

Chapter 261 - Better Bullying Methods

Meanwhile, in Li Yuming's villa.

"Ma'am, here is what you asked for." A young man handed a USB flash drive to Li Yuming.

She took it then gave him an envelope. "You did well. Make sure no one finds out about this. No one. Not even the people closest to you."

The young man opened the envelope and checked its content and when he saw the thick stack of bills in it, he grinned from ear to ear. "Thank you ma'am. I will be sure to tell no one."

When the man left, Li Yuming inserted the flash drive into a laptop and checked its content. A small frown formed on her lips when she saw the pictures with Luna and Flynn in it, a rush of complicated feelings filling her heart. This girl...

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Lanni and Luna only got back home later in the evening, each carrying several shopping bags in their hands. Most of the clothes they had bought were for Luna, Lanni had only bought a few.

As soon as they got to Luna's room, they started trying the clothes out as if they had not already done so at the mall.

After trying out her second dress, Lanni was more certain that there was something on Luna's mind so she sat next to her. "What's wrong? You don't look alright."

Luna was about to dismiss it but she knew that Lanni wouldn't be convinced so she patted the jeans she had been wearing when they went to the mall. "I just wasn't sure whether to tell you."

"Tell me what?" Lanni probed.

"Earlier, I met Flynn."

Li Yuming who was at the door stopped.

She had cooked a few dishes for the girls to eat since they had not eaten lunch. But just as she reached Luna's room and was about to knock and call them, she heard Luna say that she had met Flynn.

With a frown on her face, her hand paused mid-air.

Unaware of their mother's presence, the girls continued conversing.

"Was it when you claimed to have gone to the bathrooms outside?" Lanni guessed, and Luna was not too surprised that she had found that out. Other people might believe her when she lied smoothly enough but with Lanni, she couldn't be too sure.

She could only nod and retrieve the envelope from her pocket. "He left a message for you. I wasn't sure whether I should give it to you but since it was meant for you, I guess the right thing is to give it to you."

Lanni took the envelope with a confused look. What was that crazy guy up to this time?

She opened the envelope and took out the letter, shaking her head as soon as she saw a pair of cartoons drawn at the top. Despite the artist's horrible drawing skills, they were obviously a male and a female

with a messily drawn heart in between them. Was this supposed to be a horribly drawn couple? What nonsense.

"Lanni, I know you don't like to hear this but I miss you very much..." Lanni read out the content and was caught in between laughter and annoyance.

Luna, on the other hand, was clutching her stomach from laughing too hard. "I didn't think he really wrote a love letter to you."

Lanni crushed the letter into a small ball. "That guy is all sorts of weird. Since he can no longer bully me in the organization, he has decided to choose another approach to make my life difficult? Xiehan might misunderstand if he saw this."

Li Yuming who was at the door knocked and called them to eat.

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That was the most awkward meal that Luna had ever eaten. She kept feeling as though she had done something wrong. As soon as they were done, she stood up. "I'll do the dishes."

"You don't have to." Lanni tried to stop her but was interrupted by Li Yuming, who sternly said, "let her do it."

Lanni looked at her mother curiously then shrugged. "I'll go to my room then."

Li Yuming watched Lanni leave before she turned to look at Luna. Seeing that she was holding a plate, Li Yuming grabbed her hand and squeezed her wrist before taking the plate and placing it back on the dining table.

"Mum?" Luna was surprised by her actions.

Li Yuming held her hand, looking into her eyes with an unreadable expression. "Do you have anything against Xiehan?"

Taken aback by the sudden question, she shook her head. "No, of course not. Why would I have any issue with my sister's boyfriend?"

Li Yuming let go of her hand. "Since you do know that he is your sister's boyfriend and your future brother-in-law, I don't understand why you would still play cupid and try to match make her with that German guy."

Luna was speechless for a moment as she took in the fact that Li Yuming knew she had met Flynn. This meant that when she thought she saw a flash of light, she was not imagining it. There really was someone capturing photos of them. Linking it with Li Yuming's statement, she could guess what exactly the situation was. Li Yuming had found someone to follow her.

A smile flashed on her face, but behind it was heartache and bitterness. So much for thinking that her mother finally trusted and accepted her. She took a deep breath to calm her raging emotions. "Flynn is..."

"I know who he is." Li Yuming interrupted.

Luna's lips moved but she couldn't say a word. Since she knew who Flynn is, why was she accusing her of trying to matchmake her with Lanni?

"I know what he wants." Li Yuming continued. "However, I don't want Lanni to go back to that place." She looked into Luna's eyes meaningfully. "I will not be friendly to anyone who encourages her to go back—not even if that person is you."

Luna's clenched fists relaxed as she smiled. "Understood."

Then, she turned and went upstairs.. Li Yuming watched her retreat and sighed to herself. Was she too harsh on her?

Chapter 262 - The Distance Caused By Separation

That weekend.

The party was held in Xiehan's mansion. It was a simple party with only nine people. Ji Huifen had gone on a vacation with his wife so Xiehan did not invite them. In the end, it was just The Jiangs, Li Yuming and her daughters, and Lin Jian.

"Who is the ninth person?" Lanni asked Xiehan as they cooked together in his kitchen. She had done her math and there should be eight people.

"I don't know. That punk will obviously bring a girl along." Xiehan guessed, and Lanni knew he was talking about Lin Jian.

"I wonder who the unlucky girl is. Poor thing..." Lanni mumbled under her breath as she chopped a radish on the chopping board. Xiehan had said that he would personally cook all the food so she had gone over to help him. Because Xiehan was much better than her at cooking, she did the small tasks like washing and chopping vegetables and preparing ingredients for him while he cooked.

Their coordination was perfect and before long, they had managed to prepare several dishes.

Just as they finished setting the table, the doorbell rang and Lanni went to answer it.

Madam Jiang had arrived with her husband. When the former saw Lanni, she hurriedly pulled her into a hug. "My dear, you have become prettier."

"Thank you, aunty." Lanni returned the hug warmly then welcomed the two of them into the house.

"Hello aunty, uncle." Xiehan greeted them with a spatula in his hand.

"Good job, Xiehan." Madam Jiang praised, referring to the dishes he had prepared. Of course, she didn't forget to nag him to take good care of Lanni.

"Are the two of you really my parents? How could you ask me to wait for you then leave on your own?" A whine signified Jiang Xingyu's arrival.

"Oh please. Why would we hitch your ride? We just wanted to distract you so we would arrive before you." Madam Jiang responded smugly.

Lanni burst into laughter as she watched the Jiangs. These three were obviously a pair of parents and their son but those who didn't know would mistake them for siblings. Their banters were too cute.

Soon, Li Yuming arrived with Luna in tow. They were both silent and looked somewhat odd. Lanni raised an eyebrow when she looked at them. What was going on between these two this time?

Luckily, Jiang Xingyu hopped over to Luna and pulled her to his side, successfully breaking the awkwardness.

Because Lanni and Xiehan had been wearing aprons while cooking, their clothes and hair were still neat so they just took off the aprons before joining the others at the table.

"Lin Jian isn't here yet?" Lanni observed.

"He sent me a message and said that he would be late." Jiang Xingyu answered.

"Then I guess we should start eating." Xiehan suggested. That punk was probably flirting with a girl somewhere—probably the same girl he was going to come with.

Initially, Lanni and Xiehan had been worried that they had cooked too much. But not too long after they started eating, there was barely anything left on the table. In the end, Lanni and Xiehan decided that they would cook a few more dishes for Lin Jian and his girlfriend later.

Too full to move, everyone happily sat in the living room to watch television.

Madam Jiang slotted herself next to Li Yuming to watch while discussing whatever it was that future mothers-in-law discussed together. Jiang Xingren sat next to Xiehan and Lanni while Luna kept to herself.

At first, no one noticed that Luna had been trying hard to keep up with everyone when she was actually lost in thought. It was only a little later that Jiang Xingyu realized that there was something wrong with her. She was barely watching the movie on TV and when she couldn't keep up the pretense anymore, she simply left the living room and went to the backyard.

Jiang Xingyu followed her out a few seconds later and watched from a short distance away. Luna stared into space for a while before sitting on a bench and burying her head in her arms.

Jiang Xingyu walked over carefully and sat beside her then gently tapped her shoulder.

Luna looked up expressionlessly and raised an eyebrow to inquire if anything was wrong.

"Is anything the matter?" He gently asked.

"Nothing. I'm just tired so I came out for a breather." She responded expressionlessly.

If he had not seen her staring into space, he would have believed her words. Seeing as she didn't want to talk about it, he stopped asking and simply sat there, wordlessly letting her know that he was there if she needed someone to talk to.

For a while, she ignored his presence then before she knew what she was doing, she leaned a little to her right so her head was slightly touching his shoulder.

It was rare for her to willingly get close to him so Jiang Xingyu was pleasantly surprised. He shifted his body away from her, making her disappointed for a moment, but she felt better when she felt him pull her closer to him and plant her head into his chest. So he had only moved to make her more comfortable.

The two of them sat together on the bench in silence, the only sound in the air was that of crickets and the occasional cars and planes in the distance. It was soothing and she soon became comfortable in his embrace. "I just realized that the distance caused by two decades of separation cannot be overcome that easily."

She had spoken too suddenly, and it took a while for Jiang Xingyu to understand what she was talking about. "Are you talking about your mum?" He gently asked, then he felt her head bump against his chest as she nodded.

"She still doesn't trust me." She continued, a slight laugh of self-mockery escaping her lips in the process. "She still thinks I would hurt my own sister."

Jiang Xingyu's fingers found their way to her hair and he tousled it ever so gently to comfort her. "Maybe you're overthinking it? Did she say that she doesn't trust you?"

"She asked to go shopping with me so she would spy on me and when that didn't work out, she sent someone to follow me." Luna chuckled to expel the sadness from her heart.

Jiang Xingyu's eyebrows furrowed. First, she rejected Luna and now when everyone thought that she had accepted her daughter, she didn't trust her? What was wrong with Li Yuming? In his opinion, it would have been better for her to completely reject Luna than hurt her feelings like this. His fist that was away from Luna clenched as he considered having a word with Li Yuming.

His other hand ran through Luna's silky, long hair. She didn't show any discomfort or push his hand away, which made his heart fill with happiness. "Forget about her. Let me show you something beautiful."

"What?" Luna raised her head to peek at him curiously.

"Just come with me." He gently pushed Luna off him and stood up.. In the next second, he looked down at her and offered his hand to her.

Chapter 263 - Sneaky Thieves

Luna glanced at Jiang Xingyu's palm for a second. Seeing that he wanted to help her get up, she placed her hand in his and stood up. When her hand came into contact with his, the warmth from his palm crept under her skin and a smile formed on her lips.

This was not the first time they had held hands but it felt different. She didn't know what it was but she didn't hate it. Even after standing up, she continued to hold his hand and he didn't let go of hers. Instead, he spread his fingers and linked them with hers.

Luna looked down at their interlocked fingers and didn't protest as she followed his lead to wherever he was leading her.

Jiang Xingyu stopped in front of the fountain and guided her to take a seat on the bench facing the view.

'He brought me all the way here just to see the fountain? As if I didn't see it before,' Luna thought.

She looked ahead of her and huffed a laugh. "Water... it's really beautiful."

Jiang Xingyu casted her a side glance, his lips curling slightly upwards. "You think so? Then wait till you see this."

Luna watched amusedly as he got up and went closer to the fountain.

"There is a remote control, but I can't get it without having my legs broken... but there should be a switch somewhere." He mumbled as he tried to find the switch without getting his clothes wet. He extended his hand out while trying to keep the rest of his body as far from the water as the length of his hand could allow.

"There." He said when he finally found the switch and flicked it on through the waterproof protector.

He retracted as the lights went off. The area surrounding the fountain suddenly shrouded in darkness. Just as she wondered what that was all about, the tiny lamps on the fountain lit up one by one and the color of the water started to change. What followed was a colorful water blast.

"Wow!" Luna exclaimed as the fountain gradually filled with color. Under the dim, colorful light, Jiang Xingyu's face was even more handsome. She wasn't sure whether the fountain or the man in front of it was more stunning.

"What do you think? Is it beautiful?" He went back to the bench and sat next to her.

"It's gorgeous." She had a rare smile on her beautiful face.

Jiang Xingyu glanced at her hand that was placed on the bench at her side and had the urge to hold it. Would she let him? He planted his hand onto the bench then slowly moved it towards hers. When their skin was about to touch, she raised her hand to push a strand of hair behind her ear. He sighed in disappointment.

"How come it wasn't lit up before?" Luna asked as the water turned pink.

Jiang Xingyu finally remembered the reason and scratched his neck awkwardly. Actually, this was part of Xiehan's surprise for Lanni and he had helped him install it. The moment he saw Luna sad, he had forgotten all about it and decided to show it to her.

Inside the mansion.

"What was that?" Lanni was surprised when she saw a flash of color from the window and wanted to check it out.

'That damned idiot.' Xiehan cursed Jiang Xingyu in his heart as he stood in front of her to block her view. "Honey, what are you doing here on your own?"

Lanni's attention was successfully diverted from the window. "I'm looking for my sister. I can't find her anywhere."

Xiehan finally understood why Jiang Xingyu would go to the fountain. "Have you not realized that Xingyu is missing too?"

A flush crept onto Lanni's cheeks as realization dawned on her. "Right. I shouldn't look for her anymore. They must be together right now."

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Outside.

"Hey, your sister stays here often, right?" Jiang Xingyu asked out of the blue.

"Yeah... why did you ask?"

Jiang Xingyu was glad to hear her reply. "Since that's the case, the kitchen shouldn't be lacking in snacks. What do you say... let's raid the kitchen?"

Luna hadn't eaten much at dinner and she was a bit hungry. "What are you waiting for?" She stood up, grabbed his hand, and dragged him towards the back door.

Since everyone's attention was drawn to the movie they were watching, they didn't notice when the two of them snuck into the kitchen hand in hand. When they entered the kitchen, they didn't let go of each other's hand and grasped it tightly.

After searching for a while, they finally found a load of snacks on one of the shelves. Luna excitedly reached out for the food and grabbed a huge packet of spicy potato chips using her right hand—all while still holding his hand with her left hand.

"Will we finish all of that?" Jiang Xingyu chuckled.

Luna tilted the packet and frowned. "200g. Only this?"

Jiang Xingyu burst into laughter, but she was far from done. She dragged him towards the fridge, opened it, and did a search. When she found what she was looking for, she tried to grab it only to realize that she could only use one hand.

She didn't release his hand as he expected but instead, nodded towards the item and asked him to grab it.

Jiang Xingyu happily grabbed the 100g tub of ice cream and closed the fridge. They then scurried out of the kitchen before anyone caught them.

When they went back to the fountain, Luna sat next to him and grabbed the food, placing the ice cream away from him as she opened the packet of chips and started eating.

"Hey! What about me?" Jiang Xingyu was speechless at her actions.

Chapter 264 - I'm So Happy

"You get to eat nothing." Luna bit a piece of chips and chewed it smugly as she gave him a provoking look.

Jiang Xingyu laughed and resigned to his fate. He would go and steal something to eat later. Luna continued to eat the chips on her own then paused after a short while.

"The ice cream should have started melting." She said and opened the lid. Indeed, it had melted a bit. She excitedly took a piece of chips and under his surprised gaze, dipped it into the ice cream before putting it into her mouth. "So yummy."

Jiang Xingyu laughed as he saw her act all excited. From her character, he couldn't even tell that she also liked dipping chips in ice cream.

she turned to see him looking at her and chuckled at his expression. "Want some?" Seeing that he clearly did, she dipped one in ice cream and brought it to his mouth. Jiang Xingyu was shocked but quickly ate it before she could realize what she was doing.

Luna didn't seem to mind feeding him because once he was done, she fed him more. Before they realized it, they were feeding each other.

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At a wall some steps away from them, Jiang Xingren pinched his wife in the back. "Stop spying on our son."

Madam Jiang, who was obviously peeking at the duo a second ago, straightened up and shook her head in denial. "Who is peeking? I wasn't peeking! I was only taking a breather."

Jiang Xingren nodded sarcastically. "Yeah, right. You cannot breathe unless you are slightly bent and your son is within your line of sight."

"Stop it or I'll get angry." Madam Jiang huffed. "SO what if I'm peeking at my son? Can't you see how happy he is? I can't help watching them for a little longer."

Jiang Xingren looked in Jiang Xingyu's direction and a smile flashed across his face. In front of the fountain were his son and the girl he loved, watching the fountain while munching on something. At some point, Jiang Xingyu even pulled the girl into his embrace and hugged her.

"That's my boy. He finally managed to persuade her. I'm so proud my boy has finally become a man. He truly is my son, he does have my genes after all."

Madam Jiang shot him a glare. "Your genes? You are right. No wonder it took him so long to be able to get close to her. He is only able to be with her now because I dote on Luna so much. She can only tolerate him because she loves me."

Jiang Xingren raised an eyebrow and looked at his wife. "Are you trying to say that I don't know how to woo women?"

at that, Madam Jiang nodded and exposed her own husband mercilessly. "Do you want me to remind you how we got together? You were such a blockhead. You would keep trying to find excuses to get close to me but never dared to make a move. In the end, your friend had to tell me that you liked me."

Although they were outside and there was no one else aside from Jiang Xingyu and Luna who were out of earshot, Jiang Xingren was still embarrassed. "How could you embarrass your husband that much? Do you even love me?"

"No."

"You heartless woman." Jiang Xingren clutched his heart. Of course, he knew that his wife was only teasing him. Even though they had been married for almost thirty years, they were still so deeply in love. Time had not decreased their love for each other but increased it instead.

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As for the duo who were not even aware that they had an audience, they continued watching the fountain and eating their chips. Before they realized it, they had finished all the chips and ice cream.

"I could eat that all night." Luna licked the stray cream from the corner of her lips.

"We could go and grab some more." Jiang Xingyu suggested, earning a small jab.

"No way! It's already so late at night. We cannot eat too many snacks at night."

"You are watching your weight too?" Jiang Xingyu teasingly grabbed her arm to remind her just how skinny she was, which she didn't let go of without punching him, of course. Who teases a girl about her weight?

"It's just not healthy."

Jiang Xingyu grinned as he played with her fair fingers. "Luna, I'm so happy." He grunted. He never would have thought that Luna could one day be so comfortable as to let him hold her and play with her fingers. They had even eaten together and she had fed him and even let him feed her. This was such significant progress in their initially horrible relationship that he almost thought he was on a dream.

Luna tilted her head to look at his face that was slightly lit up by the colorful environment. Because they were silent now, she realized that aside from the sound of water hitting the tiles, there was a musical tune in the background that was soft and soothing to the ear.

She smiled as she looked at Jiang Xingyu's face. She couldn't deny it. She may have decided to give him a chance out of gratitude, but she was happy too. This was one of her most wonderful nights and she couldn't deny that she loved it too.

especially after what happened with Li Yuming earlier, she needed a distraction so badly and this was it.

Jiang Xingyu swallowed when he saw how intensely she was scanning his face. She looked into his eyes and before he could process it, her fingertips were touching his face slightly.

He tried to force his breathing to remain normal but it still turned heavy under her slight touch. When she let go and was about to turn, he cupped her face in his right hand. "Luna..."

"Hm?" Luna's breath was slightly heavy too.

Jiang Xingyu traced her face slightly. "Luna, want to kiss you."

"What?" His words surprised her and she blinked before she heard him say it again.. "I want to kiss you. Can I kiss you?"

Chapter 265 - Uncooperative Beauty

"I.." Luna was taken aback by his request. She had not expected him to be so direct about it and she did not know what to say. She stared at him as her lips parted slightly but no words came out.

Jiang Xingyu saw how deliciously alluring her lips looked when they were parted and couldn't stop himself anymore. He leaned in inch by inch until their faces were almost plastered together and their lips were merely a few centimeters apart. He paused and waited for her to pull away from him, push him off her, slap him, or do whatever else women usually do if a man tries to kiss them.

When she didn't, he was relieved. peeking down at her face, she didn't look displeased in the least bit, and her eyes were even drooping, her lips slightly parted. He brushed his lips against them slightly and gently took her lower lip between his.

"Sorry to interrupt you but...oops!" Madam Jiang turned away and pretended to close her eyes. She had come to tell Jiang Xingyu that they were leaving and didn't expect to find him and Luna kissing. She really wanted to bang her head into a wall. Would Xingyu forgive her for ruining his moment?

But it wasn't her fault, right? She never would have expected them to progress so fast!

When Luna heard Madam Jiang's voice, she quickly pushed Jiang Xingyu away and looked at her awkwardly. "Aunty..."

"You don't have to stop. Please carry on with what you were doing."

Jiang Xingyu raised his head and glared fiercely at his mother, who scurried away like a rabbit. He continued glaring at her back even as she ran away. 'You just ruined my hard-earned kiss!' he thought.

Was it too late to resume it? He looked at Luna as he wondered.

"It's getting cold. We should go back inside and besides, the others might be wondering where we are." Luna stood up before he could try to resume the kiss.

'No one would wonder where we are. I'm sure everyone knows now.' He thought. They had been missing for such a long time and everyone knew that he was chasing her. In fact, he had a feeling that she had only decided to go back because of their near kiss.

After inwardly complaining about his mother several times, he resigned to his fate and stood up to go into the house with Luna.

As soon as they were back into the house, he wanted to stick to her but Luna went over to Lanni. "Lanni, you were telling me something earlier."

"I was?" Lanni tried to remember with a confused expression.

Luna reached behind herself and discreetly pinched her squeezing her flesh so tightly between her thumb and forefinger that Lanni almost hissed from the pain. "Yeah. You were saying something about Xiao Yu."

Lanni was about to complain about the pinch when she saw Luna's pleading look and opened her mouth as though she had just remembered. "Yeah, I wanted to tell you something. Come with me."

Relieved, Luna followed Lanni away from everyone else.

"She is just trying to avoid me." Jiang Xingyu felt wronged.

Li Yuming, who was not far from him, heard him and looked in the direction where Lanni and Luna had gone. With a huff, she grabbed her bag and left.

Meanwhile, Lanni brought Luna to the kitchen and cornered her. "What happened between you and Jiang Xingyu?"

"Nothing. Why would you think that something happened?" Luna quickly denied.

Lanni crossed her arms and scanned her up and down. "Physically, you look slightly different. Your cheeks are a bit flushed. Let's not mention how you are avoiding him so desperately after hiding away with him for a while."

"I did not hide away with him." Luna felt her sister was difficult to deal with. Seeing Lanni give her that disbelieving look, she sighed. "Fine. Something did happen...I mean, something almost happened."

"What? Tell me, tell me." Lanni's gossip mode was instantly activated and she annoyingly urged her sister to spill the beans.

Luna sighed and knew that Lanni would not let her off unless she told her what happened so she found the right words. "Jiang Xingyu and I..."

"Jiang Xingyu and you ...?"

"Well, we... we kissed, I guess."

"Oh my god! That is so huge!" Lanni was even more excited than Luna who was the one to have been kissed. she only realized after doing a happy spin that something didn't seem right. "Why did you say you guess? You don't know whether you kissed or not?"

Luna glared at her. "How am I supposed to know? He just brushed his lips against mine then his mum came. Does that count as a kiss?"

Lanni was about to say that it was nothing but changed her words to a tease. "My dearest sister, your first kiss is taken! tell me, how was it? Did your heart race?"

"Are you seriously teasing me?" Luna was in disbelief.

"Why are you hiding from my future brother-in-law then? Is it because you are scared to admit that you liked it and want a more passionate kiss?" Lanni fled out of the kitchen when she saw Luna look for something to hit her with.

Luna grabbed a glass bottle and chased after her. "Stop right there! I promise I won't pour sugar all over your hair."

Lanni ran to Xiehan's side and hid behind his back. "Xiehan, you have to help me! Luna suddenly wants to beat me up."

Xiehan narrowed his eyes. "Leave my wife alone or I will not be kind."

"Are you kidding me?" Luna was speechless as Lanni made a face at her from behind Xiehan.

Jiang Xingyu who was watching them smiled and grabbed the opportunity. "Who dares to bully my Luna? Come here, I will protect you."

"How about I beat you up instead?" Luna threatened seriously, making Lanni and Xiehan burst into laughter while Jiang Xingyu remained speechless. Why was it so hard for him to be the hero and save his beauty? He was a hero alright, but this beauty was not cooperative.

At that moment, the door opened and they all turned to look.

Chapter 266 - Most Likely

Everyone turned to see Lin Jian walking in with his nose in the air. Holding his left arm was a beautiful, tall young woman. She was wearing a short, black dress and a pair of 5-inch high heels as red as her hair. She looked elegant and charming with an infectious smile.

Lin Jian's look was a huge contrast to hers. He was wearing what looked like a random outfit he had grabbed from his laundry basket. His jeans was in a slightly palatable condition but his t-shirt was too disheveled. His hair was messy too, making one wonder whether he had not had time to dress up. His friends knew him well enough to guess that he must have been up to something and didn't even bother to brush his hair before coming here.

"Ruby?" Lanni did not pay attention to Lin Jian's look but was surprised when she saw the girl next to him. So the guy wasn't that useless after all. He had managed to charm Ruby. Although that was the case, she was uncomfortable.

After all, she was the one who had given Ruby's contact details to Lin Jian. If this womanizer broke Ruby's heart, she would feel responsible.

Ruby glared daggers at Lanni as soon as she saw her.

"Look who is here! I've heard of people leaving parties at midnight and others joining at midnight. Then there's you—arriving when the party is already over and with a beauty in tow." Jiang Xingyu ridiculed Lin Jian for being late.

Jiang Xingren, Madam Jiang and Li Yuming had already left. In fact, a moment before they appeared, he was also planning to leave.

Lin Jian held Ruby's waist while ignoring her ferocious glare and laughed as though he had not arrived late. "Ha-ha... I know. Actually, it's not my fault. The beauty was unwilling to come so she took a little long to dress up." Seeing that no one was willing to listen to his nonsense and was giving him meaningful looks, he raised the bag he was carrying in his right hand. "Hey! I've got some booze. We can drink it together. Of course, we will steal some from Xiehan's cellar when he is not looking. Let's drink till we drop!"

At the mention of beer, Jiang Xingyu hurried and grabbed the plastic bag from Lin Jian.

"Ah! Where are my manners?" Lin Jian scratched his head and ruffled his already messy hair. "I forgot to introduce you. This is Ruby, my new... eer..."

He peeked at Ruby teasingly and when he saw her threatening look, he laughed. "My new friend! Ruby, meet my friends."

Ruby let out a small sigh of relief and smiled. If this guy had dared to spout nonsense...

Lin Jian started introducing everyone to Ruby. "I bet you already know Lanni. I heard you were in the same class in B City University as well as Star Art International." Ruby nodded so Lin Jian found it easier to go on with the introductions. "The man next to Lanni is her boyfriend as well as my friend, Xiehan. That is Jiang Xingyu and Lanni's twin."

"Nice to meet you." Ruby modestly greeted and shook everyone's hand although she already knew all of them.

When she shook Xiehan's hand, she didn't dare to look into his eyes and smiled awkwardly as she retracted her hand.

Lanni was not paying attention, but Luna was.

She shot a confused look in Ruby's direction. Why was this girl acting weird?

'You better not have any intentions about my sister's boyfriend.' Luna growled internally.

Of course, no one noticed the complicated look in Xiehan's eyes when he shook Ruby's hand, which disappeared as soon as it appeared.

Once they sat down, Lin Jian blazed to the cellar and returned with several bottles of wine.

Since everyone was in a good mood, Xiehan didn't mind and let him grab all the alcohol he wanted to grab.

They sat down around the table which was big enough to host a small conference meeting. Lanni naturally sat on Xiehan's left and next to her was Luna and Jiang Xingyu had forcefully slotted himself next to her. Ruby was on Xiehan's right so Lin Jian naturally sat next to her.

For a moment, they drunk in silence.

"Are we really going to drink this way? It's so boring! Lin Jian complained.

"What's wrong with drinking this way?" Xiehan understood what the blabbermouth was getting at. Wasn't he tired of these drinking games?

Sure enough, he suggested, "Let's play truth or dare!"

"No." Xiehan rejected the idea without batting an eyelid. There was no way he was playing that game with Lin Jian.

When he had just come back from Australia, Lin Jian and Jinag Xingyu had thrown a welcome party for him and invited many friends, most of whom were girls. He did not mind this until they played truth or dare and Lin Jian dared him to kiss a girl.

Although he had rejected the dare and drunk in punishment, the girl had clung to him for weeks after and it was not easy to get rid of her.

Lanni, who knew nothing about this, thought that Xiehan simply thought the game was not suitable. "We can play something else. How about spill your guts, fill your guts?" she suggested.

Everyone agreed. Xiehan thought about it and agreed too. It was much better than having to do some of Lin Jian's insane dares.

Hence, they started playing.

They had mixed up the rules so what they were actually playing was a mashup of Spill your guts, fill your guts and Most likely.

They would deal cards and the person who ended up with the ace of hearts would ask who is most likely to do a certain action. Everyone would point at the person they thought would do the action, and the one with the most fingers pointed at them would have to answer a question from everyone.

The punishment for not answering a question was a shot each.

In the first round, Xiehan had the ace of hearts and used the chance to revenge. "Who is most likely to be found cooking while naked?"

Everyone roared in laughter and pointed at Lin Jian.

"Hey! When did I..! Lin Jian was enraged and glared at Xiehan who quickly defended himself, "I didn't say it was you, did I?"

Lin Jian huffed and grudgingly waited for the questions.

Since it was the first round, the questions were quite mild and revolved around who his first crush was and when he first kissed, but he ended up drinking five shots because he couldn't remember any of the answers.

In the next round, Jiang Xingyu had the ace of hearts and he grinned at Luna. Luna had a bad feeling about it. Just when she was wondering whether he was planning to target her, he asked, "Who is most likely to cross dress?"

"Are you kidding me?" Luna was shocked by his question, and the fingers that pointed in her direction in a second. Only Ruby had pointed at Lin Jian but the rest of them had seen her in male clothes.

She glared at Jiang Xingyu. This man did it on purpose!

Chapter 267 - I Love Him

When Jiang Xingyu saw her sending him a fierce glare, he acted innocent. He even smiled in her direction as though he had not done anything. "What is it? Is there anything wrong?"

Luna wished they were alone so she would give him a thorough beating. Everything is wrong, okay! Although that was what she thought, what came out of her mouth was something else. "Of course not! What could be wrong? You have questions? Bring them on!"

Jiang Xingyu grinned at her. Well then. Let's see if you will answer this confidently. He was first. He wanted to use this chance to ask whether she liked him in the slightest bit, but since he was afraid that he might get an answer that would shatter his heart, he changed the question. "Do you have any phobias?"

Luna was surprised, having expected a question related to her feelings. She was happy yet disappointed, and she thought about it and nodded. "Yes."

Jiang Xingyu was about to ask what the phobias were when she spoke again, "You can only ask one question. Next question?"

Jiang Xinyu sulked. Fine. The game would not end before he asked.

It was Lanni's turn next and she grinned before asking mischevously, "When did you have your last kiss and with who?"

Luna was stumped. "Before I answer this question, let me ask you something. Are you really my sister?"

Lanni laughed. "Your answer, please."

Luna resigned to her fate and cleared her throat, putting on a serious expression which was a contrast to the turmoil she was feeling in her heart. "About one hour ago, with him." She nodded towards Jiang Xingyu who was beside her.

Jiang Xingyu cleared his throat as a crimson color slowly stained his ears. He did not expect her to admit that what happened at the fountain was a kiss. It had been brief after all, and he thought it had meant nothing to her.

Lin Jian exclaimed when he heard Luna's reply. He looked at the slightly flushed Jiang Xingyu in disbelief. "You guys finally made progress! How far did you go? Are the two of you dating now? How come no one told me such big news?"

"I thought you were the boss of a news group?" Luna glowered at him.

Lin Jian laughed and since he was next, he thought about it and snuck a peek at Jiang Xingyu. He should use this opportunity to help his friend find out what he wanted to know, right? "Are you seeing anyone at the moment?"

Luna was no longer so surprised. She looked at everyone who was eagerly waiting for an answer then at Jiang Xingyu whose hands were trembling and were probably sweaty already. She smiled. "Of course. My eyes are open so I'm seeing all of you."

Everyone was flabbergasted and Lin Jian narrowed his gaze. "That's not the kind of 'see' I meant..."

"That's how I understood your question and I answered it. Your chance is lost, next question?" Luna looked at Xiehan.

Lin Jian was speechless. This girl was so cunning!

Jiang Xingyu slowly sighed in relief, surprised that he would feel relieved. But it was understandable. Although she was not close to any other man at the moment, Luna had not agreed to be his girlfriend either. The probability of her admitting that she was seeing someone—him—was only next to zero.

The game continued. Xiehan didn't know what to ask yet. "I don't know what to ask for now. How about I ask you two questions in the next round?"

Luna knew that by the next round, Xiehan would have thought of the most difficult question possible, but she still nodded. There might never be a next round for her.

When it was Ruby's turn, she wanted to ask what Luna's phobias were but when she met her threatening glare, she said that she didn't have any questions and passed.

In the next few rounds, the game became crazier and all sorts of questions popped up. Lanni had to say what part of Xiehan's body turned her on, Luna wrote a list of her enemies' names, Jiang Xingyu almost

blacked out from drinking too many shots consecutively and Lin Jian had to describe his last sexual experience in detail.

Everyone was intoxicated so they carelessly asked any question that surfaced, except one.

She had been using her wit to worm her way out of all the questions she was asked. When she couldn't play tricks because the question was too particular, she chose to answer it. Hence she did not take a sip of alcohol since the game started.

When she finally had the ace of hearts, a grin of satisfaction graced her lips. She raised an eyebrow slightly as she glanced in Ruby's direction.

Ruby's back straightened from the penetrative look and she whispered to Lin Jian who was beside her in question, "Does Lanni's sister hate me?"

Lin Jian was too drunk to think clearly so he shrugged. "Why would she? It's not like you wronged her. You haven't even met her before."

Ruby swallowed the statement she was going to say when Luna raised the ace of hearts. "Which girl is most likely to hang out with Lin Jian?"

Ruby's mouth widened into an 'O'. She shook her head in Luna's direction. "You can't ask such a question." Wasn't it too direct? She was the only one who had been seen with Lin Jian today so the answer was too obvious.

Luna leaned in her chair leisurely as she cast a meaningful glance at Ruby. "I didn't know there was such a rule. Anyway, everyone thinks the answer is you so there's no point asking another question, is there?"

Lin Jian finally felt there was something wrong with the way Luna was looking at Ruby. Was there some rivalry between these two beauties?

He shifted his gaze between them. "It couldn't be related to Jiang Xingyu, right? But that was not right. Ruby may be beautiful, but she was not Jiang Xingyu's type. Besides, his heart was already filled with Luna. What was with these two then?"

The questions started rolling immediately.

Lanni was first. "Are you in love with anyone, or do you have a crush on anyone?"

Ruby drank to that, making Lanni speechless and Luna enraged.

Lin Jian asked a perverted question and earned glares from everyone, and Ruby drank to that too. By the time four questions were done, she was drunk so she leaned slightly to her left and rested her head on the man's shoulder.

Everyone exchanged gazes when they saw Ruby lie so effortlessly on Xiehan's shoulder. Lanni was shocked too.

Xiehan was shocked then confused, and when he registered what had happened, he gently nudged Ruby's head off him.

However, the girl didn't want to leave and wrapped her arms around him instead.

Luna couldn't hold it anymore. "I knew it! This girl was acting weird." She couldn't believe how calm Lanni was about it. She pointed at Ruby who was half awake. "You! I haven't asked you my question yet. Tell me what's between you and Xiehan."

Too intoxicated to think properly, Ruby looked up at Xiehan's face and slurred. "Me and Xiehan?" She scanned him for a moment with her eyes.. "What else could there be? I love him."

Chapter 268 - Ruined All Our Plans

"What?" Lin Jian was the first to react. Ruby was in love with Xiehan? This was shocking!

He was about to tease Xiehan for having smitten the hearts of two beauties but then he remembered that Ruby had been unwilling to go to the party with him. But as soon as he said that he was late and Xiehan and the others were waiting for him, she quickly agreed to go.

At that moment, he had thought that she was just tired of playing hard to get but now that he heard her words, the only reason she had agreed to go was because he had accidentally spilled that Xiehan would be there!

This was a stab to any man's pride and ego. Glaring at the two of them, he stood up and stormed out of the room.

Jiang Xingyu grinned mischievously. "Obviously, it is Ruby who is after Xiehan and not the other way round. Why is he glaring at Xiehan?" He leaned back in his backrest and took a sip of his drink while enjoying the show. "Serves him right. He has always played with women's hearts and now it is time for him to pay for it."

Seeing that Lanni did not react, he peeked at her. "Aren't you being too nonchalant? A woman just confessed to your boyfriend!"

Lanni rolled her eyes at his desire for drama. "What am I supposed to do? Fight her?"

Before it could escalate any further, Xiehan pushed Ruby off his shoulder and stood up. "Have Lin Jian drop her off."

Chan Mansion—the following morning.

"Open this door!" Mr. Chan banged on the door to his daughter's room.

He heard the sound of feet dragging against the carpet then the door opened to reveal a walnut-eyed Ruby. "Dad, what is it? I was still asleep." she complained with a yawn.

"What is it? I should be asking you what is wrong with you! You really went and did it."

"What did I do?" Ruby groggily asked.

In response, Mr. Chan grabbed her hand and dragged her to the living room then sat her on the couch to lecture her. "I told you stay away from the Ji family, didn't I? Not only did you associate with them, you even confessed to Ji Xiehan. Are you crazy?"

Ruby's sleepiness cleared off as soon as her father's words sunk in. "What..."

"Do you know that what you have done could ruin all our plans? We have been waiting for years and you want to ruin it just because of a moment of selfishness?"

Ruby was still confused. She vaguely remembered the game they were playing, then Xia Luna asked her what she felt for Ji Xiehan and she blurted it out. But how did her father even get wind of it? As soon as she asked herself this, she got an answer. The person who dropped her off last night...

"I swear, that man's mouth is at least a hundred times more functional than his brain."

"Don't try to drag other people into this. You are the only one who created this mess."

Ruby sighed in defeat. "I will go and apologize. I will explain to Lanni and Xiehan while at it."

"What nonsense! What will you explain? Utter rubbish. You will not set foot out of that door until I let you."

Ruby grabbed an apple from the table and bit hard into it. Just great. Now she had been grounded indefinitely.

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Meanwhile, Lanni had decided to forget about what happened the previous night. After all, Ruby was not the only girl who liked Xiehan. He had admirers everywhere and if she were to get angry every time anyone expressed her interest for him, she would be angry all her life.

In the afternoon, she was reading through some news articles when her phone chimed.

She was expecting a call from Xiehan so she involuntarily smiled as she reached for her phone. When she saw the caller identity, however, her sweet smile disappeared and was replaced with a frown as she answered the call. "What do you want?"

On the other side, Ruby was disheartened when she heard Lanni's indifferent tone. "Lanni, I can explain," she started.

"I don't need you to explain anything." Lanni dismissed and hung up. She was not going to pretend that she was friends with a girl who just happened to be her romantic rival.

Not to mention, Ruby had always exuded weird vibes and could not be trusted.

Xiehan called just as she resumed reading.

"Do you have time to have dinner together this evening?" he went straight to the point, and she guessed that he had to go back to work soon.

"Sure, I don't have much to do."

"I will pick you up when I get off work." He said, then he hung up because he had to rush.

"Everyone around me is acting strange." Lanni rubbed her temples after setting her phone aside. What was going on with everyone? Or was she the weird one who was being too sensitive over nothing?

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At the same time, Luna was quietly creating a gaming software on her laptop when she received a call from Jiang Xingyu. Her eyebrows scrunched up.

Knowing that the idiot would keep calling if she ignored it, she grabbed her phone and slid her thumb over the screen to answer it. "You better have something important to say, or else I will hang up. You have twenty seconds."

Jiang Xingyu sounded heartbroken by her cold response. "Baby, aren't you too fierce?"

"Fifteen seconds left." she reminded seriously.

Knowing that she would really hang up, Jiang Xingyu gathered his courage. "Can we have dinner together tonight?" Afraid that she would simply say no, he added, "I have something important to discuss with you."

Luna remained silent for a moment.. What could he want to discuss? She was pretty sure it had nothing to do with what happened the previous night at the fountain, considering how serious he sounded.

"If you have anything to tell me, go ahead and say it right now. There's absolutely no need to have dinner together."

Hearing her cold rejection, Jiang Xingyu was disappointed. How could he let go of such an opportunity to see her?

"It's something that cannot be simply stated on phone. You do know that phones can be hacked, don't you?" He threw in an excuse.

"No one can hack into my phone." Luna countered without batting an eyelid. She was not tooting her own horn but she was one of the best hackers and programmers. All her accounts were protected. As if anyone would hack into her phone.

When Jiang Xingyu heard her retort, he found an excuse too. "But someone can hack into mine."

"Urgh... fine." Luna gave up debating with him. He would just find a more insane excuse if she argued with him.

Hearing her finally agree, Jiang Xingyu joyously punched the air. "I will pick you up at 6pm."

"No need. Just send me the address."

Jiang Xingyu felt bummed but agreed to send the address. If he insisted on picking her up, she might just refuse to go altogether.

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That evening.

As soon as he knocked off work, Xiehan picked Lanni up and took her to a popular Italian restaurant. Just when they finished making their orders, Xiehan had a phone call and went out to receive it.

While waiting for him, she took out her phone to play a few games.

"What are you doing here?" a familiar voice startled her and she looked up.

"You? Why are you here?" Lanni was puzzled when she saw Luna. "Don't tell me that you and Jiang Xingyu are also having dinner here?"

Luna found her sister's words a little odd. "You are also dining here... with Xiehan?" Lanni nodded, and she found it even more odd. "Then why did they choose the same private room? I'm pretty sure this cannot be a coincidence. They could have simply said it if they wanted to have a joint date."

"Date... you finally agreed to go on a date with him?" Lanni raised her brow teasingly.

"Not now, Lanni. I'm in a bad mood. I have a bad feeling about this."

Lanni had a bad feeling too, but she suppressed it with an obviously forced smile. "What's there to feel bad about? I'm sure it's nothing. Worst case scenario, they have to go on a super long business trip."

Luna exhaustedly sat beside her. "We both know you are worried too."

Before Lanni could retort, Xiehan came back and beside him was Jiang Xingyu. Trying their best to keep up their smiles, they slotted themselves opposite Lanni and Luna. They even nudged and made fun of each other in attempt to lighten up the mood, which was instead working the opposite magic.

"You can drop the smiles. We know they are fake." Luna berated them, and they coughed awkwardly.

"Why don't we have dinner first?" Xiehan suggested.

"It's bad news, right?" Lanni started. "I will not be able to stomach any food if I'm anxious."

"Well..." Jiang Xingyu was helpless. He looked at Xiehan as though asking for help and when the latter ignored him, he could only rack his brains for the right way to put it. "We do indeed have bad news. Actually, it is two pieces of bad news. Which one should we start with?"

Lanni shot a glare at Jiang Xingyu then shifted her gaze to Xiehan. "Honey, what's the bad news?"

Xiehan thought for a moment and decided to start with what they found out first. "Your dad is missing. He disappeared from the hospital."

"What did you say?" Lanni was stumped.

"He disappeared this morning." Xiehan added. "We have tried looking for him but we could not find a single trace."

"Is he telling the truth?" Luna asked Jiang Xingyu, as though she believed him more.

Jiang Xingyu nodded solemnly. "That is what I was trying to say."

Luna's mouth went wide with shock. "But that's not possible. I went to visit him today at noon. He was there in the hospital."

"Did you see him with your own eyes?" Xiehan inquired.

"Yes!" Luna blurted before she recalled what had really transpired and shook her head. "No. I didn't— but that's only because the doctors were conducting several necessary tests on him and it would take at least two hours to complete. I decided to go back home and visit him later." She explained.

Xiehan sighed. "That's the point. He disappeared early in the morning and the doctors covered it up by telling all sorts of lies."

Jiang Xingyu shifted his gaze between Lanni and Luna and scolded them. "I've been meaning to say this. How could the two of you leave your father on his own? Isn't it your duty as his daughters to take care of him?"

"Shut up." Xiehan glared at him.

Lanni laughed bitterly. "Xingyu is right. It's our fault. It's my fault actually. I should have stayed in the hospital to look after him but instead, I hired a caregiver—all because I was afraid that mom would be angrier with me."

Luna placed her hand on her sister's to comfort her. She was on the wrong too. She was afraid that frequenting Xia Hanchen's ward would put his life in danger so she had limited herself to two visits per day and she would not spend too much time with him.

She stroked Lanni's hand as she swallowed a lump. "Blaming ourselves will not help us in any way."

Lanni controlled her emotions. "You're right. We need to find a solution now. Hold on. There were two pieces of bad news. What's the second one?"

Luna listened anxiously too, afraid that it would be worse news than the first.

Just when the two of them were on the verge of breaking down from anxiety, Xiehan broke the second piece. "Li Xiyan escaped from prison."

The phone in Lanni's hand dropped.

Luna punched the wall.. "Damn it."

Chapter 270 - Two-faced Hypocrite(1)

"I knew it." Lanni cursed when she snapped out of her shock. "I knew it wouldn't work. I told you... damn it." She bit the inside of her lip in anger.

"Lanni..." Jiang Xingyu was about to say something but was stopped by her ferocious glare.

She shifted her gaze between the two of them as she clenched her fists so hard that they cracked. "I told you this was not a fool proof way to deal with her but what did you say? The two of you insisted that leaving it in the hands of the law was the best thing to do. Just great! The precious law has handled it pretty well."

Xiehan pulled her to his side. "Honey, I understand how upset you are, but pointing fingers at each other will not help us get a solution."

Lanni stood up, determination written all over her face. "Don't anyone dare to stop me. I am going to find that woman by all means and when I do, I will strangle her with my own hands."

"Uh..." Xiehan glanced at the frail little hands that were supposed to strangle Li Xiyun but he didn't doubt her. From her fierce expression, she could really do it.

However, that could be dangerous so he tried to talk her out of it. "Honey, don't be rash. We..."

"Are you on my side or on hers?" she glanced at him threateningly.

Before Xiehan could respond, Luna stood up. "I'm with you. Let's show that woman what happens to people who mess with Xias."

Left with no choice, Xiehan and Jiang Xingyu could only join them. Otherwise, these two might land themselves in danger; they needed to be there for them.

"Do you think Li Xiyan really has our dad?" Luna asked Lanni.

"Who else? Isn't it already clear?" Lanni scoffed. It was not a coincidence that Li Xiyan escaped from prison at the same time as Xia Hanchen's disappearance.

"In fact, it is highly likely that she personally snuck into the hospital and bribed the doctors so they would lie." Jiang Xingyu speculated.

Luna thought about it for a moment and shook her head slightly. "The first part is probable but the second part seems more unlikely. Li Xiyan wouldn't let anyone see her. That's not her style of doing things."

Lanni thought so too. "Besides, the doctors may not want to ruin the hospital's reputation so when they noticed that a patient is missing, they would try to cover it up as much as they can." She knew she was thinking the worst of the hospital but that was the brutal truth. She had read many news articles about such cases and the thought of it was horrifying.

The hospital staff were probably trying to find Xia Hanchen too.

"That's possible. Whether it was because they wanted to deal with this matter without making the relatives worry or because of their own selfish reasons, we cannot rely on them. Let's conduct our own investigation." Xiehan said.

"I know someone from the National Intelligence Unit..." Jiang Xingyu started but Luna interrupted him.

"That woman is a psycho. The more people we involve in this, the more dangerous it will be for our dad. It is better to keep it among us."

"Alright." He did not refute. Luna was the one who knew Li Xiyan best, after all.

"How about Lin Jian? He already knows what is going on so he does not count as an outsider, does he?" Xiehan contemplated and asked.

"I don't know... how will he be of help?" All Luna knew about him was that he was a willful young master who did as he pleased and swapped women as frequently as he changed clothes. He didn't seem to have any focus in life! What was more dangerous was his mouth which functioned several times faster than his brain.

Xiehan knew what she was concerned about and reassured her, "Don't worry. He knows when to keep his mouth shut. Lin Media Group owns a private investigation agency that only a few people know about. We can use this agency under the guise of scouting for news and since they have all signed contracts of confidentiality, we will not have to worry about anyone else finding out."

"That would be helpful." Lanni responded. It wasn't like they had much choice.

They discussed what to do and when they were done, Luna stood up. "Since it is decided, I will go home now. I have another matter to settle."

She stormed out of the private room as soon as her words were out, as though it was an emergency.

"What happened? Did something happen at home?" Jiang Xingyu asked Lanni, who shook her head in confusion.

"If anything happened at home, I would be the first person to find out. Perhaps it's a personal matter." she speculated, even though she knew it was highly unlikely. The girl simply started a string of curses a while ago and stood up as soon as their discussion was over.

Thinking about it, she stood up too. "I think I should go home too."

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Luna rushed all the way home and when she arrived, Li Yuming was in the living room.

"I was looking for you girls. Where did you run off to?" she asked as soon as she saw Luna.

Luna was going to ignore her and go to her room but since the latter spoke first, she stopped and looked at her. "Oh yeah, you were?"

Li Yuming was confused by her tone but smiled it away. "I am attending an art gala in a few days. Do you girls want to come with me?"

Luna crossed her arms as she looked straight at her mother. "Did you get the wrong twin?"

Li Yuming was now firm that something was wrong. "What is up with you?"

"You're asking me?" Luna found it ridiculous.. "My dad is missing, and you are the only one who is in the mood to attend banquets and celebrate. Do you have something to do with his disappearance?"