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“It was him?!”

The discipline master finally came to his senses.

So it turned out to be that Yang Xuan!

“Which means, she was the girl who got beaten up last week?”

The discipline master glanced at Jin Yazhen and looked her up and down. When he saw the bruises on her face that have yet to fade, he finally remembered.

It couldn't be helped that the matter had developed into such a massive drama.

How could he not have a deep impression when it was the very first time that such a thing had happened in their school?

“Yes.” Tang Luo nodded. “It's them. Classmate Jin and Yang Xuan are a couple, but classmate Jin tried to throw mud on my deskmate, saying that she and Yang Xuan were together. However, based on what we know, the real couple are actually classmate Jin and Yang Xuan!”

Tang Luo's words left Jin Yazhen speechless and defenseless.

They hadn't expected things to turn out this way when they started the drama in the first place!

"Tang Luo, you're lying!" She screamed in a tearful voice.

"Shut up!" The discipline master rebuked with an awful look on his face. "It's not your turn yet. Do not speak!"

The teacher's face had looked so grave that Jin Yazhen didn't know how to begin even if she wanted to explain.

Xia Qinghan and a few others exchanged glances, clueless about why Jin Yazhen had suddenly become the center of attention.

But upon seeing the grim and dismal look on the discipline master's face, they remained silent.

The discipline master was someone who would disregard even his kins all in the name of justice. If it were proven that Xia Xibei has committed theft, her punishment would be severe.

However, if they were the ones found guilty, he wouldn't be any less dissatisfied either.

Therefore, they had no choice but to keep their mouths shut at this point.

"Thus, I believe that she was lying when she claimed that Xia Xibei steals often!" Tang Luo remarked in a loud and clear voice, "I've been deskmates with Xia Xibei for a long time, and I know that she's a good

student! Besides, she is also a hardworking learner, and she even got fifth place in the form for the monthly assessment this time!”

When the discipline master heard his statement, he became even more surprised. “Fifth place in the form?”

He finally came to his senses.

“You were the dark horse!”

The assessment this time wasn’t a difficult one, but it had not been—in any way—an easy one either.

They remembered it well because Xia Xibei made it to the top five out of nowhere.

He just didn’t expect that she would be involved in such incidents.

After hearing what Tang Luo had said about her, the discipline master developed a favorable impression of Xia Xibei.

While results cannot solely determine the personality and moral character of a person, she nevertheless couldn’t really be such an atrocious person if even Tang Luo trusted her that much.

Having observed how the discipline master’s attitude had changed, the faces of Liu Zhijing and the other two began to slightly change.

“Sir, I can guarantee that I have never stolen anything before, and I do not have the slightest clue about where her bracelet is!”

Xia Xibei looked sincere. “I’ve been studying in the classroom all the while, and I’m planning to achieve better results in the next assessment. It’s not like I have time to go about stealing things.”

Her words made the discipline master nod in approval.

If every student were as fond of learning as she were, they wouldn’t have had to worry so much, would they?

Seeing that the discipline master was about to take Xia Xibei’s side, Tao Yueying stepped forth right away.

“Sir, that bracelet was given to me by my father, and it cost ten thousand yuandollars! We have searched the entire school, but we couldn’t find it. Apart from Xia Xibei, I can’t think of any other possibilities!”

“Sir, we’re not really trying to put the blame on anyone for stealing. Perhaps someone has stumbled upon it on the floor but can’t find the owner, so they brought it back.” Xia Qinghan also chipped in, “We’re just trying to get our heads around what really happened. We’re all schoolmates, we also don’t want this incident to turn ugly.”

Xia Qinghan’s words had eased the frown on the discipline master’s brows. “That’s not unlikely, too.”

He believed that the students of their school weren't petty thieves.

However, it concerned a bracelet that cost ten thousand, so the issue simply couldn't be brushed aside either.

"That's why I'm suggesting we search through Xia Xibei's bag," Xia Qinghan raised her opinion.

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"No way!"

Xia Xibei refused right away. "I disagree!"

Tang Luo nodded in unison. "Sir, it's not a good idea to simply search a student's personal belongings."

Before the discipline master could respond, Xia Qinghan added, "We know that it isn't a very appropriate measure, but we don't have other options here."

"Your words are ridiculous." Xia Xibei glanced at the girls with a cold, detached look. "You came to find me because you've lost something, why didn't you try to find her first?"

She pointed at Jin Yazhen with a finger. “She accused me of stealing things, when in fact, she’s the one who steals. Besides, I could see that you two get along often, doesn’t this make her more suspicious? Why didn’t you question her first?”

Jin Yazhen stomped her feet upon being called out by Xia Xibei.

“Who stole anything! What proof do you have?!”

“Back at where I used to work, she stole our superior’s watch,” Xia Xibei reminded her with an eerie smile on her face.

“Hey!”

The look on Jin Yazhen’s face underwent a theatrical change.

How did Xia Xibei know about that?!

When she came back to her senses, she denied it immediately, “What kind of nonsense are you talking about?!”

However, her reaction had given her away.

If her accusation toward Xia Xibei had been a fabricated one, then Xia Xibei’s accusation toward her wasn’t just a laughing matter anymore.

Even the discipline master noticed that something was off about Jin Yazhen.

Xia Qinghan's heart missed a beat, and she panicked instantly. The situation didn't seem favorable to them now.

"Sir, it's about time for recess. The problem has to come to an end anyhow, doesn't it? We don't wish to alert the cops either, it'll turn into a big deal if we do."

She seemed very sincere. "We promise that if we don't find anything, we'll apologize to Xia Xibei."

"Yes!" Tao Yueying nodded. "Sir, I don't want to go home without an explanation to my parents!"

The discipline master had a deep frown on his face. The situation was getting a little troublesome to deal with.

"How about this, Xia, we'll take a look at your bag, and if there's nothing wrong with it, I'll have them apologize to you." He looked toward Xia Xibei.

Now that the discipline master had put it this way, Xia Xibei became slightly hesitant.

Tang Luo voiced up.

"Sir, I don't think that's appropriate."

Xia Qinghan and the other two couldn't help but scowl.

Even Xia Xibei had begun to change her mind, what more was he trying to do? This was none of his business!

"If they get to search another person's bag whenever they feel suspicious of anything, I'm afraid that the rest would emulate it in the future, which will bring about a negative impact to the school."

The discipline master felt a terrible headache. "What do you think should be done then? Do we call the cops for real?"

He could have coerced Xia Xibei to agree upon it directly, but it would easily trigger the defiance of students.

Tang Luo replied, "How about this, if you don't find anything, apologize to her in front of the entire school!"

"Yes!" Xia Xibei nodded immediately, pointing at Xia Qinghan and the other two. "All three of you have to apologize!"

Xia Qinghan and her mates went bug-eyed. How could she do that?

"What if we find it?" Liu Zhijing gritted her teeth.

“Do whatever you have to, of course!” Xia Xibei snorted. “But if you can’t find it, you’d better apologize to me in front of all the students! And you have to prove me innocent of stealing!”

As she spoke, Xia Xibei cast a look at the door.

Some other students had gathered to watch the fun.

When the discipline master turned around, the students ran away immediately.

“What do you think?” The discipline master looked toward Xia Qinghan and the other two.

“Fine! It’s decided then!”

Tao Yueying and Liu Zhijing nodded.

Xia Qinghan was slightly hesitant nonetheless; she had a feeling that something wasn’t right.

However, Xia Xibei did not allow her to go back on her word. “If you don’t agree, there’s no way I would let you search my bag!”

“Alright!” Xia Qinghan finally nodded.

