

Chapter 561: Saved Two People

Xia Xibei came to the imperial capital to participate in the English competition, and after it was over, she wanted to go out for a bit.

She had been to the imperial capital several times in her previous life, but each time she came and went in a hurry, with no time to enjoy the sights.

Now that she was here, she should check it out.

Not wanting to join the others, she walked out alone.

Unexpectedly, when she reached a quiet intersection, she saw a car rush out from the side and move towards two oblivious people not far away from her!

This scene caused others to scream in alarm, while her scalp tightened. She did not have time to react, simply rushing out in a flash.

The two people on the side, linked arm in arm, were stunned by the car's movements.

When the car was about to rush over and hit them, a sudden strong force came from behind and pulled them away. They stumbled backwards and almost fell to the ground.

Bang!

The car hit the stone pillar behind them with a loud bang and its front end deflated, emitting white smoke.

Passersby screamed, and the scene instantly became chaotic.

Xia Xibei pulled the two people back, but still got sprayed by the car's hot air.

Her face was grim when she saw the distance.

The car was less than half a meter away from them!

Seeing the force of the car, if they did not dodge it...

The person in the car had fallen forward on the steering wheel. It seemed as if the impact was quite big.

Two tall men rushed out from the back. One went to see what was going on in the car, while the other rushed over to them, sounding anxious.

"Ma'am, are you okay?"

"I'm fine..."

“I’m fine too...”

The two women then came back to their senses, and cold sweat broke out on their foreheads.

They turned around, and after seeing Xia Xibei, they couldn’t help but be surprised. This young woman was so beautiful!

She was the one who saved them?

Xia Xibei also slowly came to her senses. Looking at the two elegant socialites in front of her, her head was still a bit blank.

“Young lady, thank you!” The slightly taller of the women smiled gratefully at Xia Xibei. “If it wasn’t for you...”

“Yes! Thank you so much!” The other woman was also grateful, still in shock.

Both of them looked like they were in their forties, but Xia Xibei knew that they were definitely older than that.

Looking at their temperament and clothes, and their bodyguards, they should be rich ladies.

Rich ladies, a suddenly charging car... Xia Xibei immediately had a conspiracy theory.

Not only did she have a conspiracy theory, the others obviously also thought of this too.

Not long after, the man who went over to check the situation came back with a serious face.

“The driver was drunk driving.”

Was it just a simple DUI? Was it a coincidence?

Everyone thought of this question, but they did not continue the discussion.

“Call the police to deal with it.”

In fact, they did not need to say it. Some passersby had already called the police.

A little while later, a police car came over, sirens blaring.

Leaving a bodyguard to explain the situation to the police, the two rich ladies pulled Xia Xibei’s hand to prevent her from leaving.

“Young lady, if it weren’t for you, we would have been in trouble today!”

“Exactly! You can’t just walk away! You have to give us a chance to thank you!”

Xia Xibei was pulled by one of them on each side, unable to break free.

She had a speechless expression as she said, “You do not have to be so polite...”

“What do you mean by polite!” They looked at her in surprise. “You have saved our lives!”

If they were hit by a car, even if they did not die on the spot, they would have suffered serious injuries!

Chapter 562: Soft Spot

“It’s really nothing...”

“Come on, let’s talk inside.”

They pulled Xia Xibei into a grand-looking hotel at the roadside.

Xia Xibei could break free if she used some force. After all, they were just a couple of powerless women.

However, it hit a soft spot in her heart, so she complied instead.

The two women introduced themselves after taking her to a quiet corner.

“You can call me Auntie Xiao.”

“And I’m Auntie Qin.”

Xia Xibei was speechless.

Xiao and Qin (both are Chinese musical instruments)? Were these two sisters? They didn’t look alike though!

“You can just call me Xia.”

“Sure, Xia.”

They were both friendly and amicable. How could they not be? If it wasn’t for Xia Xibei, they would have been admitted to a hospital by now, rather than sitting here chatting with her.

“How did you do that just now?”

Ling Xiao's bodyguard had just told her that Xia Xibei was really fast. Otherwise, she couldn't have helped them escape so quickly.

It had been so sudden that even the bodyguards didn't manage to catch up with them in time.

"Huh?"

"How did you run so fast?"

Ling Xiao was extremely curious. She would have come up with a conspiracy theory if it had been someone else.

She might think that the helper had approached them with an ulterior motive. How could someone respond so fast otherwise?

However, she banished the thought the second she saw Xia Xibei's pretty face and her pure, clear eyes.

Ling Xiao realized that she had taken a natural liking to Xia Xibei.

"My speed and strength have always been tip-top."

Xia Xibei didn't even bother to act humble.

"Hahaha!"

Ling Xiao and Liu Yiqin burst out laughing, amused by her confidence. This young lady was absolutely adorable!

Other girls would have been shy and humble in front of them, but Xia Xibei turned out to be different, and this delighted them.

Her youthful, endearing confidence was real.

"Thanks a lot for your speed and strength then. Otherwise, we would have been..."

"Don't mention it." Xia Xibei shook her head. "I always stand up for justice."

"I'm still grateful towards you!" They were both sincere. "We shall-"

"No need for that." Xia Xibei shook her head again. "You don't have to do anything, as I'm leaving in a couple of days."

"Are you not from the capital?" Ling Xiao asked.

“No.” Xia Xibei shook her head as she said, “I’m from City G.”

“You don’t sound like that though!” They were surprised. “You have a capital accent!”

“I’m just proficient in languages,” Xia Xibei said with a smile.

She wasn’t bragging though. She did have a flair for languages. All it would take her was a little bit of effort to master any language.

In her past life, she had thought of becoming an interpreter if she ever had to give up being a celebrity.

Ling Xiao and Liu Yiqin exchanged a glance upon hearing her proud little remark and smiled heartily.

Her confidence wasn’t the unpleasant kind; it was actually adorable.

“Are you here to visit your relatives then?”

“No,” Xia Xibei shook her head. “I came here to get some things done.”

This was her first meeting with the two of them, so she didn’t feel like revealing too much.

“Oh.” Knowing their boundaries, they didn’t question her any further.

After chatting for a while, the door was pushed open and a young lady scurried in like a gust of wind.

“Mom! Are you alright?!”

The girl couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when she saw Ling Xiao sitting in a corner, at ease.

“I'm alright.” Ling Xiao waved to her daughter. “Xin, come here.”

Only then did Qi Xin see Xia Xibei, who was sitting beside them, and her expression changed subtly.

“Who is she?”

Chapter 563: Lost Track

Ling Xiao's face fell upon seeing Qi Xin's reaction.

“This is the girl who saved Auntie Qin's life, and my own.”

Qi Xin was surprised.

“She saved you?”

Her expression changed subtly as she looked at Xia Xibei’s delicate face.

“Mom, don’t you think she could have approached you on purpose?”

Ling Xiao’s face turned dreary as she admonished her, “Qi Xin! Stop talking nonsense!”

Qi Xin wasn’t daunted. Instead, she stared warily at Xia Xibei. “I’m not talking nonsense! Bigfoot told me all about what happened just now. No ordinary person could have moved that fast, unless she’s-”

Before she could finish, however, Ling Xiao slammed the table hard and cut her off.

“Shut up!”

Ling Xiao was so angry that she almost choked. Her daughter must be really spoiled to be speaking so senselessly.

Look at her saying such unkind words! What would Xia Xibei think of that?

She had risked her life to save them, but her daughter was doubting her instead of being grateful. Who wouldn’t get angry?

“Xia, don’t be mad, my daughter is still young. It’s our fault that we’ve spoiled her so much that she turns out to be so insensible...”

Xia Xibei wasn’t mad.

She’d noticed that Qi Xin knew martial arts the moment she came in. She could tell Qi Xin was no ordinary girl from her gait and breathing.

Furthermore, from the way this trio dressed and behaved, she knew that they were exceptionally wealthy.

It was normal for wealthy people to think things further and get paranoid easily.

However, Xia Xibei wasn’t interested in entertaining her.

“Auntie Xiao, how old is she?”

“She’s seventeen. She’ll turn eighteen in a few months...”

“Oh, she’s about the same age as I am,” Xia Xibei said with a half-hearted smile.

Both Ling Xiao and Liu Yiqin were wise people, and they felt pretty awkward after what Xia Xibei said.

Sure enough, they understood exactly what Xia Xibei was implying.

The two girls were about the same age. However, Ling Xiao called Qi Xin “young and insensible,” while Xia Xibei was mature and well-behaved. What a joke!

Ling Xiao’s expression turned even more awful, but her displeasure was directed at her daughter.

“Qi Xin! Go home and copy the house rules a hundred times!”

“Mom?!”

Qi Xin’s eyes went wide. How did she end up being the victim?

The Qi’s house rules were lengthy and copious, and writing them a hundred times could possibly kill her!

“Shut up!” Ling Xiao kept a straight, grim face, which instantly shut Qi Xin up.

Qi Xin wasn’t a fool, she knew exactly who got her into this mess, and couldn’t help but shoot Xia Xibei a death glare.

Xia Xibei was speechless at the hostility that came out of nowhere.

Why did she always get picked on? She didn't do anything wrong.

Ling Xiao shot a fierce glare at her daughter, before turning to Xia Xibei.

"Xia, I apologize to you on behalf of Xin. Please forgive her foolish remarks."

Xia Xibei gave a slight smile. "No need to apologize, I didn't take it to heart."

However, she rose to her feet.

"I have to go now. I've got things to do."

"Umm..."

"I've wasted quite a lot of time already." She looked at them sincerely. "I'm leaving the day after tomorrow, and I'm planning to bring some delicacies back."

"I could help-"

"It's alright, I can manage it on my own. You should carry on. I have to go now."

She turned to leave before they could speak.

Ling Xiao watched her back as she left and couldn't help but panic a little. She had a feeling that something was gone.

"Qiang, follow her and see where she's settling."

"Sure, ma'am."

Qiang quickly went to catch up with Xia Xibei. However, he returned in just a few minutes, looking abashed.

"I'm sorry ma'am, I lost track of her."

"You lost track of her?!"

The three of them were stunned.

Chapter 564: Looked Familiar

The people looked at each other, very surprised.

Qiang wasn't weak, so how could he lose a young woman he was following?

This was an unprecedented first!

Qi Xin hummed, "I told you, she must not have good intentions..."

"Qi Xin."

Ling Xiao looked at her expressionlessly, which made her shut up with a slightly terrified expression.

"I don't know where the manners I taught you have gone, but I don't want to hear that again."

Qi Xin lowered her head and whispered, "I understand."

She knew that the more expressionless her mother was, the more serious the matter was.

If she still dared to continue talking, she would be punished even more.

Although she was still suspicious of Xia Xibei's intentions, she could only keep her mouth shut.

When she stopped talking, Ling Xiao didn't continue to reprimand her, but looked at Liu Yiqin, who was thoughtful.

"What's wrong?"

"She seems a bit familiar."

"Looks familiar? You've seen her before?"

"No," Liu Yiqin shook her head. "If I'd have seen her, how could I not remember?"

With Xia Xibei's outstanding appearance, if they had seen her before, they wouldn't have forgotten her.

"Well, let's go back first. We shouldn't let our families worry."

"Alright."

The two of them each went back home.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei went shopping alone after she ditched Qiang.

She was not angry because Qi Xin had picked on her. After all, those two noble ladies were quite nice, and it was worth saving them.

However, she did not want to get involved with them too much. After all, they were not from the same circle.

As for the so-called life-saving favor, she did not take it seriously either.

After walking slowly for a while, her footsteps were a little hesitant, noticing that there were many curious eyes around her.

When she turned her head to look, those people's eyes lit up and they

immediately perked up.

"Are you Xia Xibei?"

"Are you Sister Bei?"

The young people were so excited, they squeezed their fists and looked at her in happy surprise.

"Yes, I am," she answered slowly.

“Oh!” The people immediately called out. “We didn’t expect to really see you here!”

They immediately gathered around her and started talking.

“I didn’t expect to really run into you!”

“Good thing I’m smart!”

Xia Xibei finally figured it out by listening to their discussion.

It turned out it was all because of the post she just put up!

After she posted about the award, the fans in the imperial capital started to act.

Although the national English competition was not very well known, the students in the imperial capital had heard of it.

After checking the hotels where the participants were staying, they headed this way.

Even if they couldn’t necessarily find Xia Xibei, they had to at least come and see for themselves!

Some people went to the hotel, while others came to the neighborhood. They thought maybe Xia Xibei would come out to look around.

Originally, they were just thinking of trying their luck, but they never thought that they would really see Xia Xibei here!

“Sister Bei, you are awesome!”

“Yeah! You’re super awesome, Sister Bei! Your performance was so amazing!”

“How do you study, Sister Bei? I really want to know your study method!”

Xia Xibei smiled and posed for photos and autographs with them before breaking free with great difficulty.

After the people got their autographed group photos, they didn’t continue to chase after her. Rather, they posted the photos on the microblog, full of excited words.

After parting from them, Xia Xibei couldn’t continue shopping. She should have done a good job of disguising herself!

She just did not expect that her popularity would go up so quickly.

Resigned, she could only go back.

However, while passing a slightly secluded path, she suddenly stopped, her brows furrowed.

Chapter 565: Can't Get Away

Xia Xibei stopped, and her expression became serious.

Only then did she realize that there were several broken streetlights on this road, and it looked a bit dim. There were not many people passing by either, and everyone was in a hurry.

The lights in the distance made it look even darker here.

As she stopped, the footsteps behind her stopped as well.

Her brow furrowed, then she quickened her pace and continued walking forward.

The sound of footsteps behind her started again, and it sounded like there was more than one person.

She looked around and realized that there was no surveillance here!

A busy area was just a few hundred meters away, yet there were no surveillance cameras here?! It didn't make sense!

There was surveillance when she passed here earlier.

In just an hour's time, the surveillance was gone, and a few lights were broken too.

She had to believe that all of this was aimed at her.

Her footsteps remained the same and she continued to walk.

The sound of footsteps behind her was getting closer and closer, and she could tell that there were four people, all of whom should be quite tall.

When she thought of this, she didn't turn back nor run, but continued on.

The footsteps behind her were getting faster, closer, and heavier.

When the footsteps were beginning to approach her, Xia Xibei finally started to run fast.

“Get her!” a low, muffled voice came from behind her called out, and they immediately chased after her.

However, they were not too nervous. After all, they also had people at the intersection ahead. Xia Xibei could not escape.

Why was she so stupid to actually come running out?

She went by herself into someone else’s territory and was walking about carelessly. Wasn’t she afraid to die?

However, such a beautiful girl must be very fun to work with.

The more they thought about it, the more exciting it was, and some people couldn’t help but react.

However, when they reached a dimly lit corner, they were surprised to find that she was gone!

“Where is she?” they couldn’t help but ask.

“Damn, there’s no way she can get away!”

“Tell the ones in front to pay attention. Don’t let her get away.”

“If she ran away, you should know the consequences!”

“Don’t worry, I’m sure she’s hiding somewhere.”

“Look for her!”

There were a lot of plants planted along the road, and a few tall trees. If Xia Xibei wanted to hide, it was possible for her to do so. Since Xia Xibei was so slender, it was easier to hide too.

The men split up and looked for her.

“Where is she- Argh!”

The other two were looking elsewhere, but when they heard a scream, they rushed towards the sound.

“Argh!”

“What’s wrong?!”

Before they got to the place, they heard more screams, so they immediately sped up.

When they arrived there, they found that it was dark, and several lights

Had been destroyed.

“Lao San...”

In the dark were sharp sounds of movement.

The man then felt himself being hit by a huge force. His chest hurt terribly, as if his ribs were going to be broken.

Who was it?!

Without waiting for them to figure it out, the stick came again.

The ferocious strength almost broke their chests.

“Argh!”

“Argh!”

One after another, the screams rang out with appalling terror.

Apart from the voices of a few grown men and the painful blows of a stick hitting flesh, there were no other sounds.

The several big men only vaguely saw a slender figure, but they could not block her movements at all.

They were horrified! How could this young woman have such strength?!

The screams attracted the people in front of them, and they rushed over.

In just a few minutes, the ground was covered with fallen men.

Chapter 566: Who Did It?

Xia Xibei picked up a thick stick from the ground and jumped up from the tree, the stick landing on them.

She actually had to be grateful for their previous efforts.

They broke the lights and surveillance cameras, not only for their own convenience, but also for Xia Xibei's benefit.

Since there was surveillance, there was no evidence, so she was not afraid of her strength being discovered.

Even if they wanted to call the police, they would be embarrassed.

Several big men had been beaten down by a girl... How mortifying!

Of course, if they dared to call the police, the police would have to ask them why they were following her first, right?

Thinking of this, a big smile appeared on Xia Xibei's face.

If the light was still working, the men would have been scared to death.

The smile looked so creepy!

Xia Xibei, with that smile on her face, walked back and forth among them, the stick in her hand falling on them without mercy, causing a burst of screams.

Soon, they were only breathing out, not in, and could not even cry out for mercy.

They did not bleed much, but their internal injuries were severe.

Xia Xibei put down the stick in her hand only after making sure they were incapacitated. She shook her hands and wiped the sweat off of her head.

It was quite refreshing to sweat a little on this hot day, especially after some exercise.

In the darkness, her eyes seemed to glow as she took in the groaning people on the ground.

She took a deep breath and adjusted her expression before getting ready to leave.

However, before she could take a step, a phone suddenly rang.

She walked over and took out the glowing cell phone from someone's pocket.

The word "Miss" was displayed on the screen.

She answered, hearing an unhappy voice from the other end.

"What took you so long to answer the phone?"

Xia Xibei smiled, "Li Weiyun."

"Ah!"

The person on the other end drew back a violent breath, then the sound of items falling down could be heard.

When Li Weiyun clumsily reacted, she realized that the other end had already hung up the phone.

When she called back again, she couldn't get through.

Li Weiyun's heart was suddenly cold. She dialed the others' phone numbers, but they didn't respond.

She couldn't help but feel a chill run down her back.

They would never not answer the phone if they had completed their mission.

So what exactly had happened? Why did Xia Xibei answer the phone?!

Moreover, Xia Xibei's voice was calm, as if nothing had happened. This didn't make any sense!

She had sent seven people there this time!

Although they were not very powerful characters, seven big men could surely handle Xia Xibei, a young, single woman, right?!

But what had happened now?

Her heart beating wildly and her face pale, Li Weiyun could only find someone to check the scene.

When she learned that those people had truly become disabled, her face became even more ugly.

What in the world was Xia Xibei? This development was not scientific!

Li Weiyun originally thought that Xia Xibei was just an ordinary girl. Although she was absolutely beautiful, without enough of an ability to protect herself, such a face was a burden rather than a blessing.

When Xia Xibei came to the imperial capital to participate in the competition, she was simply a sheep walking into the tiger's mouth!

Who would have thought that she was capable of maiming several big men!

Even Li Weiyun herself wouldn't have had an easy time taking on these seven men!

Li Weiyun realized that her impression of Xia Xibei was too shallow.

She had thought she could take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of her, but she didn't expect this result!

And Li Weiyun didn't expect to run into Xia Xibei the next day!

Chapter 567: Betting on Rocks

"Xia Xibei?!" Li Weiyun's eyes widened in surprise. "How come you're here?!"

Xia Xibei's style today was very youthful today, wearing a sky blue short-sleeved sweater, straight black jeans, and white sneakers. Her long hair was tied into a ponytail, swaying as she walked. She was very noticeable.

The other guests couldn't help but look in her direction with amazement.

Hearing Li Weiyun's words, everyone's eyes darted back and forth between the two.

So pretty girls all knew each other?

Everyone originally thought that Li Weiyun was a rare beauty, but to their surprise, there was a girl even prettier than her!

Li Weiyun's makeup was exquisite, as if she was ready to go to a dinner party. Xia Xibei's face was makeup-free, but her skin was pale and luminous, her eyes clear and looking full of vitality.

Although they each had their own merits, Xia Xibei was still better.

If she had also dressed up, she would definitely be able to stand out from the crowd!

Li Weiyun didn't have time to pay attention to the others' gazes. She looked at Xia Xibei in disbelief.

"What are you doing here?"

Xia Xibei smiled at her, "I came to buy rocks!"

Her smile was bright. Not a bit of gloom could be seen in them, as if nothing had happened yesterday.

Li Weiyun's back went cold.

The men's superficial injuries from yesterday were not serious, but their bones were broken. Their internal injuries, on the other hand, were severe, with some degree of damage done to all internal organs.

The doctor said that they must rest in bed for at least a few years, and after that, they could not do any heavy work.

When the men woke up, she asked them if Xia Xibei was alone or if someone had helped.

Those people said that they could not see clearly because of the darkness, only that the other party was very fast and moved well.

However, they only saw one figure. That meant there was only Xia Xibei.

After hearing their words, Li Weiyun's hands and feet went cold.

Xia Xibei actually had such power!

She looked so gentle and harmless, but she was actually so scary!

What if Xia Xibei wanted to do something?

However, after seeing Xia Xibei, she calmed down.

What was she afraid of?

Xia Xibei was just one person, and she had no family to help her.

If she really dared to make a move against Li Weiyun, the Li family would not let her get away with it!

Thinking of this, Li Weiyun smiled at Xia Xibei.

“Do you know how to gamble on rocks too?”

This was a rock-gambling house on the outskirts of the imperial capital, equipped with the best rocks. The rocks contained all kinds of beautiful jade.

Many jade merchants and purchasing managers of various jewelry companies were also gathered here.

It would be great if they could find beautiful jade stones that could be carved and turned into their treasures for their stores.

However, it was not easy to find the right jade.

There was a saying in the jade industry: One wrong cut, you're poor; one right cut, you're rich; one cut, and you're wearing a sackcloth.

The profits here were frighteningly high, but the risks were equally as high.

Even the master artisans, who had been betting on rocks for many years, did not dare to say that they were 100% accurate. It was always possible to throw a bunch of money down and only end up picking a useless rock.

The Li family was the leader of the jewelry industry, and the company was famous for its variety in beautiful and gorgeous jade ornaments and accessories.

To sustain it, however, raw materials were needed.

Now that Li Weiyun was going to enter the company, she naturally had to be exposed to this business.

Wasn't it ridiculous that Xia Xibei chose to bet on rocks in order to get back at her?

She was even less intimidated by Xia Xibei at this thought, only feeling that she was a bit silly.

"Is that so? Then I hope you make a lot of money."

"Thank you, I will definitely make a lot of money."

Xia Xibei received her "blessing" with an unchanging smile.

Chapter 568: Sixty-Percent Sure

Betting on rocks was both risky and profitable, with the word "betting" describing everything.

When the original rock was mined, there was a layer of weathered exterior on the outside, so there was no effective way to see whether the inside was stone or jade.

The experienced master could summarize various experiences, but still could not guarantee his accuracy rate.

When Li Weiyun came, she had brought the company's master over.

If they were able to find good material, their company would be able to continue to be brilliant.

Previously, one company found a superb specimen of glassy violet with floating green flowers. They carved out an extremely delicate and beautiful ornament, which immediately became the treasure of the store and attracted many customers.

If they didn't find good material, then they would be pressured. Therefore, they came over this time with a mission.

Thinking about the task she had, Li Weiyun had no time to pay attention to Xia Xibei.

Anyway, she would be fixed eventually. There was no hurry.

Of course, Xia Xibei's claim that she would definitely make a lot of money was even less important on Li Weiyun's radar.

She was just a girl without a father or mother. What kind of big money could she make?

For her, earning five thousand yuan a month was already tops. How could she know the financial power of people in her class?

They were not comparable at all.

“Then I hope you will make a lot of money,” Li Weiyun smiled haughtily, with an air of arrogance.

“Great!”

Xia Xibei was all smiles and energy.

“Miss, this way!”

Li Weiyun nodded towards Xia Xibei and fluttered away.

Xia Xibei’s eyes flashed as she watched her depart. She also began to stroll around the place.

It was not the first time she had come into contact with these jade rocks, but it was the first time she had been to such a place.

This was a large courtyard of several hundred square meters. Numerous rocks of different sizes were on the ground, looking rather inconspicuous.

However, no one knew which rock had beautiful jade of great value inside.

There were a lot of people around with flashlights or other tools, picking rocks as if they were looking for a watermelon. Sometimes they chatted, sometimes they had grim faces.

A middle-aged man came over and asked with a smile, "Miss, do you need any help?"

"No need."

Xia Xibei shook her head, then walked in.

The man was about to follow but was scared into stopping by her cold eyes.

What a sharp gaze! Where did this young woman come from?

The man broke out in a cold sweat as he remembered how she and Li Weiyun had just interacted, backing off.

Xia Xibei walked among the rocks, sweeping by as if sightseeing, occasionally stopping and touching the exterior of the stones.

These uncut rocks were not fragile, and as long as you didn't take a hammer to them, the boss didn't care.

Of course, even if they took a hammer to smash it, they may not be able to break it.

Li Weiyun stood in front of a large rock at the corner with a stony face.

"Uncle Zhang, how sure are you?"

"Sixty percent." Uncle Zhang's face was also gloomy. He was quite positive about this piece of rock, but who could guarantee such things?

This piece of rock was as tall as a person, several hundred catties in weight, and the price tag was 50 million yuan.

Fifty million was not a large amount for the Li family, but if 50 million went down the drain, it wasn't a simple matter either. After all, fixed assets and liquidity were two different things.

When they came over this time, they had brought 80 million yuan.

If this piece of rock was a failure, it would be bad.

Moreover, she wanted to have a win right away.

“Uncle Zhang, which other piece do you have your eye on? How about looking at the other ones first?”

Chapter 569: I Want To Buy It Too

Uncle Zhang frowned, “There are others, but I still think this is the best!”

Although it was the most expensive, the final result would certainly be different.

Li Weiyun’s expression became a little serious after hearing him say that.

“This one is really good!”

While they were hesitating, a crisp voice rang out.

Li Weiyun turned her head to look and couldn’t help but frown.

She fake-smiled as she asked, “What’s really good?”

“This rock!” With a serious face, Xia Xibei walked around the stone and finally returned to Li Weiyun.
“I’m sure there’s something good inside this rock!”

Li Weiyun's smile disappeared. "Really? How can you tell?"

"I could feel it!" Xia Xibei blinked her big eyes. "You really have to believe me, my luck and vision are very good!"

Li Weiyun turned up the corner of her mouth, her eyes slightly flashing.

"Really?"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei raised her chin proudly with a satisfied face. "I've looked at so many rocks, this one definitely has treasures inside it!"

Li Weiyun was amused by her. It had only been less than ten minutes, so how many uncut rocks could Xia Xibei have looked at?

Besides, did she know how to bet on rocks? Did she think she could tell good material by walking around?

Did she think this was picking a watermelon? Even if you picked a watermelon, it would take some time!

Of course, Li Weiyun strongly believed that Xia Xibei was picking on her.

If the bet was off on such a large rock, then their 50 million yuan would have been wasted.

It was a good calculation.

And when Xia Xibei said so, Li Weiyun finally understood her intention in coming here.

She didn't come here to gamble on the rocks today. Rather, she came to add to the problem!

Exactly!

Xia Xibei had no way to retaliate against her and could only use such ridiculous little tricks.

It was just a pity that she was not as stupid and gullible as Xia Xibei thought she was.

"You really think this piece is good?" Li Weiyun asked with a raised eyebrow.

"Of course!" Xia Xibei nodded heavily before pointing at a part of the rock. "There's definitely something good there!"

"Is that so?"

"Absolutely!"

Xia Xibei's eyes shone. "If you don't believe me, you should at least believe this uncle!"

She looked at Uncle Zhang again.

"Uncle, you are so accurate in your guesses!"

Uncle Zhang was more than fifty years old, mature and stable. When being praised by a pretty girl like this, he could not help but be a little proud, though he still tried to be modest.

"Not really. We haven't seen the final result yet."

Before the rock was cut, he did not dare to be proud. If the bet failed, then it would be a slap in the face.

"I believe in your vision!" Xia Xibei raised her thumb at him. "You're the expert and absolutely incredible!"

Uncle Zhang was so happy that his beard was going to fly up, but he tried to hold back.

"Don't say that, I don't deserve it."

Looking at the two of them talking happily, the corner of Li Weiyun's mouth twitched, but she found it ridiculous in her heart.

Xia Xibei was trying to persuade her to make a mistake!

With a twinkle in her eye, she laughed, “Then I should really buy it?”

“Buy it!” Xia Xibei was instantly delighted, her eyes shining. “If you hadn’t seen it first, I would have gotten it!”

“Oh, yeah?”

A sarcastic smile appeared at the corner of Li Weiyun’s mouth.

She wanted to buy it too? This was not five hundred or five thousand, but fifty million yuan!

Even though she was the young lady of the Li family, the liquidity she could have on hand was not this much.

Where did Xia Xibei get the nerve to say that she wanted to buy it too?

“Then I’d better let you have it,” she laughed.

“Huh?” Xia Xibei’s smile stiffened. “You’ll let me have it?”

Chapter 570: I'll Buy it if You Don't

Looking at Xia Xibei's stiff smile, Li Weiyun was even happier in her heart.

"Yeah, I'll let you have this rock."

As long as she had the money to afford it, of course.

Xia Xibei's smile was slightly embarrassed as she said, "This rock... This uncle saw it first. How can I take it away from him?"

"It's okay," Li Weiyun smiled. "Don't worry, Uncle Zhang won't mind."

Uncle Zhang's mouth moved a little and his eyebrows furrowed, a little unhappy with Li Weiyun.

This was a good piece of material that he liked. If it was cut, it would definitely rise in value!

How could she give this piece of material away?

Li Weiyun didn't care about Uncle Zhang's frown, smiling as she spoke to Xia Xibei.

“Since you like it so much, let it be yours.”

“Is this really okay?” Xia Xibei’s smile had returned to normal. “If we found good material inside, you guys would say I stole it, and that would be bad!”

“How can that be?” Li Weiyun shook her head. “There are rules here. Whoever pays first owns it. Since it’s in your hands, it’s naturally yours. We can’t grab it.”

“Um...” Xia Xibei blinked. “This is what this uncle found, and you don’t want to ask his opinion?”

Li Weiyun swept a glance at Uncle Zhang. “Don’t worry, he won’t mind.”

Uncle Zhang’s face was a little uncomfortable.

However, Li Weiyun was the one in charge, and she was the young lady of the Li family, so naturally she made all the decisions.

Most importantly, there was no way for him to guarantee that this piece of uncut rock would be 100% profitable.

If he insisted and it failed, it would be difficult for him to account for it.

Anyway, he had already done his job, so he would leave the rest to Li Weiyun.

He fell silent thinking about it.

“You guys saw this first... How could I-”

“No need to be polite,” Li Weiyun interrupted. “Is it because you don’t have enough money?”

Xia Xibei’s smile froze in embarrassment.

“How can that be? It’s just fifty million, I definitely have it!”

Li Weiyun couldn’t help but laugh.

This bragging was getting out of control.

If Xia Xibei had even 500 thousand in her savings, it would be impressive, but 50 million?!

She really thought she was a rich, young lady?

“That’s good.” Li Weiyun smiled more readily. “Then you can buy it.”

“Do you really... Don’t want it?” Xia Xibei’s eyes flickered a little.

“If you can afford it, I certainly don’t want it.”

“Really?”

“Of course.”

“Then I’ll buy it!” Xia Xibei clapped her hands and immediately pulled out a bank card from her pants.
“I’ll pay for it!”

Li Weiyun’s expression changed slightly. How was she so decisive?

However, just as this thought came up, she saw Xia Xibei stop in her tracks, her smile wavering.

“Miss Li, you really don’t want this stone?”

“I don’t,” Li Weiyun laughed, sarcasm in her eyes.

This acting was too clumsy.

Of course, it was because Xia Xibai was too eager, so her acting was full of holes.

“So... I’ll really buy it?”

“Go ahead.” Li Weiyun looked at her leisurely. “As long as you have money to buy it, it’s fine.”

Xia Xibei’s footsteps were a little heavy, and the scene froze.

“What’s going on?”

The owner of the quarry came over, bringing the others along with him.

“Boss, this lady wants to buy this piece of uncut rock,” Li Weiyun said to the boss, a smile on her face.

“Oh?” The boss looked at Xia Xibei in surprise. “You want to buy this piece of material?”

Which young lady was this? She was so rich!

Chapter 571: Really Buying It

The boss was a middle-aged man in his forties who everyone called Brother Tong. His appearance was ordinary, with a slightly elegant temperament. He didn't look like a businessman.

"She was about to buy this piece of rock when you came over, Brother Tong," Li Weiyun smiled at Brother Tong.

"Is that so?"

Tong sized up Xia Xibei.

She was beautiful, but she did not look like a rich person.

This piece of rock had actually interested quite a few people, but they didn't dare to make a move.

Fifty million yuan was not a small amount. Who dared to spend it just like that?

Now Xia Xibei said she wanted to buy this piece of uncut rock, which surprised everyone.

"Which family's daughter is this? Such a big spender?"

"That's fifty million yuan!"

“But this rock looks...”

Listening to the others’ discussion, Li Weiyun raised her voice and laughed, “Miss Xia is very optimistic about this piece of rock!”

She stared straight at Xia Xibei, sensitive to the fact that the girl cringed, and her gaze fluttered a little.

Li Weiyun smiled more broadly as she added, “Since she likes it so much, of course it’s not good for me to take away her favorite rock.”

“No, no, no! You guys were the ones who saw it first!” Xia Xibei insisted sharply.

“It’s okay, we haven’t paid for it yet. It’s not really ours, is it Brother Tong?”

Brother Tong nodded, “Right. That’s the rule.”

Their rule was that while the previous customer was looking at the material, no one else was allowed to make a bid.

However, in the case of Li Weiyun, who had clearly said she didn’t want it, it was okay for others to buy it.

“Well...” Xia Xibei’s face was a bit embarrassed. “Is this really okay? Miss Li, it’s better for you to buy it! This stone is really good!”

“No, it’s fine.” Li Weiyun shook her head. “Since you think it’s good, it’s yours.”

Li Weiyun said to the others. “After Miss Xia buys it, we can see it with our own eyes!”

The others cheered. “Yes! Let’s see it too!”

This piece of rock had been sitting here for months, but it hadn’t been sold yet.

The large piece of rock had some good parts, which could be profitable, but other parts made people unsure.

It was why it had been left alone until now.

Everyone was very interested in seeing if there was good material inside it.

Now that there was a “big customer” here, of course people were hoping for a good show.

Xia Xibei bit her lip and asked, “When I open it, if there is a beautiful jade, no one will fight me for it, right?”

“Of course not!” Brother Tong said in a deep voice. “This doesn’t happen on my territory! ”

“Yeah, don’t worry! No one is robbing you.” With a sarcastic smile on her lips, Li Weiyun urged her, “So hurry up and give him the money. It’s yours when you do.”

Brother Tong glanced at Li Weiyun and immediately understood the situation.

The two girls clearly had a grudge, making such a scene.

However, as long as someone bought the rock, it was good for him.

“Then... Okay!” Xia Xibei gritted her teeth and nodded, taking out her bank card. “Can you transfer money here?”

“Of course you can,” Brother Tong smiled. “You really want to buy it?”

“Of course! There must be a treasure inside!” Xia Xibei said with courageous momentum.

“Well then, let’s go transfer the money now.”

Looking at their departure, a hint of ominous premonition crossed Li Weiyun’s heart.

However, did Xia Xibei really have so much money?

While Li Weiyun was having doubts, Xia Xibei and Brother Tong came back with a relieved expression.

“Now let’s start breaking the rock!” she said.

Chapter 572: There is Jade

When they heard that a stone was going to be broken, everyone immediately gathered around to see what was going on.

When they found out it was the giant stone that had been sitting there for months, everyone became even more curious, their eyes glowing.

After Brother Tong made a big deal, he looked at Xia Xibei with a more amiable expression.

He didn’t expect this girl to really be so rich!

The surname Xia...

Could she be the daughter of the Xia family? They seemed to have a daughter who was also a teenager, and the girl was a similar age.

But did the Xia family dare to spend money like this?

Even the Li family did not dare to play like this. Where did the Xia family get the gumption?

However, he didn't think too much about it.

As long as there was money coming in, he was fine with it.

The rock cutting master came over with his tools, asking, "Miss Xia, how do you want to break it?"

Xia Xibei circled around the rock, then drew a circle at a certain area.

"Leave this place out."

People were even more curious now. How could she be so confident?

"OK."

The master didn't think too much about it. It was Xia Xibei's uncut rock anyway.

He and his apprentice began to use tools to cut out the rock, next to the circled part.

After an hour of working away and dust flying around, the huge rock finally had a large part of it removed.

Looking at the rock's surface, which was not different from that of ordinary stones, everyone's expression was complicated.

They were a little disappointed, but also had a "sure enough" feeling.

The smile on the corner of Li Weiyun's mouth grew deeper and deeper, but at the same time, she was relieved.

Luckily, she hadn't bought this piece of uncut rock. Otherwise, it would have been a great loss!

Thinking of this, she glanced at Uncle Zhang smugly.

Uncle Zhang's eyebrows were tightly locked, and his face was complicated.

Xia Xibei, however, was not disappointed. Under the dense gazes of the crowd, she drew another line on the piece of rock that had shrunk several times. It had turned from a giant rock to the size of two basketballs.

“Here.”

“Okay!”

The rock cutter was fine with it, of course.

Although they were quite tired, they did earn the money, so there was no need to save energy.

People’s whispers were getting louder, but it was all negative.

Someone couldn’t help but say, “Might as well just cut down the middle!”

“Fifty million yuan! Gone just like that!”

“What a pity!”

Although it had not yet reached the final stage of failure, by the looks of it, it did not seem like it could improve at all.

Xia Xibei ignored their talk and continued to stare at the rock cutter’s movements.

After ten minutes, the rock cutting master's movements stopped, and after removing the crumbly material from the surface, he immediately exclaimed, "Fog! White fog!"

Everyone was in an uproar. It was foggy?! And it was white fog?!

"Fog" referred to a sub-layer between the outer layer and the inner layer. Once there was fog, it meant that there were original stones inside!

The probability of a treasure in the white fog was very high!

Originally, everyone thought that this was a piece of waste rock, but it had unexpectedly fogged up!

Li Weiyun's gaze changed.

After seeing the white mist, there was no need for Xia Xibei to say more. The rock cutter knew what to do.

He changed his tool and started polishing the stone.

Everyone held their breaths and stared intently at his movements.

Brother Tong, however, noticed that while everyone else was nervous, Xia Xibei was calm, as if she already knew the result.

Thinking about the line she had just drawn, Brother Tong couldn't help but be shocked.

Did she really see it, or did she guess it?!

Li Weiyun's expression was even more tense as her eyes stared unblinkingly at the movements of the rock cutter.

After polishing for a while, someone exclaimed, "There is green!"

Once again, everyone was in an uproar. The green looked pure and clean!

After polishing an area clean, the rock cutter washed it with water, and the crowd was stunned.

"Glutinous specimen!"

"Imperial green?!"

Chapter 573: Passed Out

A commotion broke out, everyone huddling around it despite the dirty, messy surroundings, holding their breaths.

“It really is a glutinous specimen! The imperial green!”

“Oh God!”

“The bet’s value has risen!”

“No, no yet! It’s not done being extracted!”

“Holy Christ, it’s breathtaking!”

“So this is what imperial green looks like!”

Li Weiyun felt her limbs turn cold in the midst of the heated discussions.

No way! This must be a fake!

Uncle Zhang had scuttled over by then, trying hard to catch his breath as he stared at the deep, intense green.

“Let me take a look!” He squeezed his way through the crowd and hurried forward.

He was staring intently at the green surface of the stone, his eyes losing focus, completely ignoring the others as they muttered curses at him.

“I can pay 5 million for this!” someone said, shouting out their bid.

“What?! 5 million?! I can pay 7 million!”

“8 million!”

“10 million!”

Everyone had gone bananas although only a small portion of the stone had been chiseled open.

The jade had such an authentic shade, it surely must contain a stunning amount of treasure.

This was imperial green, for god’s sake!

“Wait till it’s all extracted!” Xia Xibei proclaimed in a raised voice.

The bid hadn’t even exceeded 10 million, so it was far from worthwhile.

It would be far more than this amount once it got entirely extracted.

Brother Tong gestured for everyone to stand back.

“Hold your horses!”

The looks on their faces were inexplicable. How could they not get worked up?!

This was the priceless imperial green! These days, the price of imperial green was calculated in grams on the market!

Even the revealed part alone was worth more than 10 million yuan.

Sure enough, the price wouldn't be high if it was just the superficial layer.

Thoughts kept flashing across their minds, but all they could do was watch closely as the master chiseled the stone open.

The machine rumbled, but no one cared. As far as they were concerned, all that mattered at this moment was the stone.

Their breaths quickened as the master busied himself, looking like beasts that hadn't had their meals for decades.

Everyone drew in a sharp breath when the master was finally done purifying the jade.

“Such an enormous imperial green!” the master marveled in awe.

Everyone’s face lit up comically.

“It’s risen!”

“The bet’s value has risen!”

“First-rate imperial green!”

“Jesus, what an eye-opener!”

“I have never seen such a gigantic imperial green in my life!”

Brother Tong was overwhelmed with excitement as well. Hurriedly, he asked someone to light firecrackers.

This was a huge, radical rise!

People hurried over from other shops upon hearing the firecrackers, stunned when they heard about the discovery of the first-rate imperial green.

Before long, the shop was teeming with crowds.

Nevertheless, Li Weiyun froze in the midst of the tumult, chills running down her spine.

How was that even possible?! It shouldn't be!

The striking, dense shade of green hit her like a brutal blow to her chest, almost making her throw up blood!

Uncle Zhang shoved his way through the crowd, looking like a madman with a distorted expression.

"It's as big as a basketball!"

This was an unprecedented encounter! Never in his life had he come across such a massive imperial green!

Imperial green jade was normally used to make trivial pendants, as ores as big as this one was hard to come by. How could anyone possibly make such a huge ornament from it?

Imagine the price of a large ornament made of imperial green jade...

Uncle Zhang was going nuts!

What did 50 million even matter when the people inside were offering to pay up to 100 million?!

And this was only the beginning!

Everyone knew that this piece of imperial green jade could be the treasure of their store!

It was invaluable!

And it should have been theirs! But it was all in vain now!

Li Weiyun couldn't even hear Uncle Zhang's furious yelling. All she could see at that moment was Xia Xibei, who was beaming at her from across the crowd.

Then she passed out.

Chapter 574: Ruined by Her Own Hand

When Li Weiyun regained consciousness, she found herself lying on a hospital bed while her father, Li Sheng, was wearing a grim look on his face.

Li Sheng was the head of their family, so it was his duty to take stock of the family's development.

He was utterly infuriated by what had happened this time, and Uncle Zhang's complaint made his chest heave with intense rage.

If they had missed the first-rate ore of the imperial green jade from the start, they might regret it for some time.

However, they were the first ones to have their eye on it!

They had their minds set on it first!

This massive piece of imperial green was priceless to them!

It would do great wonders if they could make it the signature of their store, thus drawing in a major surge of customers!

However, Li Weiyun let it slip from her hands, giving it away to someone else for free!

As he thought of that, Li Sheng got so mad that he nearly choked!

Besides that, Uncle Zhang was also enraged by what Li Weiyun did.

He had made her purchase the ore early on as he knew that it contained treasure.

However, she got swindled by Xia Xibei and ended up giving the treasure to another.

Otherwise, the ore would have been the zenith of his career!

Li Weiyun had ruined it all!

“Dad...”

Li Weiyun looked pale, her expression hesitant and awful looking.

She had recalled what happened earlier.

Li Sheng looked grim and unfathomable, the air around him horridly cold, signaling the onset of a major thunderstorm.

“Do you have any idea how much that piece of jade was sold at?” he asked in a low, deep voice.

Li Weiyun's face fell instantly, her eyes aggrieved and resentful, tinged with hints of unconcealed curiosity and wariness.

"How- How much?"

"300 million yuan! 300 million!" Uncle Zhang stepped forth and proclaimed loudly, his expression distorted and seeming insane.

How could he not be furious?!

Apart from the potential breakthrough in his career, he would also have received a large commission.

With the price of the imperial green jade, he could have gotten a seven-digit sum at the very least!

However, Li Weiyun had ruined it all!

His chest hurt as he thought of how stupid Li Weiyun had been, despite being the heiress of the prestigious Li family.

Li Sheng knew that Uncle Zhang was indignant, but he did not try to stop him from throwing a fit.

After all, he was a veteran in the profession, and a capable one at that, so he had to be tolerant toward him.

“300 million?!” Li Weiyun gasped sharply, nearly passing out once again.

She might be the heiress of a family who owned a great deal of properties and funds, but 300 million yuan was a remarkable amount of working capital!

Getting 300 million in exchange for 50 million was an exceptional deal, and it should have been hers!

However, it was all ruined by her own hand!

She had to toughen up as she thought of that. Nevertheless, her expression turned ferocious, and her eyes were soon filled with hatred and madness.

“Uncle Zhang told me about what happened today.”

Li Sheng’s heart couldn’t help but reach out to his daughter as he watched her trembling like crazy.

She was the child that he had pampered from a young age, after all.

As he thought of Li Weiyun’s foolish deed however, he suppressed his emotions, and chided her in a cold voice, “What you did today was absolutely stupid!”

“Dad, it was all because of Xia Xibei! She set me up!” Li Weiyun snarled.

“To hell with that!” The usually polite and civilized Li Sheng couldn’t help but swear. “You still don’t think you’re at fault, even now?!”

Although Xia Xibei had set a trap, it was Li Weiyun’s own will to make a fool of herself that led her to fall into it.

Besides, Xia Xibei had made it clear that the stone contained treasure. She had even turned it down a few times.

But his idiotic daughter had given it up like it was nothing!

Chapter 575: How Are They Related

Having been berated by her father, Li Weiyun hung her head low in dismay.

He was right. There was no way she could absolve herself of responsibility.

However, she couldn’t help but wonder how Xia Xibei knew that the stone contained imperial green jade.

The reason why it turned out to be a trap was mainly because the ore had ended up containing imperial green jade.

If it hadn't, Li Weiyun would have avoided the scam, and it would have been great, as Xia Xibei would have ended up the victim.

Nevertheless, it did contain a priceless treasure!

"How on earth did she know it contained treasure?" Li Weiyun couldn't help but mumble under her breath.

Li Sheng's brows creased into a frown. He was equally bewildered.

That was a problem indeed.

"What is Xia Xibei's actual background?" He queried.

"She's nothing but an orphan abandoned by her parents!" Li Weiyun blurted out.

Li Sheng raised his brows, "Orphan? How's she related to Qiao Yanjue then?"

Li Weiyun's eyes went wide, demanding, "How did you know that?!"

"How did I know?" Li Sheng gave an angry laugh. "Ask Uncle Zhang!"

Uncle Zhang still looked flustered, but he replied, "Mr. Qiao came over when you passed out earlier."

He had met Qiao Yanjue before, so he had recognized him.

He was shocked when he saw Qiao Yanjue walking up to Xia Xibei. Not only were they acquaintances, they even seemed close.

"Yanjue came?!" Li Weiyun was taken aback. "Then he--"

"He left with Miss Xia!" Uncle Zhang said with annoyance. "He saw you passing out and asked me to take you away."

"What?!" Li Weiyun felt her heart sink.

Uncle Zhang was upset that they missed the priceless imperial jade, so he didn't want Li Weiyun to feel good either.

"That's a lot of money that Miss Xia has received, 300 million! Who wouldn't want it? But Mr. Qiao took her away right after he got there."

There were people who knew Qiao Yanjue, and they were curious about how he seemed close with Xia Xibei.

Weren't the Qiaos going to make him marry Li Weiyun? Why did it not appear that way? Qiao Yanjue was so cold towards Li Weiyun.

As far as they could see, Qiao Yanjue left without even paying much attention to Li Weiyun.

With Qiao Yanjue around, those who coveted money knew how to behave themselves.

Uncle Zhang's words made Li Weiyun's blood run cold.

She thought that Qiao Yanjue had sent her to the hospital!

"How are they related?" Li Sheng asked with a sullen face. "Didn't you tell me that you would win that guy's heart?"

Although Qiao Yanjue was the youngest child in his family, the wise ones knew that he would take over the Qiao family in the future.

Therefore, Li Sheng was happy when he found out that Li Weiyun liked Qiao Yanjue.

However, not only was their marriage proposal declined, Qiao Yanjue was even hanging around with a young lady now.

Li Sheng couldn't help but have second thoughts.

Li Weiyun blushed when her father questioned her about that.

She was blushing out of rage!

She felt weak and giddy, unable to speak.

At last, she grabbed the blanket from the side and covered her head with it, using silence as a response.

Seeing her that way, Li Sheng was so angry that he actually laughed, and all he could say was, "Talk to me once you've gotten your act together!"

He left with Uncle Zhang right after that.

Huddled under the covers, Li Weiyun felt so distressed and upset that she began crying.

After some time, the door was opened.

"Get out!"

Her voice sounded muffled under the covers.

“Weiyun, what happened?”

The gentle female voice made Li Weiyun lift the covers.

Surprised, she stared at the visitor.

“Cousin, why are you here?”

Chapter 576: Who Dares Bully You?

“I heard that you got admitted here, so I came to see you.” Xie Dongqing looked at her worriedly. “What happened?”

Li Weiyun’s face was horridly pale, and her eyes were red and swollen from crying.

“What’s wrong?” Xie Dongqing became even more concerned. “Who bullied you? Tell me, I got your back!”

As Xie Dongqing offered gentle words of comfort, tears began falling down Li Weiyun's face again, sorrow rising within her.

She wasn't usually such a princess, and she had always hated crying. She looked down on women who tried to win men's hearts by crying.

However, she just couldn't seem to hold back her tears right now.

It had been a rough day.

She'd lost the ore, and Qiao Yanjue had come all the way from City G not for her, but for Xia Xibei!

On top of that, she had to bear with her father's rebuke. It was just too much to take.

Her tears kept pouring down in torrents as Xie Dongqing tried to comfort her.

Xie Dongqing panicked when she started crying.

"Hey, don't cry! What actually happened?"

As far as Xie Dongqing could remember, Li Weiyun had always been a proud, confident young lady. There was no way she would cry in front of people.

Just how much had she been through to be crying so hard?

“I...”

It took Li Weiyun quite a while to stop crying, seeming embarrassed.

Still sobbing, she wiped her tears, and said in a quiet voice, “I’m so sorry. I kinda lost it just now.”

“It’s alright, you don’t ever have to say sorry to me!” Xie Dongqing’s eyes lit up, and she smiled, “But could you tell me what happened?”

Li Weiyun took several deep breaths, and her eyes soon turned hateful.

“There’s this wh*re!”

It made Xie Dongqing even more curious.

Who had the guts to bully Li Weiyun? Who was capable of that?

Li Weiyun’s mother was Xie Dongqing’s aunt, so they were considered rather close.

However, the Xies were no match for the Lis in terms of wealth and power, so Xie Dongqing had always felt somewhat inferior in front of Li Weiyun.

Li Weiyun was proud and arrogant around everyone.

Even though they appeared close, Xie Dongqing had always looked forward to seeing Li Weiyun getting into trouble.

“What wh*re?”

Xie Dongqing looked all sincere and concerned.

After having been berated by her father, Xie Dongqing’s attitude gave Li Weiyun the desire to confide in her.

“That wh*re set me up...”

Although it was embarrassing to tell, she knew that there was no way she could sweep it under the rug. After all, many people had witnessed the incident.

She might as well be frank with Xie Dongqing, letting her hear it from her own mouth rather than on the grapevine. At least she could win her over and get an ally.

Xie Dongqing was surprised as she listened to Li Weiyun’s recount.

She had heard about the discovery of an imperial green jade in the suburb earlier that day, but she hadn't expected Li Weiyun to be involved in it!

And it turned out that she was ridiculous!

However, she put on a feigned look of indignation.

"That was too much of her!"

"I know right!"

After pouring her heart out, Li Weiyun felt a lot better. She seemed to have pulled herself back together, her eyes cold and grim.

"She must have been taking revenge on me!"

"Revenge? Why is that so?"

Li Weiyun's breath caught in her throat, "She approached Yanjue by dirty means, so it's only natural that she wants me dead!"

"Huh?! Qiao Yanjue?" Xie Dongqing was truly shocked to hear that.

That girl turned out to be related to Qiao Yanjue?

“I thought Qiao Yanjue and you are-”

Li Weiyun cut her off with the sullen look in her eyes.

“Don’t think that she’ll come to a good end! She’s nothing but an upstart! I could end her anytime!”
There was a spiteful, vicious look in her eyes.

Xie Dongqing looked around a bit, then asked in a quiet voice, “Want me to help you?”

Chapter 577: Extraordinary Means

“You want to help me?” Surprised, Li Weiyun looked at her. “How are you going to help me?”

Xie Dongqing froze a little, feeling insulted by her doubtful expression.

Li Weiyun quickly explained, “It’s not that I look down on you, but that little wh*re simply isn’t an ordinary girl.”

“Not an ordinary girl?” Xie Dongqing was taken aback. “How is she not ordinary?”

“She can fight a handful of masculine guys all by herself. What do you think?”

Xie Dongqing was shocked. “Is she really that powerful?”

Despite her reluctance to admit it, Li Weiyun nodded stiffly. “Yes, and that’s why we can’t deal with her using ordinary means.”

“Who says we’re using ordinary means?” Smiling, Xie Dongqing gave her a playful eyeroll. “The world is a big place, so there must be something extraordinary that we can do!”

Li Weiyun’s heart skipped a beat. “Extraordinary means?”

“Yeah,” Xie Dongqing grinned from ear to ear, looking somewhat creepy.

“What... Can we do, then?”

“I know a master, a powerful one. As long as you can afford the price, you can get whatever you want.”

“Really?!” Li Weiyun was stunned, but she soon regained her composure. “What’s the price?”

“Don’t worry, as long as you pay enough, he can make anything happen.”

“So it’s just money then? Nothing else?”

“Of course, the master is just like the rest of us, he needs to make a living. As for everything else... It depends on what you want most.” Xie Dongqing smiled, “Don’t worry, it’s not a scam.”

“Alright then, please introduce that master to me!”

Li Weiyun hesitated for a moment, but nodded eventually.

No matter what, she had to find out if it was a real deal first!

Besides, she wouldn’t give up bringing Xia Xibei down.

“Sure, I’ll make arrangements for you.”

They talked for a while longer, before Xie Dongqing got up to leave. “Rest well, just leave everything else to me.”

“Okay. Thanks, cousin.”

Right after leaving the ward, Xie Dongqing made a call, her voice softening all of a sudden.

“Liran, are you off work? I’m coming over.”

After hanging up, she went to refresh her makeup in the restroom, not setting off until she had gotten everything in place.

An hour later, she arrived at a high-class restaurant nearby Jiang Liran’s office.

Jiang Liran came after a while.

She felt even better upon seeing the ill look on Jiang Liran’s face, but she had to pretend to be concerned.

“I keep asking you not to work so hard, why don’t you ever listen to me?” Her voice sounded gentle and soothing even though she was scolding him.

However, no one could tell what Jiang Liran was thinking inside.

“Because I want to marry you as soon as I can.”

Jiang Liran coughed a little, then turned to gaze at her affectionately.

“I’ll marry you even if you don’t work so hard!” Xie Dongqing shot him a good-natured glare. “Don’t do that again, or I’ll have to watch over you at your office from now on!”

“Alright, alright!” Jiang Liran put his hands up in submission. “I won’t do that again. Come on, let’s order food.”

“Okay.”

Very soon, their orders were served.

While eating, Xie Dongqing asked about the project that the two families were collaborating on.

In an even tone, Jiang Liran shared some straightforward, widely known information with her, but avoided the more detailed parts of it.

Xie Dongqing did not realize it, and all she did was remind him, “You have to take your meds on time! Don’t take your health lightly.”

“Don’t worry, I’ll live a long life,” Jiang Liran gave her hand a squeeze.

They exchanged a glance, and smiled lovingly at each other.

Under the lights, they looked like a sweet, perfect couple that everyone was envious of.

Chapter 578: Such a High Return Rate

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei remained calm and composed, showing no sign of euphoria despite just having earned 300 million yuan.

First, she returned 100 million yuan to Qiao Yanjue.

Qiao Yanjue had lent her 40 million yuan earlier, and the remaining amount was the commission that she had to give him.

If others knew how generous she was, they would come fawning over her!

Xia Xibei only had 10 million yuan to begin with, and there was no way she could afford the ore.

However, she decided to place her bet once she confirmed that the ore contained treasure, borrowing the other 40 million yuan from Qiao Yanjue.

It was just a casual request. She was prepared to find other ways if he wouldn't lend her the money.

Anyways, she had also seen valuable gems in other ores, apart from the giant jade.

She could make a handsome sum if she bought the rest.

However, she would run out of time if she had done that. If Li Weiyun did purchase the ore, she would have prospered overnight, wouldn't she?

Besides, it would have roused Li Weiyun's suspicion if she managed to strike the jackpot many times in a row.

Therefore, she had no choice but to borrow money from someone else.

She chose to ask Qiao Yanjue after browsing through the long list of contacts on her phone.

In fact, she only wanted to give it a whirl. If Qiao Yanjue was reluctant to lend her the money, she would eventually come up with some other way.

Unexpectedly, Qiao Yanjue did not even ask any questions when she asked him for the money. Instead, he transferred the money to her in a heartbeat.

His decisive speed gave Xia Xibei mixed feelings.

She didn't know that Qiao Yanjue had so much trust in her!

Qiao Yanjue had arrived at the capital when Xia Xibei called him.

When he chatted with his father over the phone last night, he was told that his mother had nearly gotten into a car crash.

Although she was alright now, he was so frightened that he came back at the first moment.

Upon his return, his mother told him that she was rescued by a beautiful young lady.

Otherwise, she would have been lying in a hospital bed by then.

After they moved on from the subject, his mother even tried to sound him out on the girl that he had a crush on.

However, he avoided all her questions.

His mother got so furious that she kept calling her son a stubborn donkey.

As the two of them argued, Xia Xibei called. Qiao Yanjue took off right after she told him that she was at the gem-gambling ground, leaving his mother stomping her feet in anger.

However, he was truly glad to see his mother so energetic around him, which meant that she was fine indeed.

“Who else did you borrow money from?” Qiao Yanjue was staring at the sum of money on his phone, dumbstruck by the string of zeros.

It wasn't because he hadn't dealt with such an enormous sum of money in the past.

However, the return rate totally astonished him! He lent 40 million yuan, and received 100 million in return in less than half a day!

It turned out that gem-gambling was much more thrilling than normal gambling.

A single cut on the stone could signify an astounding turn of fate. It was by no means simpler than any other industry.

It was a pity that the Qiaos weren't involved in the jewelry industry.

"No one else. You were the first one I asked, and it was enough," Xia Xibei said, shaking her head.

"You asked me first?" Qiao Yanjue was pleased, his heart fluttered and he felt butterflies in his stomach.

"Yeah, you're the richest person I know," Xia Xibei said with a smile.

"You're not poor either. You're a real baller now!" Qiao Yanjue ruffled her hair. "But how did you get into this though?"

She was truly bold and adventurous, to go all in!

“Because I wanna get rich.” Xia Xibei’s smile was unfaltering as she reached into her pocket, where her bank card lay. “It feels great to be rich.”

Most importantly, it would make Li Weiyun hopping mad!

Chapter 579: How Much Money She Had

Seeing Xia Xibei so happy, Qiao Yanjue suggested, “How about going on a tour around the capital? I’m the host here, after all.”

“I don’t think so,” Xia Xibei shook her head. “My schedule has been packed over the past couple of days, and I’m kind of exhausted. Plus, I’m going back tomorrow.”

“Alright then.”

Being his kind self, Qiao Yanjue changed his mind in a heartbeat.

“We’ll go back together tomorrow, then.”

“Have you got your things done?”

“Yeah, I have,” Qiao Yanjue nodded. “No big deal.”

“Well then...”

“Also... Is it really appropriate that you returned so much money to me?”

The return rate was way too insane!

“Of course it is!” Xia Xibei patted his sturdy arm. “Have faith in me, and we’ll prosper together!”

Qiao Yanjue nodded, looking at the smug look on her face.

“Sure, we’ll prosper together.”

His eyes were so intense that Xia Xibei couldn’t help but shudder a little.

Somehow, she had a strange feeling about this...

However, she didn’t bother pondering over it. She couldn’t wait to take a mental inventory of her assets.

She had 200 million yuan and a house at hand so far. Besides, she was also making a lot of profit from the cosmetic company, Hongyan, and Jiabei Sweet.

In addition to that, God Luo's Streaming TV application, which would bring in the most profit, was ready to be launched now.

Tang Luo had told her that adaptations had been made to the streaming application, and it was now a mature product in every aspect.

It would come on the scene in just a couple days.

Nevertheless, God Luo's Streaming TV would require a great expenditure during the early stages. After all, streamers would have to be recruited to make the platform thrive.

Who would even download the application if no one was streaming?

Thus, expenses would be required to hire streamers.

Previously, Tang Luo was of the opinion that the streaming platform should be developed slowly.

When capital started coming in, they could invite celebrities to get in on the act.

Fans would flood in once celebrities joined the platform, and it would help in promoting other streamers as well.

However, how would Tang Luo have expected Xia Xibei, who had been grumbling about not having enough funds, to have amassed such an unbelievable sum of money in just half a day?

With so much money readily accessible, God Luo's Streaming TV could be set into motion right away!

Besides, recruiting celebrities was pretty easy too. Nie Zehai's involvement was a sure thing, without a doubt.

It would be a waste if they didn't bring such a popular idol into play, not to mention that fact that he could be hired at a lower rate, since he was an acquaintance!

Sure enough, Xia Xibei would become a signature as well.

Xia Xibei had come up with the perfect publicity idea when she got eliminated from "The Strongest Female Group".

She was just worried that the show crew of "The Strongest Female Group" might go off the deep end!

Xia Xibei's thoughts wandered further and further, and she even began counting with her fingers.

"What are you doing?" Qiao Yanjue stared at her, bewildered.

She had been normal a while ago, hadn't she? Why was she counting her fingers all of a sudden?

“I’m counting how much money I have,” Xia Xibei blurted out.

Qiao Yanjue was speechless.

He didn’t know that Xia Xibei was so bad at math that she had to count with her fingers!

However, he was used to it by now, as this young lady would ramble about strange things from time to time.

What he didn’t know was that Xia Xibei was counting her money to find out how far away she was from Qiao Yanjue’s net worth!

Her current goal right now was to get filthy rich and catch up with Qiao Yanjue!

This was the wild thought that occurred to her when Qiao Yanjue agreed to lend her the money, not hesitating for even a second.

On top of that, it dawned on her that Qiao Yanjue kept showing up in her dreams over the past few days, messing with her thoughts and feelings.

That was “too much” of him. She wouldn’t let him get away with it!

Before she measured up to him, however, she wouldn’t act impetuously.

Chapter 580: Can Never Let Go of Such a Good Man!

Xia Xibei originally wanted to stay away from Qiao Yanjue. After all, they had no possibility of a future together, so why continue to entangle with him?

But she didn't expect that she wouldn't be able to do it!

No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't pull away from Qiao Yanjue.

On the contrary, because of Li Weiyun's interference, the two of them became even closer.

These days, her mind was constantly pulled in two directions, as if she was divided into two.

Stay, or stay away?

The two choices fought inside her heart, as if they were an angel and a demon.

After both sides had been pulling back and forth for almost an entire month when she was met with an attack from Li Weiyun.

She knew that Li Weiyun had done this to her because of Qiao Yanjue!

If she had just met Qiao Yanjue, she would have thought that it was all because of Qiao Yanjue!

He was too much trouble!

After spending more time with Qiao Yanjue, however, she couldn't blame this on him.

Moreover, even without Qiao Yanjue, the relationship between her and Li Weiyun would not be good.

Besides, didn't Li Weiyun go after her like that because she wanted to steal Qiao Yanjue?

The arrogance came out in Xia Xibei.

Li Weiyun wanted to get what she wanted? Hah!

She had to make Li Weiyun angry! Piss her off!

With this childish thought, Xia Xibei called to borrow money from Qiao Yanjue.

However, after Qiao Yanjue lent her the money without hesitation, her state of mind immediately changed.

He was such a good man, why let him go?

At this moment, her “stay” side jumped out and said loudly in her heart, “Give up on such a good man... Are you stupid?”

The “stay away” side also jumped out.

“You are two people of different worlds! You will not be happy together.”

“Stay” slapped “stay away.”

“People from different worlds? If one was on Earth and one was in the fantasy continent, that’s what I call different worlds! Besides, you’re also very powerful! You can beat everyone else!”

“Stay away” struggled, arguing, “This is not the right family, you don’t know what Qiao Yanjue’s family is like. If you get together with him, you will be bullied to death.”

“Stay” spat, “Pfft! How can we be bullied! If we don’t like it, we can just poison them! Who can bully us?!”

“Stay away” was speechless.

“But even if we struggled to stay together, we would not be happy!”

“Stay” grunted, “What do you mean you won’t be happy? Happiness is something you have to earn! What’s the point of giving up without fighting for it? Do you want to wait for regrets later? Besides, if you don’t have a good life after fighting for it, you can also break up! Haven’t you heard of a good get-together and break-up!”

“What if we can’t break-up?”

“Can’t break-up? We’ll just poison them!”

“Why are you so violent?”

“What’s so violent? It’s important that you have a good time! Do you want to bless him to find his other half in the future? Besides, are you willing to give up such a good man?”

“Not willing...”

“Exactly! If you’re not willing to let him go, go for him!”

“Okay, go!”

So, the little drama in Xibei’s head had ended, and the winner was “stay.”

Now that she had made all kinds of anticipation and all kinds of preparation, Xia Xibei no longer hesitated.

Go!

Having spent so much time with Qiao Yanjue, Xia Xibei naturally knew his character.

She absolutely could not let go of such a good man!