

Chapter 101: Resetting the Special Prize

Soon, Xia Xibei received a bank transfer of 210 thousand yuan and the car was handed off to Manager Tao.

The thought of the money he had given away was heartbreaking for Manager Tao.

The money came from years of his hard-earned savings!

Well, at least he had saved 40 thousand yuan.

After he sent off a happy Xia Xibei and Song Jiaren, his face turned ugly.

After standing still for a long time, he finally got an idea. He quickly took out his phone and called the general manager.

“GM Li, someone won the special prize!”

“How was it won so soon?”

GM Li was also surprised.

This wasn't good.

Generally speaking, this kind of big prize would be managed so it would not be won right away.

If the special prize was already drawn, the event wouldn't be so attractive to everyone else.

"Yes, that girl's luck is too good! Who would have thought?"

Cold sweat went down Manager Tao's forehead.

"We just started this two days ago and there's still a couple of days left. If the award is not replaced, I'm afraid it won't be easy attracting more people going forward," Manager Tao explained.

"I told you that we shouldn't draw the prize until the last day!" GM Li said angrily. "But you said that you'll draw the prize on the spot! Now this has happened!"

If the prizes were drawn on the last day, there would be no problem such as this.

Now, the situation had become awkward.

"GM Li, no one could have predicted this. But I have to continue the event..."

Manager Tao felt very upset, but he had to work hard to solve the matter.

“I just used 240 thousand yuan to buy the car back from the girl. What if we added the prize back?”

GM Li instantly frowned, demanding, “How would that work?! There’s only one special prize, so who would still participate?”

If the prize was drawn again the next day, wouldn’t their special prize be more than the first prize?

Even if they had sufficient funds in the mall, they couldn’t play like this!

“This is an exception!” Manager Tao assured him. “Plus, if we did this, it would boost everyone’s enthusiasm! Now that we have drawn a special prize, it means we are not running a scam. There would be even more customers attracted to us this way.”

GM Li was silent after hearing what Manager Tao said.

It did make sense.

This kind of contest made everyone suspicious. Who knew if there was anything fishy going on? Was there really a special prize?

However, now that the special prize had been drawn, everyone was assured of its authenticity, therefore generating more interest.

“Fine, I will discuss it with the others.”

Soon, the reply came.

They would reset the special prize, and it was still this car!

After receiving 240 thousand yuan, Manager Tao couldn't help but rejoice after feeling relieved. He had even made a profit of 30 thousand yuan!

Besides, things didn't run out of his control.

Anyway, any loss that occurred was that of the company. When it was the right time, this car would be in the hands of people who deserved to have it!

Thinking of this, his mood finally recovered.

However, the next day, when he saw the fat and thin duo of Song Jiaren and Xia Xibei once again, his heart couldn't help but sink.

This girl's luck couldn't be that good, right?!

He was worried, his eyes fixated on Xia Xibei's movements.

As he watched Xia Xibei open the ordinary ball, the fat girl next to her shouted “special prize” with joy and excitement.

His eyes went dark and he almost fainted!

Chapter 102: Hitting the Jackpot Again

Looking at the special prize in her hand, Xia Xibei felt extremely delighted.

The sight of Manager Tao turning pale and nearly passing out gratified her even more.

Beside her, Song Jiaren was bouncing and cheering in joy.

“Beibei, you’re brilliant! Your luck is phenomenal! Could you share some of your luck with me!”

Song Jiaren’s bad mood had vanished in a heartbeat because of Xia Xibei’s luck.

When she won the prize and received the great sum of money yesterday, Song Jiaren was even more thrilled than Xia Xibei.

After that, Xia Xibei treated her to a sumptuous meal.

The two of them were on cloud nine.

Early this morning, however, Song Jiaren's mood was unexpectedly affected by an incident.

While doing their morning exercises, Song Jiaren found out that Tao Yueying and Liu Zhijing were apologizing to Xia Xibei with great reluctance in front of everyone.

After getting to know what happened, she blew her top.

How could she not know that Xia Xibei had been bullied?!

At that time, she was so furious that she nearly tore the two of them into pieces!

Her hatred toward Xia Qinghan also grew immensely.

It should be the three of them apologizing to Xia Xibei, but Xia Qinghan had applied for a sick leave and made herself absent from school that day.

This totally infuriated Song Jiaren.

Xia Qinghan had definitely done that on purpose! Otherwise, how would she happen to have fallen sick so coincidentally?

After being informed of Jin Yazhen's "contribution" in this incident, Song Jiaren became even more furious.

If Xia Xibei hadn't talked her out of it, she might have taught Jin Yazhen a lesson already.

It was only in the evening that she came to understand why Xia Xibei had stopped her.

Jin Yazhen applied for leave in the morning, returning to school in the evening with some bruises on her face.

It was said that her parents had hit her; they had even heard that her parents wanted her to quit her studies!

If Jin Yazhen hadn't insisted, she might have dropped out of school by now.

Seeing the pathetic state that Jin Yazhen was in, Song Jiaren had no sympathy for her. Instead, she felt that it was a pity that Jin Yazhen hadn't suffered enough!

Xia Xibei flashed her a meaningful smile at that, saying that something more interesting was awaiting them.

Song Jiaren was curious about what would happen next, but Xia Xibei brought her to the shopping complex instead.

After making purchases of more than a hundred yuan, Xia Xibei took the receipt and went for another round of lucky draw.

When she saw on the poster that the special prize had been reset, Song Jiaren did not give much thought to it.

Xia Xibei had won the special prize once, so how could she win it again?

Even if she was lucky, she couldn't possibly be that lucky!

Much to her surprise, however, Xia Xibei really won the special prize once again!

Song Jiaren nearly fainted with ecstasy upon witnessing Xia Xibei's incredible luck!

"Beibei, tell me, did you keep all your luck for occasions such as this?"

As far as Song Jiaren was concerned, Xia Xibei was a great person and a great friend who would take great pains for her friends.

She couldn't figure out why Jin Yazhen would give up on such an awesome friend, even going so far as to do such disgusting things to her.

Neither could she understand why Xia Xibei would even become friends with Jin Yazhen in the first place.

Was it because Xia Xibei had bet all her luck on things like this?

“Maybe,” Xia Xibei beamed brightly, “I never thought I could be this lucky either!”

The by-standers had gone wild around them.

“This little girl is awesome, isn’t she! She won the special prize!”

“I heard that it was also a teenage girl who won the special prize yesterday!”

“Are all the young girls so lucky these days?”

The customers at the scene hadn’t experienced what had happened yesterday, so they didn’t know that Xia Xibei was the same lucky girl as yesterday.

If they had known, they would have gone crazy.

Before they could go crazy however, someone else was on the verge of breaking down!

Chapter 103: I Know Your Daughter

As he stared at Xia Xibei's pretty face, Manager Tao seemed as if he was looking at a hideous monster!

Why?!

Why did she win the special prize again?!

If he hadn't put the special prize inside in person, he would have thought that Xia Xibei had tampered with it!

But could Xia Xibei really be so incredibly lucky?

There were several hundred balls inside the box! How did she manage to draw the one with the special prize from among so many balls?

Manager Tao was about to lose his mind.

Indeed, he did tamper with it, making the ball representing the special prize slightly different from the rest, but how would anyone notice the difference?

He was originally planning to have someone take the ball on the last day.

However, plans could never keep up with changes. The ball was taken by the same person once again!

Manager Tao wasn't the only one going crazy, the rest of the workers were also stunned.

Unlike the customers, they had seen Xia Xibei before.

But if yesterday had merely been a coincidence, how could she possibly win it again?!

Were there any underhand tricks involved?

If it had only happened once, it could be attributed to fluke or an accident.

But this was the second time!

If she was this lucky, she should have bought many lottery tickets already!

Someone informed GM Li about it, as the matter was of a special nature and could not be easily dealt with.

GM Li was also stupefied when he learnt that the special prize was won again, hurrying over immediately.

On his way back, all sorts of conspiracies were racing through his mind.

The situation was too magical to be real, so who wouldn't be suspicious about it?!

Very soon, Xia Xibei and Song Jiaren arrived at the general manager's office.

GM Li had mixed feelings when he looked at Xia Xibei's pretty little face.

"First of all, congratulations on winning the special prize again!" He said with a smile. "By the way, how should I address you?"

"My surname is Xia," Xia Xibei said while beaming. "I just never thought I could be this lucky either."

"Ms. Xia, from your age, it looks like you're still a student!" GM Li suppressed the suspicion in his mind and inquired smilingly.

"Yes, I'm a sophomore at Qing Ye High School," Xia Xibei answered his questions dutifully.

"Oh? Qing Ye High School? That's a key school!" GM Li was impressed. "Your results must be excellent!"

“That’s for sure!” Song Jiaren chipped in. “Beibei got fifth place in our form!”

GM Li gave a thumbs-up with a look of amazement. “Fifth place in form, that’s very great!”

“Yes, it is!” Song Jiaren was proud, as though she was the one who got fifth place.

“It’s really awesome that you got such amazing results in a school like that!” GM Li praised, the look on his face unfaltering. He then turned to look at Manager Tao. “Tao, doesn’t your daughter study at Qing Ye High School too? She’s a sophomore, right?”

Manager Tao nodded hastily, looking somewhat nervous, “Yes, she’s also a sophomore.”

“What a coincidence,” Xia Xibei put on a look of surprise. “Manager Tao’s daughter is also a sophomore!”

“Yes.”

At the mention of his daughter, Manager Tao couldn’t help but wear an affectionate smile despite his complicated feelings. “Her results are usually alright.”

“What’s her name? We might know her!” Xia Xibei asked.

“Tao Yueying.”

Xia Xibei and Song Jiaren's faces fell upon hearing his reply.

"Tao Yueying?!" Song Jiaren shrieked and her brows furrowed. "So it's her!"

Manager Tao's smile froze when he saw the unconcealed disgust on her face.

"Erm... You know my daughter?"

"Of course I do!" Song Jiaren snorted.

Chapter 104: Just Want to Get Some Good Luck

Song Jiaren's attitude shocked Manager Tao.

"Have you... What happened?"

"Ha!"

Although Manager Tao was Tao Yueying's father and also an elder, Song Jiaren didn't care at all.

She chuckled coldly, "Yesterday, your daughter lost a bracelet worth 10 thousand yuan. She said Beibei took it, even bringing a group of people to search her bag!"

Manager Tao almost stopped breathing, stammering out, "Wh- What..."

But Song Jiaren wasn't finished talking.

"Somehow, this bracelet was found in another classmate's school bag. That classmate then said that she was told by Tao Yueying to slander our Beibei! I don't know all the details, but in the end, they couldn't blame it on Beibei and started fighting each other!"

Song Jiaren gazed at Manager Tao unhappily. He wouldn't be a good person if he had raised such a daughter!

Song Jiaren's words stunned Manager Tao. How could such a thing have occurred?

"A bracelet worth 10 thousand yuan?"

GM Li, standing on the sidelines, spoke up. His eyes flashed slightly as he asked, "What bracelet could be so expensive?"

When he bought jewelry for his wife and children, he rarely bought anything that expensive.

How could Tao Yueying, a young girl, have such an expensive bracelet? He hadn't known that Manager Tao was so rich!

Xia Xibei smiled slightly, explaining, "That bracelet is endorsed by a celebrity, that's why it's so expensive."

"Are the products endorsed by celebrities really expensive?" GM Li asked with fascination, as if he was only interested in this matter.

"Of course!" Song Jiaren nodded, "You may not know this if you don't follow them, but these popular stars can really sell stuff! The products and accessories they endorse are very expensive!"

"Does anyone buy these things if they're so expensive?"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei exclaimed. "There are many rich people among the fans, just like Manager Tao's daughter! A bracelet worth 10,000 yuan is a piece of cake. The clothes she wears are also endorsed by celebrities. Each set is at least a few thousand!"

The conversation had turned Manager Tao's face more and more ugly. GM Li's words, especially, made him even more nervous.

"You... You must be mistaken. How could she have such expensive things as a kid? Those are fake goods! They look real but they are worthless! Those clothes are only about 100 yuan a set," he explained with a dry smile.

“How could that be?”

Song Jiaren was unconvinced.

“You think I can’t tell what’s real? My family has a clothing franchise store!”

GM Li suddenly asked her, “Hey, why do you look familiar to me?”

He looked at Song Jiaren’s face, inspiration flashing in his head as he muttered, “Your father is...”

“My dad is Song Tianqin.”

“Oh –! It’s Boss Song!”

GM Li suddenly understood.

“So you are Boss Song’s daughter! Oh, your father and I are friends! You can call me Uncle Li!”

With GM Li so enthusiastic, Song Jiaren tamped down her temper and smiled a little shyly. “Hi Uncle Li...”

“GM Li,” Xia Xibei interrupted while looking at the time, her expression a little embarrassed. “The thing is... We still have some things to do. What else do you want to ask?”

“Oh, that’s okay!” GM Li smiled kindly, “I just wanted to get some of your good luck, it’s no problem! I’ll have someone handle the car for you now.”

“Okay,” Xia Xibei nodded. “But I don’t have a driver’s license yet, so it’s useless for me to take the car. Let’s do what we did yesterday, with a cash payout of 210 thousand yuan in exchange for the car, okay?”

Chapter 105: How Much Have You Hidden from Me

“210 thousand?”

GM Li was dumbfounded for a second, then looked towards Manager Tao, who had frozen up beside him.

“Yes!” Xia Xibei pretended not to see the undercurrents surging between them as she nodded intently. “The car is of no use to me, so I’d rather have it converted into cash! As far as I’m concerned, 210 thousand is enough.”

“Is that so, Manager Tao?”

GM Li stared at the manager with an icy look in his eyes.

“Erm, I...”

Manager Tao was struggling to breathe normally, unable to even properly utter a word.

How could he have been exposed so soon?!

He got the car from Xia Xibei at a price of 210 thousand and then sold it to the company for 240 thousand, with a discrepancy of 30 thousand in between.

Things like this would normally be kept under the rug, and the 30 thousand yuan would be his to keep.

But who would have expected Xia Xibei to win the prize and suggest having it converted into cash once again!

Manager Tao felt his mind go blank and his limbs go numb, at a complete loss for words.

Moreover, he had a feeling that the matter was far from over at this point.

GM Li had a clear picture in his mind now as he looked towards Xia Xibei with a smile, “I’ll have someone handle the procedures for you.”

“Alright, thank you GM Li!”

“Just call me uncle,” GM Li replied with a benevolent smile.

“Sure, thank you Uncle Li!” Xia Xibei beamed with a sincere smile. “Good luck to your enterprise, I hope your business prospers evermore!”

“Thanks for the kind wishes,” GM Li smiled, and called upon the others. “Take these two students to complete the procedures.”

Once all of them went away, the smile on GM Li’s face vanished within a heartbeat.

“Tao, oh, Tao... I’d really like to know how much you have kept hidden from me!”

With an expressionless face, GM Li stared at Manager Tao, who had gone into a state of complete silence.

He was giving him a death penalty on the inside.

He had suspected that Manager Tao might have colluded with Xia Xibei in order to win the special prize, because it seemed like too much of a coincidence at the time.

From the look of things, however, Xia Xibei was probably innocent.

After all, she was on bad terms with Tao Yueying.

However, being just a manager, it was rather suspicious that Manager Tao could provide such a lavish life for his daughter.

Xia Xibei knew Song Jiaren personally, so there was no need for her to commit such acts.

However, Manager Tao sure wasn't innocent! He had earned 30,000 yuan by buying the car from Xia Xibei and selling it off right after.

His moves seemed very skilled!

How about the usual dealings then? How much had he earned from other discrepancies?

As the thought occurred to him, the look in GM Li's eyes turned even colder.

"G- GM Li, it's not my fault! I, I, I..."

Manager Tao's mind had gone completely blank. He wanted to defend himself, but he was tongue-tied.

"I'll investigate thoroughly to see if you really aren't to be blamed," GM Li waved his hand and cut his explanation off. "Alright, get out for now."

Manager Tao left the office in a battered, crestfallen state. He went through the rest of his work with a muddled mind and filled with dread until it was time to leave.

Right after he got off of work, he dashed back home without further ado.

“You’re back?”

Before his wife could say a word, he darted towards their daughter’s room and began to smack the door furiously.

“Tao Yueying, come out!”

“What are you trying to do...”

His wife walked up to him in bewilderment, suggesting, “Why don’t you calm down and talk about it...”

Her words trailed off when her gaze met those blood-streaked eyes of Manager Tao’s, which frightened her so much that she nearly gasped.

“Dad, what’s wrong—Ahh!”

Tao Yueying opened the door.

Right when she was about to speak, a brutal slap cut her off.

Chapter 106: She Landed Me in Trouble

“Are you insane?!”

The face of Tao Yueying’s mother, Zhou Jianlan, changed theatrically.

“Why did you hit her all of a sudden?!”

Manager Tao’s eyes were blood-red, filled with a dreadful craze and great brutality.

“Why did I hit her?” He panted heavily, his face hideous. “Do you know how dirty this goddamn girl did me?!”

Both Zhou Jianlan and Tao Yueying looked baffled.

“What actually happened?”

What did he mean by doing him dirty?

“Talk properly?” Manager Tao pointed at his daughter in fury. “Why don’t you ask her what she did?!”

Tao Yueying clasped her cheek, looking extremely aggrieved, and wailed, “Dad, what on earth did I do?!”

Her eyes were brimming with tears.

She was the only child in the family and had been living a spoiled life since a young age. All her demands would be fulfilled, and her parents had nothing but affection for her.

The slap that she suffered just now was an unprecedented one!

She had embarrassed herself enough in school today, apologizing to that b*tch Xia Xibei in full view of the public. Then she had to bear the looks of contempt and humiliation from everyone around her. She had enough of it all.

Who would have known that before she could complain about it, her father gave her a hard slap on the face right after he got home?

It was an unprecedented catastrophe to her, for she had lived her entire life without the slightest worry so far!

“What did you do? You don’t know what you did?!” Manager Tao couldn’t seem to get rid of the anger and fear within him. He was now holding back the urge to slap her once again.

“Dad!”

Tao Yueying felt even more aggrieved now. The weird way her father was acting and explaining things halfway was driving her insane.

“Where’s your bracelet?”

Manager Tao grabbed her hand, his expression growing even more hideous the moment he saw the bracelet around her wrist.

Forcefully, he tore the bracelet off of her hand.

“Ahh!”

Tao Yueying felt the stinging pain, but she couldn’t stop her father.

Manager Tao tugged the bracelet off and flipped it over for a while as he looked it over. Then, in a cold voice, he questioned, “How much did this bracelet cost?”

“Erm, this...” Tao Yueying panicked, her face turning pale as she stammered, “Just- Just a thousand.”

“Just a thousand?” Manager Tao sneered. If he hadn’t known that the bracelet cost ten thousand, he would have tossed it out already.

“How much money did you give her?”

He now turned to look at Zhou Jianlan.

Zhou Jianlan had a hesitant look on her face, but before she could speak, Manager Tao growled, “Tell me the truth!”

“Ten thousand!” Zhou Jianlan finally gave the truth upon being snarled at.

“Ten thousand?” Manager Tao was so furious that his chest began to hurt. “Where did you get the money to buy a bracelet that cost ten thousand?! Putting that aside, you brought it to school to show off to everyone, and even used it to slander your schoolmate! How dare you!”

Tao Yueying raised her gaze and drew in a sharp, cold breath. “How do you...”

“How do I know?”

The look on Manager Tao’s face was as dark as coal.

“All thanks to what you did!” he growled, giving his daughter another hard slap!

Pow!

Tao Yueying clasped her face as she teetered on the brink of insanity.

Why did father hit her again?!

“Tao Pengqing, you’re insane!”

Flabbergasted, Zhou Jianlan yelled at Manager Tao and pulled Tao Yueying to her side, her heart aching terribly for her daughter. “Why did you hit our daughter?!”

Manager Tao hurled the bracelet onto the floor and bellowed in fury, “Have you any idea what kind of trouble she’s landed me in!”

Zhou Jianlan was shocked and befuddled at the same time, asking, “What do you mean?”

Those words sounded really frightening!

“What do I mean?” Manager Tao was panting heavily and gasping for air as he bellowed, “Look at what a great daughter you’ve raised! I might have to go to jail!”

“What?!”

Zhou Jianlan and Tao Yueying gasped simultaneously, their minds going blank, as if they had been struck by a bolt of lightning.

How did any of this relate to going to jail?

Chapter 107: Cheating with Spiritual Power

Going to jail?

Zhou Jianlan and Tao Yueying both gasped at the thought.

Was the matter really that serious?

“Make it clear! What actually happened?!” Zhou Jianlan desperately needed to know what the situation was.

“We were having a lucky draw at the shopping complex, weren’t we?” Manager Tao took in a deep breath in an attempt to suppress the flames of anger blazing within him. Only then did he explain, “There’s a girl who won the special prize twice...”

“Won the special prize twice?!” Zhou Jianlan was in shock. “How is that possible? Have you made a mistake?!”

“I have not!” Manager Tao was wearing an awful look. “It alarmed GM Li too, and he stepped forth to look into the matter. Then...”

As he recalled the conversation that had taken place in the office, Manager Tao’s limbs went cold.

“But what does that have anything to do with Ying?” Zhou Jianlan still couldn’t wrap her head around it.

“Because that girl is a student at Qing Ye High School! The two of them have had conflicts!”

Tao Yueying’s heart missed a beat as she asked, “Dad, the person that you’re talking about...”

“Her surname is Xia, and there was a plump girl by her side who called her Beibei.”

Tao Yueying’s face turned deathly pale.

“Xia Xibei?!”

Tao Yueying’s reaction made the look on Manager Tao’s face even more awful. So it turned out that his daughter really was involved in this whole business after all!

“If you hadn’t bought such an expensive bracelet, GM Li wouldn’t have become suspicious of me!”

Sure enough, Manager Tao had kept parts of the truth to himself, like the discrepancy of the 30 thousand yuan.

As far as he was concerned, all of this had happened because of Tao Yueying!

If she hadn't made such a big scene at school, why would Xia Xibei say such things?

Having thought of that, he nearly lost control over his temper and almost gave Tao Yueying another slap.

"Look now! I'm done for! And so are the two of you!"

He was so mad that he was pacing in circles on the spot, unable to figure out a solution to the problem.

Tao Yueying was dumbfounded too.

Out of nowhere, the Tao family had been plunged into utter misery.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei returned home with the money, feeling delighted and exuberant.

Not even Song Jiaren knew that she had cheated with spiritual power in this incident.

Xia Xibei had known that Manager Tao was Tao Yueying's father from the beginning.

Tao Yueying was only rampant and savage at school because she had her father's support, right?

But how would she know that her father's income was derived from illicit sources?

In her previous lifetime, Tao Pengqing became a manager of a branch company under the Xia family a few years later due to Tao Yueying's ties with Xia Qinghan, which caused his income to skyrocket.

The reason Xia Xibei knew Tao Pengqing was because he had a mistress who was an unpopular female celebrity.

Tao Pengqing must be really rich to afford having a celebrity as his mistress!

Xia Xibei learnt about Tao Pengqing's "history of family fortune" from that celebrity by chance.

He had always been involved in underhand dealings, even earlier on, and had amassed great amounts of wealth that did not belong to him.

But what he enjoyed sharing the most was the lucky draw that was organized that year.

Due to his manipulation, the car got into the possession of a supplier.

In other words, he won a friendship with the supplier using company money, which opened up an unimpeded path to success for him.

After some time, he left the shopping complex, even giving it a stab in the back for good measure.

The shopping complex had been developing well, but things slowly deteriorated because of what he did.

However, Tao Qingpeng moved even further, living a better life with the help of these matters.

If Tao Yueying hadn't done Xia Xibei dirty, Xia Xibei might not even have thought about it.

But since Tao Yueying had the guts to land her in distress, she shouldn't be blamed for retaliating now.

As far as Xia Xibei was concerned, it wasn't difficult to win the special prize, but neither was it easy nor guaranteed.

After locating the special prizes with her spiritual power, she needed an entire night to regain her strength.

Compared to the profit, however, her effort was totally worth it!

Chapter 108: You Can Ask Her for Help

After a long, sleepless night, Tao Yueying was in a very haggard state.

When she saw Xia Xibei, the look on her face changed theatrically, her eyes filling with hatred.

If Xia Xibei hadn't made such a mess, her father wouldn't be in this predicament right now!

Having thought of that, she fought the urge to dash forward and give Xia Xibei a hard slap.

However, they were surrounded by students at the moment. No matter how furious she was, she had to hold it in.

She didn't move, but Xia Xibei came up to her rather unexpectedly.

"You didn't have a good sleep last night?" She asked with a smile, as if she was close with Tao Yueying.

"Oh, right, Manager Tao is your father, isn't he? What a coincidence!"

"Stop playing the fool!" Tao Yueying grinded her teeth in anger, her eyes filled with resentment, "It's all your fault!"

"My fault?" Xia Xibei appeared shocked and perplexed. "What do you mean? How have I done you wrong?"

Looking at her innocent look, Xia Xibei's inner hatred grew.

"It was you who talked nonsense in front of GM Li!"

"How strange, what nonsense would I have talked about?" Xia Xibei blinked, seeming confused. "What I said yesterday were true! How about you tell me, which did I say that was nonsense? Didn't you slander me for stealing your bracelet? Or have I wronged you?"

Looking at Xia Xibei's kind, naive face, Tao Yueying felt that her hands were about to lose control, fighting the desire to slap her.

"You know deep down if it was nonsense or not!" She spat through gritted teeth.

"I'm clear about it. I did not say any nonsense!" Xia Xibei sounded bold and righteous, "I only spoke the truth!"

"Beibei!"

Song Jiaren's voice came through from the distance, then she appeared before her in a heartbeat.

"Tao Yueying? What do you want?"

Song Jiaren stood in front of Xia Xibei right away, her eyes shooting daggers at Tao Yueying.

“What now? Have you not had enough lessons? Are you trying to make trouble again?”

Tao Yueying went weak instantly at the sight of Song Jiaren’s enormous figure.

“Who- Who’s trying to make trouble now! I just wanted to talk things out with Xia Xibei!”

“Talk about what?” Song Jiaren snorted. “We have nothing to talk about with you!”

Xia Xibei patted Song Jiaren on her back and took a few steps forward. “I can see that you’re really mad and anxious. Things must be very troublesome for you right now, right? Hmm... Let me guess.”

She glanced Tao Yueying up and down, and the smile on her lips deepened.

“I think your father must be in trouble, right? And... It’s caused by the conversation we had yesterday.”

“Glad that you know!” Tao Yueying spit out with rage.

“But I’m just curious... Your father could buy you such expensive things when he’s just an ordinary manager, so where did all this extra money come from?”

Tao Yueying paled instantly upon hearing what Xia Xibei said. "What- What nonsense are you talking about?!"

"Is it nonsense?" Xia Xibei looked to Song Jiaren. "Do you think what I said was wrong?"

Song Jiaren laughed, "Of course you're right! Who would believe that there's nothing fishy about a manager having so much money?"

Song Jiaren was quite a bright girl, after all. As she thought of the sum of money that Tao Pengqing took out previously, and Tao Yueying's outfits and expenses, she became curious about where all the money had come from.

"Things that can give your dad a headache must be related to those finances, right?"

Tao Yueying became even paler at Xia Xibei's words.

"Oops! If my guess is right, it seems like your dad might have to go to jail!" She snapped her fingers and put on a worried look. "Aiyo, in that case, you'll have no more money to spend!"

"Xia Xibei!"

Tao Yueying was shocked and angry.

“It’s better to ask someone for help, rather than standing around and chatting with me!” Xia Xibei shrugged, and gave her a conscientious suggestion, “You’re close with Xia Qinghan, aren’t you? You can find her!”

Chapter 109: You Can Ask Xia Qinghan for Help

Xia Xibei’s words baffled Tao Yueying.

Find Xia Qinghan?

“You’re good friends with Xia Qinghan, aren’t you? You can ask her for a solution to your problem! And don’t forget...” Xia Xibei moved closer to Tao Yueying and spoke softly into her ear, “It was because of her that you kept finding fault with me, wasn’t it?”

Right as she finished talking, Xia Xibei distanced herself from her before she could receive a reply.

“Alright, class is about to start. Let’s go.”

As she watched Xia Xibei leave while pulling Song Jiaren with her, Tao Yueying had an inexplicable look on her face.

How did she know?

Now that she thought of it, it seemed that Xia Qinghan really couldn't be excluded from the matter.

If not for the matter of avenging Xia Qinghan, they wouldn't ever have thought of slandering Xia Xibei in such a way.

If she hadn't provoked Xia Xibei, she wouldn't have made misleading remarks when she knew that Tao Pengqing was her father.

In that case, the matter wouldn't have turned out like this.

When she thought about what happened earlier, Tao Yueying began to feel unsatisfied.

It should have been the three of them apologizing together, but Xia Qinghan had made herself absent, leaving the two of them behind to face all the humiliation.

And now, her father had gotten into trouble because of that.

It didn't seem right!

When she saw Xia Qinghan, the thoughts in Tao Yueying's mind became even clearer.

"Qinghan, are you alright?"

"I'm fine." Xia Qinghan flashed a feeble smile, her lips pale and her eyes apologetic. "I never thought I'd fall sick yesterday. So... How did it go?"

Tao Yueying seemed awkward.

"Yesterday...Zhijing and I apologized."

"I'm sorry, it was me who got the two of you into such a predicament," Xia Qinghan sighed, looking remorseful. "If not for me..."

Tao Yueying blurted out, "If you think that you've done us wrong, then do me a favor!"

Her words made Xia Qinghan freeze a little. "Wh- What favor?"

She was very pissed. What did Tao Yueying mean? She was just pretending to be humble for a bit, and now she was being taken advantage of?

Tao Yueying heaved a sigh, her eyes red as she explained, "My dad is in trouble."

"What?" Xia Qinghan was surprised. "What's wrong with uncle?"

“Yesterday, Xia Xibei went to the shopping complex where my dad worked and won the special prize.” Tao Yueying came clean about what was going on in her family. “Xia Xibei told my dad’s superior about what happened among us, which made him suspicious. And now my dad might lose his job!”

Xia Qinghan’s face changed a little at the words that she mentioned.

“Xia Xibei won the special prize?”

“Yes,” Tao Yueying nodded. “The prize was a car at a price of around 200 thousand, and she won it twice!”

Tao Yueying was jealous when she talked about it. Why was Xia Xibei so incredibly lucky?

“She won the special prize twice?” Xia Qinghan grew even more shocked. “She was that lucky?”

“Yes!”

Xia Xibei’s great luck made other people envious of her.

However, that wasn’t Tao Yueying’s point. Her priority was her father’s job right now.

“Qinghan, what do you think we should do now?” She seemed really troubled. “If my dad loses his job, what’s gonna happen to our family?”

Being jobless wasn't the hardest part; the most terrifying part was going to jail!

"Erm... What do you think can be done?" Xia Qinghan looked rather aloof and indifferent.

"Doesn't the Xia family own some large-scale shopping complexes? My dad is an experienced worker. If he's given a chance, I'm sure he'll excel at it!" Tao Yueying divulged her plans.

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Tao Yueying's words made Xia Qinghan freeze a little.

She hadn't expected Tao Yueying to have such a plan in mind!

Xia Qinghan snorted coldly on the inside. Hadn't the Tao family ended up in such a plight because of what Tao Pengqing did? What did that have to do with her?

Although Tao Yueying did not explain many things clearly, she knew that it wasn't that simple.

There must be some underlying problems if a manager came under the suspicion of his superior.

Xia Qinghan might not know about the affairs of the shopping complex very well, but that didn't mean that she was a fool.

If Tao Pengqing joined the shopping complex under Xia family, who knew if he would bring about any troubles?

However, Xia Qinghan could only swallow the insult on the tip of her tongue when she saw how expectant and earnest Tao Yueying looked. She was useful, after all.

Furthermore, if they fell out with each other, people would laugh at them and things would easily backfire.

As she thought of that, Xia Qinghan nodded with a smile, "No problem, for sure! I'll talk to my dad about it but let me make things clear to you up front. I can't guarantee that my dad will approve either."

"I believe you can!" Tao Yueying beamed brightly instantly. "Your dad loves you a lot, so he'll approve of it for sure!"

Xia Qinghan's smile went a little stiff. She hadn't expected Tao Yueying to pressure her with words. She wasn't that stupid, after all.

Thoughts were jostling in her mind as she nodded, "I'll definitely try my best."

Tao Yueying could finally set down the weight on her shoulders.

While they were talking, Liu Zhijing arrived.

“Qinghan, are you alright?” Liu Zhijing asked with concern.

“No big deal,” Xia Qinghan smiled and shook her head. “How about you? Are you okay?”

“I’m fine.”

Despite her words, the look on Liu Zhijing’s face seemed rather awkward.

She hadn’t expected to fall into the trap that was set for Xia Xibei in the first place, while Xia Xibei remained unharmed.

Although they did not admit to Jin Yazhen’s accusation, they had apologized to Xia Xibei nonetheless. To make things worse, they did so in front of all their schoolmates.

Ever since then, she could sense that people were looking at her in a different light.

When she got home, she was rebuked again, as her younger brother told their parents about her apologizing in school.

It would have been strange if she still felt good after having been through all that.

“Yingying, what about you?”

“I’m alright.”

Tao Yueying forced a smile but did not reveal the promise between her and Xia Qinghan.

Upon seeing that everyone was in a sullen mood, Liu Zhijing changed the subject hastily.

“By the way, there’s a new supermarket on the neighboring street, isn’t there? I heard that you could go for the lucky draw once you spend a hundred yuan, and there are numerous rewards! How about making a trip there after class? Who knows? We might even win the grand prize!”

At the mention of the grand prize, Tao Yueying’s face darkened once again.

“There’s no need to go anymore!”

“What’s wrong?” Liu Zhijing was baffled.

“The grand prize has been taken!”

“What?” Liu Zhijing was stupefied. “The grand prize has been taken already? So soon?”

“Yup!” The look on Tao Yueying’s face was grim and dreadful. “Do you know who won the prize?”

“Who?” Liu Zhijing asked, an ominous feeling spreading inside of her.

When Tao Yueying spilled the name “Xia Xibei,” it was like her prediction came true.

“It was her?!” Liu Zhijing was deep in shock.

Upon mentioning the subject, Tao Yueying’s light mood vanished in an instant.

“It was her! She even won the special prize twice!”

“Twice?!” Liu Zhijing gasped, “How is that even possible?!”

She heard that the special prize was a car that cost over 200 thousand! There couldn’t be two special prizes to begin with, could there?!