

Little Sweet 121

Chapter 121: Complaints

Jiang Yan Ran's parents arrived shortly after.

Hearing the knock on the door, Ye Wanwan braced herself and then immediately went over to open the door.

"Where's Yan Ran?! Where's our Yan Ran?!"

"Where's my daughter?"

Mr and Mrs Jiang were so anxious that they were sweating buckets.

"Uncle, Auntie, you're finally here. Yan Ran's lying in bed--hurry and take a look at her!" Ye Wanwan said quickly.

Both of them immediately rushed to the bed and after seeing their daughter lying there, their hearts broke instantly.

Jiang Yan Ran looked quite haggard; her face was so pale without a trace of colour and her eyes were also completely red and swollen. Mr and Mrs Jiang probably wouldn't have any suspicions at all.

"Yan Ran, why were you so silly?! What exactly happened?"

"Yan Ran, hurry and tell daddy--did somebody in school bully you?"

Jiang Yan Ran looked at her anxious parents in shock. After seeing her family, she couldn't hold back the feelings that she'd been suppressing any longer and sunk into her mother's embrace as she cried in pain, "Daddy... Mommy... I feel so awful... So awful..."

Mrs Jiang's heart broke with her daughter's cries, "Darling girl! Oh, my darling girl! Are you trying to get mommy and daddy worried sick? What happened exactly?"

Ye Wanwan stood at the side, tears streaming down her face as well, "Uncle, Auntie, you must speak up for Yan Ran. Yan Ran was bullied so badly in school!"

Mr Jiang's face filled with rage instantly, "Who dares to bully my daughter?!"

Ye Wanwan replied, "It's Song Zi Hang and Shen Meng Qi!"

Daddy Jiang's expression changed, "Zi Hang and Shen Meng Qi? How could that be? Zi Hang would never bully Yan Ran and isn't Meng Qi Yan Ran's best friend?"

Ye Wanwan hurriedly explained, "That's not true at all. Song Zi Hang has never liked Yan Ran and even got together with Yan Ran's best friend, Shen Meng Qi, in secret. As Yan Ran's best friend, Shen Meng Qi not only kept this from Yan Ran, but she even hooked up with Song Zi Hang after finding out that Yan Ran and Song Zi Hang were engaged..."

Mr Jiang said sternly, "That's impossible! I know that kid's character very well--Zi Hang is true to our Yan Ran."

Mrs Jiang chipped in as well, "Yes, we see it for ourselves every day."

Ye Wanwan sneered in her heart. This Song Zi Hang was quite talented at leaving a good impression--no wonder Jiang Yan Ran was worried that her parents wouldn't believe her.

Ye Wanwan continued with her complaints, "Uncle, auntie, you guys were fooled. Song Zi Hang was just acting in front of you from the start. Whenever the elders of both families weren't together, he treated Yan Ran coldly and even told Yan Ran that he liked someone else.

But Yan Ran was too silly and loved him too much; she didn't care about any of this and would be over the moon when Song Zi Hang simply smiled at her. She thought that maybe she'd be able to change him someday.

As a girl, in order to please him, Yan Ran woke up early in the morning during the winter to travel over ten miles in the dark to buy him his favourite breakfast. In the summer, she'd run over to the basketball court to cheer for him every day under the scorching sun!

She's a princess and has led a pampered life at home but in order to please him, she was the servant for the entire basketball team; she'd get snacks and water for all of them silently and even wash those sweaty and smelly jerseys!"

Chapter 122: What a joke!

She still knew a little about Jiang Yan Ran as she'd been roommates with her for quite some time and at that point in time, their relationship hadn't soured yet.

Just listening to all this, Mr Jiang threw a big fit, "Silly! Yan Ran, you're the apple of our eyes! How could you degrade yourself for a man?! Without me, the Song family would be bankrupt! He should spoil my daughter like a princess! Instead, he treats you so poorly, as if you're a maid at his beck and call!"

Mrs Jiang was in disbelief as well, "Silly child! Why are you so silly?! Why didn't you tell us?"

"Yan Ran was worried that if she complained to you, Song Zi Hang would hate her even more..."

Ye Wanwan sobbed and continued in anger, "After putting in so much effort, what did she get in the end? It was him enjoying Yan Ran's efforts with an easy conscience and uncle and auntie's financial support while he hooked up with Yan Ran's best friend!

I couldn't take it any longer so I made a post to condemn those two assholes. In the end, Song Zi Hang thought that Yan Ran was the one who posted it so he scolded her with all sorts of awful things--he said that she was evil, cunning and forced her to delete the post!

Since the post wasn't deleted, Song Zi Hang actually made a clarification in the school's forum stating that he had nothing to do with Yan Ran and that the engagement didn't exist. He even said that he only liked Shen Meng Qi alone from the beginning!"

Mr Jiang's face became extremely gloomy, "Is everything you said true?"

"Completely true! Uncle, auntie, the post is still here--take a look and you'll know what happened!" Ye Wanwan opened that post on her phone and placed it in front of them.

Didn't Shen Meng Qi enjoy telling on me? This time, I'll give her a taste of her own medicine.

Both husband and wife quickly looked at the post.

In the quiet dorm, there were only the voices of the arguing Shen Meng Qi and Jiang Yan Ran from the video on the phone screen—

Listening to their daughter's despairing accusations with each word cutting them deeply, Mr and Mrs Jiang's hearts clenched. The clarification that Song Zi Hang posted later on ignited their fumes.

Mr Jiang was so mad that his voice shook, "Yan Ran has nothing to do with him... the engagement was simply a joke by the elders... great... great... what a great joke! Song Xiao Wei, you've got a great son!"

Mrs Jiang read the posts of the netizens mocking her daughter and was so angry that she cried, "God! How could these people say these things about Yan Ran! Yan Ran... It's mommy's fault... Mommy's really sorry... Mommy didn't realise sooner... Mommy made you suffer so much..."

How upset must Yan Ran be after reading this?!

No wonder my daughter wanted to kill herself!

All these people were too much!

Jiang Yan Ran looked at her heart-broken parents and hurriedly soothed them, "Mommy, it's all thanks to Wanwan for saving me this time. Due to some misunderstandings, our friendship hasn't been great but after this incident, I finally realised who my true friend is!"

Mrs Jiang held Ye Wanwan's hand gratefully, "Good girl, thank you so much..."

"It's nothing, auntie, it's the least I could do."

Mr Jiang let out a long sigh, "Yan Ran, it's a good thing that you can take this chance to see things more clearly. We can start all over again--all the things you've suffered, mommy and daddy will definitely get back at them for you. Don't you ever do anything so silly again!"

Chapter 123: Cruel and wicked

"Your dad's right, Yan Ran. If anything happened to you, we wouldn't know how to continue living!"

"Sorry... Sorry... Daddy... Mommy... I'm so selfish... I'll never do it again..."

Jiang Yan Ran let out a big cry in front of her parents and poured out all of her troubles.

Ye Wanwan waited for the three of them to calm down a little before asking, "Uncle, auntie, how are you going to do her justice?"

Mr Jiang snorted coldly, "Obviously we'll go along with that Song family's cruel and wicked bastard's wish and call off the engagement!"

Jiang Yan Ran revealed a worried look, "But both our families have had such a long relationship and have many intertwined businesses and projects..."

Mr Jiang gave his daughter a reassuring look, "Yan Ran, don't you worry about this and let daddy handle it. Thankfully we found out now--if we were a day late, our one billion would've been transferred into the Songs' account! I'd rather take the money and feed it to the dogs now than let them have it so easily!"

Seeing Mr Jiang's reaction, Ye Wanwan was relieved, " Mr Jiang, you're awesome! Yan Ran, you have nothing to worry about anymore! You must pull yourself together for the sake of uncle and auntie!

"Wanwan's right, how could daddy's daughter be so weak? We must never let others look down on us!"

Mrs Jiang looked at her daughter on the bed with a worried look, "What should we do now? We can't stay in school for too long. Yan Ran, would you like to come home with us for two days?"

Jiang Yan Ran shook her head and said firmly, "Daddy, mommy, I'm fine. I've thought things through and I don't want to interrupt my studies."

Hearing their daughter say that, they thought she must've straightened things out. Both husband and wife were relieved.

"Wanwan, then we're going to have to trouble you to take care of Yan Ran for the time being. We really don't know how to thank you!"

"Yes! It's all thanks to you!"

The couple thanked Ye Wanwan again and again. Then, since they were still worried about Yan Ran, they talked some more sense into her again for awhile before they finally parted reluctantly.

Although they hated to part with their daughter, they had to go back immediately to seek justice for her!

After the couple left, Jiang Yan Ran suddenly looked towards Ye Wanwan earnestly, "Ye Wanwan..."

Ye Wanwan turned and asked, "What is it?"

Jiang Yan Ran's eyes were slightly red, "Thank you! Thank you so much!"

If it wasn't for Ye Wanwan, with my character, I would've probably kept this from mommy and daddy. Even if I came around to telling them, it'd be too late then.

Ye Wanwan smiled and teased, "You can't just thank me verbally, if you really want to thank me, then you have to devote your body to me~"

Jiang Yan Ran was amused, "Got it. If I enter the entertainment field in future, I'll definitely turn to you. I could tell just from today that your acting skills surpass those of even the top actors and your PR crisis-solving skills are top-notch!"

"That's right, good call!" Ye Wanwan nodded as she agreed and said casually, "All right, since we've settled things with your parents, you don't have to worry about anything now. Just put on a facial mask and have a good night's rest. Ask the teacher for a break tomorrow too. Rest a little and readjust your state of mind. We'll start with step two after school tomorrow!"

"Step two?" Jiang Yan Ran was surprised.

"Giving you your makeover!" Ye Wanwan nodded earnestly.

Tsk, I just remembered that after school tomorrow, Qing He's going to have a basketball match against the neighbouring high school! It's the best chance to stir something up!

Chapter 124: My boyfriend's skills

"Uh... do we have to?" Jiang Yan Ran hesitated.

Although she had complete trust in Ye Wanwan, this was really...

Ye Wanwan shot her a look and handed a mirror over, "Do you want to look like an abandoned wife in front of everybody in school and get laughed at?"

"Of course not, but can you really do it?"

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin, "If I mess up, I'll shave my head bald to accompany you. Speaking of which, I've never tried going bald before!"

Seeing Ye Wanwan's expression, it seemed like she looked forward to trying that look...

Jiang Yan Ran was speechless and the corners of Jiang Yan Ran's mouth twitched, "No thanks..."

Ye Wanwan placed an arm over her shoulder and started speaking with confidence, "Stop looking like the five heroes on Lang Ya mountain preparing to be martyred [1], alright?! I have very good taste! Let's take you as an example. You're not suited for that innocent and pure white lotus look. Just look at your chest, could you ever look innocent? You still want to copy Shen Meng Qi and go with that innocent style?! You need to know your own body better, okay?"

Jiang Yan Ran suddenly covered her chest and blushed, "Ye Wanwan! You... Pervert..."

"I'm speaking the truth, okay!" Ye Wanwan glanced several times, drooling, "Trust me, you're more suited for the enchanting and alluring, radiating and domineering queen look! Firstly, you'll need to change your boring straight black hair. You have thin hair so this hairstyle looks like you have seaweed glued to your hair--do you know how ugly it is? Anyway, you just have to listen to me once you get to the hairdresser's tomorrow!"

Jiang Yan Ran thought about it. If her hair was ruined, she could just wear a hat, so she agreed, "As long as you don't make me dye my hair green, I'm fine with it. Do as you wish!"

"Are you sure? Even if I want you to cut your hair short?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Jiang Yan Ran laughed, "I don't even want that man anymore, why would I be sad over this hair that I kept for him?"

Ye Wanwan nodded, pleased, "Not bad, not bad! You're worthy of being my student!"

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One night went by.

Jiang Yan Ran didn't return to her dorm. Instead, she slept over at Ye Wanwan's place.

When Ye Wanwan woke up the next morning, she didn't wake Yan Ran up. Instead, she washed up quietly and left for class.

As they went to bed late last night, Ye Wanwan was very sleepy. Once she reached class, she laid on the desk to catch up on her sleep.

On the contrary, the Si Xia who was usually asleep, looked very energetic. He even arrived earlier than her today.

Seeing Ye Wanwan arrive, the teenager's eyes seemed to light up and he handed her a small slice of exquisitely decorated cake which looked like a piece of art, "Wanwan, have you had your breakfast? This almond cake is delicious; do you want to try it?"

It was the gentle voice of the hunk of many girls' dreams, but to Ye Wanwan, it felt more like the voice of a life-seizing devil, "I don't like almonds."

Upon hearing that Ye Wanwan didn't like almonds, Si Xia's face stiffened for a fleeting moment, "What do you like, then?"

Ye Wanwan was on the verge of collapsing as she answered dryly, "There's too many to say."

I'm begging you, man! Don't talk to me anymore! Do you know how many people are staring at me right now?

Seeing that Ye Wanwan was in a bad mood, Si Xia frowned, "Wanwan, you didn't sleep well last night?"

Ye Wanwan took a deep breath. This can't go on. Looks like I need to use my ultimate move ...

Thus, Ye Wanwan kept her head down and continued to lie on the table as she blurted out, "Yeah, I didn't sleep well because my boyfriend's too skilled."

Next to her...

There was a gust of cold wind and a dead stillness. A complete silence...

Translator's Thoughts

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[1]: This is a true story about 5 men who fought selflessly against the Japanese troops during the World War. In order to protect the people, they lured the enemies to Lang Ya mountain and attacked them. When the 5 of them were out of bullets, they sacrificed their lives and jumped off the cliff.

Chapter 125: Remarkably effective

Ye Wanwan didn't care to see her deskmate's reaction and fell asleep peacefully.

In a daze, she had a dream.

There were sounds of gunshots, explosions and screaming everywhere...

She could only see fresh blood and blazing fires all over the place.

She was already exhausted but had to keep running and running.

Her surroundings were filled with fearful people and there were people dying next to her continuously. She could be next! The smell of death was getting closer and closer.

She wasn't sure how long she ran for but the road seemed never-ending...

Finally, she reached a dead end and there was only a cliff up ahead. Behind her was a dark vortex and in front was a murderous aura getting closer and closer to her...

She couldn't retreat so she took out a knife and cut those people's necks one by one...

Fresh blood soaked the earth...

"Ring——" The bell rang, it was the start of class.

Ye Wanwan woke up in a shock, her whole body drenched in cold sweat.

Damn it...

Why did I have this nightmare again...

Ever since she'd gone through that terrifying attack overseas, she dreamt of this scary and gruesome image frequently.

However, she wasn't afraid of those images. Instead, she was frightened by her cold-blooded and ferocious eyes in the dream.

It didn't feel like myself in the dream...

Beside her, Si Xia noticed that Ye Wanwan seemed to have a nightmare and he furrowed his brows like he was about to say something. But then, the unexpected "my boyfriend's too skilled" popped into his head and like a curse stopping him from speaking, he immediately shut his mouth.

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As her "ultimate move" was remarkably effective, Ye Wanwan had peace for the whole day.

After school, she immediately headed back to the dormitories to look for Jiang Yan Ran.

As there was a basketball match in school that day, there were many people who wanted to watch so the class monitor gave them a day off and they didn't have rehearsal today.

After she went back, Ye Wanwan looked at her normally empty dormitory that was filled with things.

Jiang Yan Ran, who was packing her things, saw that Ye Wanwan had returned and spoke apprehensively, "I've requested for a change of dormitory from the teacher. Since I'm on leave today, I brought my stuff over. If you have problems living with me, I'll request for some other arrangement..."

Ye Wanwan didn't mind but she was slightly worried.

What if Si Ye Han appears again like last time? Jiang Yan Ran would have a big scare!

Forget it, I'll just give Si Ye Han a call later! Having a roommate's not a bad thing anyway--it's a legitimate reason and I won't have to be scared that he'll appear suddenly anymore.

"Why would I mind? I would've allowed you to stay over even if you didn't mention it." With her situation, she definitely can't stay with Shen Meng Qi any longer.

After Ye Wanwan spoke, she looked at Jiang Yan Ran and asked, "Oh yes, can I ask you something? Does Chu Feng from the neighbouring Jin Xiu school's basketball team have a crush on you?"

"How did you know..." Jiang Yan Ran was a little taken aback.

"I saw his love letter to you in the garbage," Ye Wanwan replied.

Jiang Yan Ran was stunned and felt slightly awkward, but she didn't deny it, "He did write me a love letter to confess. At the time, I was in love with Song Zi Hang and didn't care about him. Why did you suddenly bring this up?"

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin and said, "Send him a text and ask him out for dinner."

Jiang Yan Ran froze, "Huh? But I'm not interested in him at all..."

Actually, I'm not interested in anybody. Anyway, I just fell out with Song Zi Hang. Is this good timing?

Ye Wanwan naturally knew what she was worried about. She held her hand and spoke earnestly, "My dear, how would you know if you haven't tried? The best way to forget a relationship is to start a new one! Most importantly, as long as you believe me and do what I say, I promise that Song Zi Hang will definitely be so pissed that he'll vomit blood!"

Chapter 126: Why don't you broaden your horizons?

"Let me tell you. You thought you couldn't live without him, thought he was your entire world when in fact, you were just sitting in a silo, limiting yourself! It's such a big world, why don't you broaden your horizons instead of clinging onto Song Zi Hang?"

Chu Feng came from a good family. He was good in his studies and sports as well. He was also way better looking than Song Zi Hang which was enough to spite Song Zi Hang for sure.

On one hand, she suggested it to spite Song Zi Hang, but on the other hand, she was worried about Jiang Yan Ran.

Given Jiang Yan Ran's character, even if she decided to not commit suicide, this incident must've traumatised her greatly. With her paranoid temperament, she might never trust a man anymore.

It'd be great if Jiang Yan Ran and Chu Feng worked out, but if they didn't, it'd be good to have her attention diverted as well.

In fact, there were quite a number of people who were interested in Jiang Yan Ran. She could only remember Chu Feng because in her previous life, after Jiang Yan Ran took her own life, Song Zi Hang immediately invested in a big production and specifically requested to have Shen Meng Qi as the lead actress. At the premiere of that movie, Chu Feng suddenly ran up on stage like a mad man and beat Song Zi Hang up. That incident was very serious and everybody gossiped about it.

It was said that afterwards, Song Zi Hang started legal proceedings against him but was unsuccessful as Chu Feng had a strong family backing so they ended things amicably.

She could still remember that man's raging and mourning expression on the screen to this day...

At that point, it had been a few years after Jiang Yan Ran got married but this man still kept thinking about her after all those years.

Thus, Ye Wanwan felt that this man wasn't bad and was worth a shot.

Upon hearing what Ye Wanwan said, Jiang Yan Ran smiled bitterly as she mocked herself, "How could Song Zi Hang be pissed..."

Although that was what she said, in the end, she still listened to Ye Wanwan.

Maybe Ye Wanwan's right. I should broaden my horizons.

Ye Wanwan let out a sigh of relief after witnessing Jiang Yan Ran send the text. Then, she eyed her from head to toe and frowned, "Don't tell me you're wearing this today?"

"What's wrong? These are the nicest clothes I have! I picked these out on purpose today!" Jiang Yan Ran said.

Ye Wanwan let out a long sigh. It's more like she's the one with problems with her aesthetic taste... could her fashion sense be any worse?

"It's plain white and unflattering like an old rag, how is that nice?"

"It's the most trendy piece now..."

"Artistic-ghastly-girl-in-a-cloth kind of style, is it?" Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes and dug around Jiang Yan Ran's wardrobe. With one look, she took out a floral dress, "Change into this!"

There were large vintage flowers imprinted on it but it wasn't over-the-top. It was attractive, young and vibrant, suited for her style and age.

On other people, it would look quite dull but on Jiang Yan Ran, she could definitely pull it off!

Jiang Yan Ran looked at the dress, slightly taken aback, "You really know how to pick them, this is my most expensive dress. My mother gave it to me on my birthday. It's Brand C's limited edition set. But the colours are too loud and showy so I've never worn it before..."

"Go try it, go try it! I want to see it!" Ye Wanwan stared at her with her eyes glistening, face full of anticipation.

Jiang Yan Ran laughed in annoyance, "Alright!"

No matter how hard her mother tried to convince her in the past, she never tried on anything that Song Zi Hang wouldn't like. But as for Ye Wanwan, though she knew very well that she didn't have the best taste, she had some inexplicable trust towards her.

Chapter 127: Transformation

"Are you done? Do you need help?"

Ye Wanwan asked impatiently as Jiang Yan Ran had been inside for over ten minutes and hadn't come out.

Jiang Yan Ran's uncertain voice came from the bathroom, "Wanwan, I think I'll change out of it. I feel weird!"

Ye Wanwan couldn't wait any longer so she simply pushed the door open and went in.

Seeing Jiang Yan Ran in that dress, Ye Wanwan was stunned.

Although she knew that Jiang Yan Ran was definitely suited for it, she was still surprised, "Damn! I knew you had a good figure! But I didn't expect it to be this good!"

Usually, Jiang Yan Ran preferred to wear oversized, artsy clothes that didn't accentuate her figure at all. However, the style of this dress showed all of Jiang Yan Ran's assets.

Ye Wanwan thought how well-suited this dress was as Mrs Jiang's gift as a rite of passage for her eighteen-year-old daughter.

Looking at the reflection of Jiang Yan Ran in the mirror, Ye Wanwan had the sense of a young girl breaking out of her cocoon to become a butterfly.

"You're teasing me again!" Jiang Yan Ran cried.

Watching Jiang Yan Ran's annoyed and ashamed expression, Ye Wanwan laughed, "I'm speaking the truth, okay?"

Since Jiang Yan Ran was still young, it was still too early for her to have the aura of a domineering queen. But right now, she was like a budding flower, revealing the charms of a woman while displaying a teenager's innocence. It was even more moving.

"Don't worry, trust me, it's not weird at all. You're just not used to it! If you want to talk about weird, it would be that your hairstyle and your temperament don't match at all. Pack up and let's head to the hairdresser's!"

"Are you sure?"

"I'm definitely sure. Do you want me to propose this idea to you with ten thousand more words?"

"Alright then..."

"Let's go, let's go!"

They quickly packed up and Ye Wanwan dragged Jiang Yan Ran out of the door eagerly.

As many people would be gathered at the school's basketball court to watch the match, most other public places would be empty.

At the hair salon:

Ye Wanwan made the hairdresser follow her requests strictly and changed Jiang Yan Ran's hairstyle.

The hairdresser was initially quite annoyed at Ye Wanwan's pretence in knowing anything about hair styling and bossing him around. But in the end, the end result left him speechless.

The girl in the mirror changed her dreary and boring straight black hair into a head of honey-coloured loose curls reaching her collarbone, making her appear more radiant and fashionable.

Initially, he thought that it would be an awkward length and he also didn't understand what Ye Wanwan meant by "unawakened curls". Who knew that the end result would be so fantastic?

With just a change in hairstyle, the girl in front looked as if she'd transformed into a different person, attracting the eye of any passerby.

"Miss, you're good! Where did you find this hairstyle? It's really nice!" The hairdresser had nothing more to say. What he couldn't figure out was that although this girl clearly had good aesthetic taste, why did she make herself look like that?

At this moment, seeing her own reflection in the mirror, Jiang Yan Ran seemed to have lost her senses too.

She had very little self-confidence and after finding out about Song Zi Hang and Shen Meng Qi, she felt even more self-conscious. She kept thinking that Ye Wanwan was simply trying to make her feel better with her compliments. I never knew there's this side of me...

"What is it? Are you blown away by your own beauty?" Ye Wanwan laughed.

"It looks really good," Jiang Yan Ran nodded honestly. After all, as a girl, seeing herself become better-looking brightened up her mood.

"More like stunning, okay? The big transformation is done! Let's head over to the basketball court and find a good seat!" Ye Wanwan was secretly ecstatic.

Chapter 128: Isn't he silly?

Today's basketball match was the last match for the seniors. It was a farewell match so it was particularly packed with people.

Ye Wanwan stood by the entrance and scanned the court. She could see the two teams warming up but couldn't find Chu Feng. He probably hadn't arrived yet.

As for Song Zi Hang, his tall and big body stood out conspicuously in the second row of the arena.

Sitting with him were Shen Meng Qi, Fang Qin and a few other girls from class A.

Those girls looked at Song Zi Hang with gleaming eyes, full of worship.

But in Song Zi Hang's eyes, there was only Shen Meng Qi.

Song Zi Hang trained his eyes on the girls in front of him and spoke somewhat emotionally, "Thank you for coming to cheer for us!"

"Haha, Captain Song. You mean to thank Meng Qi for coming to watch your match! We're just here incidentally!"

"With Meng Qi's support, today will definitely be Captain Song's home game! We'll wipe out Jin Xiu completely!"

"That's for sure! It's the power of love!"

Shen Meng Qi wore a long light green dress today, looking very fresh and elegant. She blushed as she shot a look at the crowd teasing her, "Stop messing around! It's only right to cheer for our own school's basketball team!"

Ye Wanwan observed from a distance as she clicked her tongue.

Jiang Yan Ran brought water and food and washed the clothes for the entire basketball team but didn't even get a single word of praise. Shen Meng Qi, on the other hand, merely sat there to watch a match and he was beyond touched.

"Are you okay?" Ye Wanwan glanced at Jiang Yan Ran, worried.

Jiang Yan Ran took a deep breath and looked away from those two people flirting with each other. "I'm fine, let's go."

Ever since he posted that reply on the forum, Song Zi Hang had been unscrupulously courting Shen Meng Qi.

The two of them walked in a single file towards seats in the front row.

The spectators on the basketball court started whispering once they saw Ye Wanwan but Ye Wanwan already had quite the reputation so everybody wasn't too interested in her. Very quickly, everybody's attention turned towards the girl behind her.

Everybody's eyes lit up the moment they saw Jiang Yan Ran.

Especially the guys!

"Wow! Look, look! A beauty!"

"Which class is this beauty from? How come I've never seen her before?"

"Eh? Isn't this Jiang Yan Ran from class A? She's just had a change of hairstyle and clothes!"

"Damn! I must be blind! I didn't expect that Jiang Yan Ran would be so stunning! Her figure's fantastic too!"

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The commotion in the basketball court quickly attracted Shen Meng Qi and Song Zi Hang's attention from the first row, and they turned and looked behind them.

Song Zi Hang only faintly heard someone saying "Jiang Yan Ran" before feeling a sense of revulsion subconsciously.

Could it be that this woman hasn't given up on me and is coming over to pester me some more?

Song Zi Hang wrinkled his brows as his gaze followed the crowd. In the next second, he was completely stunned.

In front of him was a girl in a bright vintage-printed floral dress, the fabric displaying her perfect figure and her brown curls making her look beautiful and alluring, no longer looking depressingly plain like before.

This girl who's so stunning that she's making every guy speechless is... Jiang Yan Ran!

Song Zi Hang couldn't believe his own eyes.

At this moment, the chattering around them got louder, especially after seeing Song Zi Hang and Shen Meng Qi.

"Hey? Don't you find Jiang Yan Ran much prettier than Shen Meng Qi?"

Shen Meng Qi was certainly a beauty with her appearance, especially with the right makeup and clothes, but compared to the alluring Jiang Yan Ran, she suddenly looked really plain.

"She's much prettier, definitely! You can't tell usually!"

"To think about it, Jiang Yan Ran comes from a better family than Shen Meng Qi; her father's a famous director and her mother's a well-known screenwriter while Shen Meng Qi's father used to be a chauffeur for Ye Wanwan. Don't you find Song Zi Hang silly? Giving up on such a wealthy beauty with a good family who was so loyal to him for a country bumpkin?!"

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Chapter 129: You're the embarrassed one

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How could she accept the fact that one of her sidekicks was actually the center of attention and even being used to mock her?

Jiang Yan Ran normally treated her very well and even helped her quite a bit but what she hated most was her arrogant attitude now, exactly what she hated in Ye Wanwan previously.

Just because her father was the Ye family's chauffeur, she had to follow that big missy around like an attendant to please and appease her like she was her ancestor. She was even forced to stay back a year in school with her.

Those comments from the people around them were stabbing her in places that hurt the most. The look of surprise in Song Zi Hang's eyes just now made her expression darken even further.

Damn it, why is this completely different from what I imagined? With Jiang Yan Ran's character, after being jilted by Song Zi Hang recently, how could she be in the mood to doll up and look so radiant?

This style of dress also wasn't what she'd usually go for. She knew Jiang Yan Ran very well, and she would never wear something so flashy...

Shen Meng Qi couldn't figure out the sudden change in Jiang Yan Ran; could it be due to the trauma?

She quickly stopped her train of thought and turned to Jiang Yan Ran with a worried look, "Yan Ran, where did you go the past two days? We were looking for you everywhere; you didn't answer our calls and we didn't see your things in the dorm when we came back. We were all worried sick, afraid that something happened to you..."

With Shen Meng Qi looking like a beauty in tears, if you didn't know better, you'd think that the person jilted and attacked by rumours was her.

Jiang Yan Ran looked at Shen Meng Qi's pretence coldly, "Thank you so much for caring about me!"

Ye Wanwan, who was leaning against the seat at the front row, blinked and asked innocently, "Hm? Meng Qi, were you very worried about Yan Ran?"

Shen Meng Qi was suspicious as to why Ye Wanwan came together with Jiang Yan Ran but she didn't think much about it and thought it was a coincidence. She immediately replied hastily, "How could I not be worried? Yan Ran's my best friend too!"

Ye Wanwan revealed a doubtful look and said softly, "Oh... You still had the mood to come for a basketball match when you're so worried..."

Ye Wanwan looked as if she was talking to herself but her words were loud enough for everyone around them to hear.

Shen Meng Qi's face changed instantly and she secretly glared at Ye Wanwan. She hurriedly explained, "Wanwan, it's not like that. It's because today's match is so important, I just want..."

Ye Wanwan interrupted her before she could finish, and she nodded with an understanding look, "Me too, I think this match is really important too! I've been waiting for this match for so long! It's such a pity if I didn't watch it!"

Ye Wanwan's comment seemed harmless but it was obviously hinting at the crowd: To Shen Meng Qi, a match was more important than the life of her so-called best friend.

Upon hearing Ye Wanwan's silly comments, everybody around suddenly sniggered and burst out in mocking laughter.

"I suddenly find Shen Meng Qi really fake now!"

"That's right! Acting like she has a deep relationship with her best friend and looking like she was worried to death when in the end, she's here flirting with Song Zi Hang! I think she can't wait for Jiang Yan Ran to die so that she can cling to this big tree that's Song Zi Hang!"

"I heard that the Song family will be working with the government on a big project; their assets will multiply ten folds instantly!"

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Chapter 130: I won't let you be bullied

Shen Meng Qi clenched her fist tightly and called Ye Wanwan an "idiot" in her heart countless times. A look of hurt appeared on her face as she explained with reddened eyes, "It's not like that, I thought that since Yan Ran likes Captain Song so much and today's match was so important, Yan Ran might come to the basketball court so I came to try my luck..."

Ye Wanwan was fascinated as she listened; she was rapt in admiration with Shen Meng Qi's ability to twist the facts to justify herself.

Jiang Yan Ran lost without injustice!

When he saw how hurt and embarrassed Shen Meng Qi looked, Song Zi Hang protected her instantly. Thinking about how the Song family was no longer what it was before, he steeled himself and looked at Jiang Yan Ran in anger, "Jiang Yan Ran, have you had enough? You were the one who's spoiled and made everybody around you worried, yet you're still blaming Meng Qi now. You think every single person in this world revolves around you, rich princess?"

Tsk, revolves around her?

All these years, exactly who was the one revolving around whom?

Jiang Yan Ran looked at how Song Zi Hang scolded her indignantly to protect Shen Meng Qi and her heart was overwhelmed with sadness.

I must've been crazy to think that after so many years of feelings, this man would care about me.

Seeing Jiang Yan Ran biting her lips, Ye Wanwan narrowed her eyes and said to Song Zi Hang, "Captain Song, why're you scolding Yan Ran? Didn't she just thank Meng Qi for caring about her? Even if you like

Meng Qi, you shouldn't be so unfair towards Yan Ran, right? Even as Meng Qi's good friend, I can't tolerate this!"

This comment by Ye Wanwan successfully created some doubts; everybody witnessed Jiang Yan Ran only commenting once from beginning to end while Shen Meng Qi was busy acting pitiful and Song Zi Hang actually scolded Jiang Yan Ran out of the blue just for her.

"I thought that Jiang Yan Ran was useless so she got jilted by him! Now I know the reason why--some people are just too good at acting!"

When Ye Wanwan finished speaking, she turned to Shen Meng Qi and asked, "Meng Qi, do you think I'm right? What Captain Song said was too unreasonable!"

At this moment, Shen Meng Qi was so frustrated by Ye Wanwan that she wanted to vomit blood. This damn idiot, shut up if you don't know how to talk. She's causing trouble for me with every word that comes out from her mouth today and I have no clue how to speak logically with this idiot!

To protect her pure and perfect image, Shen Meng Qi could only hold it in, "Captain Song, don't blame Yan Ran, it was all my fault..."

Song Zi Hang was about to speak but the match started and his coach was rushing him.

"Meng Qi, I gotta go!"

"Go on then, all the best!" Shen Meng Qi said shyly.

At first, she thought Song Zi Hang was just an average guy mostly because Jiang Yan Ran liked him, but according to the news she heard recently, the Song family appeared to be quite a good connection to have.

"We'll definitely win. I'll give the trophy to you as a gift!"

After speaking, Song Zi Hang went to the court with confidence. Everyone who was crowding around to watch the drama went back to their seats as well and focused on the match.

Ye Wanwan and Jiang Yan Ran sat in the empty seats a row behind Shen Meng Qi, diagonally across her.

Jiang Yan Ran sat on the chair wearily as she murmured, bashing herself, "Wanwan, thank you, I suddenly find myself so useless..."

Ye Wanwan chuckled softly, "Girl, you've performed so well today--your utter lack of regard was the best defence against them! If you kept arguing with them like a resentful woman, that would've been a disaster! Leave it to me to embarrass her. Since I dared to bring you here, I won't let you be bullied!"

Translator's Thoughts

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By the way, we were #19 on the weekly ranking last week!!! Yay!