

Chapter 781: If We Don't Act In Time, I'm Afraid The Situation Would Change

"Do you mean that that wicked girl might guess some things?" Sun Yaozu always listened to his mother-in-law but he still felt a little unwilling to give up. "Damn it, I thought that I would be able to take revenge this time but who knew that Second Brother would raise such a wicked girl!"

"From what you said, we can't do anything to her this time?"

"Since we can't get friendly with her, you will have to put in more effort." Grandpa Ye, who had his eyes closed, suddenly opened his mouth as if he was speaking in his sleep. After that, he went silent again.

Ye Zhixiang's heart pounded loudly. She couldn't help but look at Grandma Ye in confusion.

"Your father knows everything but he acts silly. He's one foot in the grave but he still has to act silly even when he knows everything," Grandma Ye said calmly. It was easy to understand the individual words she was saying but when the words combined into a sentence, people that didn't know the truth could not make sense of it.

Why did he need to act silly? Only they themselves know..

Ye Zhixiang nodded. "That's right. Father can only rely on me now."

"We will take revenge. Yaozu's eye keeps reminding me of the stupidest thing I did in my entire life. Since she's just a child now, let's get rid of her before she turns into an adult." Grandma Ye seemed a little tired. After she finished speaking, her expression turned a little weary. Even the wrinkles on her face became deeper too.

She was already more than 60 years old. No matter how much she maintained her skin, there would still be wrinkles.

"Zhixiang, take note of the weather outside. Go back to your room and help Yaozu pack up. Once the rain gets lighter, leave immediately. If it's still so heavy, he needs to leave too." She raised her eyelids. Her gaze turned sharp for an instant. She sighed and said, "If we don't act in time, I'm afraid the situation will change."

"Okay. Return to your rooms. I need to recite my scriptures."

That wicked girl was just like her mother. When she looked over with her eyes, it felt as though no evil spirits were able to get close to her. It felt as though nothing could bring her down.

In the past, her mother would still respect her as her mother-in-law. However, that wicked girl didn't.

There was calmness and disdain in Ye Jian's eyes whenever this grandma of hers was mentioned. The indifference in Ye Jian's gaze caused her to feel frightened even though she had lived for more than 60 years.

This wasn't an easy person to deal with. She was even harder to deal with than her mother.

If she wanted to protect her daughter's family, she needed to be careful. She needed to be very careful.

Grandma Ye reminded her daughter to be careful of Ye Jian but she didn't mention anything to Ye Zhifan and his family. She even asked them to bring Ye Jian to her no matter what. Her attitude towards the two families was really different.

She was still the same after so many years. Ye Zhifan was used to it.

"It's obvious that the old lady came back for that wicked girl. What do you think she's scheming this time?" After returning to their rooms, Sun Dongqing asked Ye Zhifan immediately. She didn't even check the amount of money there was inside the bank card that Ye Zhixiang gave her as a present.

Ye Zhifan glanced at Ye Ying who hadn't left. He said, "Yingying, go back to your room and rest. A child shouldn't interfere in the affairs of the adults. You performed well in front of your grandma. Go to your room and see what your aunt gave you as your present."

He was able to tell Ye Ying how to get what she wanted but he didn't plan to tell a child about all the dark affairs in his family. He might harm the entire family if he told her about them.

Chapter 782: Crazy Old Witch

Ye Ying pouted unhappily when she heard this. "Dad, why can't I listen? I'm not young anymore. I'm not a child. Also, I want to know why Grandma doesn't like Ye Jian. She didn't like me in the past too."

"She likes you now because your dad is a high-ranking official. Your grandma, sigh, you won't be able to imagine the number of sufferings your mom has gone through because of your grandma." Sun Dongqing was unwilling to let her daughter know about these vexing matters too. However, she didn't want her daughter to get close to that cruel old woman either.

She added, "You can respect her when she's around but don't get fooled by her words!"

Ye Zhifan didn't reprimand his wife when she said this. Instead, he nodded and said in a low voice, "Listen to what your mom says and remember it in your heart. Go back to your room and rest. We'll go to school early tomorrow to settle your transfer application. You still need to report to Provincial No. 2 Middle School after that."

Ye Ying couldn't go to Provincial No.1 Middle School but she was still able to study in Provincial No. 2 Middle School. With Ye Zhifan's network, it wasn't difficult for him to find a school for his daughter.

Ye Ying left unhappily. After she returned to her room and opened her present, her mood became good again.

"Don't mention past events in front of Yingying in the future. If my mom finds out, you know her methods. We will suffer greatly." After Ye Ying went back to her room, Ye Zhifan lit a cigarette and went into deep thought among the smoke.

Sun Dongqing didn't interrupt him. She just made tea for herself and placed the teacup on the coffee table. Her expression was similar to her husband's, dark and gloomy.

"She didn't come back because of Ye Jian. She came back because of me. I agreed to adopt Ye Jian and raised Ye Jian according to her plan because she agreed to give me the jade and give my younger sister the money."

After some time, Ye Zhifan finally mentioned the deal he made in the past. It was a deal that even Sun Dongqing didn't know of.

Sun Dongqing's expression was already dark. When she heard about this affair and knew that her husband had kept it from her for more than 10 years, she jumped up from the sofa and threw a pillow at her husband in a fit of anger. "Ye Zhifan, you're amazing. You teamed up with the old witch to fool me!"

"Stop acting crazy! Sit down!" Ye Zhifan threw the pillow on the floor and shouted in a low voice. "You're so angry now. If I told you in the past, the entire village will know about this!"

"My mom probably came back because she wants me to do something. This thing probably has to do with my younger sister. She knows that the jade is with me so she can use it to threaten me."

Sun Dongqing was so angry her chest heaved up and down. She gritted her teeth and said, "Stupid old witch. The moment she came back, our family can forget about having a good life." After complaining, she asked, "Do you know what she wants you to do?"

"Yes. Get rid of Sun Yaozu's criminal identity."

Sun Dongqing's scream immediately sounded from the room. "Old witch! Is she crazy? If she really dared to do this, I'll stab her to death! I won't forgive her if she tries to ruin your future!"

"Lower your voice! Do you really think that the sound insulation of the hotel is very good?" Ye Zhifan glared at her. Their voices instantly became softer.

The rain didn't stop. A rainstorm alert was announced through the television. Zhang Bin called Ye Jian five minutes later. "The storm is really heavy. There's probably a hitch in the telephone wires. I made many calls but they all failed."

"Why do you want to look for my dad? It feels like you have something to ask." Zhang Bin was staying at his grandma's place. Thus, it was easy for him to call his father. He continued, "Is it urgent? I'll try again later."

Chapter 783: Starting To Investigate Her Past Life

If there was a problem with the telephone wires, he might not be able to make the call at a later time either.

Ye Jian thought of another person. She said, "It's nothing urgent. There's just something I wanted to ask his opinion on. You don't have to contact him anymore. I'll think about it myself."

She exchanged a few more sentences with Zhang Bin before hanging up.

There was one more person she could look for. It was Yang Heng.

Yang Heng's father was the director-general of the Transportation Bureau. She wondered if she would be able to get something out of him.

As she thought about this, her fingers had already dialed a number. She didn't know Yang Heng's house number but she knew her class monitor, Lu Xin's house number. She could ask Lu Xin about this.

After going one round, Yang Heng received Ye Jian's call. He was wearing a singlet and short pants when he picked up her call. He asked in surprise, "I didn't expect you to call me or have my house number."

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Zhang Bin was shocked when Ye Jian called him. Now, Yang Heng was astounded too. Ye Jian felt that she needed to be more aware of herself. She needed to constantly maintain her relationship with her classmates too.

After Ye Jian explained her motive, Yang Heng immediately agreed. "I have to say that you found the right person. My family members are all policemen, coming from all different departments. I'll call you back in a while."

Ye Jian knew that this wasn't a difficult affair so she silently waited for Yang Heng to call back after she hung up.

The police station was very cooperative when finding a fugitive. However, it was after working hours so only the policemen on duty were able to help them. Thus, it took a while longer.

Half an hour later, Ye Jian received Yang Heng's call.

"You can't find the name?" The news she received caused Ye Jian to narrow her eyes. This might be because Sun Yaozu used a fake name. She pursed her lips and said, "What about his face. Can you look up his face?"

Yang Heng's heart dropped when he heard Ye Jian talking so specifically. "Did you meet a Class A criminal? Did you contact me because you find him familiar? Where are you now? I'll ask my uncle to go over!"

"No, no, don't worry." A child that grew up in a policemen family really had a high vigilance. Ye Jian didn't want to alert her enemies so she hurriedly replied, "I didn't meet him. I'm just suspicious. Since you can't find the name, I'll send you the image of him tomorrow."

So she was just suspicious. Yang Heng heaved a sigh of relief. "Alright. You have good drawing skills. They almost look like a photograph. If there's really such a person, my uncle will definitely find him."

"Do you mean that you'll help me to hand my drawing to the police station after I pass it to you?" Ye Jian didn't plan to take Sun Yaozu's image directly to the police station. She was afraid that if her guess was wrong, the policemen would educate her furiously.

If you suspected someone and gave the police his drawing, what if everyone learned from you? The entire police department would have to investigate all kinds of criminals every day.

It was almost 9 pm. The television was playing the 'Romance of the Three Kingdoms'. Sima appeared again and many battles were happening. Ye Jian heard Zhuge Liang said, "Cao Rui isn't scary. The only person we should be scared about is Sima Yi..." Then, a loud and clear man's voice was heard. Ye Jian said hurriedly, "Have a good rest. We'll talk tomorrow."

"Okay. See you tomorrow." Yang Heng covered the speaker of the phone one second before his father scolded him to prevent himself from getting embarrassed in front of his female classmate. After hanging up, he stood up and raised his eyebrows proudly at Director Yang. "Ye Jian. The young lady that helped the police in your department crack their case. She's an amazing young lady."

Any family would be anxious when they had a child that was in the third year of senior high. Even Director Yang was afraid that his son would be engaged in an early relationship during such a crucial year.

Chapter 784: She Had Love and Friendship

Yang Heng's mother secretly used the extension telephone and heard a lady who called so she told her husband. She was afraid that a young lady calling her son at this time of the night... might be a sign of a romantic relationship.

Director Yang laughed and scolded Yang Heng when he heard his son's reply, "Young brat, if you know the other person's amazing, you should learn from her. I heard from your aunt that she did a university entrance examination mock test before she entered school. Her results were more than ten points higher than the admission criteria for undergraduates."

Good students could play with good students. Even if their gender was different, their parents would be at ease.

"So outstanding? Hengheng[1], next week is your birthday, right? Your dad and I feel that since it's your 18th birthday and you're becoming an adult, we should celebrate it. Why not make it a big event? Let's have a birthday celebration at your grandma's place. We can invite our relatives and your classmates." Mother Yang was relieved after she knew that the lady who called was so outstanding. She even encouraged her son to invite the lady over to play.

After this reminder, Yang Heng felt that the idea was good too. He moved his shoulders and walked towards his room. "That sounds good. I'll tell her about it tomorrow. Also, mom, don't listen to my calls secretly. If I really want to get a girlfriend, I would have done it long ago."

Director Yang's family lived in a unit room given by the Transportation Bureau. It was around 120 square meters. There were three bedrooms, a living room, and a dining room. It was big enough for the family of three. Yang Heng walked to the door of his room and turned around. He looked at his mother, who had an awkward expression on her face, and smiled, revealing his straight and white teeth. "Your son is a popular figure in school. When I first went to school, I received a hundred love letters. Even if there

weren't a hundred, there were fifty. If I really had a lady I like, I would have made her my girlfriend already. Empress Mother, you won't be able to stop it."

"Brat, hurry up and go back to your room to sleep. Why do you keep teasing your mom?" Director Yang laughed and reprimanded his son.

After Yang Heng went back to his room, he said to his wife softly, "Our son is getting older. He doesn't want us to know some things. You shouldn't keep listening to his calls secretly."

"Some of my colleagues who patrol the area told me that they saw my son entering an internet cafe. They also saw him in fights. However, he never tells us anything when he comes back. This means that he knows what he's doing. As long as his results are good and he has his bottom line, you don't have to care so much."

"People's temper is elastic. The more you suppress them, the higher they rebound. If you don't care about him and just remind him appropriately, giving him time to settle down, you'll yield twice the result with half the effort."

There was a difference between family education too. Some families gave their child a good education, an instance being Director Yang. This allowed Yang Heng to know his grounds no matter what he did outside.

Some families' education was bad. An instance would be Luo Ran. They only thought of resolving the problems using money but they never felt that Luo Ran needed to be reprimanded.

There were also parents who were so strict that in the house, they were like gods. Their children could only listen to them. If they didn't, their parents would hit or scold him. As time went by, these children, who had been suppressed heavily, would rebel even stronger.

However, Ye Jian wasn't able to experience any kind of love from her parents. After she hung up, she sat in the chair and maintained the same position for at least half an hour.

When she felt that the rain outside had gotten lighter, she moved her body. Then, she stood up with an intent gaze and walked to the window. She looked at the time repeatedly. If the flight didn't get delayed, Xia Jinyuan would have gotten on the plane long ago.

When they were on an emergency mission, they would snatch the shortest and best route.

[1] Yang Heng's nickname his mother uses.

Chapter 785: A Beauty

The rain got smaller. The water level of the river just managed to reach the cordon line. Grandma Ye finished reciting her Buddhist scriptures and came out of her room. She noticed that the rain got smaller so she called Ye Zhixiang.

"The rain is lighter now. Ask Yaozu to leave. Tomorrow, we'll talk to your brother and see how we can solve the problem of Yaozu's identity." Grandma Ye didn't know if Ye Jian would investigate them but the moment she remembered the clear and sharp eyes, she couldn't help but think too much.

Whether Ye Jian would investigate them or not, it was better to take precautions and be more careful.

Sun Yaozu didn't resist the order to leave. He was just unwilling to let Ye Jian go without teaching her a lesson. He took his passport and said furiously before he left. "Wife, since you're going to stay for a few more days, help me watch over her. I feel frustrated after coming back to the Southern Province."

He wasn't going through the customs to go to Harbour City. He had his own special way. He just needed to leave the Southern Province.

"Don't worry. When did my mother and I do things wrongly? It's good that you're going to the Harbour City. See if the smugglers there finished making your Harbour City identity. We are willing to give them any amount of money!" Ye Zhixiang wasn't afraid of Sun Yaozu fooling around. She was just afraid that he might play until he forgot about the real business.

Her mother and she were the faces of the company but many underground businesses, the ones that earned the most money, had to be done by Sun Yaozu.

If something happened to him, their entire family would be dead.

"Manager, the guest from Room 809 is leaving." The staff guarding the 8th floor informed the hotel manager when he noticed the situation there.

Within a moment, the television in Hou Zi's room, which was playing a movie seconds ago, changed into the image of the hotel's elevator. A man that was around 1.7 meters in height and had short limbs entered the elevator while carrying his luggage.

Hou Zi only put the movie back on the screen after the man left his hotel.

There were too many people in the underground world. Hou Zi didn't know everyone. But, this wasn't important. The important thing was that other people knew who he was.

After watching the television for some time, he looked at the time. It was 10 pm. The person that he was waiting for hadn't arrived. He furrowed his brows deeply and revealed an irritated expression.

A few seconds later, Hou Zi ordered, "Go and investigate this family. Find out where they're from. Give all their information to me."

He didn't know why Yiwei was angry but he needed to coax her. She didn't care about jewelry and she already had many branded goods. Thus, he could only... find another route.

The lady that Old Sixth liked met some trouble. The trouble came from her own family too. Hence, why don't he help the young lady? He admired the young lady anyways. After that, he could send the information he found to Xia Yiwei and ask her for praise.

Once Hou Zi made his decision, he started investigating Sun Yaozu. However, he didn't know that Xia Yiwei's current attitude wouldn't change just from his coaxing.

Ye Jian didn't know that Sun Yaozu had already left. The next morning, she woke up at 5.30 am and started her morning exercise.

The design of the garden of this five-star hotel was beautiful. There was a huge outdoor swimming pool at the back. When Ye Jian jogged past the swimming pool, she saw a sexy and tall woman emerging from the water wearing a bikini.

Ripples formed and the woman raised her head. She swung her long hair to the back.

This movement... It was so sexy that even Ye Jian was enchanted. Her jog became jogging on the spot.

The woman reached for the ladder to climb up to the ground. A long and slender hand reached over. The person chuckled softly and said to the beautiful woman who came out of the pool. "I'm really lucky to be able to see a beauty rising from the waters bright and early in the morning."

Chapter 786: Handsome Man And Beautiful Lady

Ye Jian quickly retracted her gaze. She didn't do it because she felt awkward looking at the man who was only wearing a pair of swimming trunks. She did it because the man was Hou Zi.

A handsome man and a beautiful lady. The scene was very harmonious.

"What time did you come back yesterday? Why didn't you give me a call? It's alright if you didn't give me a call. But, you even ordered the front desk to keep it from me." Hou Zi placed the white towel around Xia Yiwei's shoulder gentlemanly. His gaze landed on the deep ravine on her chest. He squinted slightly. "Do you want to change clothes in my room?"

Ye Jian ran even faster. She didn't intentionally look at them or hear their conversation. She just happened to be running beside them coincidentally.

This time, she couldn't even run properly now. She felt that she should go back to her room and quickly check-out!

Just now, when Hou Zi was talking, she felt him glancing in her direction. His gaze was cold and vicious.

There was a storm yesterday night so the air this morning was very refreshing as if it had been washed with water. Ye Jian took a few deep breaths. The air smelled like rain. She secretly evaded the men in black suits that were coming over. When she realized that these men were looking for her, she knew that she couldn't hide anymore.

She was enchanted by the beautiful woman's body so she didn't see Hou Zi coming. Now, she got the attention of this boss from the underground world.

Compared to them finding her, she rather gave herself in voluntarily. This was to prevent Hou Zi from suspecting that she appeared in the garden intentionally to get close to him.

She stopped dodging the men in black suits. Instead, she smiled and replied, "I was close by just now. I can follow you and explain to Brother Zi."

After the National Day, a storm occurred. Yesterday in the afternoon, everyone was still able to wear short sleeves. Now, they had to wear long sleeves. Those that were afraid of the cold could even wear a thin sweater too.

The water in the swimming pool wasn't warm. The water had just been changed this morning. The square swimming pool appeared clean and refreshing with the blue sky reflected in it.

Xia Yiwei had a habit of swimming in the morning. If she had the time, she would swim for half an hour every morning.

Yesterday night, she specially informed the front desk but she still met the man whom she had been with for the past 17 years. She didn't accept his invitation and just said calmly, "No. I plan to swim for a while longer. Boss Hou is a busy person. If you have no business, please leave as soon as possible!"

The cold feeling was felt again. Hou Zi didn't have to guess this time. He could hear it from her voice.

"What happened? Did something happen at work? Tell me about it. Maybe I can help you. I heard that the water in the river was rising very quickly and you needed to order an evacuation. Is it because the work yesterday didn't go smoothly?" Hou Zi hadn't realized that Xia Yiwei was distancing herself from him. He just smiled and comforted her. At the same time, he stretched his hand out and wanted to hug the lady so that they could sit on the bench under the umbrella.

Xia Yiwei wasn't a soft person. She instantly hit his hand away and said, "Boss Hou, I'm tired. Please let me go."

There was a double meaning behind her words. Hou Zi's expression changed when he heard this.

"Third Master," The bodyguard beside Hou Zi noticed that his men had something to report so he opened his mouth and reminded Hou Zi softly, "They have brought the person here."

Hou Zi was in a bad mood as he stared at Xia Yiwei. Hence, when he heard this, he narrowed his eyes and killing intent flashed past them. "Who's sneaking around?"

Chapter 787: No Distance At All

"Don't vent your anger on someone else. Fine, I'll go up. You can take care of your own matters." Xia Yiwei had been with this man for 17 years so she knew why he was angry. She broke free from his grip without any hesitation and left with the towel wrapped around her body.

When Ye Jian came over, she saw the beauty that came out from the swimming pool walking towards her with an expressionless face. She felt a sense of familiarity.

The pretty lady was mesmerizing. Her beauty was a little aggressive. However, Ye Jian noticed some similarities between the lady and Xia Jinyuan from her enchanting features.

Her eyes and aura were the most similar.

Her eyes were cold and her aura was arrogant, the kind of arrogance that came along with a noble background. It wouldn't cause disdain in others. It just made people realize that she came from a good family.

Xia Yiwei saw Ye Jian walking over too. She smiled slightly. Wasn't this the young lady that Old Sixth liked? She looked prettier than her pictures.

No wonder even a man like Hou Zi, who had high expectations of the people around him, said that this young lady was not bad. She was pretty and the resilience in her gaze was rarely seen on other people. It made it hard for people to forget her.

"So it was a young lady jogging. I thought that it was some pervert. Not bad. It's good that you realize the importance of exercising at such a young age."

Xia Yiwei stopped. She looked at the young lady who was smiling at her. "If I knew you were running, I would have joined you."

"I'm sorry. I didn't notice that there was a swimming pool here. Sorry to disturb you." Her room was opened with the VIP card from a Miss Xia. This lady looked similar to Xia Jinyuan so she was probably the owner of the VIP card.

Ye Jian had met Commander Xia already so when she faced this lady who was blood-related to Xia Jinyuan, she didn't feel nervous. Her voice was calm but she sounded a little relaxed too.

Xia Yiwei's smile got brighter when she heard the tone of Ye Jian's voice. She said with interest, "Why do I feel that you know something?"

"Know what?" Hou Zi walked over with an unhappy expression. Even his voice sounded dull. But, when he saw Ye Jian, he smiled. "Were you the one jogging just now? Did you sleep well last night?"

So it was this young lady. It looked like he was thinking too much just now.

Ye Jian looked at the couple in front of her who was standing next to each other. There was an intimate feeling around them. She pursed her lips and said in embarrassment, "I'm sorry, Brother Zi. I was jogging in the area. I didn't intend to disturb you and Miss Xia."

"It seems like she does know something." Xia Yiwei smiled brightly as she reached her hand out and introduced herself. "I'm Xia Yiwei, Xia Jinyuan's cousin. I'm also the cousin that has the best relationship with him. You can call me Sister Wei. Don't call me Miss Xia anymore. It sounds weird."

Hou Zi took the chance to place her arms around the lady's shoulder. He said to Ye Jian, "Someone forcefully tried to get your room number from the front desk yesterday. The lobby manager called me and your Sister Wei told me about it too. Your Sister Wei was the one who forcefully told me that I have to rush to the hotel."

"She said that the young lady is the person their Old Sixth likes. If I don't go over, your Sister Wei said that she will 'take care' of me."

Their relationship was awkward just now but in front of Ye Jian, they acted sweetly without any distance between them.

Chapter 788: Unforgettable

Xia Yiwei glanced at the man who was asking her for credit. The flash of coldness in her eyes caused Hou Zi's heart to drop. There seemed to be something keeping them apart. He started to feel anxious.

17 years of relationship allowed them to be able to hide their argument. Xia Yiwei didn't want Ye Jian to know about their relationship so she smiled and said, "Don't listen to his nonsense. Old Sixth called me before and asked me to look after you. I feel sorry because I felt that I didn't do anything. In the future, you can contact me if you need anything. My number is..."

At the Transportation Bureau, Xia Yiwei witnessed how powerful Ye Jian's memory was. Thus, she said her phone number, office number, and house number. She wasn't afraid that Ye Jian wouldn't remember them. She only said the numbers once.

Ye Jian looked at Xia Yiwei. She looked so enchanting even when she just smiled slightly. Ye Jian was astounded. The genes of the Xia family was really strong. Every one of them was so good-looking.

A somber look appeared in Hou Zi's gaze for a second. He gathered his senses and said, "As an Elder Sister, you have no sincerity at all. You just repeated the numbers once and didn't even write them down on a piece of paper. How is she supposed to contact you?"

After that, he asked his men to bring some pens and paper.

"You don't remember them but why do you think Ye Jian can't remember them? I heard from Old Sixth that her memory is really powerful. She's able to remember clearly the people she saw, the conversations they had, the things she did, and what she said in the past few months!"

Hou Zi, who had seen many big situations, was shocked by her words. This wasn't.. an ordinary ability! How powerful must this lady's memory be?

"Are you really that good? That's amazing. If Old Sixth dared to do any bad things in the future, you can bring up everything with him. I can foresee how careful he's going to be in the future." He was teasing Ye Jian but he looked at Xia Yiwei. "Sometimes, when a woman decides to bring up past matters, it's quite scary. I hope that Old Sixth won't make any mistakes."

What he was saying... Ye Jian wanted to cover her ears.

Ever since her encounter with Commander Xia, Ye Jian realized that she had been hearing things she shouldn't. She wanted to leave but she couldn't and even if she covered her ears, she was still able to hear everything... They were all personal affairs.

Xia Yiwei's expression didn't change. She glanced at Hou Zi coldly and smiled as she said to Ye Jian, "Old people like to recall the mistakes they did in the past. Don't take it to heart."

“You still have lessons today, right? It’s already 6.30 am. Go back to your room and pack up. I’ll send you to school.” She wanted to get rid of Hou Zi so she winked at Ye Jian. At the same time, she rolled her eyes secretly and elegantly.

“...” Ye Jian nodded hurriedly. She replied in a polite and natural tone, “Thank you, Sister Wei. I was still thinking if I should take a taxi to school. I didn’t expect my problem to be solved so quickly.”

The lady beside him had made the decision that she wouldn’t talk to him. Anger could be seen in Hou Zi’s eyes but he suppressed his emotions and maintained the attitude of a mature man. He sighed, “Aren’t you afraid of scaring your younger brother’s lover? Don’t frighten her. She’s still young. She can’t handle too much shock.”

When he looked at Ye Jian again, he said knowingly, “Your Sister Wei didn’t have a smooth time at work. If she complains about anything later, for Ah Yuan’s^[1] sake, don’t take it to heart.

[1] Referring to Xia Jinyuan.

Chapter 789: A Relationship That Couldn’t Be Revealed

Both of them were having a verbal battle. Fortunately, Ye Jian was smart enough to detect that something was amiss. Other people might not be able to understand what they were saying at all.

Hou Zi had already ordered his men, “Go and prepare breakfast. Bring Miss Xia’s car to the main entrance.”

The breakfast was to be packed and placed in Xia Yiwei’s car. They were all exquisite pastries. There was even a serving of red date soup for warming up the body.

“Miss Xia, Brother Zi said that you might have been caught in the rain yesterday so he said that you must drink this soup. He’s afraid that you will catch a cold.” The breakfast was sent personally by the lobby manager. From his words, it was easy to see how much Hou Zi cared about Xia Yiwei.

The car door was closed. Xia Yiwei looked at the revolving glass door before starting the engine.

Ye Jian, who was sitting at the back, wasn’t interested in other people’s personal affairs. Hence, she didn’t look towards the lobby. Instead, she shyly said, “Sister Wei, I can go over myself. Why don’t you drop me at the nearest road where I can get a taxi?”

“I didn’t want to talk to Hou Zi so I said that I’ll send you off. However, I’m truly willing to send you to school.”

The unhappy personal affairs didn’t affect Xia Yiwei’s smile. Her gaze wasn’t as gloomy as before too. She started chatting happily with Ye Jian. “Old Sixth asked me to take care of you a long time ago. Now, the chance has come. You must give Sister Wei the chance to do it.”

There was a very important reason why Ye Jian didn’t like to listen to people’s personal affairs. It was awkward.

Her expression was a little unnatural as she said, "Sister Wei, don't take it to heart. I'm not young anymore. I can take care of myself. Also, I'll be staying in school all the time so there's nothing I can trouble you to help."

Through the rear mirror, Xia Yiwei saw a blush on Ye Jian's fair cheeks. She laughed. When a beauty laughed, even the blooming flowers couldn't be compared to her. "Oh my God, Ye Jian, you get shy too easily."

"Let me tell you. Old Sixth is really thick-skinned. He has been a troublesome fellow ever since he was young. If you're so shy, he will get his way. Don't pamper him. Old Sixth might seem cold and arrogant but when he dons his military attire, he can become the spokesperson for the military."

"But, once the naughty gene inside him is activated, no one in our family can handle him. You can't pamper him. You must be firm in what you say. He must listen to you."

Ye Jian: ... At the start, Commander Xia taught her how to take care of Xia Jinyuan. Now, his cousin was teaching her how to handle Xia Jinyuan.

She was really curious about how troublesome he was in the past to make everyone so afraid of him.

"Old Sixth is disobedient. Even grandma says that she has never seen someone as shameless and disobedient as him. However, no one can trace it back to him for all the things he did." Xia Yiwei and Xia Jinyuan were cousins but she was studying in the capital city so she was the cousin that interacted with Xia Jinyuan the most. Even her university was in the capital city. Hence, they became close.

When she mentioned her younger cousin, she sounded as if she was complaining. However, her expression was proud.

Commander Xia didn't know many things but Xia Yiwei knew. For instance, Xia Yiwei and Hou Zi had been in a relationship for 17 years. No one in the Xia family knew, except for Xia Jinyuan. He knew about it very early and he was the only person in the family who knew it too.

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"I'm different from Hou Zi. We're not on the same path. It has been 17 years now. Old Sixth helped me a lot so none of my family members know it. However, I didn't expect you to see us at the hotel."

Ye Jian blinked when she heard this. A strange feeling appeared in her heart.

Her family members didn't know about her relationship for 17 years. Yet, she saw them at the hotel. Ye Jian couldn't help but think deeply about this matter.

"Brother Zi treats you very well. He even put much thought in your breakfast." Ye Jian didn't know what was the true intention so she didn't dare to say too much. Since Xia Jinyuan was helping his cousin to keep her relationship a secret, this meant that the Xia family would definitely reject it if they find out.

Also, just now, Hou Zi told her that for the sake of Captain Xia, to not take anything to heart if her Sister Wei complained. He looked at her intently after he said this. He was asking her to take note when she was in the car.

Take note of what? As an outsider, she didn't understand what was going on between the two of them.

She didn't know how they interacted but she could tell that their relationship was a tough one.

One was a popular figure in the underworld while the other was working in the government sector. Their political views were entirely different. It was expected that the Xia family wouldn't agree to their relationship.

Xia Yiwei held the steering wheel tightly. She slowly turned a corner. The school gate of Provincial No.1 Middle School was right in front. "Yes, he treats me very well. Unfortunately, there are too many obstacles between us. They separate us like a river. We can't get close to each other."

"Old Sixth and you are different. You're young, but Old Sixth is young too. There's just a six-year gap between the two of you. By the time you come out, Old Sixth will be able to help you. I think that your relationship will have a good ending. I really anticipate the day when I'll see you at our house."

Forget it, the young lady has probably guessed that she wanted to make one last bet. She wanted to bet that the young lady would reveal the relationship between her and Hou Zi unconsciously one day to her uncle. In the end, the hidden relationship she had for 17 years will be exposed.

It was a bet that she had no hope of winning at all. Yet, she still wanted to try it on a young lady. How funny was that?

At 7.30 am, there were already many students entering the school. Ye Jian waved goodbye to Xia Yiwei. Then, she carried her bag containing her camouflage uniform, her raincoats, and her other luggage and walked through the school gates.

"Morning, Ye Jian."

"Good morning, Ye Jian."

"Morning. Ye Jian, you didn't get tan at all after the military training."

"My skin turned dark. Yesterday, the moment I went home, my mother asked who this mine worker was! I felt like the sky had fallen. I was already dark to begin with and now, I'm even darker. If I wear white clothes at night, I might scare people off."

Within a month, Ye Jian had become a famous person in school. There were people who knew her in every class. No matter where she went, there were people greeting her.

Amidst all the greetings, Ye Jian gave a bright smile that could only be seen on a student. She looked like a flower that just bloomed. Her beauty was pure.

Yesterday, because of the heavy rain, the students that didn't live in school stayed at home. It was almost morning self-study so more and more students started coming in.

Ye Jian was quite lucky. She just managed to miss the peak period. She returned to her dormitory and immediately grabbed her textbooks before going to class.

Class One was always not bad at self-studying. When Ye Jian entered the room, all the students that arrived were either doing exercises or reciting their textbooks. This was their second year in senior high. The university entrance examination wasn't far away. Now, they needed to work hard and prepare for the university entrance examination.