

Chapter 521: Turning Down Gently

As soon as Li Weiyun's words came out, Qiao Yanjue's face immediately sank and he shouted in a low voice, "You really are drunk!"

With a bitter and resigned face, Li Weiyun argued loudly, "I didn't drink anything!"

Today was really important! Why would she drink?!

Even if drinking gave her courage, before the matter was handled, she could not let alcohol spoil things.

In fact, she should have said this to Qiao Yanjue in the room, but Huo Zijun was there too.

And, for whatever reason, Huo Zijun wouldn't leave them alone, no matter how much she gave him hints.

Fortunately, Qiao Yanjue came out, and she followed, finding a place where they could talk.

It just didn't occur to her that Qiao Yanjue would be so indifferent even though she was giving up her girlish reserve.

"You must have been drinking." Qiao Yanjue had a serious expression on his face. "Look at you, talking nonsense."

“I didn’t!” Li Weiyun’s eyes were slightly red from agitation. “You do like me, don’t you?”

Qiao Yanjue was annoyed when she kept pressuring him.

“I don’t like you, we’re just ordinary friends.”

Ordinary friends? Not even good friends?

Li Weiyun felt as if her heart had been stabbed several times, and the blood flowed like water.

“You...” Her chest rose and fell sharply. “You can’t be so cruel...”

Qiao Yanjue was impatient, as if he was back to those times when girls professed their love to him.

Since childhood, because of his good looks and privileged family, there were many girls who liked him, and there were even more girls who were brave enough to profess their love to him.

However, he was not like other boys, who enjoyed the pursuit of girls. He especially hated being professed to by a girl he did not like.

So, no matter how good that girl was, if she professed her love to him rashly, he would not let her down gently, and if he was in a bad mood, he could even be very harsh to her.

Because he had rejected so many girls, even his friends called him a heartbreaker who was destined to be alone.

After all, there were not many men who were as particular as him.

If a girl professed her love to them, and if she was not annoying, then they would first see if they could grow some feelings... Why did he need to reject them directly?

Moreover, he refused the girls in a particularly brutal way, with the rejected girls crying enough to fill a river.

Li Weiyun had also seen his cruelty, which was why she hadn't dared to confess her love before.

Li Weiyun had always felt that Qiao Yanjue rejected all those girls because they weren't good enough.

In order to be worthy of Qiao Yanjue, she had been working very hard to make herself better.

Now she bit the bullet and confessed her love first, but she got the same result as the other girls?!

Oh no, there was still a little difference.

When Qiao Yanjue rejected other girls, his attitude was quite direct, and sometimes he even told the delicate girls to get lost!

Today, his refusal was quite gentle, and he also helped her with the “drunk” excuse.

But regardless of how gentle the refusal was, it was very cruel for Li Weiyun.

“You’re a good girl, you’ll find your true love eventually.”

Despite his impatience, Qiao Yanjue held his temper and turned Li Weiyun down gently.

This was not easy. After all, he always did it the simple and rough way.

If not for their many years of friendship, he would have just turned around and left.

It was only a pity that the tenderness he thought he had used was still a knife to Li Weiyun.

She gritted her teeth, “You just like Xia Xibei’s kind of slut who can be with any man, don’t you?!”

“Li Weiyun!”

Chapter 522: You've Been Tricked by Her

Qiao Yanjue's face became completely grim.

He didn't expect that Li Weiyun, who held herself as noble and elegant, would say such things!

His face was gloomy, his eyes seemed to hold shadows, and the aura around him was cold and hard.

He stepped forward, his face expressionless, and said in a cold voice, "You should be glad that I don't hit women."

Of course, if she continued to talk, he could not guarantee that he would still be able to stick to this principle.

Li Weiyun was so shaken that she almost jumped up.

She didn't expect Qiao Yanjue to be so biased in Xia Xibei's favor!

Clearly, she was a bit*h who had no boundaries in order to climb up the ladder!

But Qiao Yanjue had actually treated her so badly for Xia Xibei's sake.

“You’ve been tricked by her!” She was so angry that her eyes were bloodshot. “Do you know how many people she’s hooked up with?”

Qiao Yanjue looked at her expressionlessly, his tone calm and unruffled.

“Do you know?”

“Of course I do!”

Li Weiyun immediately showed him the papers she had been holding in her hand.

“Look!”

These were photos that had been purposely printed out. They were quite large, clearly showing the people and cars in them.

“The car that picked her up was different every day! Do you think she is so innocent?!”

Li Weiyun was about to die of anger. Why would Qiao Yanjue be fooled by someone like that?!

Qiao Yanjue looked over, then froze.

Li Weiyun held several photos, which showed all kinds of luxury cars.

However, he knew these cars.

Two were his own cars, and one was a car that Jiang Yuran had used here before.

Looking at these photos, Qiao Yanjue's original angry mood suddenly settled down, leaving only ridicule and sarcastic doubts.

Where on earth did Li Weiyun get these photos?

He believed that Li Weiyun did not know about him and Xia Xibei before, so there was no way she would have prepared in advance.

So who gave these photos to her?

Qiao Yanjue quickly thought of Xia Qinghan.

Li Weiyun could not get this information from anyone else other than Xia Qinghan.

Thinking of this, his disgust for Xia Qinghan grew even more.

She was not only restless, but also malicious. Otherwise, she wouldn't have assumed Xia Xibei had done something just because she got into a car!

If Xia Qinghan hadn't said that, Li Weiyun wouldn't have been so certain either.

"Do you see it?!" Li Weiyun was angry and heartbroken. "She's lying to you!"

"So what?"

A crisp voice rang out from the side, and the two turned their heads in shock.

"Beibei?"

"Xia Xibei?!"

A high and a low voice sounded at the same time, the same surprise showing.

While they watched in amazement, Xia Xibei walked over elegantly.

She was in ordinary clothes, but somehow, she looked as elegant as if she was wearing a cheongsam.

When he suddenly saw Xia Xibei, Qiao Yanjue's eyes lit up.

However, at the sight of her different-from-usual demeanor, he froze for a moment and a smile came to his eyes.

Li Weiyun, however, was full of shocked disbelief.

Why would Xia Xibei be here?! Could it be that she had followed them here?

"You followed us?" Li Weiyun coldly faced her. "This is really..."

"I happened to come here today, and I didn't expect to run into you guys!" Xia Xibei smiled coquettishly, "Brother Jue, what a coincidence!"

Brother Jue?

Qiao Yanjue's body stiffened, and the hairs on his arms stood up.

He couldn't handle such a shameless name just like that.

Li Weiyun, on the other hand, felt her eyes turn red again.

Chapter 523: Terrible Mental Attack

“Xia Xibei...”

Li Weiyun was about to speak when she saw Xia Xibei walking up to Qiao Yanjue’s side and holding his hand, her voice dripping with honey.

“Brother Jue, I missed you so much!”

Qiao Yanjue’s heart shook, but the fever in his heart quickly cooled when he saw her wink at him. However, he was still cooperative.

“I missed you, too.”

“Really? That’s great!”

Xia Xibei smiled even more coquettishly.

Next to them, Li Weiyun’s eyes became very red.

She didn't expect that Xia Xibei would be so shameless, daring to act like this even in front of her!

"These photos... Look so familiar." Xia Xibei looked at Li Weiyun.

"Do they look familiar?" Li Weiyun pursed her mouth. "Your memory is not bad."

"Right. Brother Jue, isn't this your car?" Xia Xibei asked in surprise, pointing to two of the pictures.

Li Weiyun's heart jumped and her face changed slightly.

"What did you say?"

"This is Brother Jue's car! Haven't you seen it before?" Xia Xibei looked innocent. "But that's right, Brother Jue hasn't taken you in one of these cars, so it's normal that you didn't recognize it."

Li Weiyun's eyes were wide with shock.

Xia Xibei made an act of covering her mouth and laughing, "One car belonged to another brother!"

Her voice was infinitely charming and coy, with many lilting turns, making goosebumps appear on people's skin.

Qiao Yanjue's face was fixed and expressionless. In fact, he was afraid he would laugh out loud.

Although he didn't know how Xia Xibei had appeared here, he knew that she was angry.

If she was angry, it was natural to find a place to release the anger.

As for the object of her anger, he would pretend not to know her.

After all, he could tell who was more important.

"Another brother?"

A lover brother?

Li Weiyun was even more shocked. How did Xia Xibei dare to say such things in front of Qiao Yanjue!

What was even scarier was that Qiao Yanjue was not angry!

Was he out of his mind? He was not even mad about being cheated on?

"Brother Jue, you don't mind, do you?" Xia Xibei looked at Qiao Yanjue, her eyes shining.

Qiao Yanjue couldn't help but laugh and gently tap her forehead, saying dotingly, "Of course Brother Jue won't mind."

Hearing Qiao Yanjue calling himself "Brother Jue," the corners of Xia Xibei's mouth twitched and the hairs on her body instantly stood up.

She finally understood what a terrible mental attack such a name was!

Still, she smiled brilliantly and shook his arm.

"I knew you loved me the most, Brother Jue!"

"That's for sure."

As she watched the two of them go back and forth, Li Weiyun's face was terribly sullen.

She really didn't expect Qiao Yanjue to become so unfamiliar!

Her previous perception of Qiao Yanjue had been turned upside down at this moment!

"Sister Li, Brother Jue is not angry!" Xia Xibei smiled at Li Weiyun and said, "But don't show these pictures, they are not very convincing. They will make people laugh! If you really want to prove that I'm a promiscuous girl, you can try taking nude pictures!"

When he heard that insulting term, Qiao Yanjue's face instantly went cold.

No matter who said it, he couldn't listen to it.

Li Weiyun's face was conflicted when she heard Xia Xibei continue, "Actually, don't worry so much about me. Take care of yourself. You can't even hide the dark circles under your eyes! Do you want me to recommend a beauty salon for you? They work great!"

Chapter 524: Intelligence is Back

Looking at Xia Xibei's wicked demeanor, Qiao Yanjue felt that all his depression from before had cleared away.

Earlier, he could feel Xia Xibei's detachment from him. He thought it was because he had been too aggressive that night and had scared her away.

After not being able to contact her for a few days, his depression was even stronger, and not many people in the company dared to approach him for fear of being scolded.

His mood was so bad that he agreed to Huo Zijun's invitation to come out for dinner.

Now, when he looked at Xia Xibei holding his hand and being recklessly bad, he was instead comfortable.

It was good that she hadn't alienated herself from him.

Moreover, her flirtatious attitude really pleased him.

Unlike him, Li Weiyun almost died from anger.

For the past two days, she hadn't been sleeping well because of Qiao Yanjue and Xia Xibei's relationship and she had dark circles under her eyes.

She even used a heavy foundation today to cover up the dark circles, but she didn't expect to be told off by Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei had actually recommended a beauty salon to her! Was she mocking her?!

"No need." She was so angry, but she calmed down instead. "Since you guys said so, it must be my mistake."

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue both froze for a moment. She had actually conceded, just like that?

Li Weiyun's intelligence finally came back, and although her smile was still stiff, the anger and craziness from earlier were gone.

“I’m so sorry. I made some inappropriate jokes today.”

Sorry?!

Xia Xibei couldn’t help but stare at her in disbelief. Did Li Weiyun take drugs? Or was she suddenly possessed by a ghost? Who was this new person?

The previously angry Li Weiyun was easy to deal with. A slight provocation would enrage her to death.

However, after she returned to normal, it was not so simple.

Xia Xibei was secretly wary in her heart, but she smiled at her.

“It’s okay, I believe you didn’t mean it either. But you really don’t need me to recommend a beauty salon?”

“It’s okay.” Li Weiyun didn’t stomp her feet in anger. Her face was stiff, but her tone was calm. “It’s just that I haven’t slept well these last few days. I’ll take better care when I get back.”

“Oh, that’s good.”

Xia Xibei frowned lightly, then relaxed. So what if Li Weiyun was calm? Was she afraid of her?

“Yanjue, I’m sorry. I lost my temper just now and said some strange things carelessly. I must have been drinking just now,” Li Weiyun said to Qiao Yanjue.

Qiao Yanjue’s brow furrowed.

Li Weiyun had changed too quickly, but he smiled.

“Pay attention next time. Don’t listen to rumors.”

These words caused Li Weiyun’s expression to stiffen slightly before showing a smile again, “I understand.”

She had indeed been too reckless this time.

It was probably because she hadn’t seen Qiao Yanjue for too long, and when she suddenly saw a particular girl by his side, she threw away all her manners and composure.

It was so strange to have such a drop in intelligence, and because of this mistake, Qiao Yanjue’s attitude toward her had gotten even worse.

After so many years, why did she take such a risk?

Thinking about her previous performance, Li Weiyun broke out in a cold sweat.

She had never thought that there would have been a day when she lost her mind like this.

“Okay, I won’t do that again.” She smiled and said, “Shall we continue eating?”

“Let’s!” Before Qiao Yanjue could say anything, Xia Xibei answered. “I haven’t eaten yet! I’m so hungry!”

She looked at Qiao Yanjue with a little grievance.

“You haven’t eaten yet?” Qiao Yanjue immediately became anxious. “Then let’s hurry up and go inside.”

Chapter 525: Ruining Oneself

Qiao Yanjue frowned, “It’s already so late, why haven’t you eaten? Have you not eaten well in the past two days since you’ve been shooting the show? Why do you look thinner?”

Xia Xibei was speechless.

The program team was quite humane.

Although some tasks were very crazy—for other guests, at least—the show did not skimp in terms of food and accommodation. After all, the guests were either popular stars or the stars of tomorrow. How could they not be treated well?

The hotel prepared a buffet, and her appetite almost scared the other stars, who didn't eat much.

Except for Xia Qinghan, the other three female guests all ran over to watch her, wanting to know the secret of how she was able to eat so much!

She also used this opportunity to tell them about the slimming pills that would be created later, and they said they wanted to buy them.

How could she be thinner in this case?!

"I haven't lost any weight!" Xia Xibei shook her head. "I eat a lot!"

"Is that so?" Qiao Yanjue still didn't believe her. "Forget it, let's go in and eat first."

"Okay."

Looking at Qiao Yanjue's gentle and patient manner, Li Weiyun's face remained unchanged, but her nails were about to scratch her palms open.

Her heart felt stabbed. This was the first time she had seen such a different side in Qiao Yanjue!

How could Qiao Yanjue, who had always been cold and proud, unable to let others get close to him, have such a gentle side?

Even worse, this side was for someone else!

However, no matter how angry she was, she still squeezed out a smile, "Yeah, hurry up and go eat. Otherwise, it's not good for your stomach."

"Sure." Xia Xibei smiled at her very brightly and turned back to Qiao Yanjue. "Let's go inside."

To be honest, when she spoke in this voice, Xia Xibei was also disgusted with herself.

If it wasn't to disgust Li Weiyun, she wouldn't have been so hard on herself.

Unlike her, after the previous rehearsal, Qiao Yanjue actually had a high degree of tolerance for this acting. He pinched her nose lightly. "Yes. Go in, little glutton."

Xia Xibei's smile froze, and goosebumps soon followed.

What the hell?! This was going to kill her! It was horrible!

She suddenly remembered what someone said—being coquettish was a powerful tool for women, either to make the other party soft-hearted and achieve the goal, or to make the other party so disgusted that they had to agree.

Now it seemed that being coquettish had the latter effect for her!

She was more disgusted with herself than anyone else was.

“Let’s go.”

When he felt the strength of her grip, Qiao Yanjue couldn’t help but laugh in his heart.

The two of them had known each other for so long, and he understood her character.

How could someone with such a tough personality, who wanted to handle everything on her own, be so delicate and coquettish?

While she was disgusted by herself, he was interested instead.

After all, it was not common to see such a coquettish Xia Xibei, and he needed to take advantage of it.

Li Weiyun looked on with grim eyes as she watched the two of them go in holding hands.

Inside the private room, Huo Zijun was slowly eating.

He was stunned upon seeing the two of them come in hand-in-hand.

What the-! It was only a few days, but was there such a great deal of progress already?

Without waiting for him to ask a question, he heard Xia Xibei daintily shout, "Brother Huo!"

"Pfft-"

Huo Zijun was eating and snorted at her name for him, spewing the food into several dishes in front of him.

Huo Zijun coughed so hard, his heart almost came up.

Was Xia Xibei crazy?!

Chapter 526: Psychological Attack

Qiao Yanjue looked in disgust at the table of dishes contaminated by Huo Zijun and said to the waiter outside the door, "Remove these dishes."

Li Weiyun watched as Qiao Yanjue ordered several dishes.

These dishes were obviously not what she liked to eat.

Meanwhile, the smile on Xia Xibei's face deepened.

"Sit." Qiao Yanjue pulled Xia Xibei to sit down.

The corners of Huo Zijun's mouth twitched as he looked at them incredulously. "You... You..."

Were they truly together? This was too sudden!

Qiao Yanjue gave him a look, his eyes tinged with a warning.

"Sit down."

Huo Zijun subconsciously sat down, but his expression was still the same, full of shock and disbelief.

He was even more shocked at seeing Li Weiyun, who came in after them.

Was this a battle to the death?!

As an outsider, of course he clearly saw what Li Weiyun had in mind for Qiao Yanjue.

He only agreed to come for today's meal because he was pestered by Li Weiyun.

For the sake of Qiao Yanjue, he had tried very hard to change the subject, to keep Li Weiyun from saying something irrevocable.

When Qiao Yanjue had left the room, he wanted to follow him out, but then Li Weiyun went out too.

He had no choice but to stay. He could not help but be frightened by the thought of the conflict the two would have later on.

To his surprise, after the two of them came back, Xia Xibei was there too.

He had not expected that Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue would act so close and treat Li Weiyun as if she did not exist!

Looking at Li Weiyun's calm and undisturbed expression, Huo Zijun's heart trembled.

He felt that there would be a violent storm soon!

Qiao Yanjue didn't care about Huo Zijun's reaction. He had Xia Xibei sit beside him, bringing over a bowl and chopsticks. His tone was gentle as he insisted "You have to eat well, it's not good to be too thin..."

Looking at Qiao Yanjue, who was even more gentle than before, Xia Xibei's smile stiffened a bit.

He was getting too caught up in the acting!

Although he was nice to her before, today was too much, right?

However, it was her who had started the drama, so she could only grit her teeth and carry on with it.

Moreover, the more expressionless Li Weiyun's face became, the more she wanted to make her angry.

To deal with a person, you could strike mentally as well as physically.

"I know, I have been eating properly. You, on the other hand, should make sure to eat on time, no matter how busy you are at work..."

Looking at the two of them acting so chummy, and then seeing Li Weiyun's seemingly calm expression, Huo Zijun could hardly breathe.

As the only viewer, and one who could be affected by the drama, he was now quite panicked.

Everything felt like it was going to explode in the next second! It was so scary!

Soon, the food arrived.

These dishes were all Xia Xibei's favorites, and of course, prawns, which she loved, were also included.

Qiao Yanjue wiped his hands, picked up the prawns, and began to peel them.

His actions caused Li Weiyun's pupils to shrink and her expression finally changed.

If Qiao Yanjue had only attacked with words before, now he was attacking with his actions!

Their group of friends all knew that Qiao Yanjue had a cleanliness fetish; his face would not look pleasant if he got even a little dirty.

They'd eaten with him many times, but they'd never seen him peel shrimp with his own hands!

He would not even eat shrimp peeled by others with gloves on.

Why did he change his attitude now?

When Qiao Yanjue put the shrimp into Xia Xibei's bowl, Li Weiyun felt as if a thunderbolt had fallen from the sky, almost passing out!

Chapter 527: Too Into the Acting

As she began to eat, Xia Xibei had relaxed quite a bit.

As long as Qiao Yanjue didn't use that sweet-to-the-point-of-cheesy tone of voice, she was actually very steady.

And peeling shrimp was something that Qiao Yanjue had done many times, so she was used to it.

However, with Li Weiyun around today, she felt that the shrimp in her mouth was even more delicious.

Although Li Weiyun's face was expressionless and calm, she could imagine that Li Weiyun was frantic in her heart.

Thinking that Li Weiyun was hurting internally, her mood instantly got better.

Xia Xibei had hated a few people the most, and Li Weiyun was one of them.

Although Li Weiyun did not personally do the deeds, she was Xia Qinghan's backer. Xia Qinghan was only able to be so rampant with her help.

Moreover, she towered over her. That kind of condescending outlook made a deep impression on Xia Xibei.

In the beginning, Xia Xibei fought so hard just to live a better life. She didn't even think about fighting for something that didn't belong to her, but in the end, everything was ruined by them!

She was unable to forget that kind of pain and hatred.

It was a pity that she was too weak in her first life, and even with all her efforts, she wasn't able to deal much damage to them.

She was completely different from before, however, and even if she angered Li Weiyun, she was not afraid of being retaliated.

On the contrary, she was looking forward to the fact that Li Weiyun would make a move.

Thinking of this, Xia Xibei's face became even brighter, and she even picked up a piece of meat and passed it to Qiao Yanjue's mouth, "Brother Jue--"

Clang!

Everyone turned their heads to look and saw that the bowl in front of Huo Zijun had fallen over and he had a stunned look on his face.

Crap! This was an indiscriminate attack!

By now, Huo Zijun had understood what was going on.

Xia Xibei's attitude and actions, which were very different from usual, must have something to do with Li Weiyun.

While he didn't know what had happened to them outside, Xibei was too ruthless!

Besides, Li Weiyun was not someone to be messed with! Was she picking a fight to the death?

Fine, even if she wanted to provoke her, she should not do it so hard. His old heart could not stand it!

He was mentally exhausted looking at Xia Xibei daintily feeding Qiao Yanjue.

He felt like he really came to the wrong place today; he should have stayed at home. Even if he had instant noodles, it was better than coming here and suffering!

Xia Xibei blinked her large eyes and asked, "Brother Huo, are you okay?"

"No, nothing."

Huo Zijun's face was blue and white, and it felt like he was going to cry out in the next second.

"Eat properly if you're fine." Qiao Yanjue looked at him with a cold face. "How old are you?! You can't even hold a bowl properly?!"

Huo Zijun didn't know what to say. He wanted to fight him so badly!

'Did he not see who had caused it?' Huo Zijun lamented in his heart. He would be a pig before he ate with them again!

As he swore in his heart, he smiled sarcastically and fixed the bowl, then lowered his head to eat. His eyes were only on the dish in front of him, determined not to see out the corner of his eyes.

After Qiao Yanjue scolded Huo Zijun, he looked at Li Weiyun again, his smile insincere. "You also haven't eaten enough right? So eat."

Li Weiyun squeezed out a smile, "Okay."

In fact, she was already full of anger, but she still held back.

She lowered her head and concealed the scary glow in her eyes.

Xia Xibei's heart was dark with pleasure upon seeing that Li Weiyun had completely reined in her glower and the anger in her heart was slightly vented.

She was just about to eat when she heard Qiao Yanjue say, "I still want to eat this."

After saying that, he also opened his mouth wide.

Xia Xibei was left speechless. He was too into the scene!

Chapter 528: Is He as Fit as Me?

Although Xia Xibei was complaining to herself, she still picked up a piece of meat and said in a delicate voice, "Be careful, it's hot!"

Qiao Yanjue opened his mouth and ate it, nodding his head in satisfaction.

"Delicious."

Huo Zijun, who was eating with his head down, couldn't help but shiver.

Although he had lowered his head in order to not look at them, the sonic attack was just as scary!

Although he knew that they were acting, this PDA was hard to take!

At this moment, he was filled with grief and anger and wanted to throw down his chopsticks.

This was too much bullying!

“Little Xia, when did you get here?” Huo Zijun looked up and asked, since he couldn’t just sit back and suffer.

“Oh, I came over just now.”

Xia Xibei’s voice also returned to normal while answering Huo Zijun’s question, and then she couldn’t help but give a startled cry, “Oh no, I almost forgot!”

“Forgot what?” Qiao Yanjue asked.

“Ah-Luo is still waiting for me!”

“Tang Luo?” The smile on Qiao Yanjue’s face disappeared.

Xia Xibei rummaged through her phone and replied, "Yeah."

"Just you and him?"

"Right." Xia Xibei finally found her phone and checked it. There were two missed calls and a few messages, all from Tang Luo.

Qiao Yanjue's voice didn't change, "What did you guys come here for?"

"Oh, I'm teaching him how to swim," Xia Xibei replied while tapping on her phone.

"Swimming?" The air around Qiao Yanjue turned cold.

"Yeah, he wants to learn how to swim."

Xia Xibei read the messages first.

Tang Luo was concerned about her progress in the message, asking how she was doing and if she needed help.

The next message, still from Tang Luo, sounded a bit nervous, asking why she did not answer the message and if something had happened.

Because her phone was on silent and she was obsessed with annoying Li Weiyun, Xia Xibei did not see any of these.

Fortunately, the message was sent a minute ago, so Tang Luo did not have time to come.

She hurriedly sent a message back, first apologizing to Tang Luo, then saying that she was here for dinner and told her to go back on her own.

She was so busy replying to Tang Luo that she didn't notice the change in Qiao Yanjue's expression.

But Huo Zijun could feel that Qiao Yanjue was simply showing the calm before the storm!

This was going to be deadly!

Li Weiyun remembered who Tang Luo was and was surprised at Xia Xibei's "extensive knowledge." When she saw Qiao Yanjue's grim face, she was a little happy.

But the next second, she was upset again.

Didn't the fact that Qiao Yanjue was jealous mean that he cared about Xia Xibei?

This was not good for her.

The atmosphere in the room suddenly became extremely strange.

Xia Xibei noticed that something was wrong with Qiao Yanjue after she finished sending messages.

“What’s wrong?”

Qiao Yanjue’s face was hard to read, and only after a long time did he ask a quiet question.

“Is he as fit as me?”

“Pfft-”

“Ahem...”

“Hah!”

The room erupted in a flurry of voices.

Huo Zijun reacted quickly and turned his head to the side, not allowing his spit to contaminate the table once again.

Li Weiyun's face flushed both red and black, which was quite interesting

As for Xia Xibei, she was also speechless.

"You..."

"Is he?"

Qiao Yanjue, however, was undeterred and stared at her intently, making sure to get the answer out of her.

Xia Xibei blushed shyly for a moment before succumbing to his gaze, "Of course not. How can he compare to you!"

One was a man, and one was a woman; there was no comparison!

Qiao Yanjue didn't know the problem here, but he still nodded contentedly.

"Next time we can swim together."

Chapter 529: Xia Xibei Could Not Stay Alive

Xia Xibei froze for a moment, and finally just nodded.

“Okay.”

Li Weiyun expressionlessly watched the two of them “flirt,” while in her heart, she was already calculating how to deal with Xia Xibei.

In fact, she could tell that Xia Xibei was acting.

However, she could also see that Qiao Yanjue was sincere!

It was because of this that she hated it so much.

Qiao Yanjue was so distant to her, all because he had been seduced by Xia Xibei!

Thinking about what Xia Qinghan had told her before, Li Weiyun really felt that it made sense.

Before, Xia Qinghan had told her that Xia Xibei was a scheming, manipulative, girl.

A few months ago, Xia Xibei was just an ordinary girl who had parents who were equivalent to none and had to live off of odd jobs.

However, two months ago, she had changed a lot.

Her clothes had changed, from the old, 10-yuan flea market stuff to light luxury brands.

Her demeanor had also changed, and she was very different from the previous, solitary, young girl.

And the cars that picked her up were all luxury cars!

How could she have changed so much in a short period of time?

Xia Qinghan did not believe that there wasn't anything fishy behind this.

Moreover, Xia Xibei had made a lot of friends, and those friends were all rich people!

Xia Qinghan would poke her own eyes out if there was no problem here.

When Xia Qinghan had said this before, Li Weiyun was not too concerned.

In her mind, what could Xia Xibei do even if she was powerful?

But now, after their latest encounter, Li Weiyun realized Xia Xibei was really very scheming!

Even Qiao Yanjue was bewitched by her! How simple could she be?

Therefore, Li Weiyun changed from careless to cautious.

Earlier, her emotions were out of control. She was too reckless and lost her composure.

The more out of composure she was, the harder it was to deal with the matter.

In fact, it was very simple to solve this matter— just get rid of Xia Xibei.

With Xia Xibei gone, Qiao Yanjue would recover sooner or later.

After all, he was only momentarily deceived.

The group of four people each had something on their mind, but on the surface, they were still smiling and laughing; there didn't seem to be the slightest problem.

After the meal, Huo Zijun got a stomachache.

What terrible things emotions were, turning ordinarily normal people into such terrible strangers!

After finishing the meal and walking to the door, Li Weiyun smiled and asked Xia Xibei, "Shall I give you a ride back?"

"No need," Xia Xibei shook her head, "I'll take Brother Jue's car back."

"It's okay, I happen to be free."

"No, really," Xia Xibei shook her head, "I live with Brother Jue!"

Li Weiyun's smile froze and her lips turned slightly white. "You guys... Live together?"

"Yes!" Xia Xibei nodded. "We live... Next door!"

These words made Li Weiyun's smile warm up a little, but it disappeared the very next second.

Qiao Yanjue actually lived this close to Xia Xibei?! What a dangerous sign!

With this thought, she squeezed out a little smile.

"Is that so?"

She couldn't help but look at Huo Zijun, seeking an answer.

Huo Zijun turned his head to look elsewhere, acting as if he didn't hear her question. This made her heart sink.

"In that case, I'll... go first."

"Okay, bye! See you next time!" Xia Xibei waved at her.

When Li Weiyun got into the car, her forced smile suddenly disappeared without a trace. The bottom of her eyes revealed a horrifying light that would scare people if they saw it.

It seemed that Xia Xibei could not stay alive anymore.

Chapter 530: No Need to Advertise

Only after sending Li Weiyun away did Huo Zijun let out a sigh of relief.

Just now, it felt as if a fight was going to happen. It was too scary!

It was only now that he had the opportunity to bring up Hongyan Youth beauty cream.

He knew that this kind of thing could not be brought up in front of Li Weiyun.

“The sales for Honyan Youth have gone up,” Huo Zijun said seriously to Xia Xibei, “Should we launch a new product now?”

Although Huo Zijun was the one in charge of this company, he still had the habit of listening to Xia Xibei’s advice. After all, she was the one who came up with the formula.

“What about the slimming pills?” Xia Xibei asked.

“We’ve produced quite a bit of them now. Should we advertise?”

“No,” Xia Xibei shook her head. “Do you think it makes any difference if you advertise or not? Our target consumers are not ordinary people.”

Early on, Xia Xibei had already thought about the customer base: rich people and celebrities who were willing to spend money. Only these people wanted to spend a few thousand yuan to buy one little pill.

When ordinary people would hear of this price, they would just turn around and leave, so there was no need to waste money on advertising.

“That’s fine,” Huo Zijun nodded.

“You’ll deliver the slimming pills tomorrow, and I’ll take them over for advertising then.”

“Didn’t you say no advertising?” Huo Zijun was confused.

“She was talking about giving it to other people and asking them to help with the advertising.”

Qiao Yanjue gave him a contemptuous look.

Huo Zijun’s face darkened. Was Qiao Yanjue showing off their tacit understanding?

Xia Xibei also nodded, “Yes, I’m looking for people to take slimming pills on my side. They’ll help us promote them after they’ve had an effect.”

“Good.” Huo Zijun didn’t look at Qiao Yanjue, lest he wanted to hit him. “I’ll leave first, then.”

“OK.”

After sending Huo Zijun away, Xia Xibei’s heart suddenly lifted when only Qiao Yanjue was beside her.

She realized that the two of them were very close together. Qiao Yanjue’s scent enveloped her, making her a little intoxicated.

“Okay, let’s go back.”

Qiao Yanjue took her hand and left.

Xia Xibei looked down at her wrist, which had been grabbed by Qiao Yanjue, and her heart began beating wildly.

If it was before, she wouldn’t have felt anything.

But now, after noticing that she felt differently about Qiao Yanjue, things had changed.

Qiao Yanjue was oblivious to this as he pulled Xia Xibei to the car.

“Get in.”

When Xia Xibei got into the car, he even extended his hand to protect her head from hitting the roof of the car.

Once they got into the car, the car quickly moved forward.

After the car had been moving for a while, Qiao Yanjue suddenly asked, "Why did you go there to swim?"

And with Tang Luo!

What was so fun about being alone with a man?!

The jealousy that had been building up all night exploded at this moment, very intense.

"Uh... Tang Luo said he wanted me to teach him to swim and thought it was a nice environment, so we came," Xia Xibei explained.

"Why do you have to teach him to swim? Can't Mo Bonan do it?"

Qiao Yanjue's face was expressionless.

"Brother Mo is so busy. There's no need to bother him."

"Isn't it possible to get a tutor?"

When he thought of Tang Luo's topless body going back and forth in front of Xia Xibei, Qiao Yanjue's eyes went red.

“It’s only an hour anyway. It’s no big deal.”

“But-”

Qiao Yanjue wanted to continue when Xia Xibei’s phone rang.

She made a silencing gesture and answered the phone.

Liu Manhong was on the other end, sounding a bit anxious.

“A face rash?” Xia Xibei’s brow furrowed. “I’m coming over right now.”

She hung up the phone, and before she could say anything, Qiao Yanjue had already sent the driver towards Hongyan Beauty Club.

Chapter 531: Too Hard to Look

Things were tense at Hongyan Beauty Club.

“Liu Manhong, I helped you with your business before because we knew each other, and I took pity on you for not having a husband. Is this how you treat me?!”

The leader, a middle-aged woman, stomped her feet in anger. Her face looked hideous and was full of red and puffy pus, which looked even more frightening.

A number of guests around her turned away their eyes. It was really too difficult to look at.

The Hongyan Beauty Club had been reopened for a week, all week, the number of guests had increased. After two days, the guests were booked into next month.

After experiencing the services here, the guests were satisfied, all feeling younger and more beautiful.

A reservation was needed every time one came over, and the reserved time was variable, so many customers who didn't have that much time chose to buy Hongyan Youth and use the cream at home.

Although the effect was not as good as after the beautician's massage, it was much better than that of other brands.

Women, especially rich women, would never mistreat their faces.

After a few days, everyone felt rejuvenated.

As a result, the number of guests at Hongyan Beauty Club steadily increased.

But this afternoon, while many guests were getting face massages, a woman rushed in with several people. As soon as she came in, she tried to smash the lobby's furnishings.

Halfway through the destruction, Liu Manhong hurriedly rushed out and had the security guards stop the woman.

However, the woman charged and cursed at her.

Liu Manhong's face became ugly as she heard the woman's angry ranting.

"Ding Fengchang, are you sick? How dare you come to our store to cause trouble?!"

Did she really think she was that pathetic?

In all the years Sister Hong had been here, it was the first time she was being scolded by someone pointing at her nose on her own turf!

Even if Ding Fengchang's in-laws had some dark connections, she was not easy to bully!

"I'm making trouble?!" Ding Fengchang was so angry that she stomped her feet on the ground. "Look at my face! It's all because I used Hongyan Youth that I've become like this!"

At these words, everyone drew in a breath.

Her face was densely covered with many small, red, swollen pus pockets, some of which already had some white spots, looking as if they were ready to ooze.

A face covered by these pustules gave everyone goosebumps.

Was this caused by Hongyan Youth? It was horrible!

Many onlookers' expressions changed drastically, and they couldn't help but touch their own faces.

Although there was nothing on their faces, they still felt terrible thinking about Ding Fengchang's appearance.

Liu Manhong's face also changed, refuting, "You're bullsh*tting!"

She was even more forceful than Ding Fengchang.

"Our store's Hongyan Youth is lab verified and meets all the criteria! Moreover, Hongyan Youth has sold at least a few thousand sets, and you are the only one who became like this. Is it Hongyan Youth's problem or your own problem?!"

Liu Manhong's furious demeanor calmed down the people nearby.

Exactly! They came here all the time and used the Hongyan Youth cream every morning and evening. They were only getting better and better, and never had problems like Ding Fengchang!

“You’re the one who bullsh*tted!” Ding Fengchang froze for a moment, then burst out in anger, pointing at her face and cursing. “You think I made my face look like this to slander you?!”

“Ha! Who knows?”

Liu Manhong didn’t give her respect either. What Ding Fengchang said just now made her upset, so she didn’t think of giving her face.

Chapter 532: Nightmares Every Day

“You!” Ding Fengchang was so angry that her eyes turned red. She barked at the people who followed her, “What are you still standing there for? Keep smashing things for me!”

The people who came with her were several young men who looked a bit fierce. Combined with her husband’s background, one could imagine the identity of these men.

“Yes!”

The men nodded their heads, ready to make their moves.

“I’ll see who dares to act like an animal here!” Liu Manhong shouted. “Do you really think I have no one here?”

She turned her head, and the store's security guards came forward with sticks.

The surrounding customers sucked in a breath and immediately dodged to the side.

Damn, they never thought that a clash of words would turn into a fight!

People knew that Liu Manhong had a fiery temper, but most had never seen it in action.

Today showed that her reputation was really true!

"Don't blame me for not being polite if you dare to make a move in my turf!" Liu Manhong stared at Ding Fengchang closely. "If you dare to mess around before things are clear, don't blame me for not giving you face!"

Ding Fengchang's face was itchy and swollen, she didn't have any so-called sanity, and her eyes were red.

"Liu Manhong, you bitch! Don't think that I don't know what you're up to! You think that after destroying me, you can get to the top? I'm telling you, dream on!"

Liu Manhong froze for a moment, "Get to the top?"

“Busted by me, right?” Ding Fengchang’s expression was distorted. “I used to sympathize with you since your husband cheated, but now I know you’re not decent either! Your husband cheated on you, and you went to hook up with someone else’s husband! Shameless!”

Liu Manhong instantly became angry and took a big step forward, kicking one of the chairs down with a loud bang, successfully subduing everyone.

“Shut up! Are you even aware of what your husband looks like?! He’s ugly, short, and fat, and he’d be too much of a nuisance for me! If I lay with him in the same bed, it would be a nightmare every day! Only a blind and brain-damaged person like you would think he’s a god! You two are a perfect match, go back and be buried together! I hope you’re not afraid of disgusting people!”

Whether it was the staff in the store or the customers, everyone’s jaws dropped.

Sister Hong was indeed Sister Hong!

Although she had cultivated her mind and temperament in recent years, when it was time to strike, it was time to strike!

Everyone should have left, but seeing this fiery scene, instead of moving their feet, they continued to watch the show.

They were people of status, and usually saw such a quarrel as vulgar. However, since the two people arguing were rich and had status, they enjoyed being spectators.

“Liu Manhong!” Ding Fengchang was so angry that her chest hurt, and she almost wanted to lunge over and hit someone. “How dare you not admit what you have done?!”

It was true that her husband was not good looking, but he was not that bad!

“What am I admitting?” Liu Manhong’s anger continued. “Do I have to admit that my eyes are blind? Look at my eyes, they are much better than yours! Even the wrinkles are gone now!”

As soon as the guests heard this, they immediately stared at her eyes.

Wow, there were no more wrinkles! No wonder she looked so much younger again!

Ding Fengchang didn’t expect others to have the heart to pay attention to this at this time. She was so angry with Liu Manhong, she almost vomited blood.

She had thought that Liu Manhong would be sheepish after doing these disgusting things, but she never thought that she would be so arrogant!

In her anger, she rushed toward Liu Manhong and raised her hand to hit her.

Liu Manhong’s heart jumped. She was about to make a move when she saw the flash of a figure, then Ding Fengchang gave a shrill scream.

Chapter 533: Not Easy to Bully

“Argh!” Ding Fengchang screamed miserably. “Let go! Let go! Let go!”

Everyone froze and looked behind her, where a slim figure had appeared.

When they saw the familiar mask on the person’s face, many guests became surprised and excited.

“Dr. Xia?!”

Wasn’t this the same Dr. Xia who helped them tune up their bodies before?

To be honest, after being conditioned by Dr. Xia, their bodies had all changed a lot, and they felt much better than before.

Some people also wanted to introduce their family members. Unfortunately, Liu Manhong said that Dr. Xia had other things to do and was not always available.

Some people asked Liu Manhong for Dr. Xia’s contact information and were denied.

After asking once or twice, everyone understood that Liu Manhong would not say anything. You could get Dr. Xia’s services only if you were a guest here.

This was particular to the Hongyan Beauty Club.

Therefore, everyone stopped that train of thought.

They did not expect Dr. Xia to suddenly appear at this time, and it looked as if she also knew martial arts!

Otherwise, how could Ding Fengchang be caught so quickly?

No wonder she stayed so young! She knew how to take care of her health and cultivate wellness too!

“Let her go!” The men behind Ding Fengchang hadn’t had time to react before they saw her being grabbed, and they immediately became panicked.

“Stop!”

A cold, hard voice rang out, stopping them in their tracks.

They turned their heads to look, their faces changing slightly.

The tall figure seemed to carry wind and rain with him. His expression was cold and ruthlessness, making their hearts tremble slightly, not daring to move.

The others were also stunned by the sudden appearance of the two individuals.

Xia Xibei didn't care about the other people's reaction. She bent Ding Fengchang's hand behind her back and grabbed the woman's wrist too, her eyes still staring at her ghastly, pus-filled face.

"Let go of me!" Ding Fengchang screamed in agony. Xia Xibei's strength was not slight. She couldn't move, and it hurt like hell.

She screamed so much, Xia Xibei actually released her.

Without waiting for her to take the next step, Ding Fengchang heard the other party ask, "You're allergic to peanuts, right?"

Ding Fengchang froze for a moment and subconsciously replied, "How do you know?"

"You rubbed raw peanuts on your face."

This statement made her eyes widen in horror.

"What did you say?!"

Liu Manhong had already reacted.

“That is to say, her face turned out like this because of raw peanut juice?!”

She knew it! Hongyan Youth hadn't been the problem at all!

So it was all Ding Fengchang's own doing!

The other guests also understood, looking at Ding Fengchang with contempt and admiration.

Knowing that she was allergic, she still dared to use this trick to accuse Hongyan Beauty Club. She really wasn't afraid of disfiguring herself!

Such ruthlessness really made everyone admire her!

Ding Fengchang jumped up, “Impossible! I didn't!”

“Just because you didn't, doesn't mean others didn't.”

Xia Xibei's deep eyes looked at her, like an ancient well, causing chills to run down her back.

“No, it's not possible...”

“Why is it impossible?” Xia Xibei retorted. “Aren't you the slightest suspicious?”

Xia Xibei originally thought that this was self-directed by Ding Fengchang, but looking at her expression, she understood that she really didn't know.

However, she was not innocent either.

When something like this happened, instead of trying to figure out the reason behind it, she came to make trouble with Liu Manhong. Did she have a brain?!

Fortunately, Liu Manhong was not easy to bully, or Xia Xibei couldn't be polite.

Chapter 534: The Brain is also Blocked

After Xia Xibei pointed out the problem, Ding Fengchang calmed down quite a bit, but she still didn't dare to fully believe what she said.

"You're not lying to me?"

"Lying to you for what?" Liu Manhong crossed her arms. "With an IQ like yours, is there a need to lie to you?"

She had also figured out that Ding Fengchang was being manipulated.

The person who manipulated her must be someone close to her. Otherwise, it would be impossible to add raw peanuts into the Hongyan Youth skin cream, and it would be impossible to know what she was allergic to.

Her IQ was terrible if she came here immediately after being fooled by someone else!

Therefore, Liu Manhong was very angry.

She had a pretty good relationship with Ding Fengchang before, and they often ate out together.

She didn't expect that Ding Fengchang would be the first to make trouble with her when things went wrong!

She did not care for this kind of so-called friend!

As she was being mocked by Liu Manhong and remembered the situation just now, Ding Fengchang finally turned red with shame.

It was normal for Liu Manhong to be angry. After all, who would not be angry after being wronged like this?

However, her face looked so horrible, how could she not lose her mind? She was going to be disfigured!

The painful itch on her face reminded her, and Ding Fengchang looked at Xia Xibei for help.

“What about this? Can I be cured?”

Liu Manhong grunted, eager to tell Xia Xibei to ignore her.

However, she still held back.

Regardless of men or women, it was life-ruining once the face became like this.

If she dared to tell Xia Xibei not to help, Ding Fengchang would go crazy! When the time came, there would be another fight, even though this was not a problem caused by Hongyan Youth.

Xia Xibei obviously thought of this as well, and she looked at Ding Fengchang’s face with an ordinary attitude.

“Of course, it’s no problem.”

Ding Fengchang’s eyes suddenly widened and her heart burst with joy.

“Great!”

Xia Xibei did not say much more. She called Huo Zijun, telling him to send some medicinal herbs over.

Hearing her quoting the herbs with such smoothness, the crowd next to her looked at her with glittering eyes.

Xia Xibei put down the phone and said to Ding Fengchang, "Just wait, they'll be here in twenty minutes."

"Okay, thanks!"

"Did you bring the rest of the Hongyan Youth?" she asked.

"I did!" Ding Fengchang immediately nodded and asked someone to bring up a bag.

She came here today to seek justice, so of course, she brought all the "evidence" with her.

Xia Xibei picked up the bottle, opened it, put it to her nose, and smelled it. She immediately frowned, "It's a strong smell. You didn't smell it?"

Ding Fengchang was a little sheepish. With that face, she was even harder to look at. "I- My nose is not very sensitive."

She had chronic sinusitis, so she was not sensitive to smells.

Xia Xibei cast her a glance and handed the bottle to Liu Manhong.

Liu Manhong smelled and also frowned, "There is a fishy smell!"

This fishy smell, although light, clashed with the smell of the skincare products inside. If one smelled carefully, one would naturally find that something was wrong.

Liu Manhong felt even more ridiculous. "You're not just blocked in your nose, is your brain also blocked?"

Ding Fengchang's face became even redder due to Liu Manhong's sarcasm. Her mouth moved, but she could only keep it shut.

Now that she'd calmed down, she realized how impulsive she had been just now!

It was generous of Liu Manhong not to rip her apart.

Xia Xibei opened all the bottles, confirming that peanuts were added to all of them.

"It seemed that person really wanted you to disfigure yourself!"

Hearing Xia Xibei say this, Ding Fengchang's face suddenly turned white.

The other guests were all watching from the sidelines, unwilling to leave.

This drama was too wonderful!

Chapter 535: Not Our Guest Anymore

Soon, Huo Zijun's shopkeeper brought over the herbs.

Xia Xibei had someone bring out the tools for handling herbs from the other room.

Under the heated gazes of the crowd, she slowly and smoothly processed the herbs, her movements seeming like her hands were performing tea art.

After some mashing, she finally came up with half a bowl of green medicinal liquid.

Ding Fengchang didn't dare to speak, just watching her movements with bated breath.

Xia Xibei first washed her face with vinegar, then applied the medicinal liquid to it.

After the green medicinal liquid was applied, people stared even more enthusiastically.

There were quite a few guests who hadn't finished their facials yet, but they were reluctant to go in.

What was the point of going inside?

Dr. Xia was treating someone personally! How could they miss it?!

When Ding Fengchang's face was coated with the green medicinal juice, her whole face was green, but it looked much better than the redness and swelling from before. At least she would not make people feel disgusted.

"Huh? It looks different!" someone whispered to the companion next to her.

"It really is. It's fading a little!"

Once these words were said, everyone couldn't wait to get in front of Ding Fengchang so they could confirm if there really was a change.

After a while, Ding Fengchang cried out in surprise, "My face doesn't itch anymore!"

Her face was red, swollen, and itchy before, so how could she be in a good mood?

When she was instigated by others, she became enraged and lost all reason.

Now, she could feel that her face was not itchy!

Others were also surprised to see that the lumps on her face had really gone down!

The guests standing to her side could clearly see the difference in size.

“It’s really gone down a lot!”

“Dr. Xia is so amazing!”

Despite everyone’s shocked stares and whispers, Xia Xibei’s expression did not change at all as she washed the green color from Ding Fengchang’s face.

After washing away the medicinal juice, everyone could clearly see that the redness on her face had really faded a lot, leaving only a faint trace.

It was much better than the previous look, which was disgusting at first glance; now it was just a few annoying pimples at best.

“Is it okay?” Ding Fengchang asked nervously.

“Not yet.”

Xia Xibei added a little something into the medicinal liquid and applied it a second time.

After finally washing away the medicinal juice, the crowd of onlookers gasped.

“Holy crap! This is too much!”

“It’s so quick!”

Everyone was stunned, as the effect was too immediate!

Less than an hour ago, Ding Fengxiang’s face was unbearable to look at. Now, the redness and pus on her face had all disappeared, as if they were just a hallucination.

This effect was too frightening, right?

If they hadn’t been there, they would have thought that Xia Xibei was faking it!

Everyone’s eager gazes immediately turned to Xia Xibei, wanting to rush over and hug her.

She was really a miracle doctor!

It was so awesome!

“It’s fine now.”

Xia Xibei handed over a mirror.

Ding Fengchang quickly snatched the mirror and took a look, immediately drawing in a breath.

She couldn’t help but touch her face, as it was indeed much smoother.

It was not an illusion!

She instantly burst into tears.

She cried to the mirror for a while before standing up and bowing to Xia Xibei and Liu Manhong.

“I’m sorry! There’s really nothing wrong with Hongyan Youth. I was the one who made the mistake!”

Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows, “We accept your apology. However, from now on, you are not a guest of our Hongyan Beauty Club.”

When this statement was made, everyone drew in a breath.

How could she be so cruel?

Chapter 536: Blacklisted

Xia Xibei's words stunned the crowd.

Everyone's eyes turned to Liu Manhong.

Liu Manhong was the boss of Hongyan Beauty Club. She would not be so ruthless, right?

With everyone staring at her, Liu Manhong smiled, "Yes, that's what I want to do."

Everyone immediately looked at Ding Fengchang with sympathy.

It was no big deal not to be a guest of Hongyan Beauty Club if it had been before.

However, after experiencing that scene just now, everyone understood that Hongyan was completely different from other beauty clubs!

Only Hongyan sold amazing skincare products like Hongyan Youth!

Even if Hongyan Youth was openly sold in the future, the effect would not be the same without the beautician's technique.

Not to mention the fact that there was a doctor like Dr. Xia in here!

Who else could heal Ding Fengchang's face in a short period of time?

It was like a magic show!

Dr. Xia's medical skills were too powerful! Even with their money and power, they did not necessarily have access to such a doctor. To know such a doctor was a health guarantee!

In this situation, it was ridiculous for Ding Fengchang to be blacklisted.

Ding Fengchang's face was also very interesting, looking both red and white.

She did do wrong today, but they couldn't be so cruel, right?

“I-”

“Sorry, it’s late now. I should go back. You and Sister Hong can deal with the rest of the matter.” Xia Xibei arched her eyebrows and walked away without waiting for an answer.

Qiao Yanjue glanced at Ding Fengchang before following.

“Okay, Okay. Those who haven’t finished yet, hurry back and continue. We’ll be closing soon!” Liu Manhong ushered all the customers next to her back.

It was almost ten o’clock and practically time to get off work.

Without a show to watch, everyone dispersed, leaving only Ding Fengchang standing in place.

After Liu Manhong rushed the guests back, she returned to the woman’s side.

“Sister Chang.” Liu Manhong no longer had her previous tough and bold demeanor, wearing a calm face. “I know no one wants this kind of thing to happen, but they have happened, and there is no way to undo them.”

“I...”

“You are also a business owner. If we let this incident pass, you should know what problems we will encounter at Hongyan Beauty Club later.” Liu Manhong’s attitude was sincere, her tone not sounding mean at all. “But you can rest assured that in addition to our Hongyan, other beauty clubs also provide very good services!”

Ding Fengchang’s face became even more unpleasant.

Other beauty clubs simply couldn’t compare to Hongyan Beauty Club!

If she could find a replacement beauty club, then being blacklisted wouldn’t be a punishment.

“Well, it’s so late. You should go back too, Sister Chang. It’s time for us to clean up here.”

Looking at the wreckage all around her, Ding Fengchang’s face turned pale.

This mess told her how much she had done just now!

“Come, send Sister Chang out!” Liu Manhong shouted at the others.

The others were startled and carefully came forward, “Sister Chang, are you...”

Ding Fengxiang’s expression changed nonstop before she finally gritted her teeth, “Okay, I’ll go!”

They were already so tolerant. If she was still insensitive, it would be too much.

However, remembering the mastermind behind this matter, she instantly had a murderous look on her face.

“Let’s go!”

She waved her hand, and the men immediately followed.

Watching them leave in a huff, the corners of Liu Manhong’s mouth took on a cold smile.

She was not so noble, considering this matter to be over. She just had confidence in Ding Fengchang.

Chapter 537: Who Did It

Ding Fengchang’s speed in taking action was really amazing.

She was very fond of going to Hongyan Beauty Club before. After all, its service was good, and its products were effective.

After going to Hongyan Beauty Club, she seemed to look several years younger.

Ding Fengchang began with nothing with her husband Ma Jinde, and they worked hard for years to earn a family fortune.

After getting rich, she was like other socialites, playing mahjong every day, doing facials, and shopping; her life was easy and relaxed.

Ma Jinde's situation was different.

Once some men had money, they had other ideas.

Ding Fengchang knew that Ma Jinde had many lovers. As long as the money was in her hands, she didn't mind him.

However, Ma Jinde's lover could never be a friend she knew, as it would make her feel sick.

This was why she was so angry when she thought Liu Manhong had cheated with her husband.

Although she hadn't managed things for years, that didn't mean that Ding Fengchang didn't still have some means.

When she returned to investigate, she quickly figured things out.

Apparently, the person who tampered with Hongyan Youth was actually the family's nanny! She put raw peanut juice in the cream while cleaning, ordered to do so by Ma Jinde's lover, Liu Qiqi!

After being found out, the nanny cried and spilled the whole story.

Liu Qiqi was trying to disfigure Ding Fengchang, while also smearing the Hongyan Beauty Club.

With Ding Fengchang's fiery personality, when something was said in her ear, she would immediately explode.

But Liu Manhong was not good-natured either, so when Ding Fengchang went over, things would definitely escalate.

If there was a casualty or something, then things would become unmanageable.

When the time came, Hongyan Beauty Club would definitely be affected.

Just as Liu Qiqi thought, Ding Fengchang did go to make trouble. However, the result left her dumbfounded.

Who would have thought that Dr. Xia, who didn't show up very much, would be able to get things sorted out so quickly?

Typically, when it came to this kind of thing, it took at least a few days to clear up.

Even if something was added to Hongyan Youth, it had to be tested to be sure! A few days was enough to let things ferment.

Who would have thought that it would end up like this!

The next morning, Liu Manhong received a call from Ding Fengchang.

Although Ding Fengchang's temper was explosive and she didn't have much smarts, she still understood how to deal with people.

It was necessary to let Liu Manhong know about the issue, to show her sincerity, right?

Although Liu Manhong still refused to give back her membership to Hongyan Beauty Club, at least she felt a lot more comfortable in her heart.

After hanging up the phone, Liu Manhong couldn't help but sneer.

After knowing who Ma Jinde's lover was, she understood the whole situation.

Liu Qiqi was a beautiful young woman. Of course, if she was not young and beautiful, she could not be Ma Jinde's lover.

As a matter of fact, even if Liu Qiqi wanted to lay hands on Ding Fengchang, it would not necessarily have to involve Hongyan Beauty Club, but unfortunately, Liu Qiqi and Liu Manhong also had a bit of a twisted connection.

Liu Qiqi was the daughter of a distant cousin of Ke Mingfeng.

Ke Mingfeng was Qiao Zhiqing's husband, and Qiao Zhiqing was Qiao Yanjue's third elder sister.

With such a complicated connection, Liu Manhong was left a bit speechless.

When Qiao Yanjue learned the complex relationship here, his expression became cold.

Liu Manhong didn't know why Liu Qiqi had gone after Hongyan, but he did— it was because Qiao Zhiqing was annoyed with him for not bailing out Ke Zhikun.

It wasn't surprising, since Qiao Zhiqing was still as selfish and stupid as ever.

Thinking of this, Qiao Yanjue dialed a number.

As soon as the call was picked up, a deep voice came from the other end.

“Hah! What a rare guest!”

Chapter 538: I'm Here to Tattletale

"Dad."

"Hah!" Qiao Zhengyuan hummed out of his nose, sounding cynical. "Why do you have time all of a sudden?"

Earlier, this kid came home, made a whole speech, nearly had a falling-out with them, then ran off.

He had left and only called back now, so how could he not be angry?

"I don't have time." Qiao Yanjue didn't get angry. His tone was rather gentle, in fact.

"You're not free and you're calling me?" Qiao Zhengyuan let out another grunt, as if he had never thought of him.

"Why don't you ask me why I'm not free?" Qiao Yanjue laughed.

Qiao Zhengyuan grunted again, "Say what you like."

The old man's arrogant response made Qiao Yanjue smile.

“I was busy with Zhikun’s affairs a while ago, so I didn’t have time.”

“Zhikun?” Qiao Zhengyuan froze for a moment. “What happened to him?”

Ke Zhikun was his only grandson, and his status was certainly different.

Of course, Ke Zhikun was no match for Qiao Yanjue.

“Well...”

Qiao Yanjue, however, hesitated.

“Say it!” Qiao Zhengyuan grunted irritably. “Did you guys get into a fight?”

Qiao Yanjue and Ke Zhikun were just a couple of years apart and played together as children.

However, Qiao Yanjue’s seniority was a generation older than the other children, plus his status was different, so he did not have a good relationship with the others.

When Qiao Yanjue was eight years old, he flipped out after being ostracized by a few kids who had joined forces.

It had gotten very ugly. Since then, their uncle-nephew relationship had not been good.

After growing up, everyone began to mature, and their relationship had eased a lot.

On the surface, at least, it was quite friendly.

However, a fight was also very much possible.

“I’m too old to fight with him,” Qiao Yanjue chuckled.

“Then what’s wrong? What’s he got going on that you need to take care of?”

“Hmm... Third sister really didn’t tell you?”

“Say it! Don’t hold back!” The old man was angry; he hated people who kept others guessing. “If you won’t tell me, then don’t!”

Qiao Yanjue laughed. The old man’s temper was still so volatile.

“Is my mom around?”

Qiao Zhengyuan was waiting for his explanation, so when he heard this sentence, he almost went ballistic.

“Your mother is upstairs! If you have anything to say, just say it! You called me, didn’t you?”

“Please let my mom come down first.”

Although the old man was in good health, Qiao Yanjue was afraid that what he had to say would cause him to burst a blood vessel, and that would be a sin, so someone had to be waiting nearby.

The old man ground his teeth, “Are you telling me or not?”

“Just tell my mom to come down!”

The old man was fuming. The damned brat!

He cursed and shouted upstairs, “Ah-Qin!”

“Coming!”

In a few moments, a charming middle-aged woman came down from upstairs, looking somewhat similar to Qiao Yanjue.

“What’s wrong?”

“Your son is looking for you.”

“Yanjue.” Liu Yiqin took the phone in pleasant surprise. “How come you have time to call?”

“I’m here to tattletale.”

Qiao Yanjue’s words made her freeze for a moment. Tattletale?

“Mom, you have to take care of my dad’s health. Don’t let him get angry.”

Liu Yiqin had a vague idea in her heart.

“I know.”

“Then turn on the speakerphone.”

Liu Yiqin turned on the speakerphone suspiciously.

“Dad, Zhikun was taken into the police station.”

“What?!”

Qiao Zhengyuan froze for a moment, then his expression changed.

“What did you say?!”

What did he mean that Zhikun had went into the police station? What happened?

Chapter 539: Suffered a Great Grievance

Qiao Yanjue sighed, “I knew it, third sister must not have told you.”

Qiao Zhengyuan was so angry, he growled angrily, “Tell me exactly what is going on!”

Although Ke Zhikun was spoiled by Qiao Zhiqing and would get into a little trouble now and then, how did he end up in the police station?

If it was just a simple fight, there was no need for Qiao Yanjue to do anything. Qiao Zhiqing could have gotten him out all by herself.

Based on Qiao Yanjue's tone, however, things were not good.

Liu Yiqin patted Qiao Zhengyuan. "What's your hurry? Listen to your son properly!"

After his wife's admonition, Qiao Zhengyuan had to calm down, but he was still a little anxious.

"What the hell is going on?"

"Before the police caught the drug... When the police caught the drug dealers, they found that he was connected to them."

Drugs?!

Qiao Zhengyuan was stunned. "He- He- He... How did he get involved with drugs?!"

In Qiao Zhengyuan's mind, Ke Zhikun was a good kid despite his bratty ways, but now he was involved with drugs?

"Didn't he run a KTV? They often deal drugs there."

"What?" Qiao Zhengyuan was so angry that he slapped the table. "Could there be a mistake?"

“No mistake. People have given him up. And his share in the deal was not small. It earned him a lot of money.”

Otherwise, a KTV alone was not enough for Ke Zhikun’s lavish spending.

Although the Ke family had money, Ke Mingfeng did not have much money on hand. After all, he had the old man above him.

Since Ke Mingfeng didn’t have much money, Ke Zhikun had even less.

In this case, if he did not find some other way to make money, how could he party so much?

Qiao Zhengyuan was so angry at what Qiao Yanjue said that his face turned red as his chest rose and fell sharply.

Liu Yiqin looked at his face and noticed that although he was angry, he wasn’t going to have a problem, which put her mind at ease.

“Yanjue, are you sure you’re not mistaken?”

“Dad, Mom, how could I get it wrong? This is not a trivial matter, so why would I talk nonsense?!” Qiao Yanjue complained, “Didn’t I say that I’ve been busy with this matter for the past few days?”

Liu Yiqin raised her eyebrows, not denying it.

Given Qiao Yanjue's relationship with Ke Zhikun's family, how could he be so eager?

However, she didn't say anything in front of Qiao Zhengyuan.

"After Zhikun was arrested, the third sister came over to me for help. I couldn't do anything about it at first and told her to get help from elder brother and second brother. After that, I continued to find people to learn more about this matter. I originally wanted to clear Zhikun's name but did not expect..." Qiao Yanjue sighed. "Now that the evidence is overwhelming, Zhikun has a problem."

The old man's face became even more ugly.

"What about now?" Liu Yiqin hadn't forgotten about her son saying that he was going to tattletale.

"Then third sister resented me for this matter and got someone to go to Sister Hong's store to make trouble."

"What?!" Liu Yiqin was shocked. "Messing up Ah-Hong's store?!"

Qiao Zhengyuan was also stunned by these words.

"Who went to Ah-Hong's store to make trouble?"

“Brother-in-law’s niece.”

“What?”

“The relationship here is complicated. Just know that sister and brother-in-law now blame me!”

Speaking of this, Qiao Yanjue’s voice was a bit aggravated and indignant.

“I’ve been looking for ways to help Zhikun, but they came to attack us. Isn’t that funny?! If they had that amount of free time, why didn’t they go save Zhikun themselves?”

Hearing his son’s anger, Qiao Zhengyuan’s heart ached. The kid rarely tattled. He was always straightforward and hard-headed, handling everything on his own.

For him to complain to them, he must have really suffered a great grievance!

Chapter 540: Not Senile

On the other end, Qiao Yanjue’s face was cold, but his tone was aggravated.

“Dad, do you think this makes sense? I’m helping on this end, and they’re attacking me on that end...”

Qiao Zhengyuan couldn’t see his face and was instantly distressed.

“That’s too much!”

“Exactly!”

Although Liu Yiqin didn’t feel that her son was so vulnerable, it was wrong that Qiao Zhiqing and the others had gone to make trouble with Liu Manhong.

Liu Manhong was her only sister and her only family now, so how could she let people bully her?

Over the years, Liu Yiqin had suffered a lot in the Qiao family, and that was fine.

But what gave them the right to target her sister?

Back then, because of Liu Manhong’s divorce, Liu Yiqin was already very angry, and now they had made this mess. Did they really think she didn’t have a temper?

She looked at Qiao Zhengyuan, “What are you going to do?”

Qiao Zhengyuan was also angry. "What can I do? Let them destroy themselves!"

Although they were angry words, Qiao Zhengyuan was really upset with Qiao Zhiqing and the others.

With their younger brother helping, instead of being grateful, they actually did this! It was despicable!

Liu Yiqin looked at him suspiciously, "Are you really okay with that?"

Qiao Zhengyuan was indeed very capable in business, but a bit indecisive while handling family matters. Otherwise, she would not have suffered so much aggravation.

If it weren't for Qiao Yanjue getting older and more capable, plus the fact that she had used a ruse to expose the temper of her stepchildren, how could she have gotten by so well?

Now that her son and sister were being bullied, she wasn't going to just let things go.

"Dad, it's drugs!" Qiao Yanjue said. "Since the evidence is so solid, Zhikun will be locked up for several years. If you help him..."

"I won't!"

Qiao Zhengyuan interrupted the mother and son in annoyance, "I'm not so old that I'm this senile!"

If it was something else, he could help, but this kind of thing was definitely not okay!

Moreover, if he dared to rescue Ke Zhikun, Qiao Yanjue would flip out on him!

He was not enough of a fool to fall out with his own son for a grandson who had committed a crime.

Hearing the old man's anger, Qiao Yanjue immediately said, "I know, Dad! You see the big picture!"

"Stop kissing up!" Qiao Zhengyuan spat. "Don't change the subject! What exactly are you working on now?"

"Dad, of course I have to work hard so that I don't ruin your reputation!" Qiao Yanjue laughed. "You can't let people say that out of all the sons you have, none of them are successful!"

Qiao Zhengyuan was speechless.

That damn brat! Qiao Yanjue was complimenting himself while stepping on his brothers!

However, Qiao Yanjue really wasn't wrong.

The other brothers, Qiao Weiyue and Qiao Weisen, were no match for him, even combined.

Although the brothers now held different positions in the company, they were not capable.

If they were the children of an ordinary family, they would at most be managers of a small department now. How could they have reached such heights?

The oldest of the grandchildren, Qiao Haoming, was doing well, but he was just 20 years old and didn't have enough experience.

Moreover, compared to Qiao Yanjue, he was still quite inferior.

When Qiao Yanjue was twenty years old, he had already managed quite a few big projects.

So although Qiao Zhengyuan was a little annoyed, he couldn't really find a reason to scold him.

Liu Yiqin looked at her humiliated husband and admonished Qiao Yanjue on the other end, "Don't just be busy with work. You have to combine work and rest."

"Mom, don't worry, I will. I still want to bring a daughter-in-law back to you!"