

Chapter 571: Overseas

“Ms. Jiang.”

Holding the car keys in his hand, Cheng Jinyan got out of his car and was just about to enter the cafe.
“Fancy seeing you here.”

After greeting her, he noticed a man, tall and well-built but with a cold expression, standing next to Jiang Yao. “Your husband?”

“No.” Jiang Yao thought it was unnecessary for him, whom she had only met once, to know more. Some pleasantries later, they were on their way, with Jiang Yao on the wheels of the car.

“Who is that man?” Liang Yueze asked. “He looked at you in a weird way.”

“Cheng Jinyan, the business partner of Huang Chengjing’s, who is also the general manager of Hairun Group, new venture.” Jiang Yao grinned. “You are indeed a graduate of the military academy, Brother Liang! Your observation skills were amazing! He thinks that I look similar to a person he knows.”

Liang Yueze exclaimed, “Does that person happen to be Sun Xiaoshan?”

Jiang Yao was startled. She immediately looked at Liang Yueze and asked astonishedly, “You know her?”

“I don’t, but I’ve heard Haoyu mention it previously. He had seen her before.” Liang Yueze furrowed his brows. “The first time Haoyu saw you, he told me that you looked just like a Sun Xiaoshan and thought you were related to each other.”

“Does Xingzhi know about her?” Jiang Yao asked.

“Why would he?” It was not after Liang Yueze asked that he realized Jiang Yao’s intention. He grinned and said, “Aren’t you familiar with how Xingzhi treats you? Are all women the same, always overthinking?”

“What do you mean, huh? Watch your mouth, Brother Liang, in case Ruoran hears it and gets mad at you when you return home.” Jiang Yao thought that it was a dumb question after all.

She should not have doubted Lu Xingzhi’s love and commitment toward her.

“She’s abroad now with Haoyu.” Liang Yueze snickered. “You know what, you should tell her, if she would come back and be mad at me, that would be perfect.”

Listening to Liang Yueze, Jiang Yao felt a sudden drop of temperature around them, so she did the wisest thing she could and kept her mouth shut.

It seemed like Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran were currently not on speaking terms.

With the assets transferred, Jiang Yao applied for and received the one and a half thousand million of loan from the bank two days later.

Adding some of her own assets and the cash wired to her by Lu Xingzhi, the money was definitely sufficient to sustain the initial operations of both ventures.

After that, Manager Sun was tasked with setting up the companies. Things such as registering the company, choosing locations and etcetera were entrusted to Manager Sun while Jiang Yao stayed in school and focused her attention fully on classes, for at least a few days.

In between, she received news from Manager Sun saying that Mr. Feng wanted to meet with her. Jiang Yao knew immediately what Mr. Feng's intention was and declined.

It was Friday afternoon. After her class, Jiang Yao went to Chancellor Wen's office.

There was someone else when she arrived. Seeing that they were in a conversation, Jiang Yao waited outside his office and only entered when the visitor had left.

"Have a seat. What's going on?" Chancellor Wen poured Jiang Yao a glass of water and rubbed his eyebrows. Obviously, the previous visitor did not come bringing good news.

"I would like you, Chancellor Wen, to recommend to me people doing medical research. I'm setting up a research lab and am looking for researchers. Thinking that perhaps you know people, I came asking for your help."

Chapter 572: First Impressions

"A research lab?" Chancellor Wen looked at Jiang Yao in astonishment. "It's easy to set one up but keeping it in operation is going to be tough. Even our school's own research department is struggling to obtain financial grants and sponsorships. The financing of your research lab will be a tremendous challenge."

"The finances are not to be worried about, I need people now," said Jiang Yao. "I have Shengqi Hospital under my name. Plus, we are currently scouting out sites to build the factory of Changkang Pharma. As I was saying before, as long as people are willing to join my research lab, I vow that money will never be an issue."

Chancellor Wen was startled for a good while before he broke out in laughter and shook his head. "Youngsters nowadays are amazing! Jiang Yao, aren't you just nineteen years old?"

"Age is just a number." Jiang Yao winked.

"Haha." Chancellor Wen's previous gloomy mood vanished and was replaced by a wide smile on his face. "Prepare a copy of your research lab's information and give it to me. I will talk to people and let it be known that you are hiring. You came to the right place, I am the perfect person to do the job! Plenty of your seniors, who graduated from our university, are all talented people in the field. Their researches were suspended due to financial issues and now you, as a junior, are giving them new hope."

Chancellor Wen was pleased. It was the university's and his pride to have such a wonderful student among their ranks.

Perhaps he would not be involved in the outcome of the researches but he was happy to see medical research activities being supported.

Jiang Yao was slightly elated that Chancellor Wen agreed to help her out but she was not able to produce any information on the research lab right now.

She sighed, "We are still setting up the research lab and have not produced any promotional materials yet. After all, we would like to talk to interested parties before making our decision."

"Without the materials, it may not be easy to convince them of the research lab's capabilities."

Chancellor Wen then nodded after a brief pause and gave Jiang Yao some encouragement. "No worries, I will talk to them and let you know if I have any updates."

He genuinely wanted Jiang Yao's company to succeed.

"Thank you so much, Chancellor Wen. I really appreciate your help." Jiang Yao stood up and turned toward the door.

Chancellor Wen nodded initially before stopping Jiang Yao in her tracks and asked, "Jiang Yao! Hold on! Can I ask you a question? Did you hear about the Divine Doctor when you were staying in the north for a month?"

"Divine Doctor." Jiang Yao nodded. "I have, actually." Perhaps Chancellor Wen would have known that the Divine Doctor saved Lu Xingzhi's life if he had asked for a little more details.

Although Jiang Yao had no idea why the question came out of Chancellor Wen's mouth.

"Do you know anyone that may be able to contact the Divine Doctor? I would like for the Divine Doctor to see a patient." Chancellor Wen sighed. "The man that was right here before you is my good friend. His daughter's face was badly burned in an accident a few years ago. Because of this, she was a changed person. His wife passed away early on and left him with their only daughter. He came to me for help out of desperation. Unfortunately, I haven't been to Jindo City for a few years and had lost contact with the people there."

Chapter 573: Site Selection

Perhaps realizing the difficult request he had just imposed on Jiang Yao, Chancellor Wen explained, "That lady used to be a police officer in our city's police force. Apparently, she was injured in duty."

Jiang Yao wanted nothing to do with it but changed her mind after hearing that the patient was a police officer and was injured in the line of duty.

Maybe it was Lu Xingzhi's status as a soldier, but Jiang Yao had a lot of admiration for the military and law enforcement personnel.

"I know the Divine Doctor, but I'll have to see the patient herself to decide if it's treatable." If she wanted to save a person, Jiang Yao thought, she'd at least need to find them tolerable.

For example, Du Chen. She thought he was a cool guy and decided then and there to help him.

With burn injuries, however, Jiang Yao had no prior experience and needed the Medical System's analysis before she could make a decision.

Chancellor Wen was thrilled to hear that Jiang Yao knew the Divine Doctor.

"Of course! Of course! I will ask my friend to schedule a time for you to meet him." He thanked Jiang Yao profusely. How lucky was he that Jiang Yao actually knew the Divine Doctor!

No matter how disinterested Chancellor Wen was with news of Jindo City, it was common knowledge in the medical field of the appearance of a mysterious character called the Divine Doctor.

Life-saver and miracle-maker, those were just some of the expressions used to describe the Divine Doctor.

After Jiang Yao's departure, Chancellor Wen immediately dialed up his good friend and told him of the wonderful news. He also pondered having the Divine Doctor over to give a seminar at the university.

Just as quickly, he dismissed the idea. Apparently, rumors had it that the Divine Doctor was not a well-tempered fellow.

He did not want to make it difficult for Jiang Yao.

It was an early Saturday morning, Jiang Yao picked up Manager Sun and Lu Yuqing and went to a few locations marked by Manager Sun to scout for potential sites.

Liang Yueze quickly returned to Jindo City after knowing that the money issue was solved. Jiang Yao was in class then and did not send him off at the airport.

Manager Sun found two locations, one in the suburbs of Jindo City and the other in the countryside.

"This one here in the suburbs is not as huge as the one in the countryside, although it is way more convenient to get here," said Manager Sun. "If we choose the countryside, we would have to pave a road to our site."

Thus, including the cost of paving a road, it was not any cheaper having the factory in the countryside.

"Who does this land belong to? How much is it?" If the prices were similar, Jiang Yao preferred the suburbs, at least it made for an easy commute. Which was an important advantage for sure.

"This piece of land here in the suburbs belongs to the government. It will be up for tender in half a month, although it is not known to the public yet," Manager Sun replied. "Mr. Liang told me the other day that if you want this place, he has ways to get it for us."

Jiang Yao nodded and strolled along the compound observing the surroundings before leaving for the countryside.

The journey to the countryside was extremely bumpy and Lu Yuqing was nauseous the entire time. After stopping the car, they still had to walk three hundred meters to get to the location.

"We will have to widen the road from the junction in to accommodate the trucks." Jiang Yao frowned. She looked at Lu Yuqing and asked, "Sis, are you okay?"

"Go for the suburbs, this place is too rural." Lu Yuqing waved her hands. "It will cost a sum of money to pave the roads here. Plus, did you see a lot of newly planted trees and plants on the side of the road when we came in? I think the villagers got wind of the news and planted it just recently so that they can ask for more compensation then."

Lu Yuqing did not like it here at all.

Chapter 574: The Owner

Jiang Yao did not notice the plants along the side of the road but she was very sure of just how bad the road condition was. If she were to build the factory here, she would have to spend a considerable amount of money and effort to pave an actual road so that trucks and heavy pieces of machinery could arrive in ease.

“Let’s go for the suburbs. If we cannot get it from the tendering process, we’ll only consider the countryside.” By virtue of investment, the plot of land in the suburbs would be a lot more valuable in the future.

Nanjiang City was poised to develop into a Tier-One City ten years later. The suburbs were divided into different administrative areas and was included in Nanjiang City’s plan of development.

After deciding on the site, the gang left the countryside. Since Jiang Yao was going to the stone betting fair in the afternoon with Huang Chengjing, she did not return to campus.

After knowing that Lu Yuqing did not intend on going, Jiang Yao met up with Huang Chengjing after lunch.

Compared to the Purple Orchid Garden in Jindo City, the stone betting fair in Nanjiang City was of a much smaller scale. The venue was set in the courtyard with shut doors at the end of Jewel Street.

She was curious to know what the business of this place was, apparently it was a small place to trade raw stones.

The event started in the morning, but still had plenty of people in the afternoon. Jiang Yao and Huang Chengjing saw a few familiar faces from the night of Golden Phoenix’s opening gala upon entering.

“This fair is the business of the Zhu family. They have always been in the business and has a jewelry company here in Nanjiang City, a private mine abroad and since the two years they have been here in Nanjiang City, they would organize a few stone betting fairs each year.”

Huang Chengjing started introducing, “It’s a little different here. Each stone has a marked price instead. Although, there is an interesting contest going on.”

“What is it?” Jiang Yao was very interested.

“You can use either your own name or your company’s name to buy five pieces of raw stones and have it opened and priced right here. The individual with the highest difference between the estimated price given and the price of the purchased raw stone can take another piece of raw stone away free of charge,” said Huang Chengjing. “Since you want to enter the industry, you should talk to some people and widen your network, perhaps it may help you in the future.”

As they were talking, a woman in a bright yellow dress approached them in high heels. Her smile was as pretty as the flowers when she saw Huang Chengjing. “Mr. Huang, I’ve heard of the opening of your company. Not seeing you here in the morning, I thought you are not going to come because of me. If that were the case, I would have to visit you and apologize personally.”

Even with makeup on, she looked at most thirty years old and had a wonderful hourglass figure. The faint perfume scent on her only served to enhance her attractiveness.

Jiang Yao remembered smelling the exact same perfume on Liang Yuekai's wife. Even though she knew nothing about perfumes and cosmetics, she was sure that a perfume used by Liang Yueze's sister-in-law was indeed an upscale product.

"This is Ms. Zhu, the owner of this venue," Huang Chengjing introduced. Compared to Zhu Qianlan's enthusiasm, he was a little cold in his reaction. "This is my friend, Jiang Yao."

Chapter 575: I Cannot Marry Her

"I have heard of rumors that you, Mr. Huang, went sightseeing together with a lady. It is true after all, is she the one?" Zhu Qianlan stood high and mighty looking down at her visitors. With a slightly mocking tone, she said, "I thought you are into women that are a little more..."

Zhu Qianlan ruffled her hair and smiled. "I didn't know that you like young girls, Mr. Huang. That's the thing with men, they are powerless in front of young girls. Is she still underage? I wouldn't think that you..."

With Zhu Qianlan's attitude and expression, lightly-raised eyebrows, an arrogant smile, and an unconcealed look of contempt, it was enough for others to fill in the blanks.

"There seems to be a misunderstanding, Ms. Zhu. Then again, I have no obligation to explain." Huang Chengjing looked at Jiang Yao. "If I married a little early, my daughter may have been just as grown-up as her. It is in a man's nature to appreciate beauty. Yet, I'm not interested in the things you were insinuating. I know you are busy today, please excuse us, Ms. Zhu."

Huang Chengjing led Jiang Yao away.

Jiang Yao was silent during the exchange but she knew that Zhu Qianlan saw her as a love rival now.

When she turned her head back, she saw the sinister expression on Zhu Qianlan. Perhaps expecting Huang Chengjing to not turn his head, she did not conceal any of the rage and menace on her face, even when she met Jiang Yao's gaze.

"I'm so sorry that you had to go through this." Huang Chengjing sighed and apologized, before explaining, "I knew Ms. Zhu when I first got into the business. She helped me a lot but in return, she wanted to marry me. That is something I cannot agree to."

Jiang Yao thought the explanation to be unnecessary. After all, she did not need to know about Huang Chengjing's love life.

"Mr. Huang, you don't have to explain." Even though she was looked down upon by Zhu Qianlan, it did not matter to Jiang Yao at all.

Huang Chengjing rubbed his nose. "I'm afraid that you will talk to your sister about what happened today. I don't want her to get the wrong idea."

Jiang Yao stopped in her tracks and was quite astonished to hear Huang Chengjing openly admitting his intentions.

She noticed Huang Chengjing's attitude toward Lu Yuqing back at the opening gala, and he now made it clear that he was going after Lu Yuqing.

Perhaps, he was probing Jiang Yao to get some feedback on Lu Yuqing's intention.

"Ms. Jiang, we are friends, right? Can you tell me more about your sister? I mean the stuff between her and her ex-husband," Huang Chengjing continued after seeing Jiang Yao's non-reaction.

Chapter 576: Pet

Jiang Yao immediately shook her head. "This is her matter. If you want to know, you should go and talk to her instead. If she doesn't tell you, it means that she doesn't want you to know. We are not here today to chat."

She knew better than to talk about Lu Yuqing's private matters. On one side was a very popular widower with a child, while on the other was a divorced woman with her own charms. Even though Jiang Yao wanted Lu Yuqing to move on from her previous marriage, she could not just pair her up with people randomly.

It was clear from Jiang Yao that Huang Chengjing needed to approach Lu Yuqing directly if he wanted to go after her. He got the message and switched topics.

Ever since they entered the fair, Jiang Yao had been using her x-ray vision, observing the raw stones while still talking to Huang Chengjing.

According to the System Admin, the brighter it glowed, the higher its value. With her x-ray vision, Jiang Yao was able to see clearly the insides of the stones.

Moe was cooped up in her backpack the entire morning. Now, she took him out of her bag and woke him up.

"You brought a pet here!" Huang Chengjing thought Jiang Yao was looking for some tools like a flashlight or perhaps a magnifying glass but instead saw her taking out a little white cat from within. The cat was extremely tiny, like a newborn kitten, and was no bigger than the palm of an adult male.

Although, Huang Chengjing found it adorable and quite well-behaved.

"Yes, I had him in school! I was afraid he would suffocate after spending the entire day in my bag, that's why I took him out for some fresh air." Jiang Yao continued, "Let's split up here, I'll give you a call when I'm done."

"I'm going to sign myself up for the contest, do you want to join?" Huang Chengjing had his assistant and an experienced craftsman with him today to purchase some raw stones. Since they were going to buy anyway, joining the contest might give them a chance to grab an extra stone.

"I'm fine, thanks." Jiang Yao shook her head. She came here prepared, with Moe and her own x-ray vision, she was going to leave the venue with their most valuable stones without having them opened and priced.

Otherwise, with her young age and inexperience, it would not bode well with others if she were the biggest winner that night.

She needed the money, but she had to earn it quietly and out of sight.

After getting hold of the stones, she could then ask either Huang Chengjing or Lu Xingzhi to help arrange for experts to come in and open them.

Huang Chengjing nodded, presuming that Jiang Yao was here only to check out the fair, and went his own way.

Once Huang Chengjing was away from earshot, Jiang Yao woke up Moe, who was sleeping on her palm, and said, "Look around and see which ones are the most valuable here in the trade fair. I'm planning to make a lot of money here, and I need your help. I'll buy you a new toy in return."

Chapter 577: I Call Dibs

Moe jerked his body up and looked at Jiang Yao sleepily. "I thought you can see it for yourself?"

The moment Jiang Yao returned, Moe could see a massive change in Jiang Yao's Vision, Hearing, and Memory. He did not know how she managed to achieve that in just a month away at Jindo City, but her x-ray vision was undeniably activated as a result.

With Jiang Yao's current power, she could see through the inside of a mineral stone without trouble.

"Just in case." Jiang Yao grinned. "What if my x-ray vision fails me? We could have bought a piece of junk for a few hundred thousand dollars! If that happens, you won't have any new toys to play with, no, you won't even get to eat meat!"

"That's not possible! The Medical System never fails." Moe was a little upset that Jiang Yao doubted the capabilities of the Medical System.

However, seeing that Jiang Yao was still skeptical and that she used toys and meat to threaten him, Moe had no choice but to focus his attention on the raw stones around him.

Jiang Yao was a unique sight in the fair. She was the youngest person and also the only one that had brought a pet along. Coupled with her casual demeanor, she seemed like a high schooler taking a stroll in the park after school, without the solemn expressions and the nervousness of the rest of the attendants.

It was almost impossible to see a stone without any glow, which meant that the trade fair did not fill up their quota with ordinary stones. Then again, they glowered in different intensities, some only had a weak, almost negligible, glow. Jiang Yao thought them to be worthless but was surprised to find them priced at a hundred thousand dollars.

Yet, as she moved her gaze away, a few people went crowding around the stone, using their flashlights, magnifying glasses, and various tools to examine it. A little later, they emerged with victorious expressions, having found a valuable stone. Or so they thought.

Jiang Yao shook her head and left with Moe in her hands. She failed to realize that Zhu Qianlan was observing her leisurely stroll around the fair with great contempt.

"Ms. Jiang." Zhu Qianlan went over and stopped Jiang Yao. "Why aren't you with Mr. Huang? Is that a cat, where do you think you are at, a park? Let me get this straight, young lady. I know you are with Mr. Huang for his money, but remember, he will eventually dump you when he gets tired of you."

“What is wrong with her?” Moe was upset and stood up, as his pupils suddenly dilated.

Zhu Qianlan could not understand Moe’s language, all she heard was incessant meowing. She frowned, took a few steps back, and patted her clothes, apparently afraid that Moe’s fur would get on her dress.

“Ms. Zhu, I am just a friend to Mr. Huang.” Jiang Yao explained courteously. “If you want to talk to him, go ahead. If you want to talk to me about him, I’m sorry, we have nothing to talk about.”

Jiang Yao did not even look at Zhu Qianlan when she spoke. Caressing Moe with her hands, her eyes wandered around and came to an abrupt stop on a display shelf behind Zhu Qianlan.

Chapter 578: Not For Sale

A bright light shone from a stone on display there, almost blinding Jiang Yao.

This was her first encounter with such a bright and glowing mineral stone.

She must have it!

Dominated by the thought, she instantly forgot the lady standing in front of her. Carrying Moe in her hands, she walked past Zhu Qianlan toward the stone. She called for the staff and pointed her finger at the basketball-sized stone. “I want to buy this stone, how should I pay for it?”

Zhu Qianlan was just about to come up with a clever reply when she was totally ignored by Jiang Yao, who went over to the display shelf and randomly selected a stone without any deliberation.

Zhu Qianlan was livid.

Jiang Yao wanted to show off, yes, she knew it! The young girl wanted her to know that Huang Chengjing would do anything for her, including giving her the freedom to buy whatever she saw fit here at the trade fair.

How dare she!

Nobody in the world could ever cross Zhu Qianlan!

As the little princess of the Zhu family, she had never been treated like this.

How could a poor little girl look down at her in such defiance?

“I have never seen a woman spending her man’s cash so irresponsibly!” Zhu Qianlan walked toward Jiang Yao, making a sharp, jarring noise every time she stepped on the stone floor on her high heels.

“This is none of your business.” Was it wrong to use Lu Xingzhi’s money? Why did she come onto her?

Lu Xingzhi had no qualms, why would Zhu Qianlan, a stranger, feel so strongly about it?

“I’m buying this stone. Give me the bank account, I’ll transfer the money over immediately.” Jiang Yao could not care less about Zhu Qianlan, who was behaving like a brat. She took out her cell phone and started talking to the staff.

The staff stole a glimpse at Zhu Qianlan before handing the business card, with the bank information printed on it, to Jiang Yao.

"It's not for sale! I am the decision-maker here! I say it's not for sale!" Zhu Qianlan snatched the business card away from the staff. "This is the Zhu family's turf! I decide everything!"

Jiang Yao's disregard made Zhu Qianlan lose control. She spoke loudly, attracting the attention of the nearby crowd.

"I don't think this is how you should conduct your business." Jiang Yao chuckled. "I have to say, this is my first time seeing such an irrational and unreasonable person. Thank you for opening my mind."

Huang Chengjing came over after receiving a call from an acquaintance. Fortunately, he was not too far away and got to the site of the argument rather quickly.

Chapter 579: Just Kidding

Overlooking his connections to Jiang Yao and Lu Yuqing, by virtue of Jiang Yao's status as Lu Xingzhi's wife, Huang Chengjing knew he would suffer Lu Xingzhi's wrath if he could not protect her from harm, since he was the one who brought her to the fair.

He understood just how protective Lu Xingzhi was of his wife. The Zhang family and the Qi family were perfect examples to illustrate the point.

That was why he stood in front of Jiang Yao and shielded her from Zhu Qianlan. He reprimanded the lady, "I don't know what she did to anger you, Ms. Zhu?"

He then turned toward Jiang Yao and asked, "What happened?"

"She came onto me out of the blue saying that she was the owner here and that she was not going to sell anything to me." Jiang Yao was mad too. However, there was nothing she could do if Zhu Qianlan insisted on her position.

Fine, if Zhu Qianlan did not want to sell the mineral stones to her, Jiang Yao would tell the crowd what stones not to buy, crashing Zhu Qianlan's business.

Huang Chengjing's expression darkened. "Ms. Zhu, don't you think you are being unreasonable here? Even though the Zhu family is the host, you have always done business justly, when did you start choosing your customers?"

He continued, with anger bubbling in his heart, "So, you are saying that the friend I brought is not good enough for you? Fine! Let me make it clear, if you, Zhu Qianlan, look down on my friend, I take that as an attack on me. I will leave immediately, and there will be no more cooperation between the Golden Phoenix and the Zhu family!"

The Zhu family was nothing more than a newcomer in Nanjiang City's market. However, the Huang family was the city's prominent family. After Huang Chengjing made his point clear, the person that informed him previously of the altercation spoke up as well.

"I have good relations with Mr. Huang. Any attack on him is an attack on me. If that's the case, we, the Baige Jewellers, will stop all business dealings with the Zhu family immediately!"

Plenty of people present knew Huang Chengjing very well. After seeing Huang Chengjing and the owner of Baige Jewellers making their stance, many stood up as well.

Raw stones could be bought anywhere, there were many more businesses selling the stones, not just the Zhu family. Yet, the opportunity to get on the good side of Huang Chengjing was once-in-a-lifetime.

Zhu Qianlan stood rigid, her chest heaving violently.

Huang Chengjing! How dare he!

After all she had done for him? She helped him so much after knowing that he wanted to enter the industry.

She did not expect Huang Chengjing to be on Jiang Yao's side when started the quarrel.

Just because of Jiang Yao, Huang Chengjing was willing to forgo the Zhu family's supply of raw stones.

She also did not expect so many people to stand up in solidarity with Huang Chengjing.

Even though the Zhu family was very well-established in the industry, they were not based in Nanjiang City. They only started building their business here a few years ago. They had a lot of hope on the market here, that was why they sent their daughter, Zhu Qianlan, over to manage their business here at Nanjiang City.

Chapter 580: I Don't Know

Zhu Qianlan knew of the dire consequences if the Zhu family were to lose their long-term customers over her irrational actions. She would definitely lose her place in the family.

Yet, she would not apologize to the woman she very much despised!

"Please calm down, everyone. Ms. Zhu here was just joking around with this adorable young lady. We are very sorry for the misunderstanding."

Zhu Qianlan's assistant came in the nick of time to calm things down. He then turned toward Jiang Yao and said, "Sorry for what happened, young lady. Ms. Zhu likes to play pranks on others, I hope she did not frighten you too much."

"Why are you standing there? Our customer wanted this stone, right? Pack it up!" He instructed the startled employee, who was standing by the side.

The assistant even gave Jiang Yao a discount. After she made the payment, he asked again, in a very polite manner, "Would you like us to open and price your stone?"

He had been working for the Zhu family in the business since young and had seen people from all walks of life. Seeing Jiang Yao's demeanor and attitude while on the phone with the bank, he thought she was quite the unordinary character.

Zhu Qianlan thought she was provided for by Huang Chengjing, but her assistant begged to differ.

Transferring two hundred and fifty thousand from the bank to pay for her purchases, Jiang Yao's expression remained the same, not even a slight twitch of her expression was seen. Obviously, she thought nothing of the money.

If she really was Huang Chengjing's mistress, getting a purse or a luxury bag was not out of the norm, but putting so much cash in her account was simply impossible.

Moreover, she looked nothing like a gold-digger.

The assistant defused the situation perfectly.

Yet, Zhu Qianlan looked like she just had the worst day of her life.

"A young lady, after all, do you even know stone betting?" Zhu Qianlan snickered.

"No, I don't." Jiang Yao shrugged. "I am just rich. I bought it just because I liked the way it looked. Who are you to judge? It's my money after all."

She then patted Moe's paws and said, "Moe, tell me, which one do you like the most? I'll buy it for you as a toy."

Moe pointed to an inconspicuous stone by the corner. Jiang Yao was blinded by the glow when she looked toward it. Another quality find!

"Do you see the one Moe pointed at? I want that too." Jiang Yao looked at the price tag. "Tsk, only seventy thousand? That's cheap!"