

Schoolgirl 591

Chapter 591: We Continue With What We Were Doing Just Now

When Qin Yirou entered the room, she felt a hint of anomaly. Her brows narrowed suspiciously but the room was pitch-black. Although the light from the hallway spilled into the space, it remained a dim glow.

“Xiao Jian?” Qin Yirou followed the wall to switch the light on with a frown. The pure white fluorescent lighting illuminated the entire room at once. When Qin Yirou went to Yun Jian’s bed, she saw the latter sleeping soundly without anything that seemed out of place.

This was impossible... Could little Yun Zhu be seeing things instead?

Qin Yirou did not wake her daughter up, knowing that she was far in her dreamland listening to her deep and calm breathing.

Since Yun Jian was soundly asleep, Qin Yirou moved away softly. Despite that, she had still checked the closet and nooks of the room, worried that there was really a thief.

“Looks like I was thinking too much. Xiao Zhu gets mistaken sometimes—he’s just a kid, after all,” Qin Yirou muttered to herself in a bare whisper. As she spoke, she went for the door and was about to turn the light off when she turned to check again, realizing abruptly that the window next to Yun Jian’s bed was open. The curtain was swaying from the slight chilly winter breeze but it was not a big movement.

“This girl! She forgot to close her window when she went to sleep...” Qin Yirou shook her head gently, fond and helpless, as she stalked toward the window, forgoing her plan to turn off the light.

What Qin Yirou did not know was that a pair of fair, prominently-jointed hands were clinging to the wall outside of the window. If there were someone outside of the mansion and it was broad daylight right now, they would see Si Yi with his glorious 185cm height hanging off the wall with one arm easily.

If there were really someone, they would be shrieking now. If they were Ya Dang and Mo Sen, the two of them would probably be exclaiming about how their young master was acting so shamelessly for a woman!

Qin Yirou could not shake away the oddity in the air. Leaning out of the window, she looked down before she closed the window in relief when there was no one. Then, she turned off the light in Yun Jian’s room and closed the door locking it.

She locked it this time because she was worried that if there were really a thief, the thief could just open the door from the outside and enter her Xiao Jian’s bedroom. She had no idea that her action had, instead, encouraged the ‘thief’s burglary’.

Yun Jian woke up from her pretense of a deep slumber after Qin Yirou shut the door with a click. She was aware that her mother had gone to close the window while Si Yi was hiding outside of it.

Mulling over it, she found her slippers whilst getting off the bed to go to the window. Just as she wanted to open it, she suddenly recalled how Si Yi refused to leave and hugged her tight earlier, only hopping out the window when she thought that Qin Yirou was going to discover them.

Yun Jian decided not to let Si Yi come in upon consideration, but figuring that he would catch a cold outside, she could not help calling out in worry, "Go back to your room. See you tomorrow."

With that, Yun Jian snuggled back to her bed with the silver moonlight in the dark.

She had just gotten into her bed when a gust of cold wind blew behind her through the window. A tall, well-built shadow wrapped his arms around her instantly as his familiar teasing voice sounded behind Yun Jian. "Xiao Jian, did you think I won't be able to come in after you locked the window?"

As he spoke, he pushed Yun Jian to the bed again. "We'll continue with what we were doing earlier since you're being defiant."

Chapter 592: These Are All For Xiao Zhu

A mere locked window proved to be less than a challenge to Si Yi.

Wrapped suddenly in his arms and pinned on the bed, Yun Jian blushed in a blink of eyes.

"Were we doing anything just then? Get up, I'm going to sleep." Yun Jian pretended like she did not understand a thing but the flush on her face gave her away. She was flustered like a child who was caught red-handed.

Yun Jian gave Si Yi a shove. The latter did not make it difficult for her this time. Swallowing his primal urge, his hand covered Yun Jian's smaller ones as he turned to face her sideways, keeping his eyes on her.

"Okay, sleep." Si Yi's gentle voice felt like the summer breeze, enthralling, and intoxicating.

It actually made Yun Jian close her eyes. Perhaps uprooting the Inferno Ring cost her sleep recently, maybe it was the multitude of things happening, Yun Jian fell into a deep sleep under Si Yi's stare.

As she went into a deeper slumber, she thought that she felt Si Yi's assuring embrace. It was warm and relaxing, like one was enveloped in a breath of fresh air both physically and mentally.

"Xiao Jian..." Yun Jian also thought that she heard him call her endearingly through the fog of her sleep.

Si Yi did not sleep after Yun Jian had. Making sure that the girl was soundly asleep, his long, prominently-jointed fingers touched Yun Jian's forehead softly and glided down from there to her neck and collarbone. Then, his hand went up from the left and held Yun Jian's face before his sturdy form hovered over her and caught Yun Jian's lips with his own, leaving a soft peck on them.

"I really want to pull you into my body so you won't ever leave me in this lifetime," Si Yi murmured softly, carding his fingers through Yun Jian's hair with a loving gaze.

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The next morning, Yun Jian woke up at 7:30am. Waking up, she rubbed her forehead before she got out of bed. Si Yi was no longer beside her but his faint fresh scent lingered on the bed; it smelled nice. Every time he slept beside her, Yun Jian would always sleep in.

Yun Jian rustled about before she stood up. She had only gone to open the door after she smoothed her clothes out.

Usually, the latest Yun Jian would wake up was 6am. More often than not, she woke up around 4am and went out for a run around 5am, so she would come back around 6am. 7:30am was considered a lot later to Yun Jian.

When she came downstairs, she saw Yun Yi with a towel around his shoulders, obviously having come back from working out. It was winter but he only had a thin t-shirt, baring his strong arms.

Since Yun Yi trained with Yun Jian alongside Zhang Shaofeng, he had since never stopped.

“Xiao Jian, let me know when you’re leaving later,” Yun Yi said and headed upstairs as he wiped his sweat.

“Mn,” Yun Jian hummed her agreement.

What Yun Yi meant was their visit to Qing You’s house for the new year call.

Little Yun Zhu’s voice suddenly came from the door. “Si Yi-gege, there are so many lollipops and snacks. Are all of these for Xiao Zhu?”

Just as his words were heard, Si Yi was seen coming into the house holding Yun Zhu’s hand.

Chapter 593: Sending Snacks And Getting A Free Meal

There were several others who trailed after them when Si Yi and Yun Zhu came in. It was apparent that they were labor workers as they moved box after box of packaged snacks into the house from the outside.

The last person who entered was a familiar face to Yun Jian. It was the shopkeeper from Xinjiang Town’s sundry shop.

Yun Jian recalled the scene where Si Yi had instantaneously bought everything in the shop right before everyone during Lunar New Year’s day. He had cleared everything in the shop off the rack. Back then, he passed a bank card to the shopkeeper and asked him to send all the goods to their house and return the card when he did.

Obviously, today was the day the shopkeeper kept his word and had a van send everything in his shop here. All snacks, daily essentials, and some other miscellaneous items in the shop were all excluded.

When the shopkeeper came in, he checked and tallied the goods before returning the bank card to Si Yi under Yun Zhu’s anticipating gaze. “I’ve swiped the amount for this merchandise. I didn’t charge you ten times. Retail price is good for me. I, Old Wang, have been an honest man all my life! I don’t want your extra money. I thought you guys won’t have a use for some other things in my shop, so I didn’t pack them up and send them here. These snacks should last you some time,” the shopkeeper explained.

Back when he heard Si Yi asking to purchase everything in his shop with a price ten times higher than its original price, he was baffled. Nonetheless, he had never been one to take advantage, so he did not charge Si Yi extra.

“Mn.” Si Yi quite admired the owner’s integrity and did not tease him for it. Instead, he kept the bank card away.

The shopkeeper left with a goodbye after sending the pile of snacks here, taking with him the workers as well. Once he left, little Yun Zhu shrieked in ecstasy, "Whoo! Yay, yay, yay! There are so many lollipops and so many chips! Si Yi-gege is the best!"

Yun Zhu swung Si Yi's hand as he spoke before darting to said snacks.

"You can't have too many of these, they aren't nutritious. Xiao Zhu, you can only have three items a day. You can't skip your meals because you have snacks," Yun Jian could not help reminding.

"Okay." Yun Zhu clutched three bags of chips to himself and nodded fervently. He still listened well.

"Time for breakfast. Wash your hands, breakfast's ready." Qin Yirou stepped out from the kitchen wiping her hands. Just as she came out, however, she was shocked by the boxes of snacks.

"Whoa! Who bought so many snacks?" Qin Yirou was bewildered.

"Mama Qin, Si Yi-gege bought them for me." Yun Zhu had already torn a bag of chips open and was noisily munching on them.

"A Yi, you spent too much. Xiao Zhu won't be able to finish all these snacks!" Qin Yirou chuckled awkwardly.

Qin Yirou did not know about Si Yi buying out the entire sundry shop nor was she aware of Si Yi and Yun Jian's relationship, thus explaining her awkwardness. After all, Yun Zhu was her family. How could she let Si Yi spend so much on him for nothing?

Then, a loud guffaw came from the door before Ge Junjian's voice followed. "You're all here? Don't mind me coming for a free breakfast?"

Chapter 594: Alone Together: An Accident

Qin Yirou was surprised when Ge Junjian came.

That was strange. Was Officer Ge not busy in the military? Why was he frequenting her place?

Despite that, Qin Yirou kept her smile. There was no way she was chasing a guest away.

"We haven't started. Join us, Officer Ge." Yun Jian waved with beaming eyes.

Knowing that the girl was creating an opportunity for him, Ge Junjian hurried over but remained polite in his words, "Excuse me for being a bother, then."

Qin Yirou who did not get to speak in time went silent. When she caught up with the situation, she went to the kitchen to fetch Ge Junjian another set of dining utensils.

Then, the group dug in. Yun Jian and her family did not usually chat over the meal. By the time they were done with breakfast, Yun Jian and Yun Yi got ready to depart to Qing You's house for a visit.

"Jiejie, I want to go play at Qing You-jiejie's house too," Yun Zhu giggled after patting his stomach playfully and burped.

"Xiao Jian, if you don't have much to do, take Xiao Zhu out. Keeps him from getting bored at home since he has nothing to do here," Qin Yirou added.

“Okay.” Yun Jian nodded.

Going to Qing You’s house for the new year call had been for fun. Since she had nothing to do and Qing You’s house was quite far away from Longmen City; she could take Yun Zhu around to enjoy the scenery if she took him along. Going from Zhe Province’s Longmen City, they had to cross provinces.

“Hehe, jiejie’s the best!” Little Yun Zhu beamed at Yun Jian, his small face shaking from excitement and joy.

“I’m going too since Xiao Zhu’s going.” Si Yi added, his tone leaving no room for argument.

Before Yun Jian said anything, Yun Zhu who had long been bought over by Si Yi clapped happily. “Yay, Si Yi-gege’s going too! This is awesome!”

Yun Jian was speechless but the smile on her face was genuine.

Qin Yirou cleaned up the table with the help of Ge Junjian, the latter carrying the dishes to the kitchen.

Finally, Qin Yirou reminded Yun Jian kindly, “Xiao Jian, be careful when you guys are out and about. There are more bad guys out there than we know. Don’t get tricked. A Yi and Xiao Yi, you boys are the oldest here. Take good care of Xiao Jian and Xiao Zhu!”

“Don’t worry, auntie. I’ll take good care of Xiao Jian and Xiao Zhu.” Si Yi turned to Qin Yirou with a sheen in his eyes. When he said “Xiao Jian”, there was a pause—what he meant by ‘take care’ meant something different, but Qin Yirou was completely unaware of it.

“I’m relieved with A Yi’s assurance.” Qin Yirou smiled.

When cleanup for breakfast was done, the four of them departed. Little Yun Zhu carried a small backpack, claiming that he must not forget the homework his teachers in school gave even when he was going on a trip.

When they left, Qin Yirou filled up a basin with water and took out the mop to begin mopping the floor. Noting that Ge Junjian was still here, she was suddenly struck with the realization that Xiao Zhu had gone with her children, so she and Ge Junjian were the only ones left under the same roof.

Once she thought about it, her mop accidentally hit the basin and the water in the basin spilled with a splash.

“Ah!” Qin Yirou cried in surprise. Her feet slipped on the spilled water and she fell backward.

“Careful!” Ge Junjian sprinted over from some dozen of meters away. He was in his forties but he was healthy and robust.

As he charged over but realized that it was still too late, he threw himself in his sprint to make himself the human cushion. Pouncing on the floor, Qin Yirou’s weight came tumbling down on him.

Chapter 595: It Can Work. Your Reply

“Ow...” Qin Yirou fell hard. Her eyes were clamped shut in anticipation of the painful thud that would come after her heavy fall. It came unexpectedly when she did not even feel a throb the moment she landed. It was like she fell on a fleshy cushion.

A fleshy cushion? Where did it come from?

Behind her, Ge Junjian's grunt and groan were heard.

Qin Yirou picked herself up quickly. Just as she turned, she saw Ge Junjian being sprawled on the floor as her human cushion. Blinking, she stood up in a hurry and turned around.

"Officer Ge, what... what are you doing?" Overwhelmed, Qin Yirou helped the man up.

"Hah, I'm fine. I'm strong! It's no big deal!" Ge Junjian tried before he patted his back that Qin Yirou had fallen on and asked her, "Are you alright? Did you get hurt anywhere?"

"I-I'm okay," Qin Yirou turned as she said.

If Ge Junjian watched carefully, he would have seen the tears brimming the woman's eyes.

Qin Yirou was moved. Her children were filial but they would never be around her all the time. Ge Junjian was not her family but he would rather be injured and make sure she was fine. Qin Yirou was moved beyond words.

She even thought that if Yun Gang had been only 10% as nice as Ge Junjian was to her, she might actually spend the rest of her life with him just like that.

"You—Don't cry. What's wrong?" Ge Junjian was helpless when he realized that Qin Yirou was tearing up with her back against him.

"It-it's nothing, Officer Ge. I just thought of my ex-husband. If he were one-tenth as nice as you are, I'd have spent the rest of my life with him." Qin Yirou's tears fell incessantly.

"Am I that nice? I'm nothing like you said. If I were this great, my ex-wife wouldn't have asked for a divorce." Ge Junjian was surprised but a hint of sorrow crept in after he heard what Qin Yirou said.

"Officer Ge, don't be too hard on yourself. To us women, you're the best kind to end up with. Your ex-wife wasn't foresighted, else she wouldn't have divorced someone as competent as you are. If it were me, I wouldn't leave you regardless." As they chatted, Qin Yirou talked freely.

"Then, why don't the both of us get married?" Ge Junjian's suggestion shocked Qin Yirou.

She was frozen for three seconds before she stuttered, "Off-officer Ge, don't joke about matters like this."

Ge Junjian took the chance to hold her hands, telling Qin Yirou, "I'm not joking. We aren't getting younger and our children are growing up. If you'd like, let's get married and spend the rest of our days together. If you don't want that, I, Ge Junjian, will never push for it!"

Qin Yirou hesitated to look at Ge Junjian's sincere gaze.

"Alright, I won't push it. Yirou, give it some thought." Ge Junjian chuckled before turning serious. "I'm serious about this though. We've been through this, even though we don't know each other for long. I'll wait for your reply."

Ge Junjian dried the spilled water on the floor for Qin Yirou and tidied things up before he took his leave while Qin Yirou went into deep thoughts.

To be honest, it was not like she had no feelings for Ge Junjian. She did not know him for long but the familiar feeling and bond when they talked came by unusually easy. Some people did not have to get close to each other but they felt like decades of old friends. Qin Yirou and Ge Junjian... She thought that if Xiao Jian and Xiao Yi agreed to them, it could work out.

Chapter 596: Very Bold Of You. How's This Possible?

Ge Junjian had parted ways with his ex-wife and Qin Yirou had split from Yun Gang. There was certainly no way she would get back together with Yun Gang. Now that there was a fine chance right in front of her, she must not miss it.

Qin Yirou had gone through half of her lifetime. She knew who meant well and who did not. To Yun Gang and his family, she might just be a tool to make money, but to Ge Junjian who was high in status, he was unable to reap any benefit from her.

It was evident that the man meant what he said. Qin Yirou also thought that she was not someone to grovel to influence and power. Ge Junjian's rank and status were not of her concern. She genuinely felt that she was able to connect with him.

Now that her children, Xiao Jian, and Xiao Yi, have grown up, they will leave her side sooner or later. Qin Yirou thought that she ought to find someone she could bond well with like Ge Junjian if she were to find another partner—she was not going to marry into unhappiness again.

When Ge Junjian first brought it up, Qin Yirou totally wanted to agree to it straightaway. She had feelings for the man, after all. However, she was worried about her children opposing it when she had said yes, so she thought she would ask them after they came back.

Yun Jian, Yun Yi, Si Yi, and little Yun Zhu had already left the house.

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At the same time at the military training base in F Province...

Chief Yuan, who was Ge Junjian and Ai Guoxun's superior, was also an F Province higher-up. His rank was similar to Ge Junjian's superior in Zhe Province.

Right now, Chief Yuan had gathered Ai Guoxun and other team leaders of Advanced Special Forces to his office.

"Chief Yuan, is there any secret mission that requires you to assemble us in such a hurry?" A tall and muscly man asked the superior.

Chief Yuan had the highest position in this office currently.

Ai Guoxun who received the notice and rushed here was rather unsettled.

Chief Yuan stood at the platform, scanning the room with his eyes, before speaking up seriously, “I heard that F Province’s troop was invited in the operation to take down the Inferno Ring. Why weren’t we a part of it in the end? Who made the decision without consulting me?”

The officers sitting below looked at each other left and right while Ai Guoxun stepped up to say, “Me, it’s me.”

He was the one who rejected Yun Jian’s invitation to work with An Hun Group and Gu Sha Mercenaries.

Today, that fool Ge Junjian had most probably led the troops to work with unreliable organizations like An Hun and Gu Sha, and they must have been defeated.

No way in the world was Ai Guoxun convinced that the troops Ge Junjian led could actually extirpate the Inferno Ring!

“Inferno Ring is destroyed! There are three forces that wiped it out. An Hun Group and Gu Sha Mercenaries are incredibly capable and no one had anything to comment on.”

“But the remaining force is someone I’d never imagined. There were ten ASF teams led by Zhe Province’s Ge Junjian! It’s not just within Country Z, Zhe Province’s military is now world famous! I heard that our troops were invited too but you refused to join? Ai Guoxun, oh Ai Guoxun, how bold of you not to inform me of something so important and make your own decision!”

Chief Yuan censured Ai Guoxun heavily. In return, Ai Guoxun’s expression morphed into shock and disbelief.

“Wha-what? Inferno Ring’s destroyed? No, how’s this possible?”

Chapter 597: Reflect At Home. To Qing You’s House

“Why is it not possible!” Chief Yuan bellowed as he grabbed the newspaper in front of him and threw it to Ai Guoxun’s face with a loud clap.

“Take a good look yourself! Read carefully! Inferno Ring’s annihilated and it’s made big rounds internationally! Who else doesn’t know!” Chief Yuan raised his voice.

The reputation of Ge Junjian’s troop was soaring, even the globally renowned military was extending offers to the ten Advanced Special Forces teams. Even if those ten teams under Ge Junjian were not the best, the fact was they were a part of eliminating Inferno Ring! Their future was bright and promised with an achievement like this.

Chief Yuan was resentful towards this news—Ai Guoxun had turned down Yun Jian’s invitation on his own accord. If Officer Bao had not reported something so important to him, he might not have found out about this at all.

Ai Guoxun picked up the newspaper swiftly and raked through it. His attention was ultimately captured by the big red words on the headline—“Breaking! Globally Infamous Assassin Organization, Inferno Ring, Destructed By Three Forces!”

The string of chunky bright red text at the top of the newspaper gave Ai Guoxun’s heart a stutter.

Repressing the shock, Ai Guoxun kept reading after the headline. The military officers in the room could see Ai Guoxun's face visibly turn from rosy-red to pale.

"Ho-how's this possible? Inferno Ring was actually destroyed?!" Ai Guoxun's hands that were grabbing the newspaper shook. His tone was disbelieving as he spoke of the most horrifying matter.

After all, the idea of taking out the Inferno Ring came from Yun Jian's sole words! Yun Jian was only a member of the Advanced Special Forces!

"Ai Guoxun, go home and reflect on this! Humph!" Chief Yuan was disdainful about Ai Guoxun no matter how he looked at him. He sneered and turned to leave the place with loud stomps.

The military officers avoided Ai Guoxun like a plague when they saw how Chief Yuan lambasted him.

Given the man's reaction, it went without saying how the seven members of Battling Dragons would react when they caught the news. Yun Jian was similar in age to them but the reality was that her capability triumphed over all of theirs combined!

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On the other hand, Yun Jian who left home holding Yun Zhu's small hand came to New Cruise with her brother, Yun Yi, and Si Yi.

She did not plan to take a bus but to drive to Qing You's house. If she was caught driving by the traffic police at her age without a driving license, however, it would be bothersome.

Yun Jian sat out from driving instead, leaving the task to Si Yi.

Yet, Si Yi's Lamborghini could only take two people. It was not actually the case. His sports car had backseats but it was cramped and there were no backdoors. To get to the backseats, there was only one way—hopping to the back by stepping on the seats in the front.

Yun Jian and Yun Zhu were smaller in size, so Yun Jian had carried Yun Zhu there first before she hopped to the back easily. The backseats were narrower but it sufficed for both of them.

"Jiejie, are we driving to Qing You-jiejie's house?" Little Yun Zhu asked Yun Jian with a tilt of his head.

"That's right. You can have a nap, Xiao Zhu, because Qing You-jiejie's house is very far," Yun Jian replied with a smile.

Chapter 598: Arriving At Qing You's House. A Free Slave

"Oh." Yun Zhu's swaying head made a nod.

After Si Yi and Yun Yi got into the driver and passenger seat respectively, the former ignited the engine and sped away like a flash of lightning.

Yun Yi felt a little meek at the moment. He could not help feeling nervous as he was going to pay a new year call at Qing You's house and meet her elders. Yun Jian, on the other hand, anticipated it. She had never been to Qing You's house although she knew the address.

Qing You's house was in Xin City of Pu province. It was not exactly in Xin City either but a countryside by the mountain named Luo Village. It was an impoverished and deserted place but that was where her house was.

In her previous life, Yun Jian only knew that Qing You came from a rural area. She had never visited her during Lunar New Year.

It was said that Qing You was abducted by human traffickers from the village. She had not been very young back then, already at an age where she could remember things. She caught Snake Lizard's attention after that and was taught about poisons. Ultimately, Yun Jian took her in to work by her side due to her extraordinary talent.

When Qing You established herself, it was not difficult to find her way back home since she could remember her childhood.

Before they came, Yun Jian picked out a few things that could be used as gifts from the load of snacks that the shopkeeper in Xinjiang Town sent and took them with her. They were not valuable, Qing You could buy a haul of them with the money she had if she wanted to. However, Yun Jian knew that it was a Lunar New Year custom for people in Country Z; the gifts did not have to be expensive, as long as it was sincere. Hence, Yun Jian did not plan to buy extravagant items.

Their car went up the highway from Longmen City and it took them seven to eight hours' drive to arrive in Xin City. The journey was far. It took some more time to travel to Luo Village from Xin City.

Yun Jian shook Yun Zhu who was sleeping awake when they arrived at the entrance of Luo Village.

"Are we here, jiejie?" Little Yun Zhu rubbed his bleary eyes and asked.

"Mn," Yun Jian hummed in reply with a nod.

As she did not know the precise way to Qing You's house, Yun Jian had asked for her unit number in advance. Si Yi parked his Lamborghini at the village entrance directly.

Luo Village was not well off. Its roads were not even paved properly to date. There was no concrete road in sight. All there was were uneven gravel paths that could not accommodate driving.

"I don't know where her house is. Let's go over the house numbers," Yun Jian said, picking up a box of instant noodles.

Gifts for new year calls during this era were none other than the variety of a box of drinks or a box of instant noodles. Rich households would give pecans and even richer ones gave torrey seeds.

Just as Yun Jian picked up the box of instant noodles with her petite form, a pair of fair chiseled hands stopped her and took the item from her embrace with one arm.

"I'll do it." Si Yi's smooth voice rang. With one arm carrying the instant noodles and one arm holding Yun Zhu who had just woken up, he made his way into Luo Village swiftly.

Yun Jian smiled, quickly trailing after them when she saw her brother, Yun Yi, making his way there with a box of Wangzai milk as well.

She did not know where in particular Qing You's house was but had managed to find the location after asking a few passersby.

It was already 5pm now. The sun was setting as dusk gradually loomed closer.

When they came to Qing You's house, she was squatting in front of a squalid house sitting on a stool at the door and washing clothes with her bare hands.

What an enjoyment... She was so rich but here she was laboring away. Yun Jian narrowed her eyes and was about to lead Yun Yi and Si Yi over as she stood in between both taller young men when a group of teenagers came out of Qing You's house.

There was a young girl among them who looked almost similar to Qing You. She told her companions with a point of a finger, "Heh heh, look. This is the younger sister I found not too long ago. She's back home for labor, a free slave, haha!"

Chapter 599: Qing You's Family Background. You Hypocrite!

The group of teenagers around the girl who looked like Qing You laughed heartily just as she said that but Qing You who was washing clothes at the front yard remained unfazed.

The girl was Qing You's biological elder sister, Liu Qi. Before Qing You was abducted, her name was Liu Xin. Qing You was only her pseudonym.

When Yun Jian saw Qing You, the latter was still scrubbing a big basin of clothes in front of the house. The large basin was filled with clothes with a washboard laid beside it. Qing You was currently scrubbing a garment against it.

Yun Jian and her company could hear Liu Qi's voice from where they were. Frowning, she led Si Yi, Yun Yi, and Yun Zhu over to them briskly.

"Make her leave! Get out of our house! Scram! She killed mom! It's all her fault! If she hadn't been playful back then, she wouldn't get abducted! Mom wouldn't have died!"

When Yun Jian and the boys came to the door, an enraged bark of harangue was heard from the inside of the house. Then, a young man of 18 or 19 years old stomped out of it. An old man in his fifties followed behind him, tugging the angry young man in grief and limping out as he kept his grip on the young man's clothes.

There was a gleam in Yun Jian's eyes. She did not know much about Qing You's family and Qing You finding them again was something that happened in the recent two years. When she found her family, she returned home during Lunar New Year but would go back to Gu Sha Mercenaries swiftly.

As Yun Jian did not know much about Qing You's affairs, she was surprised when she was greeted by this scene visiting Qing You's house for the first time.

"Dad! Your leg hasn't healed. You can't come down and walk!" Qing You stood up immediately to go to the old man when she saw him coming up pulling the young man's sleeves.

The old man was Qing You's biological father, Liu Tie, a local farmer.

Luo Village did not have other job opportunities. Most people here depended on nature and farming. They sowed and farmed, reaped their hard work and sold them for money.

“Piss off! We don’t need a hypocrite like you!” The young man shoved Qing You away, barking at her.

Qing You was able to halt her stable steps from the hard shove and was not pushed to the ground but she was anguished like needles were pricking her heart.

“Oh, my Xiao Xin...” Liu Tie wiped his tears and came for Qing You.

“Ge, I’ll ask our uncles here to be the judge of this! How dare she freeload in our house! Humph!” Liu Qi scoffed at Qing You as she told the young man before gathering her friends and went out in search of said uncles.

The angry young man was Qing You’s elder brother, Liu Ziyun.

There were three children in Qing You’s family. Liu Ziyun was the elder brother, Liu Qi was the elder sister and then it was Liu Xin, who was also known as Qing You.

Liu Tie was Qing You’s birth father while Qing You’s birth mother had passed away.

When she was younger, Qing You was a defiant child insisting to go out and play. She was about seven to nine years old then and got abducted when she asked to play hide-and-seek with her mother.

Qing You’s mother watched her get taken away in a van. When she gave chase with all her might, the car had driven off. Since then, her mother grew weaker, consumed by the trauma and guilt.

As parents, Qing You’s mother and Liu Tie had never given up the search for their lost daughter. It was five years ago when a fellow villager saw a child who looked like Liu Xin kneeling and begging somewhere in Xin City and told Qing You’s mother.

Chapter 600: Yun Jian’s Rescue. You’re Unworthy To Hit Her

Since Qing You was abducted, her parents had nearly burned through all their savings to find her. They struggled to make ends meet but Liu Tie and his wife had never considered giving up looking for their lost daughter.

Those who never had such an experience would never be able to empathize.

Watching a living person vanish from their world forever, knowing that she was alive but nothing they did could get her back, it felt more devastating than knowing that she was dead. It was only worse that she was taken away by human traffickers. One would never know where the kids would end up and what they would do to the kids when the human traffickers get their hands on them.

Luo Village was not new to children-trafficking. Some were simply many grab-and-go cases. Children who were abducted either had their limbs severed, eyes dug out or made crippled and thrown to busy markets with a sap story, so patrons and passersby would give them some money when they saw how pitiful the handicapped children were.

These children would grow up gradually but many of these begging old people and children in the markets could not speak, manipulated by the human traffickers.

As expected, the pity money they begged from the streets would ultimately be collected by the horrid traffickers. Nonetheless, one had to help when they saw these poor souls on the streets because a yuan or five could save these people from getting beaten up.

It was not just in 1998 or 1999, this happened frequently even during modern days.

What was different was that Qing You was kidnapped directly by the organization.. She had been lucky to stay alive and caught Snake.Lizard's attention, surviving afterward due to her talent. However, lucky ones like Qing You were scarce.

When Qing You's mother heard her fellow villager said that they saw a girl who looked like Qing You kneeling by the road in Xin City, begging with blind eyes, she rushed to Xin City hastily without even informing her husband, Liu Tie.

It had been dark on a rainy night. Going to Xin City by foot, Qing You's mother had stepped into a sewer construction site from how anxious and hurried she was. The workers there probably thought that no one was walking around at night as they did not even set up a warning sign.

Consequently, Qing You's mother whose pace was brisk and hasty stepped onto nothing and fell straight down a sewer. When she was retrieved, she had long lost her warmth.

Her sudden death stripped her young children of a mother. Liu Ziyun and Liu Qi loathed their lost sister. Yet, Qing You came back in one piece not too long after that. How could they not be consumed in wrath and resentment?

"Get out! Out! Out! Out! We're doing well as a family, why are you back here? Do you have no shame? Is it not enough that you killed mom? Are you trying to kill my dad too? Liu Xin, scram! You don't even deserve the surname Liu!" Liu Ziyun was vehement as he berated Qing You.

Unlike Liu Qi, Liu Ziyun was the closest to their mother. He was resentful toward Qing You because their mother's death was indirectly related to her.

Liu Qi was filled with hatred as well but the main reason she abhorred Qing You was because she was scared that she was back to fight for their brother and father's love.

The more Liu Ziyun lambasted, the more vengeful he became. Flushed red in fury, his hand went up to land a slap on Qing You. The latter showed no sign of avoiding. If one looked closer, her eyes were teary.

"Who are you asking to get out? She's with me. Do you think you're worthy of hitting her?" Just when Liu Ziyun's hand was touching Qing You's pink cheeks, Yun Jian's hand flew out to block his strike.