

Chapter 141: Friendly Little Chub

Xia Xibei didn't expect the chubby boy to be so naive either.

"It's a special skill. No one else can master it," she responded with a smile.

"Really?" The chubby guy was rather disappointed. "That's a pity then."

Tang Luo and Ren Juncheng exchanged a glance of concern for the idiot.

This guy was... Unbelievably naive!

"Oh, right, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Yu Ziqi. What about you guys?"

"I'm Xia Xibei, this is Tang Luo, and that's Ren Juncheng."

"Nice to meet you guys! You can call me Qi!" Yu Ziqi was beaming with a bright smile.

He was about 5 and a half feet tall and kind of plump with chubby cheeks. It didn't make him look unpleasant, but rather quite adorable.

With his silly, gullible personality, he seemed completely naive and harmless.

“Do you guys live nearby too?” Yu Ziqi asked.

“My house is around here,” Ren Juncheng said.

“Nope! I only came here today for a visit,” Xia Xibei explained, “But Tang Luo and I study at Qing Ye High School.”

“You guys are from Qing Ye High School?” Yu Ziqi was surprised. “I’m a freshman at Qing Ye High School!”

“You’re a freshman?” Tang Luo had a subtle look in his eyes.

“Yes!” Yu Ziqi nodded in excitement. “That means I could hang out with you guys!”

“Sure,” Xia Xibei nodded. “It’s quite convenient, since we’re all studying in the same school.”

As he watched them chattering away merrily, Ren Juncheng seemed kind of dejected. “If I’d known it, I would have applied for Qing Ye High School too.”

“It’s okay, we can hang out here!” Yu Ziqi was elated. “We can also meet up right here! Look, my Asura and your Honey are getting along really well!”

As he spoke, Yu Ziqi watched the obedient cat and dog with a benevolent look in his eyes.

Ren Juncheng's lips twitched.

From Yu Ziqi's perspective, he did not see how Honey had just given Asura a quick punch.

When they looked over at them, it put up a lovely, well-behaved front once again.

Only then did Ren Juncheng know how witty his cat was. It even knew pretense!

If they kept playing together, Asura would be bullied to death, wouldn't it?!

However, he was Honey's owner, so he could only keep quiet.

Honey only attacked Asura with its claws at most; it didn't cause any substantial harm.

But it was still best to separate them afterwards.

Yu Ziqi did not realize how his Asura was being tormented, still in high spirits.

"How about this? Since we're really lucky to get to know each other, I'll buy you guys some food!"

Yu Ziqi was an endearing little chub. His smile was bright and passionate, which made people happy.

The three of them couldn't help but accept his adamant offer.

However, if they were to enter a shop, Asura and Honey would not be easy to deal with.

Even though cats and dogs were allowed to walk outside, most premises would refuse them entry into the shop itself.

"It's fine, come with me!" Yu Ziqi said, patting his own chest.

Very soon, they arrived at the fourth floor of the square, where there was a high-class restaurant.

Upon entry, they were greeted by a man with the look of a manager, who led them into a reserved room with a big smile on his face.

Xia Xibei took a glance at the menu. The cheapest dish had a three-digit price.

"Come on, order what you like!" Yu Ziqi urged them passionately, "The food here is quite good."

"Do you come here often?" Tang Luo asked.

“Yes. This place belongs to my mum... My mum’s friend, and I have a VIP card.”

Yu Ziqi made a stiff swerve with his words. However, Xia Xibei had noticed the problem.

Chapter 142: Cousins

Xia Xibei could tell that Yu Ziqi’s outfits weren’t ordinary ones.

Although she wasn’t exactly familiar with clothing and shoes, she knew that what he was wearing wasn’t cheap.

Furthermore, from the way he behaved very casually here, and the fact that he had almost spilled the beans, Xia Xibei deducted that this restaurant was owned by his family.

However, she did not think much of it. After all, his family background wasn’t the reason she had befriended him.

If not for Asura, she probably wouldn’t have crossed paths with him in the first place.

Very soon, the food was served.

They had to admit that despite the expensive price, the food was pretty impressive.

Although Xia Xibei and Tang Luo had just had their dinner a couple of hours ago, they tried the food despite not feeling hungry.

They chatted while enjoying the food, seemingly sharing quite a lot of common interests.

Asura and Honey were seated on either side of Xia Xibei, staring straight at her.

Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi were sitting beside their own pets, but sadly, their beloved pets were fully focused on Xia Xibei, not even sparing them a glance.

It wasn't Xia Xibei's fault that she was lovable, was it?

They were talking with delight and the cat and dog yelled every once in a while, making the entire scene fun-filled and lively.

All of a sudden, Yu Ziqi's phone beeped.

"Sorry, I have a call to answer."

Yu Ziqi answered the phone, "Cousin? I'm at Fantastic Taste... You're here too? I'm eating with my friends. You wanna come over? Hold on..."

He held a hand over the phone's microphone and asked, "My cousin wants to come over. Can he?"

"Why not?" Xia Xibei laughed. "Let him come over."

"Alright," Yu Ziqi nodded and told the other party, "Come over then! Reserved room no.3."

Very soon, the door of the room was opened and a tall, stunning guy stepped in.

When she saw the guy's face clearly, the look in Xia Xibei's eyes changed subtly.

"Nie Zehai?"

"You know me?" Nie Zehai raised his brows in surprise.

"I saw you in dramas before." Xia Xibei's unfaltering smile remained. "Your acting is great. I like it."

"Cousin, I can't believe you have fans!" Yu Ziqi screamed in delight. "It seems like you really haven't been wasting time!"

Nie Zehai patted his head with a smile, "When have I ever wasted time? I have a lot of fans okay! But this is the first time I have ever met such a gorgeous fan."

Nie Zehai noticed Xia Xibei at first glance, right after he stepped in, and was stunned by her looks.

Beneath the mellow lighting, it seemed like Xia Xibei's face was shrouded in a hazy, gentle glow, making her facial features seem much more delicate and impeccable.

Nie Zehai had been in the entertainment industry for a few years now. Although he wasn't very famous, he had seen quite a lot of beauties.

However, beauties like Xia Xibei were few and far in between.

"Are you interested in becoming a celebrity?" he asked sincerely.

"Cousin!" Yu Ziqi snorted with displeasure. "Stop the nonsense! Do you think everyone wants to muck about in the entertainment industry like you do?"

Moreover, his words made him sound like a bad guy with ill intentions!

"Hey you brat! What are you talking about!" Nie Zehai was laughing out of anger and slapped his head again, except harder this time. "I just find this girl very pretty, that's all. What do you think I'm trying to do?"

"Stop hitting me!" Yu Ziqi exclaimed in distaste and dodged his hand. "I'm gonna turn silly!"

“Don’t blame other people for your own silliness!” Nie Zehai responded by slamming him again, but with much lesser force.

Upon meeting the other three’s shocked gazes, only then did Nie Zehai come to his senses.

He blushed, explaining, “Sorry about that. We’ve always been fooling around like that, so I hope you don’t mind.”

Chapter 143: I Will be Famous

“It’s okay,” Xia Xibei said with a smile. “I envy your closeness. I want to have a brother too.”

Nie Zehai also smiled, “I am ten years older than him and he has been running behind me since I was a kid. I am like his brother and his uncle combined.”

Nie Zehai was 26 years old. After graduating from university, he entered the entertainment industry and worked hard, but he hadn’t become very popular yet.

Otherwise, he would not have come here so calmly.

Popular stars didn’t dare appear in public so casually.

“Hi, Asura.” He looked at Asura. “You are here too.”

“Bark!”

Asura also knew Nie Zehai, immediately greeting him enthusiastically.

“Asura is even more handsome than before!” Nie Zehai exclaimed while stroking Asura’s head.

“Bark!” Asura put a paw on Xia Xibei’s arm.

“Oh, is this your friend?” Nie Zehai smiled. “That’s good.”

“Right, I forgot to introduce you guys,” Yu Ziqi said. “This is Xia Xibei, that’s Ren Juncheng, and finally Tang Luo. I met them all today. This is my cousin, Nie Zehai, a d-list actor.”

“Do you need a beat-down? What do you mean by d-list?” Nie Zehai laughed in irritation.

Yu Ziqi avoided his fist and defended himself, “You are a d-list actor! Besides Xibei, how many people would recognize you?”

“Don’t say that,” Xia Xibei spoke up, “Brother Nie’s acting skills are very good. When he gets the opportunity, he will be popular.”

“Exactly!” Nie Zehai snorted at Yu Ziqi, “I will become a big star, and when you ask for my autograph, I will refuse.”

“Please! Who knows when you will be popular!” Yu Ziqi snorted in response.

“I have a new show next month. Maybe I will be popular by then!” Nie Zehai was very naive, even compared to his cousin.

“Aren’t you still a supporting actor in your new show? How popular can you be?” Yu Ziqi asked unceremoniously.

“How do you know that I won’t be famous? Maybe I’ll be famous this time!” Nie Zehai pushed back.

“You think too much...”

Xia Xibei smiled as the two brothers bickered with each other.

Of course, she could not tell them that Nie Zehai would really become famous after a month.

It was a costume drama, in which Nie Zehai would be playing the loving supporting role.

He was good to the heroine and did a lot of things for her, but in the end, the heroine still chose the male lead who bossed her around.

The leading actor was a popular idol and heartthrob, but his overbearing personality as the CEO character made people complain.

Coupled with the heartthrob's embarrassing acting skills, the overbearing CEO character resembled a thuggish gangster and the audience cursed the heroine for her foolish choice.

Although Nie Zehai was not well-known, his acting skills were very good, especially his devotion to the heroine, which mesmerized many girls.

The more the male and female protagonists were the topic of complaints, the more famous he became.

Of course, Xia Xibei was deeply impressed by Nie Zehai not because he became popular but because of what happened later on.

"I'm really sorry. I embarrassed us again." Nie Zehai had finally stopped arguing with Yu Ziqi.

"It's all right." Tang Luo and Ren Juncheng immediately shook their heads in assurance.

"Although it is presumptuous to say this, my cousin is a bit silly. I hope you will be considerate and don't mind it too much."

"Nie Zehai!" Yu Ziqi said angrily. Was he visiting him or insulting him?!

Chapter 144: Could Really Talk to Animals

The group tried not to laugh.

They had only known Yu Ziqi for a few hours, but they were already aware of his true character.

As Nie Zehai said, Yu Ziqi was a bit... Simple.

Such an adorable kid was quite rare these days, so he should be protected.

“We are friends, we will definitely take care of each other,” Tang Luo nodded.

Ren Juncheng and Xia Xibei also nodded.

Although they had just met, they felt a kinship with each other. Before Nie Zehai came over, they were already having a great chat.

“Bark!”

“Meow!”

Asura and Honey also showed their support.

“Hey, who is this little cutie?” Nie Zehai’s eyes lit up.

“This is Honey,” Ren Juncheng introduced the cat. “It’s... A good friend of Asura.”

“Meow!” Honey shouted, sounding very disgusted.

Did they think it couldn’t understand what they said?! Asura was its enemy!

“So cute.”

Nie Zehai truly couldn’t understand what Honey said. He was just so charmed by the adorable cat.

“I’ve always wanted to have a cat, but I haven’t had the time,” he explained, looking sad.

“Bark!” Asura yelled, as if protesting his preference for cats.

“Of course I like you too!” Nie Zehai touched Ashura’s head again, speaking with a smile.

However, he was a little curious while looking at Xia Xibei, who was surrounded by a cat and a dog.

“They are...”

“Xibei is amazing!” Yu Ziqi immediately became excited. “You don’t know this, but she can talk to animals and understand what they are saying!”

Nie Zehai, Tang Luo, and Ren Juncheng looked at each other in silence.

Was he an idiot?!

Xia Xibei was also amused. She didn’t expect Yu Ziqi to be this adorable. No wonder Nie Zehai was so worried about him, making sure to come here.

“Really?” Nie Zehai gave a light cough, then looked at Xia Xibei with curiosity. “Can you really talk to them?”

Although Yu Ziqi was a little simple, Xia Xibei must have something special in her to make him admire her so much.

“Somewhat,” Xia Xibei nodded calmly, then stretched out her hand towards the cat and dog.

Before she even said anything, Honey and Asura were already pushing their heads closer, rubbing back and forth on her arms.

This scene made Yu Ziqi and Ren Juncheng both jealous.

This feeling of hugging pets left and right must be great!

Nie Zehai also watched this scene in surprise.

If it wasn't for Asura, he might only have marveled that these pets were really obedient.

But, Asura was Yu Ziqi's dog!

And Yu Ziqi had said that today was the first time they met each other.

It was only the first meeting, and Asura was already so close to Xia Xibei... Could it be that she really knew how to talk to animals?

But there was more.

Xia Xibei stated, "Sit down."

With that order, Honey and Asura immediately shrank back and squatted on the chair without squinting their eyes.

“Yell three times.”

“Bark, bark, bark!”

“Meow, meow, meow!”

“Stand.”

The cat and dog immediately landed on their hind legs and raised their upper bodies.

This scene stunned the others.

When did she train them?!

Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi were even more shocked. Was this still their own pets?

They were too obedient! And they knew numbers?

Clap, clap, clap!

Nie Zehai immediately began to applaud. “That’s amazing!”

Xia Xibei really could communicate with small animals!

After applauding, he suddenly said, "I know a crew that's looking to find an actor who can get close to animals. Would you like to try?"

Chapter 145: Queen of Animals

Although Nie Zehai was not popular now, he had been in the industry for so long that he knew quite a lot of people.

A director was now preparing for a new show and the actors had not yet been found.

There was a supporting role in this movie with only a few scenes, requiring the actor to be close to animals.

The animals involved were not just ordinary cats and dogs, but also some pretty powerful beasts.

Of course, these animals could be replaced with special effects.

However, this director was very rigorous. If he could shoot scenes with real people and things, he would not use special effects.

It wasn't as if they were non-existent dragons, just real tigers and lions. Why would he need special effects?!

One could tell the difference between real animals and special effects!

However, this led to another problem.

If he wanted to use real animals, it was a bit difficult to guarantee the safety of the actor.

This character was equivalent to the king of animals, so the actor had to get close to the animals.

It would not be completely safe, even if an animal trainer was nearby.

In order to achieve a better effect, the director wanted the actor to do it in person, so there would be no body doubles.

But what if something happened? It would be horrific.

Besides, there were not many scenes for this role, so why would any actor bother?

Therefore, the situation had become a bit awkward.

Although in the end, if there was really no one appropriate available, the director may give in to special effects, but that wouldn't be until the last minute.

Nie Zehai thought of this role when he saw Xia Xibei's ability.

Although for some major actors, the role was less involved, if you really did it well, it would be different.

Xia Xibei was perfect.

She was beautiful, and most importantly, animals liked her!

"The role requires close contact with animals, so I think you have a good chance of getting it," he explained to Xia Xibei. "The strength of director Jiang Shenghe should not be underestimated."

"Director Jiang Shenghe?" Ren Juncheng was surprised. "Is that the director who made 'Three Lifetime Love?'"

"Yes," Nie Zehai nodded, "It's him."

"He's a pretty famous director!" Ren Juncheng exclaimed.

'Three Lifetime Love' told the story of the reincarnation of a couple in three different lifetimes: once in ancient times, once in the Republic of China, and the last in modern times.

If it was a TV series, it could have been made into dozens of episodes. However, to condense these three relationships in just two hours really tested the director's skill.

This romance was released two years ago, and the box office and reviews were both great. The actors who played the hero and the heroine had become very popular because of this drama, now on a higher level in their careers.

When people watched movies, they usually only paid attention to the actors and stories, not caring about the director.

But after the popularity of 'Three Lifetime Love,' the name Jiang Shenghe also began to be noticed by the audience.

"Xibei, this is an amazing opportunity!" Ren Juncheng informed her seriously. "This director is very good!"

Of course, Xia Xibei knew director Jiang Shenghe was very good, and that his work was also very good, but she hadn't expected this to be so coincidental.

She had seen the show Xia Zehai mentioned in her previous life. The show really became hot later on, and the actress who played the queen of animals also became popular.

The actress: Xia Qinghan.

Thinking of this, Xia Xibei couldn't help wondering how everything could possibly be related to Xia Qinghan?

"Ok, I will try it!" She agreed with a smile.

Chapter 146: Strange Operation

"If you were a star, I'd cheer for you!" Yu Ziqi said immediately, raising his hands.

"Ha ha," Nie Zehai said.

Where did this naive kid come from? He should be taken away!

"What are you 'Ha ha-ing' about?!" Yu Ziqi snorted at him. "Look at your own situation! If I dared to cheer you on, Auntie would beat me to death!"

Nie Zehai's parents didn't want him to enter this industry, but he insisted on doing so.

Although they couldn't stop Nie Zehai from persisting, his parents did not give him any help either, leaving him to struggle alone in the entertainment industry.

If he failed spectacularly, he would naturally turn back.

Nie Zehai was the most typical spokesperson for “If you can’t succeed in acting, you’ll go home and inherit your family business.”

However, very few people knew of his situation.

Xia Xibei knew it, but she did not realize that he and Yu Ziqi were cousins.

After Nie Zehai quarreled with Yu Ziqi, he looked at Xia Xibei. “I can only give you an opportunity, I can’t guarantee that the role will be yours.”

He had to make it clear, otherwise Xia Xibei might complain to him later, and that would be bad.

“I understand,” Xia Xibei smiled and nodded, “I have confidence in myself.”

“Great!” Nie Zehai showed a bright smile. “I also believe in you!”

“Me too!” Ren Juncheng nodded.

“You can do it,” Tang Luo added.

“Bark!”

“Meow!”

Everyone present, including the cat and dog, expressed their support for Xia Xibei.

She was beautiful and had a great deal of talent. If director Jiang Shenghe really required these things for this role, then the role was definitely hers!

“Come on, let’s raise a toast for Xibei!”

Yu Ziqi held up a cup, toasting to Xia Xibei getting the role. The others also raised their cups.

Seeing everyone so enthusiastic, Xia Xibei couldn’t stop the corners of her mouth from turning upwards.

“Thank you! I will do my best!”

After toasting, Nie Zehai exchanged contact information with Xia Xibei and left.

After he left, it was getting late, so Xia Xibei got ready to go back.

Seeing that she was leaving, both Honey and Asura became anxious, wanting to follow her.

The corners of Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi's mouths twitched, feeling extremely helpless in this situation.

"We will meet again in the future. But you must behave! If your brother says you are not good, I will ignore you!"

Xia Xibei lightly tapped the two little creatures on the head, issuing a warning.

She turned and said to the two owners, "You let me know if they don't behave."

"Ok!"

Ren Juncheng's eyes moved, suddenly speaking to Honey, "Honey, come here."

Honey glanced at him, unmoved.

"See, Xibei! Honey is not behaving!" he immediately complained.

"Meow?!"

Honey suddenly froze, her eyes round due to shock.

“If you don’t behave...” Xia Xibei gave a light cough. Before she even finished talking, Honey had already jumped into Ren Juncheng’s arms, quick as a bolt of lightning.

Asura was speechless. What kind of operation was this?!

Yu Ziqi also reacted. He immediately ordered Asura, “Asura, come here!”

Asura glanced at him in disgust but still walked over.

The two pathetic owners looked at each other. They were very happy to have finally found a way to deal with them!

Xia Xibei laughed and shook her head. At that moment, the phone rang.

Chapter 147: I Can Help You

Looking at the flashing number, Xia Xibei was taken aback.

Qiao Yanjue?

“Where are you now?”

As soon as she answered the call, Qiao Yanjue’s voice rang out with a force that was hard to ignore.

Xia Xibei narrowed her eyes and replied brusquely, “What’s it to you?”

She hung up after talking.

“What’s wrong?” Everyone was surprised by Xia Xibei’s reaction.

“Nothing, just a harassment call.” Xia Xibei looked calm. “Where were we? Oh yes...”

On the other end, Qiao Yanjue looked at the phone in astonishment. He couldn’t recover for a long time.

She- She had hung up on him?!

Anger ignited in his heart. This was the first time anyone had hung up on him!

As he was feeling annoyed, the phone rang.

He was overjoyed, but when he saw the displayed name, his expression became grim once again.

“What?” His tone was very aggressive.

“What the- Big Qiao, did you just eat dynamite?” A joking voice came out from the other end. “What? Were you rejected by some beauty?”

“Shut up!” Qiao Yanjue scolded angrily. “What are you talking about?!”

“Tsk, tsk, tsk... So angry! It must have been a hard rejection. This is incredible! Ha, ha, ha!”

Qiao Yanjue’s face turned dark as he heard the laughter.

“Jiang Yuran, what do you want?”

Jiang Yuran was not affected by his anger, still very happy as he replied, “Old Huo is right, you did get rejected!”

Qiao Yanjue held back his anger and stated coldly, “Jiang Yuran.”

He didn’t growl, but the sense of threat was even more intense than if he had.

Jiang Yuran had laughed enough. He coughed a few times, then calmed himself down. “Don’t worry! I am here to help you!”

“I don’t need your help!”

After issuing these words, Qiao Yanjue hung up the phone.

But soon, the phone rang, Jiang Yuran talking once again.

“I think your family company needs a branch manager in Africa,” Qiao Yanjue commented coldly.

“Oh no!” Jiang Yuran shouted immediately. “I really am here to help you!”

“What can you help me with?” Qiao Yanjue snorted, sounding dismissive.

“Although I can’t help you in other areas, I know something about the emotional stuff between men and women.”

“No need.”

“Don’t hang up yet!” Jiang Yuran shouted. “I was wrong, okay! But I’m guessing that you were rejected by a girl just now?”

Qiao Yanjue’s face had already turned cold.

“Actually, girls are very easy to manage. As long as you do what I say, you’ll be fine!” Jiang Yuran solemnly promised on the other end.

Qiao Yanjue’s finger paused on the ‘end call’ button.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei was saying goodbye to a few friends on the side of the road.

“Honey, Asura, be good, ok? Sister will come see you soon!”

She stroked their heads before leaving.

“Meow!”

“Bark!”

The cat and dog looked at her pitifully, unable to bear being separated.

But it was late and time to leave.

“You guys go on, we can go back by ourselves,” Tang Luo said to them.

“We’ll wait for you to get in the car. Our home is nearby, and they don’t want to leave so quickly anyway,” said Ren Juncheng.

“Bark!”

“Meow!”

In that case, so be it.

Tang Luo and Xia Xibei exchanged looks of resignation, then looked to the side of the road, ready to call a taxi.

Suddenly, a black car drove up and stopped in front of them.

When the car door opened, Xia Xibei’s face sank as she saw the person getting out of the car.

“How did you find me?” she demanded.

Chapter 148: Please Look After Beibei

The person was Qiao Yanjue.

This made Xia Xibei very uncomfortable. Was he monitoring her?

She didn't care if she was being investigated in a general way. However, she hated to think of her every move being watched, leaving her with no freedom.

Seeing Xia Xibei's dissatisfaction, Qiao Yanjue's heart jumped. He rushed to explain, "When I called you just now, I was nearby. I was about to leave when I saw you waiting for a car on the street."

"Really?" Xia Xibei asked, quirking up an eyebrow.

"Of course!" Qiao Yanjue nodded seriously. "You didn't think I had people follow you, did you?"

"Ha ha," Xia Xibei laughed, the corner of her mouth twitching.

Qiao Yanjue was speechless. "Am I so untrustworthy in your mind?" he demanded.

Xia Xibei wrinkled her nose and said nothing, but her attitude was enough of an admission.

This made Qiao Yanjue a little angry.

However, thinking of Jiang Yuran's words, he could only endure the frustration and move on.

“You are...”

He couldn't help making comments to himself while looking at these three young people of different heights.

This one was not tall, that one was too thin, and there was also one who was short and chubby. Oh, and there was a golden retriever and a chinchilla too.

They were all still kids. Besides, knowing Xia Xibei's character, even if she was dating, she wouldn't be looking at them as boyfriends.

Tang Luo and the others had no idea that Qiao Yanjue had already insulted them in his heart.

“They are my friends,” Xia Xibei responded casually, but didn't seem to want to introduce them.

Qiao Yanjue raised an eyebrow, glanced at her, then reached a hand out towards them.

“Hello, I am Qiao Yanjue.”

As soon as Qiao Yanjue came over, the group felt a pressure with his presence.

Xia Xibei could afford not to take Qiao Yanjue seriously, but they couldn't!

Although Qiao Yanjue was young and handsome, just like the heartthrobs in the entertainment industry, his aura was too strong, stronger than that of their parents!

Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi looked at each other and immediately stretched out their hands.

"Hello! I am Ren Juncheng, Xibei's friend."

"I am Yu Ziqi!"

After shaking hands with the two of them, Qiao Yanjue turned to Tang Luo.

"Hello."

Tang Luo's eyes flickered, and he stretched out his hand. "Hello, I'm Tang Luo. I am Xibei's deskmate at school."

They share a desk?

Qiao Yanjue felt that Tang Luo's hand was a bit small and not very manly at all. When he heard the word "deskmate," his expression changed slightly, and then he smiled. "Really? Then please look after Beibei."

Beibe?

Xia Xibei's expression froze. What was their relationship? What gave him the right to call her Beibe?!

"Qiao Yanjue!"

Xia Xibei felt that he was really inexplicable and couldn't help but turn grim.

"Oh yes, we should go back too."

Qiao Yanjue pulled back his hand, smiling and speaking very naturally.

Xia Xibei's mouth twitched, wishing she could punch him, forcing him to wake up.

Who was the "we" he was talking about?

"Meow!"

"Bark!"

Feeling Xia Xibei's emotions, Asura and Honey both began to yell at Qiao Yanjue.

Asura bared its teeth at him, while Honey arched its back and puffed up its fur. Both the cat and dog were currently in a fighting stance.

Qiao Yanjue was taken aback by their reaction. The cat and dog were obviously pretty docile, so why were they suddenly so fierce?

“Honey!”

“Asura!”

The two owners rushed to comfort their babies, then looked at Qiao Yanjue in confusion.

Qiao Yanjue also felt wronged. How would he know when he provoked them?!

During the stand-off, another car arrived.

Chapter 149: Young Master Mo

Tang Luo’s expression changed slightly when he saw the car.

A tall man quickly got out of the car.

“Little Luo.”

The man walked up and warily looked at the group.

“You’re not back yet?”

The man was around 25 or 26, about the same height as Qiao Yanjue. He was handsome too, and his well-fitting suit outlined his fit physique.

His aura was strong, with a sense of authority that was hard to ignore.

When he and Qiao Yanjue stood together, people couldn’t help but worry about the two of them suddenly fighting.

Xia Xibei noticed that Tang Luo’s face went a little pale when the man appeared, his eyes flickering slightly.

“Brother Bonan,” Tang Luo’s body looked a little tense, “I’m about to go back.”

“Don’t get back too late.” Mo Bonan’s eyes drooped slightly, a bit indifferent but still quite concerned about Tang Luo. “Kids should rest early, otherwise they won’t grow tall.”

While talking, he frowned and looked at Tang Luo's height, looking very dissatisfied.

Tang Luo's mouth twitched as he spoke stiffly, "I- I know."

Seeing Tang Luo so flustered in front of Mo Bonan, Xia Xibei couldn't help but raise her eyebrows. There seemed to be a story here!

"And you are...?"

Mo Bonan looked at the group with a sharp gaze. When he saw Qiao Yanjue, his pupils shrank, and his jaw line tightened slightly.

Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi couldn't help but shrink back their necks, feeling speechless.

Why were both Xia Xibei and Tang Luo's elders so mean?

"Hello. I am Qiao Yanjue."

Qiao Yanjue stepped forward with a smile at the corner of his mouth, but did not reach out his hand.

Mo Bonan frowned upon hearing his name.

“Qiao Yanjue, the capital city?”

Qiao Yanjue’s smile became even more harmless as he replied, “Yes, from the capital city.”

“Mo Bonan.”

“Hello, young master Mo,” Qiao Yanjue’s smile stayed the same.

Mo Bonan raised his eyes a bit, his thin lips slightly lifted.

“Hello, Lord Jue.”

Looking at their confrontation, everyone seemed to see an alarming spark, and felt that the two of them were about to fight within the next second.

Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi looked at each other and couldn’t help but step back.

The weather was warming up, so why had the temperature dropped when the two of them appeared?

Asura and Honey also held back their anger, obediently nestling besides their owners.

They had animal instincts and knew that these two people were not to be messed with.

“This is...?” Mo Bonan looked at the only girl present.

“Hello, my name is Xia Xibei. I am Tang Luo’s deskmate,” Xia Xibei gave Mo Bonan a friendly smile.

“Same desk?” Mo Bonan looked at her with an uncomfortable glance.

Upon seeing this, Qiao Yanjue’s smile cooled down. “We have to thank Tang Luo for taking care of our Beibei.”

Mo Bonan’s expression moved slightly when he heard this, and there was a hint of surprise.

He looked back and forth from Xia Xibei to Qiao Yanjue. This time, the smile on his face was more sincere.

“In that case, I should also thank this classmate for taking care of Little Luo.”

“They are classmates. It’s no big deal.” Qiao Yanjue was unwilling to show weakness.

Xia Xibei’s mouth twitched upon seeing the two of them going back and forth, wishing Asura would bite them.

Who did they think they were to say these words?!

However, Xia Xibei was more worried about Tang Luo.

Tang Luo's face had been a bit pale before, but now it was a little red.

"Tang Luo, are you okay? Why is your face red?"

Mo Bonan, who was talking to Qiao Yanjue, immediately turned around, pestering him, "What's the matter? Are you feeling okay?"

Tang Luo was a little embarrassed, assuring him, "It's okay, I'm just a bit hot."

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"Are you alright for sure?" Xia Xibei was still worried.

"I'm fine, really. I don't feel hot anymore," Tang Luo smiled and shook his head. He had returned to his normal self.

"Don't forget to tell me if you don't feel right."

“Sure.”

As they watched how the duo were caring for each other, the two men at the side found the scene rather annoying.

Mo Bonan frowned, “Tell us if you’re unwell. Don’t take it all by yourself.”

“I really am fine!” Tang Luo almost swore an oath.

“Alright then, let’s head back,” Mo Bonan said. “You still have classes tomorrow.”

It was a bad idea for a student to stay out so late.

“Alright,” Tang Luo nodded meekly, seeming very obedient.

“Let us go back too,” Qiao Yanjue told Xia Xibei.

“I’ll go back on my own.” Xia Xibei shot him a glance. “We’re going different ways anyway, so there’s no need for the trouble.”

Xia Xibei’s refusal made Qiao Yanjue awkward. Just why was this girl so stubborn?

“Never mind, I happen to be going there, and it’s not easy to get a cab at this hour.”

Right as he finished, he saw Xia Xibei reaching out to the road with a hand.

The next moment, an empty cab arrived.

Qiao Yanjue was left without words.

The cab came to a halt and the driver put down the car window. Before he could speak, he was greeted by an ice-cold stare from Qiao Yanjue, and he couldn't help but shiver a little.

Those eyes were frightening! Forget it, it was better to run for his life!

"Apologies, my shift has ended!"

Right as he finished speaking, he stepped on the accelerator and took off.

As they watched the cab disappear from sight, everyone fell silent.

"See, it happens to be a shift-changing hour. It's hard to get a cab now," Qiao Yanjue said in a serious manner, spreading his hands.

At the back, Ren Juncheng and Yu Ziqi exchanged a glance, quietly taking a step back while tugging at their pets.

They didn't know if the others saw it, but they clearly saw the stare that Qiao Yanjue gave the driver. It was totally intimidating!

Xia Xibei didn't notice what Qiao Yanjue had done, still speechless at the driver.

If his shift had ended, why did he have the "vacant cab" sign on?!

"Alright, let's go."

Having witnessed everything from the side, Mo Bonan chortled, then turned to speak to Tang Luo, "My mom even asked you to go back early just now. She'll be worried if you don't go back."

"I did not receive Auntie Shan's call." Tang Luo was slightly baffled.

"Perhaps she didn't want to disturb you."

Tang Luo seldom went out and he wouldn't stay out so late even if he did. Mo's mother probably didn't want to disrupt him.

"Oh." Tang Luo could only nod, "Let us go then."

At the side, Qiao Yanjue couldn't hold it in anymore. Doubtfully, he asked, "You two live together?"

"Yes, he lives at my place," Mo Bonan nodded frankly.

"I'll move out after the final exam," Tang Luo added without even realizing it.

Mo Bonan's face fell a little at his words. "You're so eager to move out?"

"No, no... I- I..." Tang Luo became nervous right away. "I- I... I can't be staying at your place forever, right?!"

Mo Bonan's eyes dimmed and he pulled a straight face. "You can keep living at our place. My mom will be pleased."

"But I can't keep living there even after I get married, can I?!" Tang Luo blurted out.

Get married? Mo Bonan's face turned even more dismal.

"You're thinking of getting married already?"

Tang Luo was at a loss. "No, no, no... I was just..."

“Tang Luo was just giving an example.”

Xia Xibei couldn't help but come to his rescue when she saw how helpless Tang Luo was.

Mo Bonan shot a sharp stare at Xia Xibei, holding back the words “mind your own business,” which were on the tip of his tongue.