

BOOT CAMP 1221

Chapter 1221: Courting Death

It turns out that the worst-case scenario wasn't both sides suffering losses. It was that... Ye Jian was fine and his daughter was in trouble!

When he heard his daughter's cries, Ye Zhifan's heart sank. It's not fair. Why... Even the armed police are here. They even invited a famous leader in the mathematics world of the Southern Province. It's not fair... What else was not fair?

He glanced at Ye Ying and then at Ye Jian. He felt uncomfortable.

"Mr. Ye, Ye Ying broke the rules in the examination hall and targeted Provincial No.1 Middle School's student, Ye Jian. After an investigation, we found out that Ye Ying deliberately slandered Ye Jian. Thus, it is decided that Ye Ying will score a zero for her math results."

He had invited the parent over just to inform him and let him know what mistake his child had made and what punishment she would receive for it.

Ye Ying's complaints of it not being fair were not entertained.

Ye Zhifan sat down and asked with a cold expression, "Have you investigated clearly? As a parent, do I have the right to ask what happened?" Ye Zhifan was unwilling to let his daughter's future be ruined.

"Let's play the recording to Mr. Ye." The leader of the Provincial Education Bureau nodded slightly at an armed police officer. Then, he saw the armed police officer take out a voice recorder from his green messenger bag and played the conversation that they had while examining the exam papers.

"...sealed the papers in advance... answered all the questions... I'd rather believe the answers on this paper than the answers on the note..."

Ye Zhifan, who picked out on the main points, clenched his fists secretly. No wonder his daughter lost! Who would have thought that she would finish everything in advance?

"Why are my results invalid but Ye Jian is fine? Why, why?"

Ye Ying's sharp voice came from the recorder. Ye Zhifan's knuckles turned white from how hard he was clenching his fist and his expression changed. This sentence... this sentence... was the biggest misstep! It also became the most direct evidence at the same time!

Fool, fool!

Ye Ying was stunned when she heard her voice again. Why did they record everything?

"This is the latter part. I wonder if Mr. Ye still needs to listen to the former part?" The leader of the Provincial Education Bureau thundered, "Five minutes before Mr. Ye came in, I received a call from the provincial office. Even the governor has personally asked about this matter. As a provincial government official, shouldn't Mr. Ye personally explain this to the governor?"

What?

The governor personally asked!

How did the cheating of two people's university entrance examination alert the governor?

Ye Zhifan was shocked. He immediately made a decision and said in a deep voice, "I didn't discipline her properly. I was careless and caused Ye Ying to make a huge mistake. To be honest, although Ye Ying and Ye Jian are cousins, they have a deep grudge. Sometimes, as a parent, I can't do anything."

"Dad!" Hearing this, Ye Ying raised her voice as if she realized something. She screamed, "What are you trying to say? You..."

"Shut up!" For the sake of his career, Ye Zhifan would not allow Ye Ying to speak again. "Only one of the subjects is invalid now. You'd better take the rest of the exams properly! If you do anything else, I will teach you a lesson!"

The expression on his face was so heartless that Ye Jian smiled. In her past life, she knew that Ye Zhifan would forsake his family for his career.

If even the governor knew about this, would Ye Zhifan stand up for his daughter? Unless he had the confidence to make the governor believe him. Obviously, he didn't at this moment.

Thus, he couldn't help Ye Ying distort the truth.

Chapter 1222: How Is That Wretched Girl so Incredible

Ye Ying was shocked. Then, she heard her father saying bitterly, "I didn't teach her well. That's why she did something so severe. She ruined herself and almost ruined Ye Jian."

"I have no objections to the arrangement of the Provincial Education Bureau. I accept it completely."

"No, no, I won't accept it! I won't accept it!" Ye Ying never thought that after the incident, her father, whom she respected so much, would actually... not help her. Her tears kept flowing, and her eyes were filled with horror.

How did this happen? How was it that she got in trouble again and Ye Jian was fine? Why? Why did this happen?

Why did this happen? Sun Dongqing didn't understand either.

She only knew that her daughter's mathematics score was zero and the cheating would be written into her personal file. It would be there for the rest of her life. She rushed towards Ye Zhifan like a crazy person. "Ye Zhifan, you b*stard! How could you watch your daughter suffer and let that little b*tch be happy?"

"You've ruined my daughter's university dream. I'm going to fight it out with you!"

Ye Ying laid on the bed and cried loudly. Ye Zhifan looked at Sun Dongqing and then at his daughter's stupid appearance. He felt frustrated. He pushed Sun Dongqing away and snarled, "This is a hotel. Aren't you two feeling embarrassed enough?"

"I won't help my daughter? Your daughter is stupid enough to say that she will tear Ye Jian's exam paper in front of so many people. Did you know that she did something so stupid?! I won't help her? Will I not help my own daughter?"

"Do you f*cking know why Ye Jian is safe and sound?"

Ye Zhifan, who had always been polite and elegant, was finally forced to lose his composure. His eyes were bloodshot as he shouted angrily. Sun Dongqing took a few steps back. "She finished all the questions in an hour. Your daughter foolishly thought that she was smart and that Ye Jian was not as good as her!"

"Why did she still send the paper slip when Ye Jian finished all the questions? Do you want to tell everyone that she wanted to frame Ye Jian? Besides making a fuss, what the f*ck do you know? Even the governor is asking about this. What can I do? Tell me, is this our fault or Ye Jian's?"

"As long as you can say that it's Ye Jian's fault, I will fight with my life to get justice for my daughter!"

Sun Dongqing was dumbfounded. She fell heavily onto the bed and did not come back to her senses for a long time. "How could this be? How could that wretched girl... be so powerful? I just heard from the examination candidates next door that this year's Mathematics examination questions are very difficult. I'm afraid they didn't even do well."

"How is that wretched girl so incredible? She finished all the questions in an hour."

"If you ask me, who am I going to ask?" Ye Zhifan opened a bottle of mineral water. His eyes were dark and his chest heaved up and down rapidly. "It's already the best outcome if only one of your mathematics results is invalid. Also, go and find out where Director Huang's daughter is studying abroad. Yingying can't stay in the country anymore. Send her overseas after the university entrance examination."

Send her overseas?

Ye Ying stopped crying and lifted her head from the pillow. Her red and swollen eyes were shining. "Dad, I want to study abroad. I don't want to stay in this country anymore!"

"Let's find out about it first. We'll talk about it after the university entrance examination is over." At the very least, they needed to have a score for the university entrance examination. If they went to a better school overseas, they also needed to have a score in the country. Ye Zhifan raised his hand and pressed his aching forehead. He stared coldly at his angry wife and shouted, "Also, you're not allowed to go to the school to find trouble with Ye Jian. Do you hear me?"

Chapter 1223: The Final Result

Ye Zhifan wanted to wait for Ye Ying to receive her results before going overseas to study. However, things changed drastically at night. At 7 pm, a call from the provincial office told him to go back to attend a meeting that he couldn't miss no matter what.

"Old Ye, you have to be mentally prepared."

Before he hung up the phone, his colleague who informed him about the meeting suddenly said this. This made Ye Zhifan, who was usually calm, panic.

He wanted to ask more, but the other party hung up in a hurry. It was obvious that this was the utmost the other party could say.

In order to let Ye Ying sleep more, the family stayed in the hotel and didn't go home. Sun Dongqing saw that her husband's expression changed drastically. Due to Ye Ying's incident in the day, she was anxious. She asked anxiously, "Who called?"

"The provincial office called and asked me to rush over for a meeting." Ye Zhifan's lips were pressed tightly together. He knew that his voice was tense when he spoke. He looked at his daughter who was revising in the room. No matter how stupid she was or how disappointing she was, she was still his daughter. Moreover, the things she did during the day were done with his approval.

Ye Zhifan knew that he was responsible so he didn't punish Ye Ying who blurted that last foolish sentence.

"They reminded me to be prepared. It seems this meeting has something to do with me."

Sun Dongqing, whose legs had gone soft, panicked. "What should we do then? What has it got to do with you? It can't be..." Sun Dongqing, who was in a state of chaos, shivered. It couldn't be... because of her daughter in the day.

Although she didn't say it out loud, Ye Zhifan understood what she wanted to say. His expression darkened and Sun Dongqing felt even more uneasy.

Sun Dongqing waited until midnight. Her heart was in turmoil when she finally heard the sound of knocking on the door. At the same time, she heard the bad news that made her heart shatter.

"Tell your daughter that she doesn't need to take the university entrance examination. After discussion, the relevant departments decided to mete out a new punishment. She must be severely punished for causing great harm to others by slandering them. Provincial No.2 Middle School's Ye Ying will be banned from taking the university entrance examination for three years."

The expressionless Ye Zhifan told Sun Dongqing the results of the meeting. This time, they lost. Their family was defeated!

Ye Ying had already fallen asleep. When she was woken up, she didn't even make a sound when she was told the news. She opened her eyes wide and fainted right in front of Ye Zhifan and his wife. She was

disqualified from the university entrance examination for three years. It's over, it's over, it's over for her!

"Yingying, my Yingying!" Sun Dongqing hugged her daughter who had fainted with her eyes wide open. She cried, "My Yingying, don't scare me. Don't scare me."

Ye Zhifan, who only had one precious daughter, was also scared out of his wits. He trembled as he called the emergency number. His face was pale and his hands were trembling.

Early in the morning, Ye Ying was sent to the hospital. By the time she woke up, an entire morning had passed.

"How did this happen?!" Grandma Ye's voice came from outside. She sounded so old that one could hear her withering. "Why did you admit it back then?! Wrong, wrong, wrong, very wrong! How could you admit it?!"

"So what if the governor knows? He can at most criticize you for the conflict between the two children. He can't possibly change your job!"

Grandma Ye was really angry. She did not expect that every single one of them would be defeated by that wretched girl. She was really indignant!

"Mom, let me get some peace and quiet. I don't want to say anything now." Ye Zhifan sat down with his head up. His expression was unreadable.

Chapter 1224: No Way Out

Grandma Ye was a difficult person to deal with. She was frightened by Hou Zi and entered the hospital so she didn't know what happened outside. She was worried that her daughter was in danger and told her repeatedly not to find trouble with Ye Jian!

There was no need to mention his son-in-law, Sun Yaozu. Hou Zi had already made a harsh statement and knew that it was his mother-in-law and his wife who did it. He knew in his heart that he definitely couldn't casually interfere in this matter.

The gossip between women should be treated as gossip between women. If he interfered, Hou Zi wouldn't just let him off. He would probably send someone to bring a gun to his head.

Fortunately, Grandma Ye knew her daughter's family very well. After Ye Zhixiang got frightened by the snakes, she immediately called Sun Yaozu and told him not to interfere. She didn't want Hou Zi to keep an eye on her.

Grandma Ye helped her daughter and son-in-law's family from the bottom of her heart. This was also the main reason why Sun Yaozu gave Grandma Ye respect.

But Grandma Ye didn't have any good intentions towards her adopted son.

Whenever she thought about how she was forced into a corner by Ye Jian and could only stay in the hospital, the anger in Grandma Ye's heart would deepen.

If she did not vent out the unhappiness in her heart, she might really have to stay in the hospital for a long time!

“How can you be quiet at this time? You must settle Yingying’s matter properly! We can’t let an unknown bastard child climb onto Yingying’s head!”

Grandma Ye’s face was gloomy. Her aged face was filled with a sinister and cold air. In addition, she had been frightened quite badly for the past few weeks. Her face had lost quite a bit of roundness. She no longer had the benevolent and kind look from before. One look and one could tell that she was a mean old lady.

“Yingying was angered by her until she was hospitalized. As her father, you still didn’t stand up for her. You let her down! Why did Yingying get banned from the university entrance examination when she can have a peaceful examination?”

“So what if the governor stepped out? Can he manage your family matters?”

Even Ye Zhifan couldn’t take care of the bastard child of unknown origin... Grandma Ye only thought about it for a while and cold sweat kept appearing on her back.

She was still a student who had yet to achieve anything. If she did not take the opportunity to teach her a lesson now, what would happen in the future?!

Ye Zhifan kept his eyes closed. His expression was dark. He was so calm that even Grandma Ye couldn’t tell what he was thinking.

Seeing that he was unmoved, Grandma Ye gave him another strong dose of medicine. She suppressed her throat and said hatefully, “Don’t tell me you still want to give away the good stuff that you got! Once that wretched girl becomes successful, our whole family can forget about living well!”

“Also, I don’t believe that she’s really that capable! She rejected the National Science University and National Arts University. In my opinion, it’s not that she rejected them, but that she knows her limits and knows that she won’t be able to pass the exam!”

The jade pendant... The jade pendant. He made his daughter take the risk because of the jade pendant. In the end, she ended up like this.

No matter how anxious he was, if he wanted to see Ye Jian in dire straits, he had to endure it. For his career... he had to endure it.

As for why Grandma Ye persuaded him to act, Ye Zhifan had a cold look on his face. He slowly opened his eyes and looked at Old Madam Ye who was filled with gloom. “As long as the green mountains are around, there won’t be a shortage of firewood. Mom, I think you should know why I have to bear with it.”

“I’ve been an official for more than ten years. Your little tricks won’t be of much use to me. Don’t worry. Also, Yingying’s mother will be here soon. If she sees you here, she will create more trouble.”

He wanted Grandma Ye to leave quickly.

Chapter 1225: I'll Definitely Stand Up for You

"Fine, fine, fine. You're treating my kindness as ill intent! Fine, I won't say anything. I'm taking my hands off this too! I just feel bad for Yingying!" Grandma Ye stood up angrily and turned around to leave. The anger on her face disappeared and was replaced with a dark and vicious expression.

Ye Zhifan has started to cower. If he stopped now, they would not be able to do anything to the wretched girl!

As she thought about it, Grandma Ye couldn't help but want to slap herself. She shouldn't have recklessly spread rumors about Third Master Hou and that wretched girl. She absolutely shouldn't have provoked that devil! Otherwise, Sun Yaozu could have found someone to secretly deal with that wretched girl!

Yingying, who woke up inside, had already soaked the pillow with her tears. Even her grandma, who was indifferent to her, couldn't stand it. Why was her father still able to tolerate it?

Did he really think that she was not as good as Ye Jian?

A three-year ban from the university entrance examination... It turned out that the worst outcome wasn't that she and Ye Jian couldn't take the university entrance examination, but that Ye Jian could continue to be glorious while she had to hide in the hospital like a coward and couldn't go anywhere.

Sun Dongqing, who was holding a portion of chicken soup in her hands, saw her daughter's teary face when she came in. The anger in her heart was like a volcano erupting. She could not bear it no matter what.

That damned old woman was right. They couldn't even protect their own child. They were not worthy of being parents!

Good, good, good!

For the sake of Ye Zhifan's future, she could bear with not creating trouble. She knew that he was doing it for the family so that Yingying could start over again. However, she couldn't tolerate it!

What right did a wretched girl who was inferior to her daughter have to hold her head high? If she had not been soft-hearted and taken her in back then, she would be begging for food now!

"Yingying, your dad has his difficulties. We have to understand him. But don't worry, I'm not afraid of getting dirty. When you get better, I will not let that wretched girl off easily. I will help you vent your anger!"

Ye Ying, who was crying with her eyes closed, suddenly opened her eyes. Her red eyes were filled with viciousness. She gripped the white bedsheets tightly and said fiercely, "Mom, I won't let her off! I won't let her off!"

"I know, I know! Take a good rest first. I will definitely stand up for you!" Sun Dongqing was afraid that her daughter would faint from anger. She consoled her with lingering fear. "Drink the soup first. You need to have the strength to deal with that wretched girl."

"You don't have to worry about anything. Just focus on taking care of yourself. By tomorrow at the latest, Mom will definitely go to Provincial No.1 Middle School to make a scene. I won't talk about the university entrance examination. I'll only talk about how unfilial she is! She doesn't acknowledge her grandmother, her uncle, and even hospitalized all of you!

She just wants to be in the limelight. Fine, Mom will let her be in the limelight and let the school see what kind of student they have!"

Was this really possible? Could she really suppress Ye Jian?

The next second, Ye Ying burst into tears. "How are we going to deal with her? She humiliated me so badly. How am I going to return it to her? Saying she is unfilial, saying that she angered grandmother and sent her to the hospital. All that is just an accusation. It doesn't affect her at all."

"I could still use my grades to make fun of her in the past, but in the end, I can't take the university entrance examination for three years! Mom, this life is over, this life is over for me!"

Sun Dongqing couldn't care less. Even if it didn't hurt Ye Jian, she still wanted to scold her and help her daughter vent her anger!

Chapter 1226: Ridiculous, Pathetic

Sun Dongqing could not hold back her tears when she saw her pale daughter crying so hard that she could not even breathe. Both mother and daughter cried together.

One moment, she was scolding that it was unfair. The next moment, she was cursing for Ye Jian to get a zero in the university entrance examination. Nothing good came out of her mouth.

If there was a way, Ye Zhifan would have done something. If she wanted to stand up for Ye Ying, what else could Sun Dongqing do other than to cause trouble in school?

Grandma Ye listened outside for a while and said to Ye Zhixiang, "Go and stall your brother. I'll go in and talk to your sister-in-law."

As Sun Dongqing sent the chicken soup over, Ye Zhifan went out to eat. Grandma Ye couldn't persuade him so she placed her attention on Sun Dongqing.

Someone had to go to the school to create more trouble. Even if it couldn't affect Ye Jian's results, she had to upset Ye Jian!

The second day of the university entrance examination passed with Ye Ying washing her face with tears. She didn't appear in the examination hall that day so the students in the third examination hall couldn't help but pay attention to her matter.

On the third day, which was the last day of the university entrance examination, the parents waiting outside found out that a student named “Ye Ying” had been caught for cheating and was disqualified from the university entrance examination.

Sun Dongqing, who was standing in the crowd, heard all the parents talking about her daughter. She wanted to rush up and fight them.

If Ye Zhixiang hadn’t stopped her, she would have gone up.

“Sister-in-law, if you start fighting now, you can forget about going in later!” Ye Zhixiang held on tightly, afraid that she would make a rash decision and make a wasted trip. Thinking of Grandma Ye’s advice, she hurriedly comforted her, “Why are you fussing over it with them? Their mouths are theirs. We can’t stop them talking.”

“We’re not here to look for anyone else but Ye Jian! Sister-in-law, if you can’t hold it in, you won’t even be able to enter the school.”

Sun Dongqing was so angry that her chest was heaving up and down. “A bunch of people with rotten mouths. Do they think their daughters and sons can get in? Pfft! All of them will fail the exam!”

Her voice had always been loud and she didn’t hide her anger. Before Ye Zhixiang could cover her mouth, Sun Dongqing had already started cursing.

When the surrounding parents heard this, their faces were filled with anger. Whose parent was this? Nothing good can come out of a dog’s mouth!

“Ignore her. One look and you can tell that her child is disappointing. When she heard us chatting happily, she got unhappy and wanted to vent!”

“What kind of person is she? Her mouth is full of nonsense! Her child is the one who will fail.”

“That’s right. Go home if you’re unhappy! Why did you come out and embarrass yourself?”

Sun Dongqing, who was initially fuming with anger, could no longer hold it in. She directly scratched the face of the parent closest to her. “Shameless thing, I’ll tear your smelly mouth apart!”

“She hit someone, she hit someone!”

“Quick, separate them! Separate them!”

“Police, where are the police? There’s a fight here! There’s a fight here!”

On the third day of the university entrance examination, it was very lively at the main entrance of the school. There was actually a case of a parent beating someone up. The cause was unknown!

The main gate of the school was bustling with activity, and there were also parents discussing this matter at the back gate. With such a huge matter happening, how could they not talk about it when they gathered together?

“Being unable to take the university entrance examination for three years is indeed quite miserable.” T6, who had been with Xia Jinyuan for three consecutive days, sighed. “Little girls are too evil. It’s only right to teach them a lesson so that they won’t think that they are invincible in the future.”

His tone sounded rather regretful, but when it ended, it sounded like icicles shattering and the air was cold.

Chapter 1227: It’s Better to Rely on Oneself

Neither Xia Jinyuan nor Ye Jian mentioned Ye Ying. They knew her ending so there was no need to mention her.

Such a person did not deserve to appear as a topic between them.

His expression was indifferent. He didn’t have much interest as he replied, “What goes around, comes around. Disqualification from the university entrance examination for three years is still ok. The punishment isn’t severe.” Unfortunately, he didn’t manage to get a hold of Ye Zhifan’s weakness.

It was easy to deal with Ye Ying. The only person Ye Jian wanted to deal with was Ye Zhifan.

Thinking of Ye Zhifan, Xia Jinyuan’s cold eyes turned cold. His promotion was so fast that even Xia Yiwei was surprised. However, she couldn’t find anything wrong during the investigation.

He was a provincial government official who had risen through the ranks purely based on his political achievements. His resume could not be cleaner.

The only suspicious thing was that Ye Zhifan was always able to make use of coincidences to achieve great things!

For example, when he was promoted from the city to the provincial office, he managed to make it in time to the extra-large ice disaster. He managed to reduce the loss of property for the country and salvage the loss of personal property for the masses. With that ice disaster, he was promoted to the provincial office.

Being too clean was a problem as well. At the same time, an alarm rang out in his heart. He could tell that someone was helping Ye Zhifan secretly.

Until Ye Jian came out, Xia Jinyuan was still thinking about how to cut open Ye Zhifan’s clean resume and find out who was helping him.

To this, Ye Jian smiled and said, “There’s no hurry. Even if we find out the truth, I can’t do anything about it. The most important thing is to build a good foundation.”

With Ye Ying’s disqualification from the university entrance examination, Ye Zhifan would probably quiet down and not dare to make a move again.

Ye Jian didn’t know what happened at the front gate. After leaving the school, she got into Xia Jinyuan’s car and went back to visit Uncle Gen.

Ye Zhifan had been busy all this while. After a few hours of apologizing, he finally reached a private agreement with the parents. He used money to solve the problem.

When Grandma Ye found out about it, she was so angry that her ribs hurt. "Idiot! Idiot! I told her to create trouble for the wretched girl, but she's so stupid that she couldn't even enter the school gate and fought with the parents instead!"

Stupid thing! How could there be such a stupid thing!

"I couldn't persuade her no matter how hard I tried. She even scratched me." Ye Zhixiang covered her face and glanced at the door of the ward. Then, she said softly, "Mom, Yaozu said that we should return to our hometown before Second Brother realizes."

They couldn't let him know that they had instigated Sun Dongqing to go to school.

Grandma Ye happened to be getting frustrated from staying in the hospital. Also, there didn't seem to be any movements from Hou Zi's side so she had the thought of going back to the village. "That's good too. It hasn't been peaceful recently. Let's go back to the village and stay there. We can take it as a break."

Hence, when Ye Jian and Xia Jinyuan drove back to Shuikou Village, Sun Yaozu also drove Grandma Ye back to Shuikou Village.

The village wasn't as lively as the city, but it was peaceful. Looking at the starry sky, Ye Jian smiled and said to Uncle Gen, "When Principal Chen comes back, you can play chess and fish with him every day."

"It's good to come back. It's good to come back. Your Uncle Chen has been busy all his life and has been worried about you for so many years. It's time for him to retire." Uncle Gen sipped his tea. His benevolent smile never disappeared. He looked at the girl who looked content and smiled slightly. "You must be more careful as you step into society in the future. Don't let your emotions affect your decisions."

"I think Major Xia is a dependable person. With him taking care of you, your Uncle Chen and I can rest assured too. However... you should know that relying on others is never the same as relying on yourself. Only by improving yourself can you gain a foothold."

Those who really cared about you wouldn't only pamper and spoil you. Instead, they would remind you when you were happy. Uncle Gen was like that. He would remind Ye Jian at all times.

Chapter 1228: Suffer Willingly

Ye Jian and Uncle Gen looked up at the starry sky and chatted. Xia Jinyuan, who went to the military unit to meet the old general and his old comrades, looked up at the starry sky and talked to Commissar Yan.

"The more the military values Ye Jian, the more responsibility she has. I'm just afraid that she won't be able to handle it at such a young age," Commissar Yan said half worriedly and half happily. Then, he looked at the young major whose future was getting brighter. He teased, "Everyone knows that you have feelings for Jian."

Towards his old general and the care he always had for Ye Jian, Xia Jinyuan felt that there was nothing to hide from him. He smiled and said, "Even Commissar knows about it. It seems like I couldn't hide my feelings from anyone."

He did not try to hide it from anyone, not even the two elders at home. He had already told them about it, in case his overreaching mother intervened before he could get his girlfriend.

Commissar Yan was stunned for a moment before he laughed out loud. "You're so honest. I don't think it will be easy to win Jian's heart. Even if you do, there will be variables even before you marry her."

A smart and intelligent girl would be popular wherever she went. Moreover, Jian had a bright future ahead of her. Those young people with good foresight would definitely not miss the opportunity.

Young Master Xia was in the military all year long, they might not even be able to see each other if they wanted to. This undoubtedly gave others many opportunities to pursue Jian. It was not impossible for a relationship to change midway.

Commissar Yan didn't treat Xia Jinyuan as an outsider. What he meant was very obvious. If he wanted to spend a long time with Ye Jian, it was best to settle the matter so that there wouldn't be any complications.

"There will be variables if I don't marry her. There will also be variables if I marry her. The crucial thing is the person." Xia Jinyuan's smile spread across his face. He revealed a restrained confidence. "Ye Jian and I are different. We will be lovers and also comrades in the future. Commissar, you can wait for our wedding invitation when the time comes."

Commissar Yan was naturally happy to see that happen. He also felt that the two of them were indeed compatible. The man was handsome, the woman was intelligent, and they had known each other for many years. If they could really get together, everyone would be happy.

"Sure. I'll be waiting for you and Jian's wedding invitation." As they spoke, he asked about when they would be leaving. They also talked about Ye Jian's university entrance examination. He cared about her like an elder.

"When the university entrance examination results come out, Ye Jian and I will leave. It will probably take about a week." Xia Jinyuan answered them one by one with respect in his tone. "Her results have always been good. She has a high chance of getting into the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The military is waiting for her results too. There will be a series of arrangements then."

He didn't say the specific arrangements but Commissar Yan could tell that Ye Jian's future path will be much smoother than before.

A gratified smile appeared on his resolute face. He sighed and said, "Jian has finally made it through. In the future, no matter how tough it is, she will be willing to suffer. If you really want to win Jian over, you must treat and love her well. She suffered when she was young and has a sharp mind. If you do something wrong to her in the future, no matter how sincerely you apologize, it will be in vain."

Xia Jinyuan's expression turned serious. "Don't worry. That day will never come."

He had seen her suffer. At first, he was attracted to her fearless gaze. Then, he was intrigued by her tenacity. Finally, he was surprised by her intelligence. As the days passed, he was attracted to her day by day. By the time he realized his feelings... it was already too late.

It was so late that no matter how much he tried to control it, he could not control it. He could only let nature take its course.

Chapter 1229: Strengthening Yourself

Ye Jian was hard to chase. Actually, he had the right to speak the most. After her resistance, coldness, and evasion, they hadn't met for almost a year. In the end, he chose to take the initiative.

Now that she had finally relented, it was a little like gaining experience from a calamity. How could he bear to make her sad?

As the night deepened, dark clouds covered the sky full of stars. In the middle of the night, it began to rain, and it didn't stop until five o'clock the next morning.

Ye Jian, who was used to waking up early, made herself busy. She couldn't do her morning exercises so she prepared green beans and plain congee early in the morning. She was waiting for Uncle Gen to wake up so that he could have some.

Old people weren't used to waking up late. When they heard the rooster crowing, they didn't feel sleepy anymore. When Ye Jian was making breakfast in the kitchen, Uncle Gen walked out of the peach blossom forest with his fishing rod and walked towards the two ponds in the village.

Even if it was five in the morning in July, there was still daylight. Some of the villagers opened the doors to their houses and lit up their kitchen lights to start a new day of work.

The Ye house, which was built in the center of the village, had its lights turned on. Uncle Gen, who was walking past the field, had a serious look on his face as he stared at the car parked at the entrance of the Ye house.

Sun Yaozu's car. It looks like Grandma Ye has returned!

No, I can't let her see Jian.

Uncle Gen, who was wearing a straw raincoat, turned around and braved the rain with a wooden bucket in his right hand and a fishing rod made of bamboo in his left.

"Where are you going now? Grandpa Gen, is there something urgent?" The porridge was not ready yet. Ye Jian was surprised to see Uncle Gen coming in with a straw cape. She didn't know that Grandpa Gen had woken up early.

She hurriedly took the straw raincoat that the old man had taken off and hung it up. Her gaze slid past the fishing rod. Grandpa Gen went fishing early in the morning, but he came back without even loosening the fishing line... Did something happen when he went out?

Uncle Gen wanted to hide it from Ye Jian. However, he remembered that she was always smart so he said kindly, "I went fishing. Before I could reach the pond, I saw Sun Yaozu's car parked outside the Ye house. I'm afraid that Grandma Ye might be back."

So that was what happened.

"Don't bother about her. She and Ye Zhixiang offended an impressive person outside and got hospitalized. I'm afraid that she came back to avoid trouble." Ye Jian smiled calmly. "You can relax. Don't worry about the Ye family. People like them are a waste of time to even think about. It's best if you don't bother about them."

She did not mention that Grandma Ye had looked for her before and caused a lot of trouble.

"You've already said that my father is not her son. He had already repaid her kindness when he was alive. As for me, firstly, I didn't eat her food, and secondly, I didn't use her stuff. She thinks she can act like my grandmother in front of me, ha, she really can't act."

Ye Jian had a strong attitude towards the Ye family. She would never bow down to them.

Uncle Gen patted Ye Jian's hand gently. His gaze was kind as he looked at the girl who was standing gracefully erect and stronger than her mother. There was a hint of gratification in his old and strong voice. "It's good that you think that way. Grandma Ye is not a threat. She is old. She doesn't have much time left. It's right not to argue with her."

"The one you have to be wary of is Ye Zhifan. However, you can only be on your guard now. You can't do anything. He values his career the most. Before you have full confidence, you can't act rashly. You don't want to get into trouble."

Chapter 1230: Ye Jian's Suspicion Was Right

Kitchens in the countryside were built huge. Green tiles covered the kitchen. Smoke rose from the cracks. Ye Jian added two sticks of firewood to the fire to cook the porridge in the clay pot. The fire shone on her face. The warm light didn't melt the coldness in her eyes.

Pursing her lips, she answered softly, "I know all about it. They don't dare to make a big fuss now, and I won't be relentless. We won't waste our efforts by acting and making mistakes before the crucial period."

Sitting in the chair, Uncle Gen stared at the girl that he and Chen Dongfeng had groomed. He coughed softly and revealed a rare serious expression on his face. He looked at Ye Jian and said in a low voice, "Grandpa wants to tell you something. Jian, you have to listen carefully. Before you have completely made sense of everything, you can't tell anyone about this easily even if it's Major Xia."

Ye Jian was stunned. "Go ahead."

The talk didn't bring Ye Jian back to her senses even when the porridge burnt. Uncle Gen placed the clay pot aside and looked at Ye Jian with pity. She was still in shock.

"I'm a little confused. Grandpa Gen, I don't understand." Ye Jian's usually calm voice had a trace of panic. There was too much information. Her head was dizzy when Uncle Gen talked about it. She couldn't figure it out.

Grandpa Gen said that Granduncle and Grandaunt entrusted their only son, Ye Xinfan, to Grandma Ye. In the end, Grandma Ye lost Ye Xinfan and exchanged him for her father.

Before she could digest it, Grandpa Gen threw out another explosive secret and told her that her mother died... possibly because of that 'jade pendant'!

Why was it so messy, so complicated...? Even Mom's sacrifice wasn't simple.

No, no, something was wrong.

Ye Jian raised her head in a panic. Her black eyes were especially bright because of the coldness. She looked at Uncle Gen and said softly, "Grandpa, my dad passed away in an accident. My mom died on a mission. Do you remember what Grandma Ye did during that time?"

"Where were Ye Zhixiang and Sun Yaozu? In the village or outside?"

This time, it was Uncle Gen's turn to be puzzled. He thought for a moment and replied, "Your dad passed away and your mom sacrificed within three months of each other. I was busy in the military unit so when I rushed back, I passed your mom's belongings to Sun Dongqing and Ye Zhifan."

"But I can confirm that Grandma Ye was in the village. Ye Zhixiang and Sun Yaozu didn't return to the village. Jian, why are you asking this?"

"Grandpa, I suspect that my dad's death has something to do with Grandma Ye, Ye Zhixiang, and Sun Yaozu." Ye Jian pressed her lips together. Her eyes were sharp and cold. "I didn't suspect anything before. But 40 days before the university entrance examination, Grandma Ye barged into the school and wanted to forcefully take my registered residence. In a fit of anger, I brought my parents' photos out..."

Speaking of this, Ye Jian felt that her throat was as dry as a knife. "I realized that both mother and daughter didn't dare to look at my father's photo at all. Ye Zhixiang was guilty and Grandma Ye was relieved. So, I suspect that my father passed away unexpectedly... There's something else going on."

Uncle Gen, who rarely showed his emotions on his face, heard this and his expression became tense and cold. "Three months after your father passed away, your mother called me and said that she was going on a mission. She also told me that if anything happened to her, it might be related to a piece of jade in her hand. Jian, only Grandma Ye knew that your mother left the village and only Grandma Ye knew that your father left the village to work."