

BOOT CAMP 131

Chapter 131: An Eye For An Eye

It seemed that no one could figure out what kind of a person Xia Jinyuan was. He was terrifyingly mysterious but was also very sincere at the same time.

He always had ways to make others comply with him willingly and happily. Nevertheless, in an instant, he could alienate himself from them again.

Facing this man who could control all his emotions easily, Ye Jian said to herself, "What a headache!"

With the remnant temperature from his fingertip on her nose tip, Ye Jian smiled without changing her expression. "Excuse me, but I do not have any messy thoughts. First, I don't have time for it. Second, I am young and innocent. Third, I must keep a distance from men, just as you told me, Captain Xia."

"Captain Xia, you are a man who is more outstanding than ordinary boys. Hence, it is all the more necessary for me to stay away from you."

The trap set up by this eloquent girl was as good as that of the adults.

Screech! The vehicle stopped. As Xia Jinyuan applied the brake, he approached Ye Jian. They were so close that she could see how dense and thick his long lashes were...

His deep and dark eyes stared at her gorgeous face, which had a faint smile on it. Gently, he smiled. "You can keep your distance from all the men in the world, except me."

While he was speaking, his voice, clear and light, sounded as if it came from an ancient instrument that was being played gently.

That low-pitched and cool voice was so unique that every word from it was imprinted with the charisma of a man named Xia Jinyuan.

The wine was intoxicating, and so was he.

Ye Jian did not lose her mind because of his abrupt approach. Instead, she remained alert and her eyes seemed calmer.

"Of course, I can't keep a distance from you, Captain Xia. Because..."

Since the man was already very close to her, Ye Jian didn't mind moving closer to him. Smiling, she leaned forward a bit.

Not only could they sense the breaths of each other, but their nose tips were also about to touch if they moved a bit. "Because... I understand what you mean, Captain Xia."

Xia Jinyuan had to admit that the girl was really cunning. He had no way to advance further due to her trick.

What should he do? It seemed that he had lost this secret battle between them.

Xia Jinyuan looked at Ye Jian's black eyes which were as pure as the night. She was also staring at him with concentration as if he was the only person in the world. With a meaningful smile from his thin lips, Xia Jinyuan slowed down his talking speed on purpose as if whispering to his lover. "That is what I mean at this moment, but it may or may not change in the future."

Usually, he had little interest in women. However, he didn't want this girl to end up being with others... What a headache.

It's unknown whether we would meet again in the future... Ye Jian thought to herself. Maintaining the smile on her face, she said, "Who knows what will happen in the future? The priority at this moment is for you to instruct me, Captain Xia."

Could she stay away from him if he were her instructor? Of course not! That was exactly what he meant!

It was a conversation brimmed with ambiguous flirting, but it came to an end because the two persons involved in it maintained their sobriety. As the vehicle drove into the provincial military base, Ye Jian heard the powerful shouting from the training field.

Chapter 132: Shouts of the Youths

The young soldiers were sweating on the training field to strengthen their physiques, waiting to serve their country one day!

The moment Ye Jian stepped onto this formidable and enthusiastic ground, she became a completely different person.

Even her eyes were brimmed with the fierceness which a soldier should possess. She liked this place.

She liked the fulfillment when she put on training clothes and climbed over obstacles and crossed through layers of wired fences with other soldiers!

She liked sweating on the training field and drinking, laughing, crying and bleeding with the soldiers!

As the saying goes, armies are to be maintained in the course of long years but to be used in the nick of time. If you never approach the world of the young soldiers, you won't know how they train in the usual days and how they race against time.

The soldiers, dressed in training clothes and forming a circle, were sitting on the training field. Xia Jinyuan was also one of the spectators. He was watching a girl who dared to wrestle against a soldier from Inner Mongolia.

There was a faint smile in his profound and black eyes. He was concentrating on the girl.

He had seen the contents of Ye Jian's training, which was comprised of five parts: the first one was the weapon sergeant training, the second was the engineering sergeant training, the third was the communication sergeant training, the fourth was the commander training, and the fifth... was the medical sergeant training.

The reasons why the medical sergeant training was the last stage were that Grandpa Gen and Principal Chen were not good at it, and it's hard to absorb in a short time.

Currently, the weapon sergeant training was the priority for Ye Jian. She should learn the functions of light weapons at home and abroad.

Pistols, semi-automatic rifles, machine guns, mortars, anti-tank weapons, and anti-aircraft weapons were included.

She would also receive training on tactics, indirect firepower attacks and the use of portable anti-aircraft weapons. Such dangerous, special A-rated training as weapons and bombs assembly and disassembly were also included.

And the sniper training was subordinated with the first part of her training program. Hence, by far, Ye Jian performed the best in this part.

A week's worth of pair exercise had made Xia Jinyuan figure out Ye Jian's abilities. As Principal Chen had said, she had reached a fine level in every aspect, except for her strength.

So, he avoided the first part of her training plan, trying to enhance Ye Jian's battle performance as much as possible in this week.

Meanwhile, he would tell her how to observe, defend, and fight in non-traditional battles (assassinations).

As the night approached, the deafening shouts from the training field faded. After the warm-up, Ye Jian participated in the training with Xia Jinyuan's instructions.

Just like the previous six nights, it was already ten in the evening when Ye Jian walked out of the training field of the provincial military base. As she returned to the Provincial No.1 Middle School and went back to her dormitory from the back gate, it was eleven o'clock.

"Survival, escape, defense and dodging are more than tactics, they can also be used in battle," said Xia Jinyuan in a stern and cold voice. In his combat uniforms, Xia Jinyuan seemed formidable and sharp like a sword. Even his dark eyes were fierce. With stability, he drove around a big bend. "Try to absorb what I have taught you in the last seven days. I will test you when you come to the capital city."

"I will do that. When are you leaving tomorrow?" said Ye Jian in a serious tone while nodding lightly.

She asked that out of courtesy. After instructing her painstakingly for seven nights, he was about to leave tomorrow.

"Why? You want to see me off?" Smiling, Xia Jinyuan glanced at her. He was not used to the girl being polite to him. "If that's your plan, I'm afraid you can't go back to school tonight."

Chapter 133: Flirting Is A Delight

Since the car could not drive to the back gate of the school, it stopped under a residential building. In the sealed vehicle, the breathing sounds of the two people were clearly audible after the engine halted.

Ye Jian unlocked the car and jumped off. Smiling at Xia Jinyuan who was seated in the car, she said, "Nice try, Captain Xia. Bye."

Similar to all the other top schools of the province, the Provincial No.1 Middle School was surrounded by tall residential buildings. Built in the 1980s, the rows of seven-story-high buildings behind the back gate were only one-meter-or-so away from each other.

Every night, Xia Jinyuan stopped his car here and walked Ye Jian into the school. Tonight was no exception.

While Ye Jian was smiling, he got off the car elegantly and closed the door. Leaning against the car, he looked at the girl whose facial features were obscure under the road lamps. A sexy curve formed on his thin lips. "Not even a hug before the farewell?"

"We had enough hugs on the training field. Don't you remember, Captain Xia?" She also knew how to flirt.

Even a dolt would learn how to flirt after being with him for a few days! As Ye Jian was smiling brightly, there was a sly implication in her eyes. "We will have numerous chances to hug in the capital city."

The girl was getting increasingly eloquent. It seemed like he must stop teasing her now... Otherwise, he would become pissed if she was good at flirting with other boys.

During the summer vacation, these old-fashioned, seven-story-high residential buildings from the 1980s were only lit with a few lights. The rest of them were covered in darkness.

The two of them walked past several residential buildings. Almost at the same time, they both looked in the same direction.

With a bit of coldness in her eyes, Ye Jian said to him, "It's not very far. I can walk over there by myself." It wasn't a nice feeling to be stared at for several nights consecutively.

"You want to go up there alone and have a look?" Xia Jinyuan didn't stop. Nor did he agree to leave her here. "If you want to go up, I can accompany you."

"I do. I want to ask if she/he is tired after staring at us for several nights." Ye Jian giggled. Suddenly, with a fierce and sharp look in her eyes, she glared at a window lit with a desk lamp.

Behind the window, someone was so scared that his hand shuddered. He pulled down the curtain, grabbed the water glass on the desk and sipped a mouthful of the water.

So scary! The murderous look in Ye Jian's eyes was so cold and fierce that his heart was about to jump out.

About three minutes later, the person who was shocked patted his chest lightly to calm himself down. Again, he pulled up the curtain gently.

He was about to raise the camera in his hands to record the man and woman coming back after taking their walk at night.

A gap opened beneath the curtain. Under the light of the desk lamp, he saw a face pressed close to the window from the outside. "Ah!!"

Holding the camera, Liao Jian screamed in horror as if he had seen a ghost. In the end, he couldn't save the camera in his hands. Bam! It dropped to the ground. He wondered if it was broken.

The window was open completely. Ye Jian hopped lightly and stood on the balcony.

As she pulled opened the curtain, she saw Liao Jian leaning against the wall and staring outside in fear. An imported camera lay beside his foot.

Chapter 134: You Should Not Move Around

Hunching, Ye Jian crawled into the room calmly through the window which had no wired fence. Gawked by the dumbstruck Liao Jian, she bent over to pick up the camera.

During the process, Ye Jian didn't talk to him at all. After picking up the camera, she stepped on the desk and jumped downwards with her back hunched. Just like that, she disappeared from the room.

Eyeballs frozen, Liao Jian didn't move at all until she jumped from the window. Shuddering, he came to himself and sped to the desk. Hands resting on the desk, he looked down and saw Ye Jian waving at him under the road lamp...

Liao Jian's face became pale. He shrank his neck and dared not look any longer. Bang! He reached out his shaking hands to close the window. He collapsed to the ground alongside the desk.

Jumping from the seventh floor... How did Ye Jian do that?!

And how did she climb to the seventh floor from the first floor in the blink of an eye?!

An unprecedented fear pervaded the air in an instant. Liao Jian had already regretted his promise with Ye Ying. He came all the way to the Provincial No.1 Middle School to spy on a person out of his league!

He must return to the town tomorrow. He must not let Ye Jian find him again!

Downstairs, Ye Jian said something to Xia Jinyuan. Glancing at the window that had no trace of light, and with a bit of fierceness in his thin lips, Xia Jinyuan said in a deep voice, "Your sister is up to something. Ye Jian, if you suspect that she is doing this to prevent you from qualifying in the competition, you must be careful in the school!"

He had witnessed the feud among girls. Their tricks were unpredictable and they fought against each other stealthily!

The next day, Ye Ying stared at the camera on her desk while she was sitting in the classroom. Although there was a feigned calm look on her palm-sized small face, her trembling eyelashes betrayed her emotion.

"I'm sorry that your thing is broken. Please do explain to Liao Jian when you meet him." said Ye Jian in a cold voice. Her pure eyes stayed on Ye Ying, who kept her head low due to guilt. "I assume Liao Jian would not ask me to compensate him if it is you who return this broken item to him."

Lightly, Ye Ying closed her eyes. As she raised her eyes, there was a shadow in them. "Return it to whomever you took it from. What do you mean by handing it to me? Go away! I need to study!"

"I want to return it to Liao Jian in person. However, I don't think he dares to see me at this moment after he experienced a scary night. But he would definitely come to you."

Ye Jian gently knocked her fingers on the desk. Her calm tone revealed the indistinct chill that made Ye Ying's heart palpitate. "If you don't want any accidents before the exams, Ye Ying, you'd better behave."

It was evident from the icy look on her face that she was threatening Ye Ying. With her heart beating, Ye Ying bit her lower lip without saying a word.

Meanwhile, she felt relieved.

Luckily, they both needed to take the exams. Otherwise, the wicked girl would have avenged her.

Realizing that Liao Jian was an unreliable helper, Ye Ying cursed at him furiously and smashed the camera, which was worth thousands of RMB.

Liao Jian intended to warn her about Ye Jian. However, after being lashed out at by her, Liao Jian just wanted to slap her in the face angrily. So, he left without saying anything.

He will not warn her! If she is capable, she can get it done on her own!

After the accident, Ye Ying dared not play any tricks anymore.

Chapter 135: Radiating Brilliant Lights

On the 17th of July, the 15-day closed-door enhanced training was over. In that evening, led by the teachers of the Provincial No.1 Middle School, 12 students headed to the capital city.

None of the students had visited the capital of their country before... From the 19th to the 23rd of July, the five-day, extremely-difficult exams were held before the excitement of the students subsided.

It was not until they arrived here did they realize that while every province sent the eighth and ninth grade students to take the exams, the top schools in the capital city sent both junior and senior high students.

After the first day, four of the 12 students from the township middle school were out of the competition. Three more were out on the second day, and two more on the third day. In the end, only Ye Jian, Ye Ying, and Gao Yiyang remained in the contest.

The atmosphere in the exam room was rather tense. After four days of a series of challenges including the written exams, oral exams, and vying to answer questions, Ye Jian, who was usually calm, had sweat in her palms.

But whenever it was her turn to accept the challenges, she would stand straight and stare at her rivals with composure in her eyes, and then she would answer the teachers' questions swiftly.

There were 14 teachers of physics, chemistry, and math in the exam room. Each of them had gained the title of 'National Outstanding Teacher'. They took turns to quiz the students.

The exams were not held one subject after another! It was an exam combined with all subjects!

"Correct answer!"

"Correct answer!"

"Correct answer!"

Every time Ye Jian gave consecutive answers, the voices of the invigilators sounded especially loud. After 16 challenges, this pretty girl with a pair of intelligent eyes ranked at the first place with 100% accuracy!

She even outperformed the two senior high students who participated in the Science Olympiad three years ago!

Undoubtedly, Gao Yiyang was rather brilliant. His accuracy rate was among the top three junior high students. On the contrary, Ye Ying made frequent mistakes in the session of the combined exam.

"Wrong answer. Three wrong answers in a row. Ye Ying of the Fujun Town of Southern Province, out."

After 30 minutes of vying to answer, Ye Ying sat in the exam room, pale-faced. Without blinking, she stared at Ye Jian who was competing against the seven students of the top schools in the capital city.

She eliminated a student easily. When an English teacher asked her questions, she answered like a native English speaker without any pause!

She really could speak English! Damn it! How come Ye Ying had never known that!

Every teacher in presence smiled approvingly... at Ye Jian!

They were smiling at that wicked girl who she had always looked down on!

Her sharp nails pierced into her palms, but Ye Ying did not feel the pain. All she could feel was that... Ye Jian was so brilliant standing on that podium. How she wished she could get rid of her!

How could an orphan girl stand here and get the attention of all the teachers and win the appreciation of everyone?!

If not for Ye Jian, she could definitely pass the exam!

It was her! It was the damned Ye Jian who had given her tremendous pressure, making her fail consequently!

After answering the English teacher's questions on the podium, Ye Jian smiled. The perseverance and confidence in her smile attracted the attention of everyone in an instant.

"Her memory exceeds every student at present. We have no reason to stop an outstanding student from going abroad. Ye Jian from the Fujun Town Middle School of Southern Province has qualified." After a brief discussion among the senior teachers, the first student who qualified for the next round was from the rural mountains rather than from the capital city.

Chapter 136: Who Can Stop Her?

The thundering applause came from the teachers, the eliminated students, and her competitors... Ye Jian, the first one who passed the exam, kept smiling elegantly on the podium. "Thank you." she said calmly, bowing.

Her composure and patience of a great talent won the hearts of every teacher.

Principal Cao had been keeping Ye Jian's company throughout this journey, holding a bottle of heart-calming pills in his hands. After hearing Ye Jian's name, he unscrewed the bottle cap with his trembling hands and swallowed three pills in a row.

Capital city. In the most heavily guarded military courtyard, in which bombs were hidden, Xia Jinyuan was tying the necktie of his short-sleeved casual clothes while walking downstairs.

He was wearing his summer casual military top. The lower part of his body was clothed in his ironed-straight, dark-green military pants, which were tied up by a brown belt. This outfit had perfectly shown his strong physique which had a sexy curve.

His broad shoulders, his long legs, along with his refined and elegant pace, had embodied the cultivated manners of a gentleman.

Someone had once commented on how Xia Jinyuan was dressed in his summer casual military clothes. It was said that he was one of a kind. Because anyone would lose their control, lunge towards him and rip him off!

"Dad, I'm going out." As he went downstairs, he saw Commander Xia sipping tea and reading the newspaper leisurely while sitting in the couch. "Go to bed early. I might return later at night."

Commander Xia had no idea that his son was at home. Hearing the sound behind him, he turned around, rather surprised. "Where did you come from? How come you didn't make any noise?"

Noticing that his son was wearing his summer casual military clothes, Commander Xia realized that he had cleaned himself up on purpose. Placing down the newspaper, Commander Xia looked at his handsome son with interest. "Oh, you dressed up. It seems like the sun does rise up from the west. Are you dating? Who is she? If you are serious, bring her home and let me have a look."

Other men might have four or five girlfriends in a year. But why had his son... never brought home a string of hair of a woman?

If he had not found adult movies in his son's study before, he would have suspected that his son had no interest in women due to spending too much time in the army!

Xia Jinyuan lowered his head to look at his attire but didn't find anything special. He raised his eyebrows. "Did you see me tidy up? It's not a date, but I am going to meet a girl."

"And don't you think too much. She is a 14-year-old middle school student."

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Commander Xia, who had guessed wrong, lost his interest instantly. Waving his hands, he drove his son away. "Go, go, go. Have fun. Don't come back for dinner tonight. I'm having dinner at your Uncle Han's home."

Chicly, Xia Jinyuan walked out of the courtyard. He was driving to his destination.

After coming out of the exam room, Ye Jian walked hurriedly to the school gate. She only had four minutes if she wanted to arrive at the time she and Xia Jinyuan agreed on. She needed to run.

"Ye Jian." Someone was chasing after her. The person was striding, for fear that she would leave. "Where are you going? Ye Ying and the others are leaving later. We plan to eat something outside before sending them to take the train."

There's no way for the eliminated students to stay in the capital city. The teachers of the Provincial No.1 Middle School were bringing them back to the Southern Province.

Gao Yiyang was familiar with the capital city. He asked the leading teachers, and they agreed to go to Wangfujing together to enjoy the local foods of the capital city.

The rest of the students also agreed happily.

Except for Ye Jian... After he and Ye Ying exchanged a few words, Ye Jian, who was present just now, had disappeared.

Chapter 137: Tit For Tat

Ye Jian felt helpless as she heard Gao Yiyang's voice from behind.

How she wished she could label "NO WAY" on her forehead. Why was he greeting her? She thought she had turned him down completely last time, but as it turned out... he didn't change his mind.

She turned around, rubbing her temples as if having a headache. Looking at the somewhat handsome boy in front of her, she sighed, "Let me reiterate, Gao Yiyang, I really don't like..."

"Why? Just because I am pursuing Ye Ying?" Gao Yiyang didn't want to hear those words again. Besides, he couldn't understand why she hated him so much. In retrospect, he didn't find himself doing anything that could disgust her!

Not that he was hoping she could be kind to him, but he did want to communicate with her normally like schoolmates, instead of being so aggressive and hostile right now.

Interrupted by him, Ye Jian smiled knowingly. "Not bad. You know yourself." she said approvingly.

At this moment, Ye Ying couldn't help but walk over to them as if she had made a new discovery. "Gao Yiyang always has a good reputation in school. It's only you, Ye Jian, who keeps finding faults with him all the time."

"Ha, I couldn't understand before, but your words have enlightened me. Do you hate him for pursuing me? Can I say that your hatred stems from your love?"

That made sense.

Due to her words, Gao Yiyang's cold but good-looking face seemed a bit awkward. As he tilted his head to glance at Ye Ying, he rebuked in a low voice, "Nonsense!"

Liking him? He was smart enough to tell fondness and hatred apart! It's clear that Ye Jian hated him! She had no affection for him at all!

"I didn't say anything. She admitted to it, hasn't she?" giggled Ye Ying, squinting at him. "What are you going to do, Gao Yiyang? How about you stop pursuing me and seek Ye Jian instead? She is a celebrity."

"I don't want our last bit of sisterhood to run out because of a boy."

Ye Ying had always been an excellent actress. Take this moment for an example, she could pretend to smile, despite the cold look in her eyes.

Sneering, Ye Jian said calmly, "Don't. You've always had a very high standard, Ye Ying. It's not easy for you to meet a boy that you like. Do not give him to me, I am afraid..."

She paused deliberately. Then, she saw the sudden change in Ye Ying's facial expression and the extremely sharp look in her eyes.

"Tut, tut, tut. Don't pretend you are generous, because you are not. Look at your tiny face. How frightened are you?" said Ye Jian like she was teasing a puppy. A couple of sentences from her had swayed Ye Ying's emotions easily. Slightly lifting her chin, she said to Gao Yiyang, "Talk to your girlfriend. Don't let her give you up easily."

"If she does offer you to me and I happen to accept you because I am bored... Ha, I am afraid she might cry alone and collapse in the toilet. One more thing, don't tell me about sisterhood. It sounds phony."

Every word was absolutely blunt and humiliating Ye Ying!

Ye Ying was so furious that her lungs were about to explode. Since Gao Yiyang was present, she wanted to maintain the demeanor of a lady. But she didn't want to suffer in silence, so she yelled, "Ye Jian, you are quite something! Gao Yiyang is not an item. Do you want to steal him? That depends on whether he agrees or not. Save yourself some dignity and don't let others despise you!"

Chapter 138: A Divine Man

On the side, Gao Yiyang's face became a bit gloomy. "Ye Ying, she didn't say anything about stealing. You don't need to complicate the matter." Girls always liked to make things complicated. He only heard Ye Jian's sarcasm, but Ye Ying believed that Ye Jian was provoking her...

What did he mean by saying that she didn't need to complicate the matter?!

Hearing this, Ye Ying sneered. "I did not complicate the matter. She didn't hate you before. Since you and I became closer, there was a hateful expression on her face. Doesn't her hatred stem from her affection for you?"

"Affection brings about hatred?" A clear and joking voice was heard slowly. Wandering under the setting sun, a slender and divine figure walked over to them with elegance. "Since when did you hate me, girl?"

He had been waiting for her for five minutes but didn't see her. As it turned out, someone had blocked her way.

As soon as Ye Jian heard that voice and what he said, her headache worsened... Why did he enter the school?!

"If I don't show up, I'm afraid your bullies are going to make you weep." With a smile on his good-looking face, Xia Jinyuan walked over to them and stood beside Ye Jian.

He didn't look at the other two people. Instead, he gazed at Ye Jian, who was late for the first time. Smiling, he raised his hand to flick her forehead affectionately. "You are late today. I've been waiting for you alone and outside for so long. Tell me. How will you make it up to me?"

He couldn't stand the other scheming girl anymore. Every word she said was trying to thoroughly destroy Ye Jian's image.

He couldn't understand the mindsets of girls nowadays. Could the girl display her high moral ground by disparaging her classmate?

Ye Jian had been accustomed to his occasional flicking on her forehead. Frowning, she rubbed her forehead and said calmly, "Sorry that I am a bit late. I'm free now, let's go."

After saying that, she turned around and headed towards the school gate.

Xia Jinyuan smiled resignedly. It was not until now that he slightly raised his eyes to glance at the boy and the girl with a cold and sharp look in his eyes. The boy had tightened his lips, and the girl had been

grabbing the boy's sleeve automatically since Xia Jinyuan showed up. Without a word, he curled up his mouth sarcastically, making them tense all over.

The formidable glare and the cold sneer from this proud man clearly indicated that he despised talking to Ye Ying and Gao Yiyang. He detested them to the extent that it was beneath his dignity to look at them!

Xia Jinyuan believed it was beneath him to argue with kids.

Nevertheless, he assumed the petty Ye Jian would be very glad to argue with them.

To make his girl feel better, he wouldn't mind doing one or two things beneath his dignity from time to time.

"Ah, good for her. She's seducing a soldier." said Ye Ying, gritting her teeth. She didn't speak until the two people had gone out of her sight.

She was still scared... When that soldier in military uniform glanced at her with a chilly look in his eyes, she was too frightened to lift her head... That was why she didn't see clearly how that soldier looked like!

It took a while before Gao Yiyang stopped looking at those two people. Hearing this, he furrowed his sword-like brows and said in a deep voice, "Not an ordinary soldier. He is a very young Major."

Major? Ye Ying creased her fine-looking brows. "What is a Major? It seems like you are as... as me..." Frightened was the missing word. It's a bit embarrassing to say it.

Chapter 139: Hard to Date Ye Jian

Since Ye Ying had never learned about military ranks, she didn't know what a Major was. But Gao Yiyang did...

Looking at the slightly frightened countenance on Ye Ying's face, Gao Yiyang sighed, "I am as scared as you... Never mind. It doesn't matter if you don't know what that is. Let's go without her."

After a pause, he frowned slightly and said in a deep voice, "You didn't have to be so mean to Ye Jian just now. I am not that stupid to not be able to tell affection and hatred apart."

At this moment, Ye Ying's pretty eyes became completely gloomy. After she stared at him for a while, tears welled up and flooded in her eyes. She smiled, but she looked worse than crying. "Really? I have misunderstood her, all right? Excuse me, but I don't want to go out tonight. Bye!"

Instead of insisting on her opinion, she cried and admitted that everything was her fault, thus making Gao Yiyang, a teenage boy at his 15 or 16, surrender and apologize.

As he apologized, Ye Ying smiled stealthily. She always knew how to make use of her strengths to manipulate others.

When the exams were over, Director Li of the Capital No.1 Experiment Middle School and Mrs. Zhu walked out of the exam room. "Thank you, Director Li, for helping us get the bus tickets."

Since Gao Yiyang was ahead of them, Mrs. Zhu, smiling, walked over to him after exchanging a few words with Director Li.

Both Gao Yiyang and Ye Ying were a bit bewildered as they heard that the Capital No.1 Experiment Middle School had arranged cars for the students. When the trial was over, they could go to the fruit gardens and farm villages of the suburban area of the capital city to relax...

"What? You don't believe your teacher? Ha-ha. I'm not lying to you. Go inform the other three students. No need to tell Ye Jian, because I have told her already."

Patting on Gao Yiyang's shoulders, Mrs. Zhu smiled more brightly. "It's only a few days before the big game starts. The school has specially arranged this happy hour for our 12 candidates to relax. Ha-ha. Thanks to you, we can relax as well."

Subtly, Mrs. Zhu glanced at Ye Ying one more time. It seemed that Ye Ying and Gao Yiyang were very close to each other. Was there puppy love between them?

"You mean that we are staying in the farm village tonight and won't come back until tomorrow noon?" asked Ye Ying because she was uncertain. A trace of shadow flashed across her pretty eyes. "When are we leaving the capital city tomorrow? Can we board the train in time if we don't come back tonight?"

She was considerate. Smiling, Mrs. Zhu said, "Rest assured, you can definitely go home tomorrow. As agreed upon, we should assemble in 20 minutes. Quick, let's gather up ten minutes in advance."

Ye Ying's eyes flickered. Urgently, she said to Gao Yiyang, "You inform the boys and I will inform the girls."

After saying goodbye to Mrs. Zhu, she left in a hurry.

She was walking extremely fast. Her eyes were not only gloomy but also contained terrifying maliciousness.

Ye Jian had walked out of the school. Instead of getting in the car immediately, she looked at the man whose figure was as fierce and straight as a spear. From the look in her eyes, she was amazed by him.

The summer casual military clothes had elevated Xia Jinyuan's elegant disposition to its peak. His every behavior was as exquisite and noble as that of a true gentleman.

"Sorry that I can't go out tonight. Just now, Mrs. Zhu of the Provincial No.1 Middle School said that the school here has arranged the 12 candidates of our school to go to a farm village. I didn't refuse." Ye Jian slightly raised her eyes, concealing the fact that she found him stunning. "I'm very sorry that I have to stand you up tonight."

Chapter 140: Failed Strategy

Her apology made Xia Jinyuan raise his eyebrows very subtly. Smiling, he said, "In that case, let's wait for next time. I was thinking of taking you to see..."

The public should not know what he was about to say. So he hunched over, shrouding the thin Ye Jian with his slender and tall physique, just like a pine protecting a growing sapling by shielding off the sun. "...our country's latest-model cannons, which are about to be put in use in the army."

They were so close that he could smell the light fragrance of her. It was not the scent of artificial essences but was the girl's mesmerizing body odor, which was refreshing and elegant like that of a flower.

The girl had fair skin, which showed the pure luster of jade... Well, she was skinnier and taller than the first time they met... She was already an attractive teenage girl.

As his black eyes darkened slightly, Xia Jinyuan curled his lips up in secret. He was observing Ye Jian's slim neck, which was like that of a swan. It was not awkward because he was purely appreciating the beauty.

Surrounded by his mint scent in an instant, Ye Jian drew back slightly without a trace.

Her heart palpitated momentarily as they looked at each other in the eye. Ye Jian saw the confident and assertive smile on his sexy, thin lips. It seemed like he believed that she would decline the school arrangement and go with him.

Ye Jian was unorthodox as well. Instead of moving away from him, she looked askance at him.

With a faint smile in her smart eyes, she looked at him and shook her head. "Thanks for your consideration, Captain Xia. I would like to go, but unfortunately, I can't."

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It's clear that she was interested, but why didn't she agree to go with him?

For fear that she might have other arrangements today, he had prepared several plans. His painstaking efforts would be meaningless if she didn't appreciate them.

At home, he had planned to take Ye Jian to enjoy the authentic Beijing cuisines at a private kitchen in Beihai Park. And then, he would take her to the training field in his courtyard, to see if she had made progress during the past few days when he was absent.

It seemed that this arrangement was unlikely to keep the independent girl by his side... So, he adjusted his strategy in the last minute by luring her to the arsenal!

It was a very good strategy. But the person it targeted upon was unusual.

Xia Jinyuan thought he was about to succeed. But in the end... the girl said, "I can't go." As Xia Jinyuan drove away, he felt heartbreak for the first time.

Not only was the girl smart, but she was also adamant. It's really hard to lure her.

Ye Jian didn't return to the school until his car had driven out of her sight. Now, it was shy of six o'clock, so she decided to go back to her dormitory to wash up.

She would be lying if she said she was not nervous on the podium. That was her first experience, and her back was drenched in sweat.

She was indeed a bit tired after her brain worked at high speed for consecutive days...

Alas, if she were to spend time with the dangerous man, she would be tense all over and have to pay attention to his intangible flirtations which could cause misunderstandings.

Just like moments ago, he could have kept his distance during their conversation, but he was so close to her... Moreover, he hunched over, surrounding her with his masculine scent.

...All the more the reason she didn't want to go with him!

When Ye Jian came downstairs, many students had been chatting with each other. They were the candidates from each school which participated in the contest. In total, there were 42 people, which was not a lot.

Among the 12 students from Fujun Town, six of them had returned home. Led by the students and teachers of the Capital No.1 Experiment Middle School, the remaining six students boarded a bus, heading to the orchard farm.