

Chapter 701: How Dare You?

Qiao Yanjue was chagrined and couldn't help but tap her lightly.

"Okay, let's go inside."

"Alright..."

No sooner had those words left his mouth than he heard the elevator doors ding. The doors opened and out came a person and a dog.

Qiao Yanjue and Xia Xibei were still hugging, and the air seemed to freeze as they faced the visitor.

"Woof!"

King Chu excitedly broke free of its leash and rushed to Xia Xibei, barking at her, its tail wagging high.

It had not seen Xia Xibei for a long time and missed her terribly.

Now that it had seen Xia Xibei, it could hardly contain itself.

Pathetically, after it had barked for a while and put its paws on Xia Xibei's legs, she didn't even give it a caress.

"Woof?" It whined, complaining.

Liu Manhong was also stunned by the situation in front of her.

She had received a message from Xia Xibei earlier that she would be back around this time, so she brought King Chu over with her.

Who would have thought that Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue would be hugging each other?!

Xia Xibei had wrapped her arms around Qiao Yanjue's waist and nestled her whole body in his arms.

Qiao Yanjue's hand also fell on Xia Xibei's waist.

This was not just a simple hug!

Based on the expressions on their faces, it was even crazier!

When did these two become like this?!

After being surprised, Xia Xibei subconsciously tried to push Qiao Yanjue away but was firmly held by him.

She couldn't help but look up at Qiao Yanjue. What was he trying to do?

Sister Hong was his aunt and her godmother, so the two of them suddenly hugging each other must have scared her.

Xia Xibei struggled a bit more, but couldn't break free of Qiao Yanjue's embrace— of course, she didn't struggle too hard.

"Sister Hong, you're here," Qiao Yanjue greeted evenly as he hugged her calmly.

"You guys..."

Liu Manhong looked at the two of them with a stunned expression, unable to come back to her senses for a while.

"Woof!"

King Chu barked again, almost wanting to pounce, then was stopped by a look from Qiao Yanjue.

It became even more aggravated.

“Let go of her!”

Liu Manhong finally came back to her senses and took a big step forward, ripping the two apart.

Xia Xibei’s heart jumped and her face turned white.

But without waiting for her to speak, she heard Liu Manhong start to yell and curse.

“You bastard! How dare you?!” While saying that, she also slapped Qiao Yanjue’s back hard. “What did you promise me before? You bastard, how dare you do something like this to a young girl...”

It was impossible to see through the current situation.

After being slapped a few times, Qiao Yanjue hurriedly dodged away while explaining, “Stop hitting me. We’re together now!”

Liu Manhong’s movements and expression froze. “You- What did you say?”

What did he mean by “together?”

How long had they been away, and now they were together?

He was kidding!

Seeing that Sister Hong was about to get violent again, Xia Xibei shielded Qiao Yanjue behind her and explained, "Sister Hong, we are indeed together."

Liu Manhong was left speechless.

"Woof! Woof!"

The scene was hilarious, and King Chu shouted twice in uncertainty.

"Shut up!" Liu Manhong shouted at King Chu.

"Ooo..."

King Chu was confused and bewildered, but it understood the command and could only close its mouth in aggravation.

After Liu Manhong told King Chu to shut up, she looked at the two people, her eyes like a knife.

"You better tell me what is going on!"

How come they were suddenly together?

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue looked at each other, then nodded.

“Let’s go in first.”

Chapter 702: Just a Confession

When Liu Manhong went into Qiao Yanjue’s place, she took a seat on the sofa by herself, looked at the two of them, then slapped the table with astonishing momentum.

“Give me a clear explanation!”

Qiao Yanjue and Xia Xibei glanced at each other, then sat across from Liu Manhong.

The sofa across the table was not big, so it was easy and comfortable for one person to sit, but it was quite crowded for two.

They both sat on the same couch, their bodies pressed together.

This scene made Liu Manhong almost roll her eyes.

“When did you guys get together?”

Half a month ago, there was nothing going on with them, so how come they were suddenly together?

“Last night,” Xia Xibei answered docilely.

She was worried that Liu Manhong would be angry with her when she saw the two of them together. Little did she know that Liu Manhong’s anger was directed at Qiao Yanjue.

This made her heart a little warm.

“Last night... Last night?!” Liu Manhong widened her eyes and jerked to her feet, almost charging over again.

Qiao Yanjue understood Liu Manhong’s thoughts and immediately shouted out, “We just confessed our feelings!”

Qiao Yanjue’s words caused Xia Xibei’s face to blush.

Only then did Liu Manhong stop.

“Just confessed your feelings? You didn’t do anything else?”

“Of course not!” Qiao Yanjue nodded without changing his face.

He couldn’t tell the truth about everything, could he? Besides, they didn’t do anything too out of line.

Liu Manhong looked at Xia Xibei.

“Really?”

“Yes!” Xia Xibei blushed, but still nodded.

“That’s good.”

Liu Manhong sat back again, but a miserable scream suddenly came out from under her buttocks.

“Awww!”

Liu Manhong stood up in shock, looked back, and laughed out of frustration.

It turned out that when she had stood up just now, King Chu took advantage of her inattention and slipped onto the sofa.

When she sat down, she almost crushed King Chu, scaring the dog into jumping down from the sofa.

“You silly dog!” Liu Manhong laughed and patted the dog.

Distracted by King, the whole atmosphere became a lot lighter and the tension dissipated a lot.

Liu Manhong sat back on the sofa and looked at them with a relaxed expression.

“Well, give me a good explanation.”

“There’s nothing to explain.” Qiao Yanjue’s expression was bland. “It’s just that we’ve been boyfriend and girlfriend since last night.”

His tone was very calm, as if it was just a small thing and not worth much excitement.

This would have been more convincing if he hadn’t been holding Xia Xibei’s hand and not letting go.

Liu Manhong sneered, then looked at Xia Xibei with a much gentler expression.

“Beibei, tell me. Did he force you?”

Xia Xibei froze for a moment and hurriedly shook her head. “No! Why would he force me?!”

She should say that she forced him to confess.

“Really?”

“Really.” Xia Xibei nodded emphatically, and although her face was a little hot, she still answered firmly. “Brother Jue is very good to me.”

Liu Manhong breathed a sigh of relief but still frowned. “But, if your fans know you’re in love...”

“It’s not like we need to announce it to the world.” Qiao Yanjue spoke up. “We’ll be careful not to get caught on camera. After a few years, when her career is more stable, we’ll announce the relationship.”

Liu Manhong raised her eyebrows.

“Oh, in a few years? You could get dumped by Beibei in a couple of years, right?!”

Qiao Yanjue’s face darkened and he whispered in warning, “Sister Hong!”

Was she even his aunt, cursing their relationship?!

Chapter 703: Protect Yourself

Fortunately, Liu Manhong didn't continue to criticize Qiao Yanjue.

Her tone changed and she became serious, "Anyway, you are already a grownup and you understand things, so I can't control you."

She looked at Xia Xibei with a gentle expression. "Beibei, no matter what you do, protecting yourself is the most important thing."

She added, "Whether it's a career, relationships, or health, you have to protect yourself."

Xia Xibei was not a child. Naturally, she understood Liu Manhong's meaning, and nodded, "Sister Hong, don't worry. I understand."

Liu Manhong knew that Xia Xibei was not an ordinary girl. Surely she knew how to protect herself, so she did not say too much.

If one said too many words, it was not appropriate.

She looked at Qiao Yanjue again. "Beibei is still young, take it easy. Also, make sure you take care of your family's affairs."

"I know." Qiao Yanjue wasn't angry, as he knew that Liu Manhong wanted what was best for them.

"Okay, let's go down to eat. I ordered a big meal today."

Liu Manhong took the lead and stood up, bringing King Chu towards the door.

At the back, Qiao Yanjue said seriously to Xia Xibei, "Don't worry, I'll take care of everything."

"Ok." Xia Xibei nodded her head and smiled. "I trust you."

Qiao Yanjue had things he needed to take care of, and she would do what she needed to do.

Liu Manhong had ordered a big dinner to celebrate Xia Xibei's return.

At the table, Liu Manhong rolled her eyes a lot.

Qiao Yanjue had been nice enough to Xia Xibei before, and now that the two of them had confirmed their relationship, they were even sweeter.

Before, there was a bit of restraint.

Now...

Looking at the two's undisguised interaction, Liu Manhong rolled her eyes and lowered her head to eat her own meal.

King Chu did not notice the problem, whimpering with its front paws on Xia Xibei's knees. It wanted to jump into her arms.

"Sit stil," Qiao Yanjue said in a cold voice.

"Woof?"

King Chu simply ignored him, desperately pushing itself into Xia Xibei's arms.

Qiao Yanjue's face darkened.

"Okay, sit down first. I'll play with you later."

Finally, it was Xia Xibei who spoke up.

King Chu reluctantly went to the side to lie down, his big eyes looking at them pathetically, as if about to cry.

Sister went out for a while, and she didn't even love it anymore when she came back!

Looking at its pitiful appearance, Qiao Yanjue was unmoved, becoming upset instead.

"Don't spoil it."

Xia Xibei glanced at him in amusement, "How am I spoiling it? I think it's you I'm spoiling, right?"

Qiao Yanjue and Liu Manhong were both left speechless.

"Ahem!" Liu Manhong really couldn't help it. "Eat properly!"

"Alright," Xia Xibei smiled and ate obediently.

After eating, King Chu immediately walked over and circled around Xia Xibei.

Qiao Yanjue looked at the silly dog with gloomy eyes, wanting to drive it out.

King Chu stood still, unaffected by his death glare.

Qiao Yanjue felt that this scene... It seemed a little familiar?

Xia Xibei did not care about the battle between the man and the dog. She sat on the sofa, holding King Chu while rubbing its hair and belly.

King Chu was caressed so comfortably that its eyes narrowed and it grunted from time to time.

Qiao Yanjue looked so jealous. He couldn't wait to be the one being touched.

Xia Xibei looked up and met his hot eyes, suddenly touching his stomach.

Qiao Yanjue shuddered and almost jumped up, moving quickly to grab her hand.

Liu Manhong, who just walked over, was shocked.

Chapter 704: Just Wanted to Have It Once

In the end, Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue were sent back by Liu Manhong.

However, after this meal, Liu Manhong found that Xia Xibei was different from what she had previously thought.

Xia Xibei was very proactive in this relationship.

Liu Manhong was finally relieved. A girl who was too soft would not go far with Qiao Yanjue.

Moreover, two people with mutual feelings were much better than one person having a crush.

Of course, Liu Manhong didn't want to see the two acting all intimate. It was really too much.

After being kicked out, Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue glanced at each other, then snorted with laughter.

When they got home, before Qiao Yanjue could say anything, he was jumped on the sofa by Xia Xibei.

"It felt like Sister Hong was going to kill us," Xia Xibei said as she lay on top of Qiao Yanjue, tapping on his chest.

Qiao Yanjue had already gotten used to Xia Xibei's initiative, reaching out to hold her waist to keep her from falling over.

"I can't help it. Guess we really went a little overboard today."

Liu Manhong was divorced for many years now and had a long string of boyfriends, but she had not remarried.

With her current situation, there was no need to get married; it was good to just date.

For most of the year, Liu Manhong was busy with the Hongyan Beauty Club and had not had a boyfriend for a while, so when she was looking at the two being so lovey-dovey. It was natural for her to have a toothache.

"But..." Xia Xibei raised an eyebrow at him. "I have a question I want to ask you."

"What kind of question?" Qiao Yanjue's eyes stared straight at Xia Xibei's face, which was inches away. Their gazes entwined as he continued with a light smile. "Ask whatever you want to ask."

"When did Sister Hong know that you liked me?"

Based on Sister Hong's reaction today, Xia Xibei was surprised to find out that Qiao Yanjue had liked her earlier than she had thought.

Hearing the question, Qiao Yanjue froze for a moment, his eyes wandering a bit.

“Tell me!” Xia Xibei’s eyes lit up. “Are you still hiding it from me?”

Qiao Yanjue was helpless as he replied, “Two or three months ago, I think.”

Xia Xibei froze for a moment, surprised.

“Isn’t that when I first moved in here?”

Qiao Yanjue nodded his head.

“Wow!” Xia Xibei marveled, then hummed, “So, you’ve had designs on me for such a long time?”

Qiao Yanjue laughed lightly, his chest vibrating.

“It seems like you’re the one having designs on me right now.”

At this moment, Xia Xibei was lying on his chest, on top, looking like she was plotting against him.

Xia Xibei pursed her lips, then grunted, “Why not?”

“Of course you can.”

Qiao Yanjue was very content, of course.

This was a beautiful image that he could not even dream of, so of course, he was happy.

Who wouldn't be happy when the one who shared your affection was the

same one you liked?

Qiao Yanjue smiled contentedly and wrapped one arm around Xia Xibei's waist, his other hand moving to her neck and pressing down on her gently, their lips closing again.

Feeling the heat on his lips and the warmth of being embraced, Xia Xibei felt as if she was wrapped in a flame, warm and full.

Her thoughts were untimely: no wonder some people would fly into a flame just for a little goodness from the other side.

People who lacked love from childhood were more likely to be reckless.

However, she was luckier than many people in that she and Qiao Yanjue liked each other.

Even if the two of them broke up in the future, she had still experienced this wonder.

Qiao Yanjue did not know that Xia Xibei was together with him with the idea of “not asking for a long time, but only wishing to have it once.”

The two of them were on the verge of going over the line when Qiao Yanjue’s phone rang.

Chapter 705: Acquiring the Company

When the phone rang, Xia Xibei was still a little dizzy.

After it rang for a while, she finally came to her senses.

And at that moment, the two of them had already exchanged positions. She was underneath Qiao Yanjue, and her clothes were about to fall apart.

If the phone hadn’t rung, who knows what would have happened after that.

Qiao Yanjue pulled his hand out from under her clothes, gritting his teeth and cursing under his breath before standing up.

But he already looked woefully out of sorts, and his reaction was very

obvious.

Xia Xibei blushed as she looked at him. Standing up on her own, she walked over to the other couch and sat down, straightening her clothes in the process.

Qiao Yanjue took a few deep breaths before picking up the phone.

“What is it?” His voice was instantly cold and hard, scaring the person on the other end until they were trembling.

Whatever was said on the line, his expression wasn't too good. He finally said, “Tell the other side, it's not for sale!”

After saying that, he just hung up the phone.

He didn't dare approach Xia Xibei but sat down on the sofa to calm his restless body.

“What’s wrong?” Xia Xibei hurried to find a topic so she could avoid the tension in the air.

“Someone wanted to buy a company under my name, but I said I wasn’t selling it.” Qiao Yanjue didn’t hide it from her.

“Acquire a company...” Xia Xibei’s expression was complicated.

He made it sound as if he was buying groceries; really, the world of the rich was different.

“Which company?”

Actually, Xia Xibei was just asking casually. After all, she didn’t know the specifics of Qiao Yanjue’s assets.

She had only asked this to make it less awkward, but to her surprise, Qiao Yanjue’s face changed slightly. It was a little strange.

This made her curious. “You can’t tell me?”

“It’s not that I can’t say...” Qiao Yanjue thought for a moment but finally admitted it decisively. “It’s SY Company.”

“SY company...?” Xia Xibei froze with a jerk. “Which company are you talking about?”

Wasn't SY company the agency she was with now?

But the president of the company seemed to be a middle-aged man of forty! Since when did Qiao Yanjue have anything to do with SY?

Qiao Yanjue's face reddened slightly and his eyes flickered a little. "You heard me right. It's the SY company you are with."

Xia Xibei couldn't help but stare. "Since when did you have anything to do with our company?"

Qiao Yanjue felt a little embarrassed but still answered frankly. "I bought your company a few months ago."

"A few months ago?" Xia Xibei wasn't that easy to dismiss and got up to sit beside him. "When exactly was that?"

In fact, she had guessed it, but she wanted to hear it from him.

"It was... when you first went to the company."

Xia Xibei thought back for a moment and finally remembered the situation.

"I remember... You seemed to have come to pick me up from work that day, right?"

But at that time, Qiao Yanjue said he was passing through.

Now it seemed that it wasn't a side trip at all!

"Yes, it was that time."

Since it was all said and done, Qiao Yanjue didn't hide it and nodded frankly.

Hearing him admit it, Xia Xibei's mood couldn't help but fall into turmoil.

To acquire a company wasn't something that could be done on impulse. It had to be planned over a period of time.

So that meant that Qiao Yanjue had started working on this matter before.

"You had thoughts about me at that time?" Xia Xibei's thoughts swirled, her eyes fixed on him, and she couldn't help but joke.

"That's not true." Qiao Yanjue shook his head. "At that time, I really only treated you like a younger sister."

Chapter 706: Adults Want Everything

“Is that so?” Xia Xibei looked askance at him. “Just treating me like a sister?”

Qiao Yanjue hesitated for a moment before finally shaking his head in resignation. “Okay, I admit it, I never really treated you like a sister from the beginning!”

If he had really treated her like a sister and then laid hands on her, he would have felt worse than a beast.

“However, when I bought SY at that time, besides wanting to take care of you, it was also because I thought there was money in this industry.” Qiao Yanjue spoke seriously about this matter.

Although he liked Xia Xibei, he wasn't someone who only focused on romance, disregarding other aspects.

After saying that, he looked at Xia Xibei a little worriedly, afraid that she would be upset by his words.

However, Xia Xibei was quite happy. “What are you looking at me for? I think you're doing a good job!”

Her greatest fear was to give up everything for love.

To her, that wasn't deep love, it was foolishness. It was too scary to

abandon everything for feelings.

Even if she and Qiao Yanjue ended up together, she wouldn't give up her career.

Besides, when pragmatism met romance, who said it was necessary to choose only one?

Only children made choices; adults wanted it all.

If Qiao Yanjue gave up everything for her, she wouldn't feel happy. If he regretted it later and said that she was the one who ruined him, that would not be right.

Besides, who said that success and love were in conflict? Without success, how could one be qualified to possess love?

And Xia Xibei never put herself in a dilemma.

"But why didn't you tell me that before?" Xia Xibei asked curiously.

Moreover, Qiao Yanjue never appeared at the company before, and she didn't even know that the company had changed owners.

“I didn’t want you to think that I was forcing you to be grateful,” Qiao Yanjue explained seriously.

If Xia Xibei knew that he had become her boss, what kind of mood would she be in?

Moreover, Qiao Yanjue didn’t feel that he needed to move Xia Xibei with such things.

He just wanted to make her path more smooth.

At those words, an inexplicable emotion welled up in Xia Xibei’s heart.

Who wouldn’t be happy to have someone watching over them like this?

Thinking of this, she jumped into Qiao Yanjue’s arms again and took the initiative to give him a kiss.

By the time the two of them separated, a good while had passed.

Looking at her pretty face full of desire, Qiao Yanjue felt his lower abdomen tighten. The impulse that hadn’t subsided before almost stirred.

He held back reluctantly and pulled away.

Instead of leaning over, Xia Xibei continued to ask the question from earlier. "Who was going to acquire SY?"

Somehow, she had a different premonition in her mind.

"Not sure, I rejected it outright. I heard it was someone from the imperial capital." Qiao Yanjue shook his head.

Noticing her strange expression, he asked, "What's wrong?"

"Um..."

"Is it bad?" Qiao Yanjue asked.

"Not bad... exactly." Xia Xibei shook her head. "I'm just not very sure."

"You can tell me. I'll help you be sure."

After hesitating for a moment, Xia Xibei confessed. "I think... I might know the person who wants to acquire SY."

At these words, Qiao Yanjue froze. "You do?"

“It’s just a possibility, but I’m not sure.”

Seeing her reaction, Qiao Yanjue’s heart sank. “Who is it?”

“It could be someone named Leon, because he said he was also from the imperial capital.”

“Leon?... Imperial capital... The name is familiar...” Qiao Yanjue frowned before his eyes suddenly widened. “Li Feiyun?!”

Chapter 707: They are Brother and Sister

“Li Feiyun?” Xia Xibei’s eyes flashed, pretending to be puzzled as she asked, “You know him? And why does this name sound a bit familiar...”

She cocked her head for a moment before coming to a sudden realization.

“Li Feiyun, Li Weiyun... Are they older brother and sister or older sister and brother?”

Seeing that she guessed it, Qiao Yanjue didn’t hide it from her.

“The two are older brother and sister.”

He took out his phone, flipped through his photo gallery for a while, found a photo, enlarged it, and placed it in front of Xia Xibei.

“Is this him?”

The screen showed a family portrait with more than a dozen people, both young and old, all of them looking quite elegant.

Xia Xibei pointed to a man in the photo and nodded, “Yes, that’s him!”

“It’s really him!” Qiao Yanjue frowned. “Isn’t he in the imperial capital? Why did he come here? How do you know him?”

“I was in Z City last night. I went to sing karaoke with others, didn’t I?” Xia Xibei explained. “I ran into two bullies in the KTV, then he stepped in to help. When I was in the airport waiting room this morning, he was also there.”

Qiao Yanjue’s eyebrows furrowed together, “In other words, it’s only been a day and you’ve met him twice?”

His displeasure was certainly not directed at Xia Xibei; he was angry because of Li Feiyun.

Thinking about Li Feiyun's reputation and his attitude towards him, Qiao Yanjue couldn't think of anything as simple.

Moreover, Li Feiyun was Li Weiyun's brother, so he would have known about Li Weiyun and Xia Xibei's connection...

With all of this combined, if Qiao Yanjue still didn't take it seriously, then he would have been a moron.

"Oh yeah, he was on the same flight as us, but when he heard that you were coming along too, he suddenly had something to do and left," Xia Xibei said with an innocent expression.

She had been about to find a chance to speak to Qiao Yanjue about this matter.

With how the Li siblings were, their intention was definitely not simple.

Therefore, Xia Xibei wouldn't try to handle the matter by herself.

However, she wouldn't tell Qiao Yanjue that she had recognized Li Feiyun's identity long ago. After all, this matter couldn't be explained.

Xia Xibei would tell Qiao Yanjue many things, but she would not tell him that she was reborn.

This matter would become a secret in her heart forever.

Qiao Yanjue didn't think too much about it. He was still upset and confused by Li Feiyun approaching Xia Xibei.

"He's not trying to get close to you by buying SY, is he?" Qiao Yanjue frowned.

This tactic was familiar. Didn't he do it at first?

However, even if he acquired SY, he did not engage with Xia Xibei as the president of the company.

But what could be guaranteed is that Li Feiyun would definitely not be so docile after acquiring SY.

He had less morals than Jiang Yuran; at least Jiang Yuran only had relationships one-on-one.

Qiao Yanjue couldn't help but be glad that he had gotten ahead of the game earlier. Otherwise, it would be quite troublesome now.

"How should I know what he was thinking?" Xia Xibei snorted and sneered, "But he's actually Li Weiyun's brother..."

Speaking of this, she looked dangerously at Qiao Yanjue.

"I'd like to think that he approached me in order to seek justice for Li Weiyun."

As for why he wanted justice for Li Weiyun, it was up to Qiao Yanjue.

Qiao Yanjue's heart jumped. He moved and sat next to Xia Xibei. His long arms reached out and swept her into his arms, grabbing her hand and placing it on his heart.

"So this is how they saw long ago that you are the only one in my heart."

Chapter 708 - Too Childish

"Pfft..."

Qiao Yanjue was very emotional, but he was quickly spoiled by Xia Xibei's spurt of laughter.

"Hahaha!"

Xia Xibei laughed so hard that Qiao Yanjue could barely hold her.

Qiao Yanjue was annoyed and amused. When she laughed like that, the deep emotion he had just felt instantly became funny.

"Come on, don't laugh. You'll get stitches later." He slapped her buttocks in a not-so-gentle manner, and couldn't help but mutter, "Why is it so funny?"

Really, he only said some sentimental words. Did she need to laugh like this?

What a blow!

Didn't he have a talent for love talk?

Xia Xibei laughed for a while before she stopped, wiping away the tears that had come out of her eyes.

"It's really kind of funny."

She didn't wait for Qiao Yanjue to get stern-faced. She immediately coaxed him, "But I'm really happy!"

She took Qiao Yanjue's hand, her eyes twinkling as she tried to say something affectionate, but she just couldn't. She could only change the subject.

"What do you think this brother and sister, Li Feiyun and Li Weiyun, are up to?"

Seeing her change the subject, what could Qiao Yanjue say? He could only keep going with her question.

"I'm not sure. However, I won't let him get away with it. Besides, he seems to have too much time on his hands."

"What are you going to do about it?" Xia Xibei was curious.

"Find something to keep him busy," Qiao Yanjue said.

Xia Xibei nodded, but didn't continue to ask.

She wasn't sure about these things anyway.

"If he looks for you in the future, remember to tell me."

Just as the words left his mouth, Xia Xibei's cell phone rang.

The two of them looked at each other, and Xia Xibei grabbed the phone.

The message was from "Leon."

"Are you free tomorrow afternoon? There's something I'd like your help with."

Qiao Yanjue bitterly grabbed the phone, tapped on the profile, and looked at it for a moment. Then he took out his own phone and found Li Feiyun's number, sneering.

"This is a different number. It seems that he had planned all this in advance!"

His own girlfriend was being coveted, so how could he not be angry?

Thinking of this, he quickly sent a message.

Xia Xibei walked over to take a look.

"What do you need help with?"

Soon, there was a reply.

"I wanted to learn about the tourist spots around G City, but you're the only one I know in G City, so I wanted to ask for your help."

"Huh..."

Qiao Yanjue's face became even more gloomy as he sent another message back.

"Then I'll go over with my boyfriend."

Xia Xibei looked up at him and was pulled over for a kiss.

And after this message was sent, it took a while for the reply to come.

"You have a boyfriend?"

"Yeah."

"You're so great, your boyfriend must be a great guy too."

"He's very handsome and very good to me! We are really in love!"

"Congratulations on finding such a great boyfriend."

"Thank you for your good wishes!"

A few exchanges later, another message came from there.

"Then I'd better find someone else to help."

"Don't you need my help?"

"No, I'm afraid your boyfriend won't be happy."

"It's okay, he'll go with me."

"No, it's not a big deal. I'll take you to dinner some other time."

"Great."

No more messages came from the other end.

Looking at Qiao Yanjue, who had won the battle and appeared smug, the corners of Xia Xibei's mouth twitched.

How childish!

Just as she put the phone down, it rang once again.

Qiao Yanjue grabbed it to take a look, and his face darkened.

Xia Xibei moved over to take a look, and her expression was a bit strange.

It was from Tang Luo.

Chapter 709 - We're Together

Tang Luo and Xia Xibei arranged to meet at a shop downstairs from God Luo's Streaming TV.

God Luo's Streaming TV was developing rapidly these days, and the size of the company was much larger than before.

Due to Tang Luo's previous experience, whether it was the company system, management, or the number of streaming hosts, it all was growing steadily and very smoothly.

Tang Luo was still in school, so she found a manager early on to manage the company, and she and Xia Xibei only controlled the major strategies.

The company was getting better and better, and it was reasonable to say that she had nothing to worry about.

On the contrary, however, her worries had not diminished, and all these troubles were brought on by Mo Bonan.

Mo Bonan's father and mother had always been very good and loving to Tang Luo. She was also very respectful to the two elders, and her life in the Mo family was quite good.

But the Mo family still had a Mo Bonan!

After the last encounter with Yuan Simeng, she found Mo Bonan's attitude strange.

What she was most afraid of happening was Mo Bonan digging up what happened before.

Although she was not afraid of confronting Mo Bonan head-on, she did not want to get to this point.

After all, Mo Bonan's father and mother were so good to her. She really did not want to hurt them because of this matter.

Mo Bonan was the most hateful! The incident was in the past and he obviously took advantage, yet he still continued to dwell on it!

She did not want to make him pay, but he was still not letting it go; it was really annoying!

Thinking about it, Tang Luo couldn't help but grab the milk tea in front of her, fiercely biting the straw and grinding her teeth as if she was biting that man's depressingly handsome face!

She had become more and more irritable over the past few days.

Now that Xia Xibei was back, the first thing she wanted was to talk to her.

Perhaps she had not been able to find a suitable solution because she was the one involved.

In that case, she could only rely on Xia Xibei.

She bit the straw and her eyes stared into space.

Soon, a woman walked in and spoke, "Ah-Luo."

Tang Luo looked up and froze, were the strange man and woman in front of her?

Both of them were tall, with straight posture and different temperaments, but their appearance was a little too ordinary. The most important thing was that they came in holding hands.

"It's me."

Xia Xibei sat down with Qiao Yanjue and smiled at Tang Luo, "This is Brother Jue."

Tang Luo looked at the two's intimate demeanor with a bewildered expression and almost choked.

"You guys..." She looked incredulously at their linked hands. "You're..."

"We're together," the ordinary-looking Qiao Yanjue held up their clasped hands and announced with a smile.

His smile hid a smugness and provocation that she couldn't ignore.

The corners of Tang Luo's mouth twitched. How long had this been going on, and how come the two were suddenly together?

Moreover, Qiao Yanjue's defensive attitude towards her as a love rival made her even more speechless.

Although speechless, she still spoke with good sense.

"Great, congratulations!"

Hearing Tang Luo's congratulations, Qiao Yanjue finally revealed a more reserved smile in satisfaction.

"Okay, you can leave for now, I'll talk to Ah-Luo here."

Xia Xibei nudged Qiao Yanjue to make him leave.

If Qiao Yanjue hadn't insisted on accompanying her here, she would have come over on her own.

Although Qiao Yanjue didn't really want to let the two of them be alone in the same room, he didn't say anything and stood up obediently.

"I'll go out first, then."

After saying that, he lowered his head and kissed Xia Xibei, giving Tang Luo another look before walking out.

Tang Luo was left speechless.

It was really unnecessary for him to be like this.

Chapter 710 - This Won't Solve The Problem

Only after Qiao Yanjue had left did Tang Luo look at Xia Xibei.

"When did you guys get together?"

"Just the past few days," Xia Xibei said frankly.

Tang Luo had a complicated look on her face as she asked, "Do you know about his family's situation?"

Qiao Yanjue and Mo Bonan were on good terms, which meant that the two were from similar families.

It was not that Tang Luo thought that Xia Xibei was not good enough for Qiao Yanjue, but the difference between their families was too great and there would definitely be problems.

Qiao Yanjue had genuine feelings for Xia Xibei, but when it came to his family, who could guarantee that everything would be as it should be?

Tang Luo was a bit sentimental.

It was also kind of funny.

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue's problem was with their parents, and her problem with Mo Bonan was with the two of them.

Seeing Tang Luo's worry, Xia Xibei smiled.

"The boat will naturally straighten out when it reaches the bridge. Besides, maybe we don't need to worry about the families in the future."

Tang Luo froze for a moment, and only after a while did she understand what she meant.

Xia Xibei's words had two possibilities.

The first was that the Qiao family would be happy to see their relationship and would not have any problem with it.

The second was that they may not get to the point of meeting the parents before breaking up.

Looking at Xia Xibei's calm face, Tang Luo couldn't help but feel the corners of her mouth twitch.

If this were heard by Qiao Yanjue, she wondered if he would be furious.

Tang Luo had seen how gentle Qiao Yanjue was towards Xia Xibei.

The usually cold Qiao Yanjue was so tender to Xia Xibei, so his feelings had to be deep.

They had just gotten together, and Xia Xibei was already prepared to break up...

"Does Brother Qiao know what you think?"

Xia Xibei looked innocent as she replied, "He should... Know."

Tang Luo didn't know what to say.

"Don't worry, I have a handle on it." Xia Xibei smiled lightly and changed the subject. "But why are you so anxious to look for me today?"

"Ugh."

Speaking of her own affairs, Tang Luo's mood suddenly sank, and she didn't have time to care about Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue's issues anymore.

"What's wrong?" Xia Xibei looked at her with worry. "What happened?"

"I'm..." Tang Luo couldn't help but slump on the table in dismay, her face sad. "Annoyed."

"Because of Mo Bonan?"

Tang Luo would not be so torn for anyone other than Mo Bonan.

"Right."

Tang Luo didn't deny it to Xia Xibei. After all, she was here to find a solution.

"He found out your identity?"

"No," Tang Luo shook her head.

"Then what's bothering you?"

"It's just...."

The words came to her lips, but Tang Luo hesitated.

"If you don't make it clear, how can I help you?"

Xia Xibei had only roughly guessed what happened between Tang Luo and Mo Bonan, but she really didn't know the specifics.

Tang Luo sat up straight, took a few deep breaths, and explained the troubles within her heart.

"A few months ago, something happened between me and him...."

Xia Xibei was shocked for a moment, raising her eyebrows, but did not speak.

"After that, I deleted the hotel's surveillance footage, and he couldn't find me."

"Isn't it fine then?"

"But I ran into a girl a while ago. She held a birthday party at the hotel that day, and she said that she saw me at the hotel!"

If it weren't for Yuan Simeng popping up and bringing up this whole thing again, she wouldn't be so conflicted!

"I think Brother Bonan is suspecting me."

"No way," Xia Xibei shook his head. "You're a man right now."

"But I'm still worried."

Tang Luo's expression wasn't too good.

"Then how about you move out?"

Tang Luo's eyes lit up, then the light in her eyes dimmed once again.

"But... This still doesn't solve the problem."

Chapter 711 - Tang Luo's Past

Tang Luo had wanted to move out for a long time.

After moving out, she and Mo Bonan would have less contact and the situation would definitely be much better.

However, this wouldn't solve the root of the problem!

"I'm worried that he will recover the video!"

Although Tang Luo was confident in her own strength, she was not the only one with such strength!

If the footage was recovered by an expert, then she would be exposed!

"Let's do this. First, tell me everything," Xia Xibei said to Tang Luo.

Tang Luo froze for a moment.

"Everything?"

"Tell me everything, from the beginning to the end!" Xia Xibei's fingers flicked on the table, her mind already spinning over an idea.

Tang Luo's face instantly reddened, "Do I need to be very detailed?"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei nodded. "If you want to solve this problem, then tell me clearly so that I can help you."

Although Tang Luo was ashamed and embarrassed, thinking about Xia Xibei's magical means, she grew a little confident.

"Okay, then. I'll tell you."

She took a deep breath, sorted out the situation, and began to talk.

"That night, I received a message. The other person said he was Zhang Kaiwei, and asked me to go to Bindu Hotel, saying that there was a memento of my mother for me. So, I went over there.

"I didn't know that it was a trap!"

Thinking about that night, Tang Luo's eyes were very cold, filled with bitter hatred.

"When I arrived at the hotel, I realized that it wasn't Zhang Kaiwei who had asked me to be there, but Zhang Yiqi!"

Xia Xibei could not help but raise her eyebrows. This had something to do with Zhang Yiqi?

"I learned afterward that one of Zhang Yiqi's male friends wanted to dump his girlfriend, but the girl was unwilling. They wanted to use the excuse of catching her cheating with a guy to get rid of her, and I was their chosen 'adulterer.'"

Xia Xibei's mouth twitched. She also never expected this kind of development!

"I was stupid at that time. In the process of waiting, I drank some water, which ended up being spiked!"

Thinking about it, Tang Luo gritted her teeth and could not wait to catch herself at that time, giving her a good beating!

Even if the bottle was not opened, people had the means to spike it!

"At the last moment, I ran away. However, during my escape, I entered the room of..."

Speaking of this, Tang Luo's face could not help but redden.

"But shouldn't hotel rooms be locked?" Xia Xibei questioned.

"I don't know." Tang Luo shook her head. "Anyway, I was a little confused in my head. I was trying to leave and randomly pushed a door, which opened! I ran inside to avoid them, but to my surprise, Mo Bonan... He was similarly drugged. So..."

Xia Xibei nodded her head to show that she understood.

"After I woke up, I ran away. I also destroyed the surveillance footage of that time."

Thinking about it, Tang Luo also admired herself.

She was almost half dead at that time, but surprisingly, she was still strong enough to do all this.

Xia Xibei did not understand.

"But it's not your fault! Can't you just talk things over with him?"

According to this, Tang Luo and Mo Bonan were both victims, so why not just make things clear?

"It's impossible to explain." Tang Luo shook her head and smiled bitterly. "Even if I told him, he wouldn't believe I was innocent. After all, how could things be so coincidental? And if aunt and uncle asked him to be responsible, it would just make the two of us suffer more."

Xia Xibei's heart moved slightly.

This sounded... As if she had already experienced it.

Chapter 712 - Make Someone Else Pay

Tang Luo's face was bitter, the experience in her previous life souring her mood.

After that, she and Mo Bonan were "caught in the act." Her identity had also been exposed.

Although Mo Bonan's mother was shocked by her true gender, she still let Mo Bonan marry her.

After all, the two of them had already done the deed. They couldn't just let it go, right?

At that time, Tang Luo's brain was muddled and confused, so she accepted Mo Bonan's mother's arrangement and began many years of suffering.

Mo Bonan was very resistant to this matter and felt that Tang Luo had used such a trick because she didn't want to leave the Mo family.

As for how Mo Bonan actually came to such a conclusion, Tang Luo was not sure.

She only knew that the two had a very painful time afterward.

With the two of them having different mindsets and the meddling of others, Tang Luo was heartbroken and exhausted.

Therefore, when she was reborn at the beginning of all the pain, she almost cried.

After the incident, she braced herself to leave, not wanting the tragedy to repeat itself.

But who would have thought that Mo Bonan would be so concerned about this matter and still keep looking for her?

Thinking about it, she couldn't help but complain, "It's been months, and he hasn't given up!"

Listening to Tang Luo's complaints, Xia Xibei laughed, "Maybe he's afraid that one day someone will jump out with a baby in her arms and say it's his."

Tang Luo was shocked. Her face reddened again as she demanded, "What are you talking about?!"

She was not pregnant!

In her previous life, she and Mo Bonan had little chance of sharing a bed, so she had never been pregnant.

Xia Xibei shrugged, "I think I'm right!"

Mo Bonan's family was strong and well equipped.

If a child suddenly appeared, then he would have to die of anger. After all, there were more issues involved this way.

If someone used this matter to make trouble, then he would have more headaches later on.

So, Mo Bonan insisted on finding this person, which was not a bad idea.

Tang Luo frowned and thought for a while, also feeling that Xia Xibei was quite right.

If she were Mo Bonan, she might not let the matter go either.

But that would be messier.

"Then what should I do?"

If Mo Bonan continued to pursue it, wouldn't she be exposed?

She didn't want to get caught.

"Hmm..."

Xia Xebe slowly rubbed her chin with a thoughtful look. After a while, she snapped her fingers.

"I got it!"

Tang Luo stared at her in surprise.

"What do you have in mind?"

Xia Xibe smiled mysteriously, "Since he wants to find someone, let's just blame it on someone else!"

"Huh?" Tang Luo was confused. "What do you mean?"

Xia Xibe explained, "He wants to find someone, so let's show him a way!"

Tang Luo thought for a while before responding. "You mean... We use fake evidence to lure him away?"

"Right!" Xia Xibei applauded. "That's it!"

"But... How is this going to work?"

Tang Luo still had a headache.

"Don't worry, I'm here to help!" Xia Xibei grinned and pointed at her face. "Did you notice anything?"

Tang Luo stared at her strange face and thought for a bit before she got a jolt. "You can make other faces, right?!"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei smiled at her proudly. "Don't worry, sis will help you!"

Tang Luo was suddenly relieved.

"But how will this be done?"

The words were easy to say, but implementing them would certainly not be simple.

"It is certainly not possible with just us, so we have to find helpers!"

"Helpers? You mean Jia Jia and the others?"

"Of course not!" Xia Xibei shook her head.. "Come with me."

Chapter 713 - Breaking News

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From the company, she went back to the neighborhood. Her agent and assistant occasionally appeared by her side.

Looking at the way Xia Xibei and the agent's assistant got along, there was no inconsistency either. They were rather polite.

So after all the stalking, he did not find any problems, which made Gou Yi a little disappointed.

In a few days, Xia Xibei would be filming. He would have to find someone to follow her.

However, he had also arranged a spy in the crew, just waiting to give him the scoop afterward.

After all this, his pockets were about to be empty. He was going to be broke!

Thinking of this, Gou Yi could not help but look up at the sky, on the verge of tearing up.

He couldn't help but wonder if his decision was the right one.

Xia Xibei indeed had the potential to become a big star, but... She did not seem to have any dirt!

What a nice girl!

In school, she was very popular. He heard that she was also the school beauty. She had a lot of fanboys and girls in the school, and she had a good attitude.

As for the company, her resources were not bad. Her set-up was also quite good, and she got along well with other colleagues.

Would it be a waste of time to keep following her like this?

Gou Yi sighed, fished out a cigarette, and took a drag, exhaling a miserable puff of air.

Forget it! Hold on for a few more days, and when Xia Xibei was in the cast, he would find someone to follow her!

As he was thinking, his pocket vibrated a little.

He took out his cell phone, where a message from an unknown number was waiting.

He carelessly clicked on the message, read it, then froze.

His eyes were wide, and he forgot to smoke the cigarette in his mouth.

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"Crap!" He couldn't help but curse. "Who the hell is messing with me?!"

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Moreover, the message even had the time and place. It was too realistic a rumor!

Eleven o'clock at night. It was only 11 am now!

Who was so powerful that they could predict events tonight?

But what puzzled him even more was that whoever it was knew his number and was able to send him the message.

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But after a moment of hesitation, he got up.

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Chapter 714 - Breaking News

When Xia Xibei woke up the next morning, she saw the headline's notification on her phone.

[The actor surnamed Z was arrested for drug-related crimes!]

Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows, showed a smile, and then tapped on her phone.

As expected, the one who broke the news was an account called "Best Paparazzi."

[Last night, a young actor was caught on the spot by the S city police after a report from the public and was charged with gathering a crowd of people to take drugs. It is reported that the man surnamed Z is an actor by profession...]

The retweets and comments on this post had reached tens of thousands, with many hits.

Last name Z, in S city, and also an actor...

After some comparison, some people had already guessed the identity of the actor. After all, his face wasn't very blurred out.

Of course, there were also other male stars who took the blame. After all, they were also surnamed Z.

Soon, "Best Paparazzi" came out with another message.

[It is reported that in addition to the man surnamed Z, there were several other male and female actors present, One of the women was his girlfriend...]

This news immediately triggered more discussion.

Girlfriend of the male actor surnamed Z? There were fewer possibilities now!

Finally, everyone's attention turned to Zhao Mincheng.

Of course, Zhao Mincheng's fans were not willing to accept this speculation.

It was drugs! It was not a simple scandal!

If it was drugs, then this star could not stay in the entertainment industry. After all, such problems could not be washed away, so the comments below were going wild.

[Don't drag our idol into the mud, okay? Our idol is still filming a movie! Gossip mongers can go die!]

[You make up rumors for attention all the time, why don't you go die? If I could bounce on your mother's grave, I would pay more attention!]

[Our brother is full of positive energy, please don't start rumors!]

The fans' anger was well illustrated by a bunch of hidden curses that couldn't be displayed at the end.

No one believed that Zhao Mincheng would be involved with this kind of thing.

This "Best Paparazzi" was definitely starting a rumor for the sake of publicity!

If not for this, who would even know this paparazzo?! The account had only 10,000 to 20,000 followers before. It also had a bunch of zombie followers!

For a while, there was complete chaos.

However, the fans' resistance was quickly crushed, as the official police blog of S city soon issued a notice.

[Last night at eleven o'clock, after a public report, we caught Zhao and several people of both sexes in a certain district... Zhao and his friends were actors by profession...]

When this news came out, there was instantly much fanfare.

The previous news turned out to be true!

It was really Zhao Mincheng! It was terrifying!

Of course, there were still people who argued. After all, there were too many male celebrities surnamed Zhao, so who could guarantee that it must be Zhao Mincheng?

But soon, the official blog sent out another post with a photo of the suspect attached below.

After seeing Zhao Minzheng's appearance in a prison uniform, no one could deceive themselves anymore.

Zhao Minzheng's fans all burst into tears.

He was really involved in drugs, and doing drugs with other people! This was the end!

For a while, the Internet became a mess again.

Looking at the online comments, Xia Xibei's expression remained the same as she changed clothes.

This was the work of Tang Luo and herself, of course.

Obviously, they did not have the ability to tempt Zhao Mincheng to go astray. They just told Gou Yi about Zhao Mincheng in advance.

Even if Gou Yi did not expose the news, this matter could not be hidden for long.

Soon, Xia Xibei's cell phone rang.

It was Pan Yan.

"There's good news!"

Chapter 715 - Good Opportunity

Early in the morning, Pan Yan called over, his voice containing unconcealed excitement.

"What's the good news?" Xia Xibei asked, lazily stretching.

"You saw the news this morning, right?"

Pan Yan's tone was a bit complicated.

"You mean about Zhao Mincheng?"

"Right."

Xia Xibei was puzzled, wondering, "What does this have to do with the good news you mentioned?"

Pan Yan couldn't help but tsk, "Of course it's related! Zhao Mincheng and his girlfriend had something happen, so the variety show they talked about before is now gone."

Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows in surprise.

"You mean... This opportunity is mine now?"

Pan Yan nodded happily at the other end.

"Yes! They were going to start shooting tomorrow, but something suddenly happened today, so the program team was really angry and they found us."

This time, Xia Xibei was also speechless.

She really hadn't expected there to be this kind of development.

She only wanted to use Gou Yi to expose Zhao Mincheng, also letting Gou Yi know that there were benefits if they cooperated.

Who would have thought that there would be such a good thing behind this?!

"Which show is it?"

"The Blast Forward."

"The Blast Forward?" Xia Xibei was even more surprised. "That show?"

"Yes! It's a great thing!"

Both "The Blast Forward" and "Full Steam Ahead" were outdoor variety shows, with celebrity guests completing tasks. However, "Full Steam Ahead" was more brutal, while "The Blast Forward" was relatively kinder.

Both shows had good ratings and didn't have much competition because of their different broadcast times.

"Full Steam Ahead" was a mix of celebrities and ordinary people, while "The Blast Forward" was an all-star lineup.

It could be said that "The Blast Forward" was a little bit better than "Full Steam Ahead." After all, there were more stars.

With Xia Xibei's current status, it would be difficult for her to participate in "The Blast Forward," but she got lucky.

This time, not only was Zhao Mincheng arrested, but so was his girlfriend, who was also a second-tier star.

Not long ago, when the two announced their romance, there were many fans of their relationship.

As a result, the company arranged for the two to show their love together on the show, wanting to increase their popularity.

Who would have thought that before the show even started, the two would be arrested together?

So there were now two open slots.

"The recording will start tomorrow, and now that there are two guests missing, the show's team is desperate. So they came to the company, and I helped you get the opportunity!"

Speaking of this, Pan Yan couldn't help but be happy.

He didn't expect that Xia Xibei's luck would be so good!

Due to the urgent timing, the program team also had difficulty finding suitable candidates, but the show could not be rescheduled. After all, other stars' schedules were not easy to change.

In their SY company, everyone had got a schedule. As for those trainees who had not debuted, they were not qualified to participate at all.

Xia Qinghan could have participated, but unfortunately, she now had to enter the "Strongest Female Group" for training, so she simply did not have the time.

As a result, this opportunity fell to Xia Xibei.

Pan Yan still remembered how Xia Qinghan's manager and Bai Meixue's faces turned white with anger.

"The Blast Forward" and "The Strongest Female Group" were at different levels; there was no comparison!

If it was possible, Xia Qinghan would have turned down "The Strongest Female Group."

Unfortunately, she couldn't do that. She was not at that level.

"Hurry up and pack! I'll pick you up tomorrow morning! We have to go to S City!" Pan Yan instructed happily.

"Great."

Chapter 716: Coquettish and Coaxing

Xia Xibei was delighted to suddenly receive this good news, telling Qiao Yanjue all about it.

"You're going to shoot a show tomorrow?"

Qiao Yanjue was setting up the food and became silent when he suddenly heard the news.

“Yeah, I’m going over tomorrow. I should be able to come back the day after tomorrow,” Xia Xibei said, sneaking some food from behind him.

Only when she didn’t see a reaction for a while did she look up in surprise.

“What’s wrong? Are you upset?”

Qiao Yanjue stood still, not saying anything.

Of course he was unhappy.

Xia Xibei would be filming in a few days, and by then, they would have even less time to see each other.

Originally, he had wanted to take advantage of this time to go out and have fun, but who would have thought that Xia Xibei would suddenly have to go record a show?

Xia Xibei stared at him for a moment before she finally got it.

“What were you planning?”

Qiao Yanjue didn’t say anything.

It was already done. What else was there to say?

He felt tired after being enthusiastic before.

Xia Xibei wisely moved over, circled his waist from behind, leaned into his back, and said petulantly, "Tell me. How will I know if you don't tell me?"

Seeing her so coquettish, Qiao Yanjue could not remain angry, softening up.

But he couldn't just give in! How humiliating!

Moreover, he enjoyed Xia Xibei being coy like this.

From what he knew, the previous Xia Xibei would never do this kind of thing.

Pouting and similar behavior was non-existent.

Pouting? He was lucky if she didn't give his wounds two more sprinkles of salt!

So, he grunted coldly and didn't say anything.

Xia Xibei bristled behind him, but understood his arrogance and let go of him at once.

Feeling the warmth leave him, Qiao Yanjue's heart jumped and he immediately turned around.

However, just as he turned around, Xia Xibei crashed into him with such force that she knocked him against the dining table, and he couldn't help but brace himself on the table.

At the same time, Xia Xibei grabbed him by the collar and pretended to be fierce.

"Are you going to tell me?"

Seeing her adorable appearance and squinting face, Qiao Yanjue was amused.

"Why are you laughing?! Tell me!" Xia Xibei grinned at him.

Qiao Yanjue's heart softened, and he couldn't help but reach out to hug her.

Snap!

Xia Xibei slapped his hand away, "Just tell me!"

Helpless, Qiao Yanjue could only speak.

“Originally, I wanted us to go to a mountain resort in the countryside tomorrow.”

He had been looking forward to this trip for a long time.

Who knew that Xia Xibei would suddenly have work?

Looking at Qiao Yanjue’s sorry look, Xia Xibei also felt a little embarrassed. after all, this matter was triggered by her.

If Gou Yi hadn’t blown the story out of the water, she wouldn’t have had this opportunity and wouldn’t have needed to travel temporarily.

And after recording the show, she would need to be in the cast. When the time came, the two of them would have even less time to spend together.

For a moment, she also felt a little guilty.

Thinking of this, she let go of his collar and lowered her head to kiss him.

When the other party took the initiative to throw herself at him, Qiao Yanjue would certainly not just wait.

He hugged Xia Xibei and became dominant, his tongue nimbly entering her mouth.

It took a while before the two separated, their mouths charmed and their eyes sweet.

Xia Xibei patted his sturdy chest and laughed, "When I'm free again, let's go on a trip."

Qiao Yanjue sighed, "Why do I think it's time for the company not to give you a job?"

That was what he said, but he wasn't going to interfere with Xia Xibei's career development.

Xia Xibei also knew that he was talking in anger, and kissed him again.

"Okay, I'll be with you then! In a few dozen days, I'll be eighteen..."

Chapter 717: Have Some Excitement

Xia Xibei's birthday was on August 20th.

In other words, in a month or so, she would turn 18-years-old and become an adult.

Coming of age...

Hearing this, Qiao Yanjue lightly drew in a breath. It was as if his body underwent an electrical current, and he almost lost control.

"When the time comes, I will go bungee jumping and parachuting with you! Whatever is exciting!"

Xia Xibei finished what she had to say with a smile, successfully throwing a big bucket of cold water on Qiao Yanjue.

The smile on Qiao Yanjue's face froze.

"Hahaha!"

Having teased Qiao Yanjue, Xia Xibei couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Qiao Yanjue was both angry and annoyed. This girl!

Looking at Xia Xibei smiling so brightly, he tightly circled her in his arms, and then lowered his head.

Their noses touching, he opened his mouth, his voice magnetic and low, "What if I want to do something more exciting?"

As he said, his hand went inside her blouse and climbed upwards.

Feeling that thick, warm, and somewhat rough palm moving up her body, Xia Xibei's face couldn't help but warm up.

However, she didn't retreat. Rather, she "returned the favor."

Her hand reached into Qiao Yanjue's clothes and drew circles around his stomach.

She had to say, Qiao Yanjue's body was very good. With no flab, and not too hard either, he was comfortable to touch.

"How much more exciting do you want to play? I'm game."

She came up to his ear, her breath whispery, her hands moving lightly, bringing a little shiver.

Qiao Yanjue's body stiffened, a certain spot began to become aware, and his breathing changed.

The two of them were physically connected, so of course Xia Xibei felt this change.

Although her heart beat faster, her face was still.

"Hmm? What do you say?"

As she talked, her hand moved down, a smile on her lips.

When she was about to reach a certain boundary, Qiao Yanjue let out a low roar. Then, he pulled out his hand and moved Xia Xibei's hand away, preventing her from doing anything else.

"You should be glad that you are not yet eighteen."

Qiao Yanjue gritted his teeth, then viciously, but gently, took her lips.

At the same time, he held her body tightly, as if he wanted to melt her into him.

Xia Xibei's belly was pinned, her lips were captured, and his intense breath enveloped her. Her whole body was dizzy, and she could only allow Qiao Yanjue to bring her into a world of madness.

Qiao Yanjue was unsatisfied, and his body was clamoring to eat her up.

However, his remaining sense of reason was trying to discourage him, preventing him from messing around.

He didn't know how long it had been, but when he felt he was about to break down, he violently pushed Xia Xibei away.

Xia Xibei looked back and froze.

Qiao Yanjue leaned against the dining table, his clothes disheveled. A few buttons of his collar were loosened, revealing his firm and tanned chest. His face was flushed and his lips were red, filled with desire.

In other places, his reaction was even more obvious, and he was about to break through his pants.

Xia Xibei's whole body was tingling, and she could not wait to pounce on him again.

At this time, however, she did not dare do anything.

The air seemed to be filled with something restless; even their breathing had become heavy and chaotic.

Fortunately, the phone rang just in time to break their stare-down and prevent things from continuing.

Xia Xibei ran to the side and answered her phone.

It was Tang Luo.

"Hello?"

As soon as she opened her mouth, Xia Xibei was startled.

Her voice was too hoarse!

Chapter 718: It's My Family Hotel

Tang Luo was also startled by Xia Xibei's voice.

"What's wrong? Did you catch a cold?"

Xia Xibei hurriedly coughed lightly a few times to let her voice return to normal before continuing to speak, "It's nothing. My throat is just a little uncomfortable."

"Is everything alright?"

"Yes," Xia Xibei shook her head. "I'll come over later."

"That's fine, I'll wait for you."

After hanging up the phone, Xia Xibei turned her head, only to see that Qiao Yanjue was already gone.

When she looked for him, he had gone into the bathroom.

Xia Xibei could only stick out her tongue, not wanting to bother him.

After half an hour, Qiao Yanjue came out, his face still a little red and his eyes shining with a frightening light. His clothes were also organized, and he had returned to normal.

Xia Xibei had already set out the food and reached out to greet him.

“Come and have breakfast.”

Qiao Yanjue took a big step towards her and pulled a chair over to sit beside her.

After all, this time he was indeed hungry.

Xia Xibei picked up a shrimp dumpling and brought it to his mouth.

“Open wide..”

Qiao Yanjue opened his mouth and ate the delicious shrimp dumpling.

After the shrimp dumpling came a beef meatball.

After the beef meatball came a bite of congee.

Qiao Yanjue took a few bites to fill his stomach before looking at her.

“What do you want to talk to me about?”

There was certainly nothing with her acting all solicitous.

“I have to see Ah Luo.”

Qiao Yanjue’s face darkened again.

“Didn’t you meet at school just yesterday?”

Xia Xebe smiled at him, “We have business to do today.”

“What business?”

Qiao Yanjue was jealous.

Although he’d already shown ownership in front of Tang Luo, he still wasn’t sure.

Xia Xibei was so amazing, what if Tang Luo was interested in her?

The most important thing was that Xia Xibei paid too much attention to Tang Luo.

Xia Xibei had so many friends, and it was Tang Luo who was the most special.

“We are going to Bindu Hotel today.”

Xia Xibei didn’t hide it.

“Bindu Hotel?” Qiao Yanjue froze for a moment. “What are you going there for?”

“To take care of something.”

Of course, she would not make things so clear. After all, it was Tang Luo’s secret.

They were going to the Bindu Hotel today to see the specifics, and then see how they could operate.

“Do you know whose family owns the Bindu Hotel?” Qiao Yanjue asked, looking at her.

Xia Xibei was stunned for a moment, then stared. “It’s the Qiao family’s?!”

Qiao Yanjue hummed, his expression a little proud.

“Of course.”

Xia Xibei was overjoyed.

“Great!”

She swooped over and stamped a kiss on his face.

Qiao Yanjue’s mood suddenly improved, but he pushed her away and asked with a frown, “What do you want?”

Xia Xibei opened her mouth, but after thinking about it, she shook her head.

“I have to discuss it with him first.”

Qiao Yanjue’s face darkened again, “You still have to discuss with him?”

Xia Xibei nodded, “Of course!”

Qiao Yanjue’s face became even grimmer, but Xia Xibei wasn’t nervous at all.

She patted his hand. “Wait a minute!”

After saying that, she got up and went to her room to make a phone call.

On the other end, Tang Luo was stunned when she found out about it.

The Bindu Hotel was owned by the Qiao family? That was too much of a coincidence!

“Right,” Xia Xibei nodded. “So our plan will be smoother. However, to get his help, your situation...”

Tang Luo was silent for a moment before asking, “Will he say anything?”

“Of course not!” Xia Xibei guaranteed for Qiao Yanjue.

“Then...” Tang Luo thought about what Xia Xibei had said before finally gritting her teeth and nodding, “Okay! Tell him!”

Chapter 719: Removal of Suspicion

After breakfast, Xia Xibei took Qiao Yanjue to meet with Tang Luo.

When he went over, Qiao Yanjue kept his face expressionless and looked to be in a bad mood.

To his surprise, the words that came out of Tang Luo's mouth were like a bomb that blew him all to pieces!

"You said... You're female?!"

Qiao Yanjue was incredulous as he looked Tang Luo up and down.

Tang Luo couldn't lift her head due to his stare, and her face turned red.

Although she had decided to tell Qiao Yanjue about it, she still felt embarrassed.

"So you see why I'm so close with her, right?"

Xia Xibei raised an eyebrow at Qiao Yanjue.

It was then that Qiao Yanjue understood.

With Xia Xibei's personality, she wouldn't even be that close to someone of the opposite sex if she didn't want to give them a chance.

Xia Xibei had several male friends now.

The way Xia Xibei got along with Yu Ziqi and the others was different from the way she got along with Tang Luo.

If not, Qiao Yanjue would not have been so resentful of Tang Luo.

After that surprise, Qiao Yanjue quickly calmed down.

"Does Mo Bonan know?" he asked.

Tang Luo's face went white and she shook her head.

Qiao Yanjue nodded. He knew it!

If Mo Bonan had known, this wouldn't be the case now.

"You can't tell him!" Xia Xibei admonished Qiao Yanjue.

"Don't worry, I know," Qiao Yanjue immediately assured her.

He knew that the main reason Tang Luo would tell him the truth was because of his relationship with Xia Xibei.

If he told Mo Bonan about this, he would be failing their trust.

Moreover, thinking of Mo Bonan's cold face, Qiao Yanjue felt even more intrigued.

In fact, Tang Luo hadn't said anything other than her identity.

However, Qiao Yanjue wasn't a fool. He could naturally guess that there was more to it.

"We need your help now," Xia Xebe said to Qiao Yanjue.

"Tell me," Qiao Yanjue nodded, already reacting without waiting for her to say more. "Does it have to do with the Bindu Hotel?"

"Right," Xia Xibei nodded appreciatively, "We have some things to do, so can you get the hotel manager to cooperate with us?"

"OK!"

After finding out Tang Luo's true gender, Qiao Yanjue's mood was so good that he immediately agreed to it.

Only after seeing Qiao Yanjue's agreement did Tang Luo breathe a sigh of relief.

If Qiao Yanjue still thought she was a boy, he definitely wouldn't be that agreeable.

If he had thought she was a boy, he would never have been so quick.

Thinking of this, she couldn't help but look at Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei smiled and shook Qiao Yanjue's hand, then said, "Well then, let's get started!"

Tomorrow, she would have to go record the show, so she wouldn't be available then.

"All right." Qiao Yanjue didn't have a problem as he nodded. "I'll contact them now."

"OK. However, you absolutely must not reveal this matter!" Xia Xibei seriously admonished him.

If she hadn't had to get Qiao Yanjue's help, she wouldn't have told Tang Luo's secret. After all, the more people who knew, the harder it was to keep it a secret.

"Don't worry," Qiao Yanjue gave her a kiss. "I know."

He took out his phone and contacted his secretary.

Soon, there was a response from the secretary.

"Okay, let me take you to the hotel manager."

"No, we'll go by ourselves," Xia Xibei shook her head, then pulled out a mask and had Tang Luo change her face. "The fewer people that know about this, the better."

Although Qiao Yanjue did not know why she was so secretive, he still nodded.

That night, Mo Bonan received news that the video that had disappeared earlier had been found!

Chapter 720: Video Recovery

When Mo Bonan heard this news, his emotions immediately fluctuated.

These past few days, his mood had inexplicably been going up and down.

It was clear that nothing bad had happened and the company was going well, but he was just very upset and randomly irritable, always feeling as if something was about to happen.

The whole company was scared into silence by his irritable reaction, not even daring to breathe loudly at work, always walking on eggshells.

Now, after finally hearing such a piece of news, Mo Bonan's mood suddenly got a lot better.

A few months ago, he was invited to a banquet, but he didn't expect to be drugged!

His wine had something that shouldn't have been there!

After that, he slept with a certain woman whose identity he didn't know.

The most hateful thing was that after that night, the woman ran away and there was no news!

He asked his subordinates to look for her, but there was no news at all. Moreover, that day's surveillance video had been destroyed!

If this woman had not escaped, he would not be so angry.

As long as he paid to make her go away, the matter would have been resolved.

However, the woman got away!

Who knew what she was up to? Who knew how many unknown things were hidden behind this?

Mo Bonan felt that he had fallen into an invisible trap that would burst open at some point, leading to a big disaster.

Therefore, he ordered his subordinates to thoroughly investigate this matter.

However, months had passed and there had been no news there; even the video could not be restored!

The less information he found, the warrier he became.

The fact that the people behind this had such terrible strength meant that they had serious ulterior motives!

Therefore, Mo Bonan did not give up looking for the details.

Just as he was about to explode, there was finally news!

He immediately ordered, "Send over the video!"

Soon, the video was received and he clicked on it to play.

It was probably because it had just been recovered, but the video was a little blurry. There was flickering in some places, but it didn't affect the viewing.

The content was quite clear.

A woman hurried out of his room with her head down.

The woman's clothes were a bit disheveled and a hat was on her head, but it was obvious that she had short hair.

Mo Bonan recalled those few remaining memories, then determined that the woman was indeed short-haired.

The woman's steps were a bit hectic as she stumbled forward, not raising her head.

Mo Bonan stared intently at the woman in the video, his eyes unblinking.

After she walked for a while, he was still not able to see the woman's face, which made him a little impatient.

Fortunately, when he was about to fast-forward, the woman raised her head.

She had a moderately attractive face, not too outstanding, and not too ordinary.

Mo Bonan frowned.

Who was this woman?

The video continued.

The woman entered the elevator, hastily pressed a button a few times, then shrank down at the corner and buried her face in her knees.

When she lifted her head, some tear marks could still be seen.

As soon as the elevator door opened, she immediately rushed out.

That was the end of the video.

"Nothing more?" he called and asked.

The answer came, "Nothing after this. The woman was likely very familiar with the hotel. After that, she took a route with no surveillance."

"Keep looking and see where this woman is."

Mo Bonan hung up the phone, his eyes gloomy, but he was still relieved.

He couldn't help but be ashamed of that inexplicable thought in his heart.

Why did he think that this woman was someone he was familiar with?

