

Chapter 181: Change of Custodian

Was there something else?

Everyone turned to look at him at once and saw that Qiao Yanjue was speaking with a serious face.

“I heard that all you did was sever relations, but the custody is still with you, right?”

In this country, it was difficult to sever relations for real. It couldn't be done unless the parents had committed a heinous crime.

Indeed, Xia Xibei and Xia Shahui had signed the relationship-severance letter, but these documents might not have sufficient legal effects. Besides, Xia Shahui still had her custody in his hands.

Xia Xibei did not think much of it previously. What she had really wanted was some help from the moral aspect.

When she got to a high position in the future, these documents would come into use. If Xia Shahui ever came to find trouble with her, people would condemn him.

Don't think that legal effects were everything. Sometimes, verbal abuse and accusation from people could be much crueler than legal punishments.

Moreover, Xia Xibei hadn't given much thought to her custody previously. After all, she would turn into an adult in a few months and would be able to make her own decisions by then.

However, what she hadn't seen coming was that there really would be occasions before she reached adulthood on which she needed Xia Shai's signature.

Even though she would turn adult in a few months, that didn't matter for now.

Hence, the custody was of great importance at this point.

Xia Xibei shot a look at Qiao Yanjue.

She couldn't quite describe her feelings.

She hadn't expected Qiao Yanjue to show up out of nowhere, even coming to her aid.

"The custody..." Xia Shai was stunned for a moment, looking baffled. "I suppose it is?"

He wasn't quite familiar with these things. it wasn't like he had ever cared about Xia Xibei before.

Qiao Yanjue turned to look at the lawyer beside him.

The lawyer nodded, "As for her custody, we can operate it this way..."

In a nutshell, the custody could not be transferred to another person, but the custodian could change.

After listening to the lawyer's explanation, Qiao Yanjue looked towards Xia Xibei.

"What do you think?"

Xia Xibei had mixed feelings, but she also understood that this was a very precious opportunity.

Her intention today was just to make what happened between her and Xia Shai public, so that people would know that they were on bad terms.

As for the matter with the custody and a custodian... She would figure out a way to deal with it in the future.

Unexpectedly, Qiao Yanjue had intervened on her behalf.

"Alright," she nodded. "Since we're no longer related, the custodian has to change as well."

"Sure," Qiao Yanjue nodded, then gestured for the lawyer to continue speaking.

Xia Shai finally got his head around it. They had come here today for Xia Xibei's custody!

He had refused to sign for her in the past, but after the custodian was changed, he would no longer have any control over her.

Of course, Xia Xibei had complete control over him by now.

He was furious on the inside, but he couldn't express it at all.

If he dared to object, he could face years of imprisonment!

Although Xia Xibei was seventeen years old, which made her very different from other orphans, there was still considerable room for maneuvering around the issue as far as the professionals were concerned.

Eventually, one of Qiao Yanjue's aunts became Xia Xibei's custodian.

The woman was nearly forty years old with no children and, having divorced a few years ago, was financially well-off.

Hence, she had no problem becoming Xia Xibei's custodian.

Very soon, the lawyer had settled everything.

Looking at the signature that he had left on the paper, Xia ShahaI felt kind of dazed.

So it was... Over and done with?

“Take care!” Qiao Yanjue shot him an ice-cold look. He did not regard him as Xia Xibei’s father at all.

Xia ShahaI and Liu Lixin exchanged a glance, their faces ashen and pale.

Qiao Yanjue turned to look at Xia Xibei.

“I’ll take you to meet your custodian.”

Chapter 182: Liu Manhong

Qiao Yanjue left with Xia Xibei, but Xia ShahaI and Liu Lixin stayed behind.

Although Qiao Yanjue would not pursue the incident with the company, there was still the matter of the murder-for-hire.

After the couple discussed it for a bit, they finally reached a decision.

Liu Lixin took blame for all the charges.

Moreover, she was the one who contacted those people before, so Xia Shapai really did not know.

Before, she had wanted to take Xia Shapai to jail with her, but thinking about their children, she really had no choice but to shoulder all the responsibility for the action.

Liu Lixin was sentenced to several years for murder-for-hire.

Although Xia Shapai had been cleared of suspicion, that did not mean that his situation after this ordeal was much better than Liu Lixin's.

The company had fired him, and he had to raise two children, so he was under an immense amount of pressure.

And it was not over yet. After he returned home, he realized that his neighbors were looking at him oddly.

When he went online, he almost spit out blood!

The Internet was condemning him, saying that he had no conscience, was a cheater and a scumbag...

When his kids went to school, they came home crying.

Staying here meant being gossiped about, and he couldn't find a job here anyway, so the only possible option left for Xia Shai was moving out of the city with his two children.

Xia Xibei didn't have time to pay attention to how miserable Xia Shai's situation would be in the future. She went to see Qiao Yanjue's aunt, Liu Manhong, a very young and stylish older sister.

Although she was almost 40 years old, Liu Manhong looked very young. With a graceful figure and creamy skin, she resembled a young woman in her 20s.

If it weren't for the crow's feet that appeared when she laughed, one couldn't tell her age at all.

After her divorce a few years ago, she had never remarried. She just had a boyfriend from time to time, and her life was relaxing.

Out of all of the relatives in the Qiao family, Qiao Yanjue was the closest to her.

After seeing Xia Xibei, Liu Manhong looked at Qiao Yanjue with a knowing gaze, then glared at him. "Don't get any ideas!" she warned.

A beautiful girl like her shouldn't be ruined!

Qiao Yanjue was speechless.

“Sister Hong, am I still your nephew?”

Liu Manhong had always disliked being called an aunt, protesting that it made her sound old. She preferred to be called Sister Hong.

“No, she’s my real daughter!”

Liu Manhong glared back, then couldn’t help but stretch out her hand to pull Xia Xibei closer to her. “Oh, this girl is so beautiful! She has such good skin!”

Such remarks might sound awkward, but her eyes were smiling, and her gaze was clear. She simply looked at Xia Xibei in amazement, not touching her in any way.

Xia Xibei didn’t feel offended. Rather, she felt that such elders were very cute.

“If I had a baby back then, she’d be this grown up too!” she said with emotion.

“Please. You were the one who didn’t want to have kids, okay?”

“If I could have such a beautiful daughter, I would!” she retorted.

Xia Xibei couldn’t help but smile when she saw the two of them bickering.

This was the first time she had seen Qiao Yanjue looking so naive and relaxed.

“Right! Girls should laugh more. So beautiful!” Liu Manhong smiled, taking Xia Xibei’s hand and leading her to the living room.

Xia Xibei’s heart felt warm.

Before Liu Manhong could say anything, there was an excited bark.

Then, a black and white shadow rushed forward, heading straight towards Xia Xibei.

“King Chu, stop!”

Looking at the dog, who had an twisted look in his eyes, Qiao Yanjue came to the realization that he seemed to have made the wrong decision!

Chapter 183: The Silly Husky, King Chu

Liu Manhang lived alone.

Although the security measures in the area were very good, it still seemed too desolate for her to live in such a spacious house all by herself.

Therefore, she chose to keep a dog.

She had a husky, a breed that people often associated with dumbness, named King Chu.

Qiao Yanjue had been here a couple of times, and each time he saw King Chu tearing down the house.

Under Liu Manhong's connivance, King Chu grew more and more "domineering," as his name suggested, starting to tear down more places around the house.

Qiao Yanjue wasn't sensitive to all that, as he did not have a pet himself. Besides, that wasn't his pet anyway.

However, when he saw how King Chu was fawning over Xia Xibei, wagging his tail and sticking his tongue out at her, Qiao Yanjue found the scene too familiar for his liking, an ominous feeling creeping through him.

"Eh, King Chu loves you a lot!" Liu Manhong exclaimed with surprise.

Although King Chu was a pure-breed husky, he was different from the rest of the huskies, as he wasn't fond of proximity with outsiders.

Him getting close with Xia Xibei was a pretty rare occurrence.

Xia Xibei patted King Chu, who was wriggling around in her arms, and smiled. "I've always shared a great affinity with animals," she replied.

King Chu lay down on the ground when she patted him, sticking out his tongue even more merrily than before.

Qiao Yanjue was speechless.

What a dumb dog! Take him out for a chop!

Liu Manhong also squatted down, reaching out a hand to touch his belly, but was stopped midway.

As she looked at the furry paw, Liu Manhong was rather puzzled.

Shortly after, her hand was pushed away.

Pushed away! Liu Manhong was shocked beyond words! This heartless little thing wasn't her dog!

After shoving Liu Manhong's hand away, King Chu tugged at Xia Xibei's hand and put it on his belly, then barked with delight, "Whoof!"

He could sense a soothing air about Xia Xibei, which he adored very much.

Owner?

What was that? Was it edible?

As for Xia Xibei, she wasn't sure whether to laugh or cry. King of Chu was even more straightforward than Asura and the others.

Seeing that she wasn't moving, he barked again to hasten her, "Whoof!"

Then, he gently pushed her hand.

Looking at the furry paw on the fair, slender hand, Qiao Yanjue's lips twitched.

This was such a glaring scene to watch!

"King Chu has never been so close with anyone else!" Liu Manhong marveled. She did not bother him any further, changing the subject instead, "Your name is Xia Xibei? Can I call you Beibei?"

"Sure," Xia Xibei nodded while caressing the dog.

“Great! Then, are you in your sophomore or senior year right now?”

“Sophomore.”

“I heard that you go to Qing Ye High School?”

“Yes.”

As he watched the two of them actively engage in a conversation, Qiao Yanjue’s face became stiff. Was he transparent to them?!

However, he did not want to interrupt the conversation, as they were getting along really well, so he quietly sat on the side.

After chattering for a while, the two of them got more and more acquainted, King Chu happily lying at their feet.

Although Xia Xibei’s biological age was very young, her actual age was about the same as Liu Manhong’s.

The two of them had similar views and mentalities, so they got along really well.

How Liu Manhong wished she could sit beside her and have a heart-to-heart with her all day.

After half an hour of chatting, they finally got to the main point.

“Your area is going to be relocated, right?”

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded.

“Where are you going to live?”

“I’m currently looking for a house. I’ll probably find one very soon.”

“You don’t have to! You can live here at my place!” Liu Manhong patted her chest and explained, “You see, my place is huge, but I’m living all alone. How lonely!”

Chapter 184: Live Nearby

The more she talked about it, the more Liu Manhong felt that it was a great idea.

“If you live here, we can keep each other company! We could even go shopping together!”

“Whoof!” King Chu contributed as well.

“Yes, and there’s King Chu too! He wants you to stay here!”

“Hmm...” Xia Xibei hesitated for a moment before shaking her head. “I have a lot of things to do later on. If we live together, it might not be that convenient.”

This made Liu Manhong feel rather disappointed.

She got along very well with Xia Xibei, as if there wasn’t a huge age gap between them.

If Xia Xibei lived here, she would have a companion.

Qiao Yanjue spoke up just then, “If it’s not convenient to live together, there are other houses around here, aren’t there?”

Liu Manhong’s eyes gleamed as she clapped her hands together, “Yes! That’s right!”

She grew even more excited. “I still have houses nearby! Even if we don’t live together, you could still live nearby, and we can have a chat whenever we have time. Isn’t that wonderful?”

“Whoof, whoof, whoof!”

Even though King Chu didn’t quite understand what they were talking about, he barked along with excitement.

“You have other houses around here?” Xia Xibei asked, curious.

When she first came in, she had thought that this residential area was pretty impressive.

The area was situated at the industrial center, and the houses were pretty expensive. Many couldn't even afford the deposit for one house with their lifetime income, let alone multiple.

A security card had to be displayed upon entry and exit, which the guards inspected strictly. If she lived here for real, her safety and privacy would be ensured.

Furthermore, once she joined the entertainment industry in the future, her privacy would be of much greater concern.

Although she had a way of disguising herself, it would be troublesome if the environment wasn't favorable.

Although the prices around here were high, it wasn't too hard for her to rent a unit.

“Of course I do!” Liu Manhong nodded right away. “I even have a few!”

Xia Xibei was surprised. She was one wealthy landlord indeed! She even had a few houses!

“If you don't wish to rent a house here, I could help you find another place,” Qiao Yanjue added along.

“Erm... I don’t want to cause you anymore trouble...” Xia Xibei said hesitantly.

“You won’t,” Qiao Yanjue chuckled. “Strictly speaking, you’re my cousin now.”

Xia Xibei’s lips twitched. “Cousin... You know what’s actually going on.”

This was nothing more than a temporary expedient. In a few months, she would no longer need a custodian and would be able to make decisions on her own.

Besides, she had never thought of becoming cousins with Qiao Yanjue someday— although they weren’t biologically related.

Even though she knew that the Qiao Yanjue standing before her was different from the cold-blooded, cruel Master Jue that he would become in a few years, it still felt strange for her to become his sister.

But Liu Manhong spoke up, “What do you have to worry about? You guys are cousins for now! If you need anything, just tell your brother and he’ll help you out!”

“I...”

“There’s no such thing as you or me. We’re family now!”

Although Liu Manhong appeared young, her actual age wasn't so young anymore. Besides, she wasn't a gullible person.

She had a beauty salon chain in one hand and a few cinemas in the other, making her a very rich woman!

Although she had received help from the Qiao family, she wasn't someone without solid skills either.

She seemed like a generous, frank woman, but she wouldn't usually pour her heart out to strangers.

She had only accepted Xia Xibei for Qiao Yanjue's sake.

However, she became fond of this "daughter" right after meeting her.

How she wished she had given birth to this adorable, gorgeous child!

Xia Xibei couldn't refuse anymore hearing what Liu Manhong said. Also, it was quite pleasant to live here.

Therefore, she nodded, "Thanks a lot, you guys."

Chapter 185: Live Here

After Liu Manhong received Xia Xibei's assent, she immediately said, "I have two suites above me, both of which have three bedrooms and one living room. The area is not very large, but it's enough if you live by yourself. If you want to, you can see it now."

"How much is the rent?"

"No, no rent!" Liu Manhong quickly took her outside the home. "It's all mine, so there's no point in collecting rent! If I dare to collect rent from you, King Chu won't hesitate to scratch me up!"

When King Chu heard his name, he barked instantly, seemingly very proud of the statement.

The house that Liu Manhong lived in was actually a connected set of two houses, which added up to more than 200 square meters.

She didn't like other people's noises, so she bought both the homes above and below her own. This way, there would be no trouble from pesky neighbors.

Xia Xibei could choose to live upstairs or downstairs.

Xia Xibei had a stunned expression on her face after listening to Liu Manhong's explanation.

She really was rich!

While others struggled to buy just one home, she had actually bought six homes!

Poverty did limit people's imaginations.

Soon, the three people and one dog finished looking at the homes, upstairs and downstairs.

The layout of these homes was the same, and while they were renovated, there wasn't much inside.

"Usually, when my friends come over, I will let them stay here. There's not much stuff inside. If you want to move here, you can get more."

Xia Xibei felt a little embarrassed by Liu Manhong's warmth.

This was the first time they had met. Liu Manhong was so enthusiastic about the situation, it made her feel a little ashamed.

"The rent..."

"Don't talk about rent!" Liu Manhong interrupted her. "You have seen how many homes I have here. If you lived here, they wouldn't be wasted."

She had rented these homes out before, but some of the tenants were worrisome, so she let them go. As a result, the homes had been empty for a few years.

“If no one lives here, it’ll get old! Besides, you can hang out with me, or walk King Chu. I’ll consider that your rent.”

Xia Xibei could only nod upon seeing Liu Manhong’s insistence.

It was the same saying as before: as long as she could repay the favor, she wouldn’t be afraid of accepting the favor.

“OK. Thank you for going through so much trouble!”

“It’s no trouble!”

“Bark, bark, bark!”

King Chu understood their conversation and quickly became excited. Shouting with joy, his tail shot up, as if reaching for the sky.

If Xia Xibei lived here, then he would be able to see this beautiful young lady all the time! The idea was better than a dream!

“Great! When I’m ready, I will move in,” Xia Xibei said.

“Let me get some help for you,” Qiao Yanjue offered.

“OK. Thanks, big brother.”

Hearing Xia Xibei willingly call him big brother, Qiao Yanjue felt as if his heart was filled with cotton candy: soft and sweet.

“You’re welcome. I’m your big brother now.”

Xia Xibei’s mood was hard to decipher.

Who would have thought that the two of them would have such a relationship now?

If someone had told her this before today, she would definitely argue with them.

It was too ridiculous!

But now, something ridiculous had happened, and it felt... Well, she didn’t feel repulsed by it, at the very least.

Today, she had just wanted to come visit Liu Manhong and thank her. She didn’t expect it to go like this.

She was going to live here...

What a magical development!

Before she could speak, Qiao Yanjue opened his mouth.

“Sister Hong, I will stay in G City for a while, so I plan to live there for a bit,” he said, pointing to the home next to Xia Xibei’s.

Chapter 186: Being Neighbors

“Live here?!”

Before Xia Xibei could say anything, Liu Manhong looked at Qiao Yanjue in surprise. “Are you kidding me?”

“Why would I joke with you?” Qiao Yanjue asked seriously. “I’m going to stay in G City for a while, and it’s inconvenient to stay in a hotel.”

“But didn’t you say earlier that it’s more convenient to stay in a hotel?” Liu Manhong questioned him.

“If it’s just a few days, of course a hotel is convenient,” Qiao Yanjue replied with confidence. “But if I have to stay here for a while, I can’t stay in a hotel the whole time.”

“Didn’t you say my place is not clean enough?” Liu Manhong sneered.

“It is really dirty here.” Qiao Yanjue was unceremonious in his dislike. He glanced contemptuously at the husky, who was wagging his tail behind Xia Xibei. “With him here, can your house truly be clean?”

Feeling a threatening aura, King Chu’s wild black eyes finally turned to meet the tall man in front of him.

No treats, no fun, and annoying too!

It huffed and turned its head away in disgust, continuing to shake its tail at Xia Xibei.

“Pfft! Hahaha...”

Liu Manhong was very chagrined by King Chu’s reaction. This was how he reacted when he saw things he didn’t like.

Qiao Yanjue kept silent, thinking of the 18 ways they could prepare dog meat soup.

He pushed down on his frustration and continued, “So, I don’t plan to live in your suite. I wanted to live there.”

He pointed to one suite in particular.

“It’s all renovated inside, right?”

“Can’t you choose one of the homes downstairs?” Liu Manhong said. “They are all renovated.”

“People have lived downstairs before,” Qiao Yanjue replied, disgusted.

Liu Manhong didn’t know what to say to that.

She had rented out two of the homes before, but soon took them back.

These two suites were unoccupied and very clean. She had hourly workers come in and clean them occasionally, so they were in good condition.

“She lives here, I live there. We won’t affect each other at all. What do you think?” Qiao Yanjue seemed serious, looking at Xia Xibei for her answer.

Xia Xibei’s mouth twitched, “Hm...”

She had never thought about being neighbors with Qiao Yanjue!

“You... You should have your own house, right?”

“Yes,” Qiao Yanjue nodded calmly. “But it hasn’t been renovated yet. It will take a while before I can live there.”

Xia Xibe felt a little awkward.

Although it was not the same suite, it was equivalent to being under the same roof, which was really strange.

“Do you think it’s wrong?” Qiao Yanjue’s face changed immediately as he looked at her expression, seeming a little aggrieved. “Forget it, I’ll go find another place.”

“No need!” Xia Xibe shook her head quickly. This was Liu Manhong’s place and Qiao Yanjue was her nephew. How could she drive him away? “Why don’t I find another place?” she suggested instead.

“No way!” Qiao Yanjue vetoed the idea immediately. “How could you leave when you were here first?”

“I...”

“Alright, all of you, shut up!”

Seeing them fighting like this, Liu Manhong's eyes rolled up to the sky. "There's two homes here. If you think the other person will bother you, just close your door. What's the problem? You can both live here!"

She instantly made a decision, stopping Xia Xibei from saying anything else. "If you dare to say you won't live here, King Chu would cry himself to death!"

"Bark!"

Then she looked at Qiao Yanjue and smirked, "And if I dared not allow you to live here, your mom would kill me!"

"So enough with all that nonsense. Go back and bring your stuff here!"

Chapter 187: Two Dogs

Since Liu Manhong put it this way, Xia Xibei couldn't refuse.

If she insisted on saying no, Liu Manhong would definitely feel as if she disliked Qiao Yanjue.

And Qiao Yanjue was Liu Manhong's nephew!

After thinking about it, Xia Xibei could only nod. "Then I will go back and get ready to move."

Qiao Yanjue agreed, "Right, you will live here first anyway. If you don't like it here, you can always move out!"

These words made Xia Xibei arch her brow, since she had the same idea in mind.

Liu Manhong wanted to make Xia Xibei stay for dinner, but she turned it down, as she had already made an appointment with Song Jiaren.

Liu Manhong walked them down in resignation.

When he saw that Xia Xibei was leaving, King Chu insisted on walking down too.

Seeing how insistent her dog was, Liu Manhong had no choice but to nod along and agree.

King Chu was overjoyed at having a chance to spend more time with this girl.

Soon, the three of them and the dog reached the garden located in the subdivision.

An excited bark rang out as they approached the entrance.

Then, a golden shadow quickly headed toward them.

“Asura!”

Before Yu Ziqi could even react, Asura was running away from him!

However, after he saw Xia Xibei not too far away, he understood the reason.

For the past two days, Asura had been a little restless.

He had never destroyed the house before, but he was doing that now.

Luckily, Yu Ziqi knew what to do. He called Xia Xibei and had her lecture Asura.

That was the only way he could manage Asura.

In order to help Asura release his extra energy, Yu Ziqi took him down for a stroll after class.

Unfortunately, they saw Xia Xibei on the way.

Asura didn't care how frustrated his owner was. After seeing Xia Xibei, he became very excited, quickly rushing over.

“Bark!”

This loud cry shocked both Liu Manhong and King Chu.

Seeing that this golden retriever was about to pounce, Liu Manhong shouted out in fright, “Watch out!”

However, she became stunned the very next second.

The golden retriever abruptly stopped less than 10 centimeters in front of Xia Xibei, then reached his head toward Xia Xibei’s waist.

“Bark!”

“Bark!”

King Chu was a little timid, so he was surprised at first. However, after discovering Asura’s intentions, he became angry!

Where did this feral dog come from?!

Asura was happy to see Xia Xibei, but there was a dog beside her, and he was provoking him too, so he suddenly became angry.

“Bark!”

“Bark!”

King Chu didn't want to back down, so he started barking too, baring his teeth at Asura.

In the blink of an eye, the two dogs began to shout at each other.

“Shut up!”

Xia Xibei's head hurt.

She didn't think she'd see Asura here. She also hadn't thought that the two dogs would have an argument.

“Wow...”

After being yelled at like this, the two dogs abruptly stopped barking, which was very funny.

Yu Ziqi finally rushed over. He was panting and sweating as he asked, “Xibei, what are you doing here?”

As soon as he finished speaking, he looked up and saw Qiao Yanjue, becoming very surprised.

“Big brother Qiao, why are you here too?”

“We’re here to look at places to live.” Qiao Yanjue answered his question very politely. “We will move to this neighborhood within a few days.”

Yu Ziqi, a chubby and naive kid, definitely didn’t know what Qiao Yanjue meant. He nodded along in excitement, “You are both moving here? That’s great! I’d love to have some company!”

As he spoke, he turned his head, flabbergasted at what he saw.

Chapter 188: Two Dogs Fighting for Love

In just a few seconds, things took a magical turn.

Having been scolded by Xia Xibei, the two dogs became visibly droopy.

However, their reactions were very different.

King Chu sprawled on the ground in grievance, sobbing piteously and making wailing noises from time to time.

Passers-by gathered around them.

There were two dogs here, and the people over here were all good-looking, so it was certainly an eye-catching sight.

Upon taking a good look, however, they were all surprised.

The dumb husky was actually crying!

Anyway, it was a norm for huskies to do silly things. They would even be praised for being pure-bred!

Liu Manhong's lips twitched as she watched the husky sobbing as if it had been bullied terribly.

She took King Chu out for a walk every day, but it had always been well-behaved, even aloof and reserved.

She had always thought that her husky was different from other huskies out there.

When other huskies did dumb things, she would even feel a weird sense of superiority over them.

But right now, when King Chu had fully unleashed its true nature, she finally understood something—this was a pure-bred dumb husky, indeed!

The more she watched the scene, the more Liu Manhong found it familiar. Then she overheard a bystander comment, “Why does this look like my neighbor’s kid when he’s throwing a tantrum?”

The realization hit Liu Manhong like a bolt of thunder! She recognized it now!

Previously, there was a child who wanted toys, but his grandmother said no to him. Upset, he lied down on the ground and started making a fuss about it.

King Chu was doing the exact same thing right now!

Shortly after, she saw King Chu sobbing while opening one of its eyes stealthily from time to time to take a peek at Xia Xibei.

The passersby couldn’t help but burst into laughter. This was a dumb husky indeed!

How Liu Manhong wished she could cover up her face as she looked at that embarrassing dog of hers.

Qiao Yanjue’s expression was stiff as well, although he was glad that it wasn’t his dog.

“King Chu! Get up!” Liu Manhong commanded, feeling extremely awkward.

“Wuu...”

Instead, King Chu just fell down. It wouldn't get up until the pretty lady gave him a kiss!

Liu Manhong was helpless, while the people around them continued to laugh.

“King Chu, get up!” Xia Xibei finally yelled.

King Chu did not listen to her this time, carrying on with his weeping instead.

It needed to be kissed and cuddled and patted right now!

Xia Xibei was speechless. This was the first time she had met the magical husky, and it was such an eye-opening experience!

Right when she was about to speak, she saw a golden fleck flashing ahead of her.

“Asura!”

Yu Ziqi was caught unaware. Where was it going?

With all eyes pinned on it, Asura dashed into the little garden.

There were a lot of flowers there, blooming in brilliant purples and bright reds. It made for very pleasant scenery.

Asura picked out one of the biggest flowers and bit off its stalk.

With the flower dangling from its mouth, it returned to Xia Xibei.

“Whoof!”

He placed the flower on the ground and barked at Xia Xibei.

Everyone was stunned.

Although they all knew that golden retrievers were clever, this one was... Almost a human now, wasn't it?!

Who taught it to make a girl happy by giving her flowers?!

Yu Ziqi's eyes turned red and he muttered under his breath, “It's never given me flowers before!”

Qiao Yanjue shot him a glance, then turned his head to the side with an inexplicable expression.

Did he really not know the reason?

Xia Xibei was surprised too. She bent low and picked up the flower, giving Asura a pat on his head.

“Thank you for the flower! But you can’t do this again, alright? These flowers belong to everyone.”

“Whoof!”

When it saw her accepting the flower, Asura barked in excitement.

In the midst of its intense crying, King Chu finally realized that the pretty girl that it fancied was running away with its rival!

“Whoof!”

Rolling to its side, it quickly jumped to its feet.

Chapter 189: Crying for Real

“Whoof!”

King Chu panicked right away when it saw Xia Xibei walking away with Asura, not paying it the slightest bit of attention.

It took a look at the flower in Xia Xibei’s hand and shook its little head, as if coming to its senses.

“King Chu!”

Liu Manhong was taken aback when it rushed into the garden and came out with a flower in its mouth as well.

However, its movements were clumsy and careless when compared to Asura.

With a scratch of its paw, the flowers in that area perished right away.

Its mouth was now tainted by the red and yellow colors of the flowers, making it look extremely ludicrous.

Still, it marched on with a confident look, holding the flower in its mouth and sprinting towards Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei’s lips twitched the moment she saw the flower in its mouth.

Asura, on the other hand, was enraged.

'Damn you b*tch, how dare you copy my trick?!' it thought, fuming.

If Xia Xibei wasn't around, it would have pounced on the opponent and started a fight that instant!

"King Chu!"

Liu Manhong finally came back to her senses. She hurried over, not sure whether to laugh or cry when she saw what was going on.

"Oooooof!" King Chu yelled with smugness, forgetting about the flower in its mouth. The flower fell onto the ground, and as King Chu took a step forward, was stomped on right away.

With everyone watching, the flower shattered.

King Chu went stiff, as if spellbound. After a good while, it raised its paw in a daze, staring numbly at the flower that it had gone to great lengths to dig up, which was now in a hopeless mess.

"Whoof!"

King Chu became very sad upon seeing this.

Its flower! The flower that it wanted to give to the lady! The flower!

The people finally found out what a dumb husky looked like when it cried.

As they watched fat teardrops tumble from its eyes, they couldn't help but pity it.

The poor thing!

Xia Xibei didn't know whether to laugh or to cry, so she squatted down and held its head in her arms, gently soothing it, "Alright, alright, don't cry. I got the flower, so don't cry now."

After being comforted by the lady for a good while, King Chu stopped its tears, slowly sniffing.

But the look in its eyes was resolute. It needed a kiss and a hug and a good round of patting by the lady!

Qiao Yanjue couldn't take it anymore, stepping forward at last.

"Time is almost up, so don't make your classmate wait too long. Let's go."

"Whoof!"

Go away!

King Chu shot him a furious glare.

Qiao Yanjue responded to that with his own contemptuous glare. What a stupid dog!

“Alright, no more yelling.” Xia Xibei patted King Chu’s head and said in a serious manner, “Do not throw tantrums, do not yell at anyone, and be a good kid. Only then will I like you, okay?”

Surprisingly, the people found that King Chu’s head drooped upon listening to the girl, even nodding piteously.

Looking at its defeated, aggrieved look, Qiao Yanjue sneered on the inside. This was a stupid dog indeed!

“Alright, I’ll come over in a few days. Don’t worry.”

Xia Xibei patted King Chu’s head, then patted Asura as well.

“I have some places to be today. Behave well at home and I’ll come to see you guys in a few days,” Xia Xibei said seriously, but with a small smile on her face. “If you don’t behave well, I won’t play with you guys anymore!”

Right after she said that, the two dogs, who were glaring at each other, immediately straightened themselves and bolted upright, nodding solemnly.

“Whoof!”

We get it!

As they watched how Xia Xibei dealt with the two quarrelsome dogs in just a short while, the people around them couldn’t help but marvel.

This girl couldn’t be some kind of humanized animal as well, could she? This scene was so magical!

“Alright, I’ll take you there. Your classmate must be waiting already,” Qiao Yanjue hastened.

He did not want any more accidents to get in their way. Now that Asura was here, he was afraid of that cat showing up as well!

Chapter 190: Getting Rid of the Sisters

What pleased Qiao Yanjue was that the cat did not appear, even after they left.

He only got to know afterwards that Honey’s owner lived in another part of the city, which was quite a distance from here.

His mood improved a great deal after finding out about that.

Xia Xibei had no idea what was going on in Qiao Yanjue's mind at all. After comforting the two sulky, reluctant dogs, she went to meet Song Jiaren.

After a fortnight, some obvious changes had occurred in Song Jiaren.

She was now substantially slimmer than she had been before, which made her look much prettier.

She had a cup of milk tea in hand and was sipping on it. When she saw Xia Xibei coming over, she was instantly invigorated, going forth to welcome her.

"Are you alright?"

Xia Xibei had applied for a leave today, so she had only learnt about what Xia Xibei did after browsing the internet.

If not for Xia Xibei, the situation might have gotten much worse.

Even the people at school knew that Xia Xibei had rescued the children, along with learning more about her background.

"I'm fine," Xia Xibei shook her head with a bright smile, "I have settled everything on my part."

“Really?”

Song Jiaren was clear about Xia Xibei’s situation, and she knew that Xia Xibei had terminated relations with her parents early on.

Although it sounded quite simple, it was actually challenging to maneuver in reality.

She was curious about how the matter had been resolved.

“...therefore, I got a new custodian.”

Song Jiaren was exhilarated the moment she heard that Xia Xibei had terminated relations with her parents for real this time, even getting a new custodian.

“That’s brilliant! That’s how things should be!”

Although Song Jiaren had never seen Xia Xibei’s parents before, she knew that they weren’t good people. If she could sever all ties with them completely, that would be great.

Xia Xibei was such a good young lady; she shouldn’t be encumbered by them.

After that, Song Jiaren mentioned what happened at school today.

“I ran into Xia Qinghan and Liu Zhijing at school today.”

The students would use their phones between classes, so they knew about all the big things that had happened.

Their reactions towards the matter were diverse.

All in all, about 90 percent of the people were on Xia Xibei’s side.

They were all youngsters, after all, so they would stand up for youngsters who were being treated unjustly.

Xia Xibei had such a pathetic background and her parents were so shameless and cold-blooded; how could they not pity her?

Of course, there were people who were constantly looking for flaws as well.

“Don’t you know, I almost killed them all today!” Song Jiaren couldn’t help but snort.

“Why?”

“They were bad mouthing you!” Song Jiaren pouted, “I finally understand what those ‘green tea b*tches’ and ‘white lotuses,’ as the netizens call them, are like!”

“Looks like today’s war was intense,” Xia Xibei laughed.

“What do you mean the war was intense? It was a one-sided attack, okay!” Song Jiaren humphed, “Everyone was clapping for what you did, but some were rambling about how it was fake, and you were putting on a show. They even said that you made up your background to beg for sympathy... Pffff! I scolded them right away. If it was fake, they should be on the news sometime too!”

Song Jiaren got a little smug when she got to that last part.

“After I scolded them back, they became speechless and walked away in defeat.” She brandished her fist, threatening them, “If I ever hear them saying those things again, I’m gonna punch them in their faces!”

Song Jiaren’s wild moves made Xia Xibei shake her head and laugh, but her heart was filled with warmth.

After babbling on for a good while, Song Jiaren took out her phone. “Look, the netizens are all singing your praises!”

A gorgeous young lady rescuing so many children certainly was praiseworthy!

But very soon, Song Jiaren’s face turned dark.

“What the hell are these?!”