funny about that?"

"No, no. I'm not laughing because of what she asked you. I'm laughing at her probing attitude. Oh my god, that's not probing. She might as well ask you directly if you will take up one direct admission slot. Why is she so funny?"

"Pot calling the kettle black. In my eyes, you are funny too!" Ye Jian laughed until her eyes became a crescent. Meng Wen was a little narrow-minded but she wasn't evil. When she decided to be troublesome, she would give other people a headache. When she was stingy, Lu Xin would become crazy with anger. All in all, she was an awkward young lady.

An Jiabin knew that Ye Jian always thought she was funny. When she saw Ye Jian's eyes becoming a single line, she remained quiet for a long while before sighing. She said bitterly, "Unfortunately, you moved out again. Once you move out, the dormitory isn't as fun as before."

"That's not right. You should say that once I move out, you can't find anyone to explain the math questions." Ye Jian pointed at the leftover questions and raised her eyebrows. "That's why I have to explain this question to you first. When you return to the dormitory at night, you can explain to those who don't understand."

Although she moved away, Ye Jian still cared about the five girls living in the dormitory. She made use of the time in the day after lessons to explain the questions to them. If they needed her help, she would always try her best to help them during the day.

With the long-term help of Ye Jian, the results of the five students in the dormitory rose exponentially. During the year-end exam of grade eleven, all five students entered the top 30 of the cohort.

Yang Yi, Li Qian, Liu Lizhen, and Zhang Yueyan's parents saw their daughters moving up the ranks. When they came to the school to receive the notification letter for the year-end exam, they wanted to thank Ye Jian.

The teachers said that as long as their daughters maintain this result, they would be able to enter a top university without a problem.

Why did they send their child to study in Provincial No.1 Middle School? It was to ensure that their child would be able to enter a good university and have a good future!

Chapter 1053: Inferno Training, Horrifying!

Now, they have seen hope. They felt extremely grateful to Ye Jian!

This was the day An Jiaxin realized that even the fat Li Qian who had a slight inferior complex... was actually from a wealthy family! Especially Zhang Yueyan. Based on what Zhang Bin said, the car her father drove cost at least a few million!

Because of this, An Jiaxin really wanted to have a chat with Ye Jian immediately to calm her shocked soul!

Zhang Yueyan's mother was holding An Jiaxin's hands tightly. An Jiaxin's expression was frozen. She tried her best to give a natural smile and replied gracefully, "Aunt, when I go back, I will definitely help you to express your gratitude to Ye Jian. However, I can't help her to receive your gifts."

"Ye Jian never thought of receiving anything in return when she helps us with our homework. Aunt, you don't have to be so polite. I have known Ye Jian for five years and understand her very well. If I take your gifts today, she will punish me by asking me to do ten scripts."

"Aunt, can you bear to let me do ten scripts? Doing homework during the holidays is so tragic."

An Jiaxin was a funny person but she wasn't stupid. She had EQ. Her words caused all the parents to start laughing. They started teasing her, "That's quite good. We hope that Ye Jian will ask our daughters to do more scripts!"

"Mom, don't treat us like how you treat adults. I've already said that Ye Jian won't take it but you still want to bring it here." The Southern Province was snowing heavily. Zhang Yueyan wore a red down coat and sat on the bedside helplessly. She said, "Ye Jian doesn't need them. Bring them back."

The moment Zhang Yueyan opened her mouth, Liu Lizhen and the other two girls started asking their parents to bring the gifts back.

An Jiaxin held her forehead silently as she looked at all the branded bags in the room. Interacting with a bunch of wealthy people was... so stressful! If she really accepted the gifts and lost one or two of them, she wouldn't be able to pay them back!

She mustn't accept the gifts. Even if she accepted them, she couldn't pass them to Ye Jian!

After the year-end exam ended, Ye Jian left the school. She told An Jiaxin that she wouldn't come back to receive the notification letter. She wouldn't go back to the village either... Hence, she didn't know where Ye Jian was.

The snow fell heavily in the Southern Province. At Hainan, however, the sun shone brightly. The sky was blue and the waters were clear. With the sun and seabirds, it didn't feel like Winter at all.

Ye Jian was at this warm place but she didn't have the chance to enjoy it. She had entered the stamina training segment of the inferno training. She needed to complete six extremely torturing tasks within a specific time. Also, the result of each task had to be exceptional!

She needed to backward crawl for 50 meters in 25 seconds, pass through all the set obstacles in 20 seconds, complete a 2000-meter run in 15 minutes, and swim 150 meters fully armed!

After she completed the four tasks, she couldn't rest. She needed to take off her combat armor in 30 seconds and complete 50 sit-ups and 50 push-ups each in one minute!

If you gave Ye Jian each task individually, she could complete them without frowning. However, when she finished the tasks after high-intensity training, her entire body was sore. She laid down on the floor. She felt that even if she was lying in a smelly drain, she would be able to sleep immediately!

"Your stamina is not good enough. You need to have more stamina training. After you finish the last two tasks, you still need to complete a 30-km route march. You have to reach your destination within the allocated time."

Ye Jian laid on the bushes directly after she completed 50 push-ups. She was wearing her camouflage uniform. She stared at the sky intently and panted heavily as she said, "One week. Uncle Chen, give me one week and I will definitely pass the six tasks."

The Winter holiday was very short. She needed to grab every opportunity to improve herself. It would be tough but the results would benefit her for life.

Chapter 1054: Commander

Principal Chen turned off the stopwatch and opened the military canteen for Ye Jian. "My inferno training is different from normal inferno training. You still need to memorize the locations of the different provinces as well as their longitude and latitude. I will also ask you about different guns and ammunition. What's their difference, their shooting range, and many other points."

The inferno training wasn't just about stamina. Memory training was part of it too!

Ye Jian rested for two minutes before climbing out of the bushes. Her black eyes were shining as brightly as obsidians. "I will heed your arrangements. I've rested enough. We can enter the next stage of training."

"Let's talk about maps. Since Major Xia hopes that you can command, you need to understand maps." Principal Chen opened a military-used light-alloy folding table that is 50 cm long and 30 cm wide. He laid a military map on it and said in a firm and stern voice, "There are two different kinds of maps – a normal map and a thematic map. Based on their uses, you can split them into education maps, administrative maps, military maps, flight maps, etc."

"Now, I will be talking about military maps. This will include maps of the sea and the air. During combat, the military has to use maps. The map will show the topography, surface features, and other related information."

"The map is the eyes of the military unit. It's a silent guide. You have to understand it all the time and must be able to draw it immediately! You need to have an adequate amount of knowledge in using and understanding the map as well as a good foundation in six other areas. That way, you will be able to complete the drawing of a topographic map."

Principal Chen was well-educated and was very thorough in his teaching. His low and deep voice allowed Ye Jian to focus very quickly. She was able to digest what he said at a fast speed.

“The x and y coordinates of a military map is different from the cartesian coordinates in math. Its longitudinal line is the horizontal axis, X, and the equator is the lateral axis, Y. Look here...” He lightly drew on the military map with a pencil and asked Ye Jian to look at it clearly, “This is the horizontal axis X and this is the lateral axis, Y.”

Ye Jian absorbed this professional and hard to understand math knowledge very quickly. Principal Chen only needed to explain it once and give one example before she understood it.

“...The magnetic azimuth is used widely by the army, the artillery, the air force, and the navy. When drawing a military map, you must know this and accurately draw it out. For instance...”

He took out a piece of blank paper and started drawing on it with his pencil quickly. After some time, a simple military map was created.

“After you learn how to draw a military map, you still have to understand how to analyze a map. Combining the special features of the military unit, the mission assigned to them, the condition of your enemy, the weather, and the season, you must make a comprehensive analysis and prediction. With a good grasp of this ability, you will be able to decide the future actions of the army.”

These were all knowledge that a commander had to know. It was also something a Special Forces soldier needed to understand.

Ye Jian listened attentively. She even got immersed!

She quickly learned the importance of drawing, analyzing, and using the military map to come up with the operation plan.

She also knew the huge impact topographic analysis had on troop mobilization. You have to know how many railways and roads the troop had to pass. If there were armored vehicles, the commander had to know the length, the breadth, and the exact load limit of the bridges they had to drive through!

You would only be able to analyze and predict the routes of the army, the possibility of cross-country, as well as the transport of logistics when you have a good grasp of these abilities. That was how you have the confidence to win a war!

Chapter 1055: Her Growth, Fearless!

Before the winter break, Xia Jinyuan and Principal Chen had a talk at night. After sending Ye Jian back, Xia Jinyuan went to visit this world-class sniper voluntarily. He told Principal Chen his intention of grooming Ye Jian into an ace soldier.

Principal Chen didn't reject his suggestion. Instead, he agreed with Xia Jinyuan without any hesitation.

Ye Jian had many capabilities. After interacting with her for a long time, you would realize that her abilities were exceptional and her adaptability was strong. You would also see her perseverance that was entirely different from her delicate appearance.

She was like a tree, towering proudly above the rest;

She was like the sea, vast and boundless;

She was like a well, deep and fathomless;

The people that taught her cherished her more and more because of her talent. They wanted to teach her all the knowledge in the world. Sometimes, they felt worried if they were able to succeed as her teacher! That was because her speed of absorbing knowledge astounded everyone that taught her.

From military maps to military commands and military tactics, Ye Jian's inferno training was like a tale of two worlds compared to her normal training. It was crazy but it allowed her to learn things she never knew before.

Principal Chen was surprised by Ye Jian's learning ability while Ye Jian was astounded by Principal Chen's knowledge.

"Tactics is known as 'the art of using soldiers' or 'the art of commanding'. Based on the different kinds of combats, we can segregate tactics into two main groups: offense and defense. Looking at the military units and soldiers participating in the combat, tactics can be split into unit tactics, arms tactics, and combined tactics. Using the combat mode, we can also group the tactics into regiment tactics, army tactics, and unit tactics."

After an afternoon of inferno training, when Ye Jian walked into the Central-East mountain area in Hainan, what welcomed her wasn't the sun. It was a drizzle. She wore a camouflage cape raincoat as she sat under a wide banana leaf. She pursed her lips slightly as she listened to Principal Chen attentively.

In her eyes, the world-class sniper, Principal Chen, was a walking military encyclopedia. He knew everything, from military tactics to military commands.

Now, he was talking about military tactics. This allowed Ye Jian to enter another realm altogether. She was very interested in the different types and forms of tactics.

"During combat, whether it's offense or defense, we need to establish a fearless mindset of destroying our enemies proactively. We cannot be afraid of sacrifices and we need to have the determination to fight bravely. However, Jian, you must remember that the country didn't groom you so that you can sacrifice. You need to be prepared to sacrifice but your ultimate goal is to destroy your enemies!"

"In every combat, you must protect yourself. You must increase the number of attacks and defensive disruption on your enemy's high-technology weapons and equipment! A commander needs to be well-organized and thorough. He needs to make ample preparations and needs to know how to assess the situation and be flexible with his tactics."

"You are commanding at the back but there are millions of soldiers charging in front. Every step they take is due to your decision. The commander might be at the back but he has a huge responsibility! You must never make any unrealistic deployments! Once you make this huge mistake, millions of soldiers will be sacrificed! It won't be just one soldier."

“Jian, you must always remember that combat requires coordination. Once the coordination is broken, you must fix it as soon as possible to lower the death rate to its lowest! Victory can only be guaranteed when you take comprehensive precaution!”

The commander was the soul and brain of the entire military unit. Without the commander, the soldiers would be like a pile of scattered sand. They wouldn't have any combat ability. After listening to this one and a half-hour lesson, Ye Jian felt strongly that being a commander wasn't easy!

Chapter 1056: One Speech, One Part Of History

Individual combat was much easier than being a commander!

During individual combat, you would be able to make decisions that benefit you quickly based on your prediction. However, a commander couldn't. A commander had to control the entire situation and needed to understand deployments. He needed to know how to coordinate. When the coordination was broken, he had to fix it immediately or change his tactics quickly to ensure the victory of this battle.

After knowing all these, Ye Jian had greater respect for Xia Jinyuan's ability.

At the same time, Ye Jian became a little curious about Principal Chen's past. He was so amazing... Why did he choose to retire?

In the past, she naively thought that Uncle Chen was just a world-class sniper. Now, after the inferno training this winter break, she understood that this retired soldier who still had his soldier's aura around him wasn't as simple as he looked.

He was a world-class sniper that understood military commands. How could he be a simple person?

“Uncle Chen, can I ask you a question?” Ye Jian hesitated as she asked. She kept the light-alloy bench and continued, “I want to know why... you chose to retire.”

Principal Chen turned around after keeping the rain cloth. He teased her, “You restrained yourself for so many days before asking this question. Has it been hard for you?”

“A little. I was afraid that it would be inappropriate to ask you so I held myself back.” Ye Jian pursed her lips and smiled. Uncle Chen had already noticed her curiosity. He was just waiting for her to ask. Did this mean that he could answer the question?

Indeed, he could. Principal Chen felt that it was good to let her know some things too.

He smiled and his expression turned a little serious as he started remembering the past. “Our country had always been building our own Special Forces military unit ever since the founding of the state. In the past, we weren't considered Special Forces soldiers. We were just the ace soldiers in the military. The earliest Special Forces unit was formed in 1988. I had already retired at that time.”

“At that time, as an ace soldier, we need to know things our comrades don't. Our bodies must be strong and our intelligence must be high. We were able to go through swamps, walk through frozen rivers,

climb up cliffs, annihilate packs of wolves, and destroy snake caves alone. We did not have so much high-performance equipment in the past. All we could rely on were our abilities.”

“We needed to understand military commanding as well as combat tactics. If you were picked out, you could lead a team in combat. If you were deployed, you could destroy your enemies secretly in an individual mission. During the 70s, we executed a big mission. Ten ace soldiers went on the mission but only four came back alive.”

“I managed to come back alive but my identity was exposed. Hence, I got the title of a ‘world-class sniper’. This title wasn’t given to me by the country. It was internationally published. Because of this title, the military used three months to erase my identity in order to ensure my safety. To the world, I have already sacrificed. However, I’m actually still alive.”

“I have many enemies so once my identity was exposed, the best choice for me was to retire.”

His speech tells a part of history. It allowed Ye Jian to know the difficult times the country had in the past and how careful they were. She also understood why they had to keep a low-profile now as they hide the military power of a rising great nation carefully.

This was all because the time wasn’t right yet. Everything was because there was still a distance between them and the developed nations. It was because they still had to work hard secretly before they could raise their heads to show the world!

It wasn’t far away! From the launching of the satellites to the launching of the rockets, from the appearance of an aircraft carrier to the flight of the automated jet and the technology of ballistic missiles... They would start to display their military power to the world slowly as they enter the 20th century. At that time, it will be the real rise of a great nation!

Chapter 1057: Blood And Sweat

After listening to Principal Chen, Ye Jian remained quiet for a long time before replying, “Uncle Chen, did you find it a pity at that time?” He was so capable but he had to retire without a choice... He could have gone further on this path but in the end, even his identity was gone. He had to live with another identity, the principal of a middle school in a town.

Had he ever felt helpless or regretful?

Principal Chen didn’t feel helpless at all when he had to retire in this way. He accepted the military’s arrangement calmly.

He laughed heartily and answered, “There’s nothing to feel pity about. We will all retire but I retired a little earlier. However, it isn’t too early either. I retired in 1987. Until now in 1997, only ten years passed. I might be retired but I’ve always been helping the military with small matters. I don’t feel that I have ever left the military. I just changed my position.”

“Also if I didn’t retire, I won’t be able to meet a talent like you! I don’t feel any regret. I feel that I have a successor!”

There was no regret or pity. He would just feel empty occasionally at the start. But now, he had a successor. He didn't feel empty anymore! He passed down his knowledge to the next generation so that the next generation could continue protecting this piece of land. He had no regrets!

After this talk, Ye Jian understood strongly that what you know today is a result of your efforts in the past.

She started her inferno training at the end of November. She went through a total of 26 days of inferno training. Within half a year, Ye Jian went through a complete transformation. She successfully challenged many mental and physical limits.

As Principal Chen continued to pressurize her, Ye Jian finally reached the standard for all the six stamina tasks!

She even completed the 30-km route march 11 minutes earlier than the time Principal Chen expected. She reached the requirements to become a Special Forces soldier and even passed with flying colors.

"Sweat more normally and you will lose less blood during combat." After this intense training, Ye Jian understood the meaning behind this phrase.

From not knowing anything to knowing it and finally becoming proficient in it. From the second half of 1997 to the second half of 1998, Ye Jian's inferno training lasted for one year. Her body and mentality went through new challenges. She was moving towards her goal firmly in an unwavering manner!

From grade eleven to the first half of grade twelve, after sending off Yang Heng's batch, Ye Jian became a grade twelve student that was going to graduate soon.

On the blackboard, the number of days to the university entrance examination was recorded. Every day, the number decreased by one. The atmosphere in the classroom was extremely tense. They were all preparing for the university entrance examination next year with all their might.

This year, the results of the Provincial No.1 Middle School were not bad. 12 students managed to enter the National Science University and the National Arts University! There were also a few students that got accepted by overseas universities! Their acceptance rate into top universities was the highest as compared to all their previous years. They used their ability to cover up the 'Yao Jing Suicide' affair. They didn't allow their reputation to be damaged.

The topic of 'Yao Jing Suicide' was mentioned occasionally starting from the middle of November last year. Even though she was sent to the Youth Detention Center later, many parents still felt that the school had a huge responsibility. They felt that the school didn't teach this student well!

Just like what Xia Jinyuan said, Deputy Commissioner Yao and his wife didn't appeal. Mother Yao found a lawyer and prepared for around three days. But, very soon, something unexpected happened.

The sudden inspection by the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection caused Mother Yao to be investigated for a corruption case. It was also revealed that she forced a student to leave school because of her daughter, Yao Jing. The investigation by the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection caused Mother Yao to enter prison like her daughter.

Chapter 1058: Countdown

Deputy Commissioner Yao was alright but he got affected slightly too. He was transferred from the provincial government to the municipal government. He no longer had as much power as he had in the past. It was hard for him to go back to his prime.

Ye Jian didn't care about these matters. Her entire mind was on the inferno training. Besides the six hours of sleep she had every night, the rest of the time was packed.

After studying, she would continue training, one after another. She crawled in the mud, rolled in the waves, and ran and climbed continuously.

When the summer break started, she started running around everywhere. She moved around so much that Xia Jinyuan didn't manage to find her twice. He didn't even know where she went for training and had no news of her.

He wasn't surprised by this result. As a Special Forces soldier, it was normal that they didn't have much interaction time. If they want to stay together all the time and date... that was impossible!

They had the same aspiration, the same dream, and the same goal. Separation wouldn't make them tired. They knew that they were both working hard continuously!

Soon, it was Winter in 1998. As a grade twelve student, Ye Jian sat in her classroom and was discussing a math question with An Jiaxin, Li Qian, Yang Yi, and the other girls. The five girls were improving too!

Also, all her five roommates had become the top students of their grade. In both big exams and small exams, their results were always within the top 15!

There were six people in the dormitory. One was always number one while the other five took five spots in the top 15. They were legends in the school!

At this moment, Mrs. Tong was giving Principal Cao a helpless smile as she said, "As a teacher, I don't even dare to look Ye Jian in the eye. Her gaze is as sharp as a sword. I don't dare to say anything in front of her."

"Don't interfere too much in her affairs. As long as her results are fine, everything is fine." Principal Cao didn't know what Ye Jian does but he knew that Old Chen once said her goal was military school.

That was her only choice.

"The National Arts University called me again. They want to give the last direct admission slot to Ye Jian. Ye Jian will be participating in the university entrance examination in the first half of the year. Do you want to have a chat with her and ask her to accept this slot?"

From the mid-term exam last year until now, the National Science University and the National Arts University kept contacting Provincial No.1 Middle School. Both of them wanted to snatch Ye Jian.

Large snowflakes started falling outside. Winter seemed to have come exceptionally early in 1998 as compared to 1997. The first snow was bigger than in 1997 too.

Principal Cao held his ceramic cup filled with hot water and hesitated for a moment before saying, “We can’t drag this anymore. We need a confirmation from Ye Jian. Let’s do it this afternoon. Call her to my office for a chat.”

The last year-end exam of grade twelve was about to start soon. Ye Jian needs to give the school a reply soon too.

Mrs. Tong wasn’t the only one who didn’t dare to look Ye Jian in the eye. Even Principal Cao felt the same way. Many times, when he exchanged glances with her unintentionally, he would be astounded by her occasional sharp gaze.

With Principal Cao helping her, Mrs. Tong felt slightly at ease as she left the principal’s office. She waited for the afternoon to come.

“My university preference?” Ye Jian was slightly shocked when she sat down in the principal’s office. “I will only hand in my preference next year, right? Why do I have to do it now?”

She didn’t understand why the school needed to know her university preference so early. She didn’t know that the National Science University and the National Arts University were snatching for her.

Principal Cao smiled. “Both the National Science University and the National Arts University want to give you their direct admission slot. I came to help them ask about your opinion.”

Chapter 1059: Untitled

Ye Jian didn’t know that both the National Science University and the National Arts University wanted to give their direct admission slot to her. She always thought that this issue had ended. It had been more than a year since she saw the teachers from the two universities.

Yet, this issue hadn’t ended. The school didn’t give the two universities a reply either.

Ye Jian contemplated for a moment before giving a gentle smile. “I can only thank the teachers of the universities for having high hopes of me. I don’t plan to enter the National Science University or the National Arts University. I have never thought of getting directly admitted either.”

Mrs. Tong was slightly shocked by her words. She hurriedly persuaded her, “Ye Jian, the opportunity is right in front of you. You just need to nod. Why haven’t you thought of getting directly admitted? The National Science University and the National Arts University are the most famous top universities in our country. They produce many talents in various fields like sciences, arts, and economics.”

“It can be said that every student feels that it’s an honor to be able to enter the National Science University or the National Arts University. I don’t really understand why you want to give up this chance that every student dreamt of. Is there anything you can’t say? Or do you have other thoughts? Are you planning to go overseas to study?”

If Ye Jian planned to go overseas, Mrs. Tong wouldn't stop her. But, she had never seen Ye Jian making any plans to go overseas. Other people like Liu Lizhen and Yang Yi started making preparations in the second half of grade eleven because they wanted to go overseas.

Since Ye Jian didn't want to go overseas, what reason could it be?

Principal Cao didn't question her immediately. He shifted his gaze and seemed to be pondering about something.

That year, when he went to the Fujun Town Middle School, Old Chen told him, "This child's goal is a little different. However, she's willing to do things to bring glory to the nation." A little different? How different was Ye Jian's goal?

"I guess you don't plan to go overseas." The silent Principal Cao finally opened his mouth. His tone was slightly serious and he had a stern expression on his face. "Giving up the direct admission slot for the National Science University and the National Arts University. Ye Jian, have you really considered it carefully?"

Ye Jian was able to give up the chance every other student dreamt of. He really wanted to know why she gave it up. If other students entered these two universities, their parents would light fireworks and set up banquets to celebrate the occasion.

There were only two direct admission slots in the entire province for the National Science University and the National Arts University. One of the slots was given to a young man from Class Two. The other slot was waiting for Ye Jian to nod her head.

Ye Jian was always clear about her goal. She smiled and replied without any hesitation, "When I knew that the National Science University and National Arts University had direct admission slots, I have already decided to give up on them. You can say that I have never thought of entering these two universities."

"The National Arts University is the most famous university in our country as well as the whole of Asia. Until now, it has hundreds of years of history and produced many famous people and professors in their field. As for the National Science University, it is the only university that was established as the institution with the highest status in the country. This powerful university is tightly linked to the progress of our nation. This is the dream university of many students in our country."

"I would really like to thank the teachers of the two universities for thinking highly of me. However, they aren't my preference. Ever since I was in grade eight, I have aimed to enter the Chinese Academy of Sciences. I have been working hard towards the goal and it has never changed."

"Principal Cao, Mrs. Tong, I'm willing to give up the direct admission slot voluntarily. Give this slot to someone who really needs it and who has the ability to enter these two universities."

Ye Jian's words caused the office to turn quiet. Mrs. Tong was sizing up Ye Jian.

She... she heard Ye Jian saying that she wanted to enter the Chinese Academy of Sciences! Many students entered military schools from the Provincial No.1 Middle School every year but very few people entered the Chinese Academy of Sciences. There might not even be a student for a few years!

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If she remembered correctly, the last student that entered the Chinese Academy of Sciences was four years ago. Also, all the students that entered the university were male students. There wasn't a single female.

She had taken many classes before but this was the first time she heard a girl saying that she wanted to enter the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Mrs. Tong looked at Ye Jian. She was suspicious of her decision. Instead, Mrs. Tong wanted to see if Ye Jian was really firm in her decision when she said that she wanted to enter the Chinese Academy of Sciences... Based on her current results, it wouldn't be difficult.

On the other side, Principal Cao had already started asking her with interest, "Ye Jian, is this your personal decision or did someone suggest to you to give up the two universities to sign up for the Chinese Academy of Sciences?" Old Chen was a retired soldier. He took great care of Ye Jian and treated her like his own daughter. If he gave his opinion, Ye Jian would definitely listen.

"In the past, I never thought of registering for the Chinese Academy of Sciences. I didn't even think that I would be able to enter senior high. Fortunately, Uncle Chen enlightened me so I didn't waste my life. Influenced by Uncle Chen, the Chinese Academy of Sciences has been my target ever since then."

"It has never changed. The university I want to enter is this university too."

From the moment she set her target, she had worked hard for it for so many years. She even put aside her hatred towards Ye Zhifan's family so that she could work hard to improve herself.

Now, she was half a year away from her goal. She sacrificed so much for it. There was also an important person who was waiting for her to enter the Chinese Academy of Sciences and wear her military uniform. No matter how enticing the recruitment terms of the National Science University and the National Arts University were, it wouldn't move her heart.

"Good, very good! Ye Jian, it has been seven years since the last female student entered the command course of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. We will wait for your good news next year!" Principal Cao definitely supported Ye Jian's decision. He even felt that there was no problem with her entering the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Normally, her results were around 720 to 730 points. There wasn't any problem for her if she wanted to enter the Chinese Academy of Science. Her results were fine. Her physique and her character were fine too!

Mrs. Tong didn't say much. She just smiled and patted Ye Jian's shoulder. There was encouragement in her amiable smile as she said in a soft voice, "Work hard properly and strive towards your goal. One day,

you will definitely get what you want! I also anticipate the day you enter the military school while wearing the dignified and holy military attire!”

“I will. I will definitely get what I want!” Ye Jian smiled. Her eyes were as bright as the sun. She was so confident and eye-catching. Her black eyes seemed to be filled with stars. They were bright and shining.

This was the extraordinary Ye Jian. Mrs. Tong and Principal Cao anticipated the day when she reached her goal!

After giving up the direct admission slot for the National Science University and the National Arts University, Ye Jian caused another uproar in Provincial No.1 Middle School again. The slot that she gave up wasn't given to another student. It was directly removed.

When Meng Wen knew this, the arrogant young lady ran to Ye Jian's table with tears in her eyes. She placed her hands on the sides of the table and sniffed as she asked, “Ye Jian, did you give up the slot because you promised me last year that you will do it?”

After one year of interaction, even Meng Wen who kept comparing her studies with Ye Jian had to admit that Ye Jian was someone who kept her promise. She would complete anything she promised no matter how hard it was!