

## BOOT CAMP 1171

### Chapter 1171: Stop Pretending!

The moment Ye Jian moved, Grandma Ye would “fall” on the ground. She would make sure that Ye Jian has a hard time!

Would this hundred-year elite school protect a student that pushed, scolded, and hit her grandmother?

Grandma Ye had a really good plan. If it was another person, they might have stepped into the second or third trap even if they didn't enter the first one.

However, Ye Jian was someone who had lived two lifetimes and wasn't even afraid of death. Thus, she knew what Grandma Ye planned to do.

The threat Grandma Ye gave did not affect Ye Jian at all. All she got in reply was a faint and cold smile. It was a very small smile, as light as a flower dropping on the ground. It felt like the calmness before the storm. “The world is so huge. Why are you, a 60-year-old granny, talking to me, a youth in the prime of my life, about the future? Grandma Ye, why don't you calculate how many days you have left?”

It had to be said that when Ye Jian decided to be brutal, she was really brutal and harsh. It was enough to send chills down peoples' spines.

Every single word stabbed into the heart. It was like a double-edged sword. It could make someone bleed.

Especially to Grandma Ye who loved her life dearly. This was something she didn't want to hear the most!

A second ago, she was still talking proudly but now, her face turned green and white with anger and she was breathing heavily.

She was just like her mother! Exactly like her mother! She refuted everything she said. She wanted to break her bones and throw them to the dogs.

Ye Jian was always very sensitive so she observed every single action Grandma Ye did. When she noticed that Grandma Ye was so angry that she looked as though she was going to faint, the smile on her face became bigger and she said, “My dad is humble and my mom doesn't argue with you. However, that doesn't mean that I'm humble and won't argue with you. Grandma Ye, stop dreaming that I will place my registered residence under you.”

You couldn't be gentle if you wanted to deal with Grandma Ye. You mustn't be like Sun Dongqing either.

She was 60 years old so she was an elder. If you shouted at her, you would be deemed as arrogant and bossy. Other people would think that you disrespected your elder. If Ye Zhifan spread some words around, this issue would snowball and get increasingly exaggerated.

There was no need to shout and reprimand her. You just needed to say one sentence and anger her once!

Grandma Ye was really angry. She came to look for Ye Jian personally but she didn't achieve her goal. Instead, she got angered by Ye Jian until her heart hurt.

She really hoped that she could slap Ye Jian and vent her frustrations.

Ye Jian continued smiling and said, "You used so much effort to get my registered residence. It's probably because Ye Zhifan asked you for help, right? Don't be angry. If you faint from anger and hurt your body, you will suffer."

Finally, Grandma Ye's last ounce of patience worn off. She said in a cold voice, "Does this mean that you won't listen to me no matter what, right?"

"In that case, Ye Jian, don't blame me for turning my back to you!"

Ye Jian smiled. "Grandma Ye, when have you ever taken care of me? It would be strange if you took care of me. It's more reasonable if you're heartless towards me. That year, you just watched at the side when Sun Yaozu kicked me until I fainted and then ordered him to throw me into the snow."

"Since you want to come and find me, I will not miss this great opportunity."

Her gaze turned cold. The icy needles in her gaze pierced into Grandma Ye's face like steel needles. It felt as though Ye Jian was able to see through her thoughts... There seemed to be a hidden meaning behind her words!

Grandma Ye's expression turned ruthless.

That year, she came back too hurriedly. If she stayed for another day, she might have taken care of this scourge already and everything today wouldn't have happened!

### **Chapter 1172: Wait For Your Retribution**

There was finally regret in Grandma Ye's eyes. She regretted not killing Ye Jian when she was young.

The possibility of making an evil person repent within a day was approximately zero. Grandma Ye's expression was gloomy. There were emotions in the depths of Ye Jian's gaze as she lifted the corners of her lips and smiled mysteriously. "The Heavens know what you did. Don't think that the truth of what you did will be forgotten as time passed. Grandma Ye, I can tell you clearly that I remember everything you did to me."

The front part of her speech seemed casually spoken but in fact, she was actually probing. She wanted to see what expression Grandma Ye would give when she heard that sentence.

As Ye Jian's speech ended, Grandma Ye quickly glanced at Ye Xinfan's photo as she lowered her gaze. Her expression was tense and she used her lowered eyelids to cover the emotions in her eyes.

Ye Jian felt a huge rock pressing down on her chest. She couldn't breathe properly.

What on earth did Grandma Ye do to her father? Why doesn't she dare to even look at him?

Ye Jian felt sorrow in her heart. She closed her eyes gently. In her past life, she didn't think of watching Grandma Ye at all. All she did was watch over Ye Zhifan's family!

In her past life, she only thought of seeking justice for herself and asking Grandma Ye if she ever regretted what she did to her parents. Yet, she never thought that... her father's accidental death might be closely linked to Grandma Ye!

Unfilial! She was really unfilial!

Fortunately, she had the chance to live again. She would definitely fix everything she didn't in her past life!

She secretly calmed her emotions and slowly came beside Grandma Ye.

"My dad isn't your biological son. Don't even think about getting any benefits from me! Don't think of getting my registered residence back and don't think about creating trouble for me during my university entrance examination."

Her voice was cold and light. She even had a knowing smile. "Grandma Ye, what is done by night appears by day. I will wait for your retribution."

"I will wait and see the ending of the person who forced my dad to his death. I will see what retribution a heartless old lady like you will receive."

Ye Jian's voice was calm. It floated into Grandma Ye's ear lightly and echoed in her heart.

Her words caused Grandma Ye to feel frustrated over and over again. She was so angry her body started trembling uncontrollably. After repeating a few 'good's, she said furiously, "Ye Jian, let's see who will get their retribution!"

After she finished speaking, Grandma Ye couldn't stay here anymore. She didn't wait for Ye Jian to push her hand away. She retracted her own hand and left the office indignantly without turning back.

When she released her hand, Ye Jian took the chance to release Ye Zhixiang's hand too. She looked at Grandma Ye's back coldly and sneered.

She needed to investigate how her father died in the past. She also needed to investigate how her mother died.

Also, why did Sun Yaozu lose an eye after he came back and why did he hate her so much... There was a need to investigate everything clearly!

Ye Zhixiang was finally freed. She looked at the bruises on her wrist. Before she left, she said angrily, "Ye Jian, wait for me. I will settle this score with you one day."

She didn't make ample preparations today. She shouldn't have just come like this. She should have brought people along.

**Chapter 1173: Leaving In A Fluster**

Ye Jian replied to her threat with a small smile. "Sure, I want to settle some scores with you too."

It would be hard to find out what frightened the mother and daughter from Grandma Ye. However, she could try it on Ye Zhixiang.

At first, Ye Zhixiang wanted to regain some of her image before she left but instead, she got scared by Ye Jian's words and stepped into the air. She twisted her right ankle painfully.

She looked more flustered when she left.

"Jian, they might be back again." Principal Chen had walked to Ye Jian's side. He whispered, "You let them off today. It might affect your exam."

Ye Jian didn't turn her head back. Her pupils were constricted and her voice was filled with a hint of suppressed sorrow. She said in a soft voice, "No, Uncle Chen, they won't be back temporarily."

Just now, she probed Grandma Ye twice consecutively. In her fit of anger, Grandma Ye didn't notice anything.

After she went back and thought about it carefully, based on her intelligence and experience, she wouldn't act rashly. She would lay low until she figured out what happened.

If she really comes over, it would mean that she knew that Ye Jian didn't know anything.

However, she wouldn't let the old lady know that she was just probing and didn't know anything.

Principal Chen looked at her composed expression. She seemed to have thought of a solution already. He smiled and replied, "That's good. As long as you know what to do. You're always cautious so there's nothing much we can worry about you. I believe that you can settle Grandma Ye's business properly."

The little girl in the past had grown up. She didn't need other people's help in some matters anymore. She could face them alone.

Jian had grown up. It was time for him and Uncle Gen to let go. They shouldn't hold her hand and tell her what to do and wait for her to do it.

A child's growth required setbacks. That was how she would truly grow up.

Principal Chen decided to let go. He would stand at the side and watch her grow up step by step.

"This happened due to my negligence. I didn't think that an amiable and refined old lady..." Mrs. Tong's apologetic voice could be heard. It was very soft so only the people in the office could hear it.

No one lost their cool because of what happened. They maintained their composure and discussed what happened just now.

There were still ten minutes before the exam ended. Ye Jian didn't leave. She sat there and listened quietly. There were people concerned about her and worried about her. Whether she had a grandmother or not didn't matter.

After Grandma Ye left the school compound, she couldn't disguise her anger anymore. Her expression was so savage her features became distorted.

"Mom, why did you leave so quickly? We haven't finished what we're supposed to do!"

Ye Zhixiang didn't see the hideous expression on Grandma Ye's face because she chased after them. She ran over while limping and complained, "That wicked girl is so disrespectful towards you. Why didn't you slap her just now and kill some of her arrogance? This is infuriating. My wrist is red because she grabbed me so tightly! Look, it's entirely red."

At this moment, Grandma Ye didn't have the heart to worry if her daughter's wrist was red. Her daughter was only complaining and wasn't concerned about her at all. Grandma Ye turned her head and looked at her daughter coldly. "You are normally very fierce. Why did you stand at the side like a dumb person just now?"

Her voice was full of anger. It was obvious that she was in a bad mood.

Ye Zhifan looked at Grandma Ye's dark face casually and said indifferently, "Mom, you underestimated Ye Jian."

#### **Chapter 1174: Ye Jian Has A Sugar Daddy**

Ye Zhixiang didn't dare to complain loudly after Grandma Ye scolded her. However, she couldn't shut up completely. She lowered her voice and muttered cautiously, "That wicked girl was the one that angered you, why are you venting your frustrations on me?"

"You're almost forty years old but she's much better than you!" Grandma Ye felt her heart hurting even more when she heard this. The fake amiable aura on her face had disappeared without a trace. Her entire face was mean and harsh. "She hasn't even turned twenty but she's already able to suppress you completely. Where did your fierceness go? You looked like a mouse that saw a cat! I feel embarrassed for you!"

Ye Zhixiang was someone who liked to bully the weak and was afraid of the strong. When Grandma Ye exposed her true thoughts, she couldn't hold back anymore. "Mom, I'm just worried about you. Did you forget what happened at Hotel Caesar? She... she wanted to kill me!"

The moment Hotel Caesar was mentioned, Grandma Ye, who got frightened by Ye Jian at that time too, stopped in her tracks abruptly. She grabbed Ye Zhifan's arm suddenly. "Zhifan, did you find out the relationship between that wicked girl and Third Master Hou?"

Ye Zhifan frowned as though he was recalling something. Grandma Ye couldn't help but become angry. "How can you forget such an important matter? That wicked girl isn't afraid of a government official like you. It's obvious that someone is helping her! Third Master Hou is a prominent figure in the underworld of the Southern Province. Why would he stand up for that wicked girl? There's obviously... some unknown relationship between them!"

In the past, she thought that everything was a coincidence. Third Master Hou was a mafia but he was a loyal person and had his principles. She thought that he just interfered in the affair because it was convenient for him.

Now that she thought about it carefully, how was that possible?

There were all kinds of guests entering and leaving the huge hotel every day. Why would Third Master Hou have the time to help out casually? Why would he coincidentally appear in the room?

The more Grandma Ye thought about it, the more she felt that there was an unknown relationship between the two of them. Her gaze flickered slightly. She asked Ye Zhixiang, "Third Master Hou isn't married, right? Ask Yaozu to find out if there's any rumor regarding Third Master Hou. For instance, being someone's sugar daddy or something like this."

Ye Zhixiang was an expert at finding information. When she heard what Grandma Ye said, she understood her mom really quickly. Her eyes lit up and she said excitedly, "Mom, do you suspect that that wicked girl is Third Master Hou's sugar baby?"

Then, she started pondering and straightening out her thoughts. "That's possible too. Honestly, that wicked girl is more of a demoness as compared to Sun Xueqing. Her skin is so fair..." Her tone turned jealous as she pouted in contempt. "With her looks, it's understandable that she has an affair with wealthy people. People like Third Master Hou love to play with young girls. That wicked girl is pretty so she might really have gotten lucky and got into an affair with Third Master Hou."

You couldn't really blame them for having such wild thoughts. There was rarely any pieces of news on Third Master Hou's love life. In the past, there was a rumor that a boss from Harbour City wanted to get to know Hou Zi. This boss felt that there weren't many people in the underworld in China so as a boss from the Harbour City, he was giving a face to Hou Zi when he lowered his status to become brothers with him. Hence, he brought some inexperienced models from Harbour City to the Southern Province. He wanted to use the models to befriend Hou Zi.

Hou Zi attended the meeting. He opened the door of the private room and a few models with good figures and wearing bikinis came over and surrounded him. Hou Zi walked in, had a toast with the boss, and left with his men after that. The entire process took less than a minute.

### **Chapter 1175: Provoking Someone They Shouldn't**

Before he left, he said, "I didn't expect your taste for ladies to be so shallow. You treat these weird-looking ladies like treasures." After he finished speaking, within five minutes, he sent ten models who had walked the international runway to the boss. He used his action to slap the boss's face.

After that, news spread that Third Master Hou's standards were very high. The woman he likes must be beautiful, elegant, and smart... Grandma Ye hated Ye Jian but she had to admit that Ye Jian fit Hou Zi's criteria for women.

She was pretty and she had pride. She was smart enough to participate in overseas competitions too. At her age, she was like a flower bud waiting to blossom. No matter which aspect you looked from, she was able to enter Hou Zi's eyes.

Ye Zhifan didn't say much. He just calmly replied, "It's good to let her investigate this matter. If I have any information, I will send Mom a message too. There are only forty days left before her university entrance examination. If Zhixiang can find anything, we can make use of it."

"If there is a rumor that a good student has a sugar daddy and the rumor is backed by strong evidence, the school will have to kick her out due to public pressure. We won't need to get her registered residence."

As long as they reached their goal, it didn't matter what methods they used.

The matter was decided. Grandma Ye smiled. Then, she sighed, "Disobedient children need to suffer before they wake up. We are her family. It's better to let her suffer in our hands than suffer when she enters society."

In a blink of an eye, Grandma Ye resumed her amiable expression. Her face was filled with helplessness.

Ye Zhifan glanced at her with a look of disdain. When this old lady was young, she was good at putting up a front. Now that she was old, her skill had been perfected. People who didn't know her well would think that she was a kind person.

After he went back, he should remind Sun Dongqing not to interact with this old lady too much.

Ye Zhixiang was getting a little excited. She suddenly asked, "Mom, why does that wicked girl know that Elder Brother isn't your biological son? Who told her that?" She glanced at Ye Zhifan.

"You don't have to look at me. I found out that Elder Brother wasn't mom's son later than you." Ye Zhifan wasn't lying. When he first knew this, he stoned for a long time. This old lady only managed to give birth to Ye Zhixiang in an era where people gave birth to many children!

Grandma Ye glanced at her daughter and said angrily, "Uncle Gen knows your uncle. Your uncle knows that your elder brother isn't my biological son. That wicked girl is close to Uncle Gen so it's understandable that she knows this."

Then, she reminded her daughter, "After you go back, immediately ask Yaozu to investigate Third Master Hou. Once there's any information, inform me immediately. Your brother is right. Once the news that a good student is a sugar baby leaks out, that wicked girl will be kicked out of school."

At this moment, they didn't know what were the consequences of provoking someone they shouldn't. They only wanted to pull Ye Jian down so they forgot to take into account Hou Zi's reaction.

When Hou Zi knew that someone was secretly investigating whether Ye Jian and he were sugar dating, as calm and composed as he was, he was still stunned.

The weather was hot. He sat in the air-conditioned room and shivered. He asked his right and left-hand men. "Does Ms. Xia know about it too?"

"I think so. This piece of news came after Ms. Xia finished a charity auction. At that time, Ms. Xia was present and you were... busy with the auction." The assistant was reserved in his explanation. At that time, their Third Master Hou was busy being jealous. He was fighting for an auction item with the architect that just came back from overseas and was standing beside Ms. Xia.

### **Chapter 1176: Someone Is Going To Get Hurt**

When this issue was mentioned, the gloomy Hou Zi broke the fountain pen he was holding into two. He said angrily, "Investigate this matter. I want to see which b\*stard dared to frame me."

If it was that pretty boy, he would break his legs!

More than a year had passed but Xia Yiwei and Hou Zi's relationship was still vague. Xia Yiwei initiated the breakup but Hou Zi pretended that he didn't know anything. He continued to claim that he was her boyfriend.

However, his woman had a boyfriend that had seen her parents. Sometimes, when Hou Zi met Xia Yiwei 'coincidentally', he would see his love rival whom he wanted to get rid of as soon as possible.

He hadn't managed to chase Xia Yiwei yet but there was a rumor that he was sugar dating Ye Jian... Damn it! That was Old Sixth's girlfriend!

If Xia Yiwei knew this... Old Sixth probably knows it too.

At this moment, Xia Yiwei was having a call with Xia Jinyuan. She wore a black slim-fit professional suit and stood with one arm around her chest. She laughed until there were tears in her eyes. "When I heard it, I was stunned. Someone actually said that Hou Zi was sugar dating Ye Jian. I feel that this rumor is probably spread by someone with a grudge against Hou Zi."

Xia Yiwei wouldn't think that this rumor was directed at Ye Jian. After all, a student wasn't as important as the boss of the underworld.

But, if the rumor was really targeted at Hou Zi, Ye Jian... might be in danger.

After she laughed, Xia Yiwei turned serious. She said, "Do you want me to go to the school and inform Ye Jian? I will remind her to be careful. There are only twenty days until her university entrance examination. Why doesn't she stay in school instead?"

Living in that small district was convenient but it wasn't as safe as the school.

The person that had a grudge with Hou Zi knew Ye Jian's name. That meant that they seriously put in effort in their investigation... What if they really send someone to find Ye Jian and use her to threaten Hou Zi? She lived in the district alone so it wasn't very safe.

Xia Jinyuan leaned against the office table. He didn't even take off his helmet. He smelled like gunpowder. He pushed aside his fatigue and said in a low voice, "Ye Jian only met Brother Zi twice. It's impossible for rumors of them being in an illicit relationship to surface."



“The people that have a grudge with Brother Zi won’t wait till now to bring up something that happened so long ago. Hence, there’s only a small possibility that this rumor is spread by Brother Zi’s enemies. I suspect that... these people want to harm Ye Jian.”

After he finished his training, a guard told him that a Ms. Xia had been calling the military unit once or twice every day for the past few days. She even told them that they must contact him the moment they saw him. She said that she had something extremely urgent to tell him.

After he came back to his camp and heard what the guard said, he rushed back to his office and called Xia Yiwei.

He was afraid that something happened to Ye Jian.

At this moment, the camouflage was unable to hide the sharp look in his eyes. He said in a cold voice, “This matter won’t affect Brother Zi but it will affect Ye Jian. She’s taking her university entrance examination soon!”

After hearing what he said, Xia Yiwei was enlightened. She frowned and replied, “That’s right. That’s why I found it funny when I first heard this rumor and didn’t think much about it. Now that you mention it, Ye Jian will be affected the most.”

“Don’t worry. Let me take a look at my work...”

Ye Jian was the apple of Old Sixth’s eye. If something really happened to her, Old Sixth might do something crazy. She needed to settle this matter immediately.

### **Chapter 1177: Hou Zi Is Going To Act**

She opened her schedule and took a look. Today was Wednesday... She had a small meeting in the afternoon and that would end at 4 pm. She had no work after that.

It wasn’t compulsory for her to attend small meetings. She would go to the school to take a look first.

Xia Yiwei kept her schedule and tidied her office desk. She said to Xia Jinyuan who was waiting for her reply, “I will go to the school now to check. It’s alright if it affects Hou Zi but Ye Jian mustn’t be affected.”

“Thank you.” Xia Jinyuan’s pupils were constricted. He pursed his thin lips. He wasn’t able to rush over because the recruit training would only end in July. As an instructor, he couldn’t leave without a valid reason.

He wasn’t able to do anything so he could only understand the progress of this issue from Xia Yiwei.

After tidying up, Xia Yiwei smiled. “I feel so awkward when you’re suddenly so polite with me. It’s alright, it’s just a small matter. If someone is targeting Ye Jian, I will settle it.”

She paused for a moment and teased him, “I realize that Ye Jian keeps attracting trouble. She met so many troubles as compared to other students who are studying in senior high. Also, the troubles she met aren’t small.”

She already knew three huge incidents that happened to Ye Jian.

The first one happened during the military training in grade eleven. If she wasn't so capable, she might have been discriminated against and couldn't take part in the military training.

The second matter was bigger. A student from Provincial No.1 Middle School wanted to commit suicide and Ye Jian almost got pushed off the building.

The third matter... was this sugar dating rumor!

"It's not that she attracts trouble. She's too outstanding so other people are jealous of her. Also, she doesn't like to explain herself and she has a quiet personality. She doesn't argue with her classmates and doesn't like to fight with other people. Hence, those people envious of her can't find anything to attack her with. You can tell the complexity of human nature through these issues. If you're too perfect, you will attract troubles."

Xia Jinyuan understood Ye Jian the most. Xia Yiwei added, "There's another point. Ye Jian's extraordinary highlighted their ordinary. At her age, she shouldn't have walked so far. It's normal that other people are jealous of her."

"It'll be better if she changed her environment. She should go somewhere where everyone is smart. For instance, the Special Class for the Gifted Young. Who will be envious of her there?"

That was true. The Special Class for the Gifted Young of the University of Science and Technology was filled with extraordinary students. They were all geniuses. If Ye Jian went there, she wouldn't stand out so much.

"There are only twenty more days until the university entrance examination. Sister, you must take care of her properly and ensure that she finishes her university entrance examination smoothly." As he spoke, Xia Jinyuan was still wondering who would target Ye Jian.

He felt that only Ye Zhifan would do it.

Ye Zhifan, a government official at the provincial office. As someone who worked in the provincial office, Xia Yiwei naturally knew him. She knew that Xia Jinyuan wouldn't suspect someone without a reason so she called Hou Zi.

Hou Zi was ordering his men to investigate this issue when he glanced at his phone. He saw a phone number that he could remember even if it was backward. He quickly picked up his phone and opened his mouth calmly. "You know my relationship with Ye Jian even if I don't say it. She's Old Sixth's girlfriend. No matter how much of a b\*stard I am, I won't touch his woman."

"I don't care how much of a b\*stard you are. Just now, Old Sixth told me that this matter is targeting Ye Jian. You'd better check if you have provoked an official called Ye Zhifan recently. Old Sixth suspects that he's the one who spread the rumor."

Xia Yiwei hung up immediately after she finished speaking. She took her keys and went to Provincial No.1 Middle School.

## Chapter 1178: The Familiar Stranger

Xia Yiwei seemed to have really let go of Hou Zi. Every time Hou Zi appeared in front of her, she wouldn't talk to him. She would turn and leave immediately. As for phone calls, she never called him voluntarily after she initiated the breakup.

She broke up with him when she said she would and stopped contacting him entirely. She was so clean and direct in this matter that Hou Zi was dumbfounded.

When a woman decided to be ruthless, she could be more ruthless than a man. Once a woman decided that she will stop loving you, it was harder to make her eat her words than to make a man do that.

Her quick hang-up caused Hou Zi's expression to change immediately. He grasped his phone tightly. His men beside him couldn't help but lower their heads. The only person who could make their Third Master Hou so angry but yet had to control it... It could only be Ms. Xia.

After some time, the air was also filled with killing intent. Hou Zi's cold voice finally sounded in the room again. "One day. By tomorrow at this time, I want to know who's the one spreading rumors about me!"

His voice was as cold as a thick layer of ice. It was so cold that his assistant's legs started shaking.

It had been a long time since Third Master got angry. The assistant realized that he couldn't remember the last time Third Master got angry. It was at least three years ago.

"I've already sent someone to check. Once there's news, I will report to you."

Hou Zi's men were smart people. If this matter affected Xia Yiwei, they would deal with it immediately and place it as their priority. They didn't dare to waste any time.

Especially when there was a rumor that the Third Master had a relationship with a senior high student. There were even more reasons to settle this issue immediately.

"Bring the person to me. I haven't seen someone who dared to spread dating rumors about me in a while." Hou Zi stood up and pulled his tie in frustration. "I will go out for a while. Call the CEO of Chengguang Corporation. Tell him that I have some urgent matters to attend to. I will set a time tomorrow to apologize to him."

This was the first time she called him voluntarily in the past few hundred days. He knew that she viewed this matter with high importance.

Of course, he wouldn't think that she cared about this matter because of him.

When she spoke, she said that this matter was probably targeted at Ye Jian. Sigh, even though it was just a 16-second call, he didn't expect that she would call him because of Old Sixth's girlfriend!

They had been in a relationship for 17 years so they more or less knew what the other person's next course of action was. When Xia Yiwei drove her car and appeared at the entrance of Provincial No.1

Middle School, she saw the man she was most familiar with standing handsomely in front of a black sedan with one of his hands in his pocket. He was waiting for her with a distant expression.

“You’re here.” Hou Zi walked over and looked at his lover whom he could hug anytime as long as he opened his arms in the past. Now, it was hard to even see her. His heart hurt a little. He didn’t know how they arrived at this stage.

Xia Yiwei took off her sunglasses and revealed her clean eyes. At 35 years old, her eyes were still as clear as a young girl’s. This was rare.

She looked at Hou Zi calmly and gave a small smile. “Something happened to Old Sixth’s girlfriend. As his sister, I have to come over.”

“I’ll accompany you.”

“There’s no need to trouble Third Master Hou for my family affairs. Also, please deal with your issues properly. Don’t implicate my family.” The smile on her face disappeared slowly. Xia Yiwei rejected Hou Zi as her expression turned cold. “I don’t wish for Ye Jian to get implicated because of your matter and make Old Sixth worry. I don’t want Ye Jian to suffer because of you either.”

### **Chapter 1179: My Lover**

She kept calling him Third Master Hou and kept asking him to stop implicating ‘her family’. When she looked at him, her gaze was colder than when she was looking at a stranger. There were no emotions in it. In her eyes, he could only see coldness, rejection, and hatred...

Third Master Hou felt as though there was a block of ice engulfing his heart. His chest, which was supposed to be warm, felt so cold that he thought his blood was going to freeze too. “Yiwei, do we have to make such a clear distinction between us?”

“Third Master Hou, in the past, we didn’t have to. However, now, you have your life and I have mine. We need to make a clear distinction.” If she wasn’t bold and daring, how could she be the secretary of the governor of the Southern Province?

She took over the conversation without any fluctuations in her emotions. Hou Zi, who was prettier than a lady, suppressed his anger until veins started popping out from his forehead. Xia Yiwei’s sharp gaze turned a little colder as she looked at him. He was angry, very angry!

In the past, she never made him angry. She was always a virtuous and magnanimous girlfriend. She didn’t expect to anger the famous Third Master Hou after she broke up with him. This was really... sarcastic!

Hou Zi noticed that her gaze had turned cold and her anger had a hint of sorrow in it. He knew that he had to bear great responsibility for the state of their relationship now. Hence, he said patiently, “I need to ask Old Sixth’s girlfriend if she has any grudges with Ye Zhifan. At the same time, I need to ask her if she offended those people recently.”

“Since you want me to solve this matter that’s affecting your family, you need to let me investigate it, right?”

His reason was so ample that Xia Yiwei couldn't reject him.

When Ye Jian saw the two of them sitting on the same stone bench by the Swan Lake, she was a little shocked. Captain Xia said that Sister Xia had made a firm decision to leave Hou Zi. Her relationship with the architect was quite stable too. Why did they come to look for her together?

"Jian, here." Xia Yiwei had already seen Ye Jian. She got up elegantly and waved her hand. As compared to her, Hou Zi's reaction was a little slow. His attention was all on the woman he loved. He didn't notice his surroundings.

Summer was coming so in the afternoon, the heat from the sun was enough to curl the edges of the leaves. Yet, Xia Yiwei, who was wearing her professional outfit, didn't perspire at all. Her makeup was clean and bright. She didn't seem to feel warm.

She had a stern expression as she said calmly, "... If you haven't heard of it, it means that the school doesn't know or the school knows but they don't believe it."

Hou Zi... was her sugar daddy? Ye Jian looked calm but she felt a little awkward in her heart... Why did they have to spread the rumor that she was sugar dating Hou Zi? Why couldn't they come up with other rumors?

"Old Sixth reminded me that this might have something to do with Ye Zhifan. I came today because I want to ask if you suspect anyone?"

Hou Zi said, "I thought that someone is targeting me but from the looks of it now, that isn't the case. If someone is targeting me, Ye Jian, I can tell you seriously that they won't just spread a rumor."

He had many enemies and they were all ruthless people who had blood on their hands. If they were targeting him, it wouldn't be just rumors.

Ye Jian smiled. "They shouldn't be targeting you. I'm afraid that I'm the target. As for suspects..." She paused for a moment and looked at Hou Zi with her black and bright eyes. "Brother Zi, do you know someone called Sun Yaozu?"

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Sun Yaozu?

After scanning his memory, Hou Zi replied, "I've never heard of this person."

"Sun Yaozu's wife is called Ye Zhixiang. She's Ye Zhifan's sister." Ye Jian told them what happened twenty days ago. She also told them what Grandma Ye said so that Hou Zi could use it as a reference when he investigates the issue. "... I don't suspect Ye Zhifan. I suspect the old lady from the Ye family as well as Ye Zhixiang."

Grandma Ye said that ‘rumors are an invisible killing weapon’. Since she said it personally and rumors about her and Hou Zi were spread, Ye Jian could almost confirm that the mother and daughter were the ones behind this scheme.

“Sun Yaozu. Alright, I will go and investigate this person. If it was really him, I will invite his family for some tea and have a good chat with them.” Hou Zi said handsomely and his words sounded refined too. No killing intent could be detected. However, Xia Yiwei, who hadn’t looked at him in the face for a while, frowned furtively.

She glanced at the man whom she was most familiar with and asked Ye Jian, “If they were really the ones who did this, what do you plan to do? Do you plan to take the soft or hard approach?”

Hou Zi’s face was black at the start. But, when he heard this, he suddenly smiled. His gaze was even more intense than the scorching sunlight as he looked at Xia Yiwei.

They were together for 17 years and they understood each other for 17 years. They were so familiar with each other that they knew what the other party wanted to do with a single glance. Even though they had been apart for a few hundred days, the familiarity was etched in their bones, like they were never strangers.

Xia Yiwei’s words made Hou Zi excited because he knew that she was asking Ye Jian for him.

Even Ye Jian was able to feel his intense gaze, much less Xia Yiwei. However, she still managed to control herself and replied without a change in her expression, “You can tell us what’s the soft approach you have in your mind if you choose that. If you want to do it the hard way, you can just let him handle it.”

“Yiwei, she’s going to take her university entrance examination soon. Whether she wants the soft or hard approach, let me settle it.” Hou Zi smiled. His smile came from the bottom of his heart and it was brighter than the sun. His features, which looked like they were part of a painting, were astonishingly beautiful. “Let me handle it. Don’t worry.”

Xia Yiwei pretended to not notice anything. She glanced at him indifferently and said to Ye Jian who wanted to walk away silently, “That’s true. You need to focus on your studies. Don’t get distracted by what’s happening outside.”

“That is too troubling for you.” Because of Xia Jinyuan, she naturally stood on Xia Yiwei’s side and once again ignored Hou Zi’s hint to ask her to leave. She smiled and replied, “Actually, these rumors won’t affect me. The school won’t believe them either. The only thing I’m afraid of is that the students will gossip about it.”

Hou Zi interrupted her and took over the conversation calmly. “If the students gossip about it, we can let the person who spread the rumor apologize through the newspaper or the television or stand in front of the school.”

Hou Zi decided that he would take over this matter no matter what and settle it as if it was his own matter. Thus, he explained what he planned to do. His tough way of doing things allowed Ye Jian to gain more exposure.

However, Ye Jian was tempted by what he said. If that happened, Grandma Ye wouldn't have the face to appear in front of her again.

Xia Yiwei was tempted too. This method was gentle and reasonable. They wouldn't kick up a huge fuss either.