

Schoolgirl 671

Chapter 671: Give It To Me Or I'll Kill You

"Did you tell her my address just now! You b*tch! I'll kill you later!"

"Dad... I..."

"You useless b*tch! Just you wait! I'll be the one dead if I keep you alive! Just you wait!"

The voices came from the pocket of Yun Jian's track pants. It was Duan Shi hurling insults at Duan Li before Officer Wu's arrival.

When the recording ended, Yun Jian retrieved the mini voice recorder from her pocket. The gadget was small in size, something that Yun Jian had asked Zhang Zhifan to prepare for her.

Now that New Cruise was growing in scale and beginning to expand nationwide, Yun Jian had plans to make the company in Longmen City the headquarters and set up more subsidiaries in other regions later on to fully make New Cruise a household name in Country Z.

It was certainly not something to be completed within a day, and there was no hurry to accomplish it.

Yun Jian had asked Zhang Zhifan to purchase the voice recorder overseas. She knew that she would have a lot of uses for it, so the request to Zhang Zhifan was for a mini voice recorder. The man had just received and passed the item to Yun Jian.

She had brought it out of convenience today, not that she expected the first time of her using it would be on Duan Shi. With the voice recording now, Duan Shi could not argue his way out of this.

Officer Wu had condemned Duan Shi for a long time—it was purely because of the latter's remorseless ways. He did not treat his daughters like they were people and hit them like they were just punching bags for venting. Anyone who did the same would be scorned.

Officer Wu was unable to get his hands on the evidence for what Duan Shi had done, but with Yun Jian's voice recording, he could capture Duan Shi right there and then. Moreover, Duan Shi had inflicted a lot of wounds on his daughters.

Simply put, Duan Shi was definitely going behind bars with Yun Jian's voice recording.

When Duan Shi heard the recording, his rather radiant face blanched immediately.

"Hand it over! Damn you, stupid girl, give it to me!" Disregarding everything, Duan Shi pounced at Yun Jian with a fierce cry.

As he darted to her belligerently, Yun Jian merely narrowed her eyes, not making a sound or a move.

"Careful!" Officer Wu felt his breath catch in his throat when he watched Duan Shi charge for Yun Jian like he wanted to kill her.

With a raise of a leg, however, Yun Jian kicked the man down to the floor. Officer Wu let out a sigh of relief as well.

While Duan Shi lunged for Yun Jian, Shi Mei was gone in the blink of an eye. She ran fast since there were no police stopping her.

As Duan Shi was kicked down to the floor, Duan Li merely blinked her eyes. Father's love was non-existent to her. Furthermore, Duan Li did not feel any familial bond to Duan Shi since she was frequently abused to the point of bleeding and bruising.

Duan Ya shrunk in on herself by the end of the bed, frozen as she stared at the situation. One could not help feel their heart ache for her at her frightened look.

Upon a closer look, there were wounds littering the back of the hands and feet of Duan Li and Duan Ya like they were cut.

"F*ck! F*ck you! I'm going to kill you! Argh!" Not wanting to go to jail, Duan Shi was going to snatch the voice recorder in Yun Jian's hand!

He growled in a frenzy and rushed to the stove to pick up a worn-down knife, pointing it to Yun Jian and threatening her despite the police in her house, "Give it to me or I'll kill you! I'll kill all of you! Arghh!"

Chapter 672: I'll Go Over Since You're Not Coming Over

Duan Shi had lost his mind and gone berserk.

He had been held in the police station and everyone knew that freedom was restrained in there while someone like Duan Shi yearned to be free.

If he were to be detained in the station for a week, he could not withstand it. The main reason was that there was no alcohol in the police station.

An alcoholic like Duan Shi would not be able to survive without a drink. Like those who had the habit of smoking or drug addictions who were unable to break the cycle, he was the same.

Hence, Duan Shi lost his cool when Yun Jian produced the voice recorder. He was unable to beat Yun Jian so he raised the knife to threaten her.

Officer Wu and others felt their heart lurch when they saw Duan Shi pick up the knife.

If one was skilled, they could take two to three people at one time, but if their opponent had a weapon during the battle—a lethal weapon at that, the person would be scared despite their skill. After all, this person was not properly trained. It was like Officer Wu and others who were not formally trained as Special Forces. When they saw Duan Shi raising the knife, a chill ran down their back.

Nevertheless, the police pulled out their stun batons by their hips. It was the police's specialized weapon.

Officer Wu and his colleagues were never trained formally, so even with the stun batons in their hands, Duan Shi's sharp knife was still sending shivers down their spine.

Gripping the knife, Duan Shi closed in on Yun Jian carefully while he threatened her, "Give me the voice recorder! Give it to me! Don't blame me for going rough otherwise!"

“Dad...” Duan Li felt a pang to her heart. She did not love Duan Shi as a daughter, but she did not want to see him pushing himself to an impasse either.

Yun Zhu had already pulled Duan Li to stand at the back.

“Don’t be scared, I’ll protect you!” Staring at Duan Li, Yun Zhu told her seriously.

“Mr. Duan, you’re assaulting the police right now. Put your weapon down!” Officer Wu tried to talk to Duan Shi nicely.

“Unless she gives me the voice recorder. Otherwise, I’ll kill all of you! Haha!” Duan Shi grew more arrogant and sadistic, thinking that he had overpowered everyone there.

In fact, his hands were constantly shaking while holding the knife.

“You want this?” Yun Jian shook the voice recorder in front of Duan Shi before holding it back firmly in his hands.

“Yes! Give it to me! Give it!” Duan Shi shouted more fervently at the sight of the gadget.

He did not want to go to jail! He could not go there! He had to get the voice recorder!

“You want it? Come over and I’ll give it to you.” Holding the voice recorder, Yun Jian crossed her hands in front of her as she stared at Duan Shi calmly.

“I’m not going to you. Toss it to me!” Duan Shi thought that Yun Jian was scared of the knife he was wielding. After all, a knife had no eyes. As for the reason he did not want to go over to Yun Jian, it was because he could still remember her unsettling skill and that he was no opponent against her.

Duan Shi believed that Yun Jian would be scared of him as long as he kept his distance from her. He was going to stomp and crush the voice recorder once the item was thrown to him!

“I’ll go over since you’re not coming over.” Yun Jian smirked in ridicule.

As the police watched, she moved toward Duan Shi fearlessly.

“Ma’am, be careful!” While Officer Wu and his colleagues knew that Yun Jian was an Advanced Special Forces soldier, they doubted her ability due to her young age. It was the normal thing to do. Their hearts were filled with distress as they watched Yun Jian take one step after another toward Duan Shi.

“Do-don’t come over...” Duan Shi retreated in fright of Yun Jian’s presence when he saw her stepping closer to him.

Chapter 673: Catching By The Blade. She’s A Teenager!

Looking at Yun Jian step over to Duan Shi, Officer Wu and his colleagues were rather worried.

Yun Jian was just a teenage girl regardless. Even when she was under ASF, she was bare-handed while Duan Shi held a chopping knife!

Someone with a weapon and someone without—the one with a weapon had the upper hand for sure!

“If you come over... come over some more... I’ll ki-kill you!” Duan Shi trembled as he stumbled back until there was no more space for him to withdraw. It was only then he stopped and pointed the knife at Yun Jian.

“Didn’t you want this?” Yun Jian waved the voice recorder in her hand. The smile was wiped off her face abruptly as she looked at Duan Shi coldly.

“I...” Duan Shi’s eyes flitted before they were trained closely on the voice record in Yun Jian’s hand.

There was a cruel glint in Duan Shi’s eyes in the next second as he sprinted toward Yun Jian the fastest he could while holding the knife. With one hand gripping the knife, Duan Shi hurled it down toward Yun Jian while his other hand moved agilely to snatch the device from her.

“Give it to me!” As Duan Shi snarled, the savagery that took over his face made most of the people in the house gasp.

It was crazy! Out of this world! Duan Shi had gone insane!

While Officer Wu and his colleagues wanted to squeeze their eyes shut in fear of witnessing what was to come, Yun Jian’s hand flew out suddenly.

Duan Shi was slashing the chopping knife toward her at that moment.

“Jiejie!”

“Jiejie!”

Yun Zhu and Duan Li screamed nearly at the same time. Both of them were terrified and screeched right there and then.

Duan Shi was hacking the knife toward the top of Yun Jian’s head and the latter was catching it with her hand!

This was a knife! The blade was incredibly sharp. Even when one was cutting vegetables, a careless slide of fingertip against the blade would usually cut the flesh. If one had accidentally pressed too hard when chopping, it would make a deep wound that bled profusely.

The consequence of such a knife being swung down on someone was nothing those in the apartment unit could picture!

Despite Yun Jian killing the Inferno Ring assassin in Wuning Yi Elementary School, Officer Wu had not actually witnessed the process. He and his colleagues had just asked around those who were there and taken down their statements.

As for how Yun Jian had actually killed the assassin, they had only heard the recount of it from the parents and teachers who were there in Wuning Yi Elementary School.

“Be careful!” Officer Wu could not help shouting.

Although everyone there was scared of witnessing the gory scene, Officer Wu and his colleagues were principled men—they were not closing their eyes.

Duan Shi's knife had come to the top of Yun Jian's head while Yun Jian's hand was already extended.

Just when the majority thought that Yun Jian was definitely getting wounded from Duan Shi's chop, even the man himself was smirking darkly in the assumption that he was going to grab the voice recorder. Suddenly Yun Jian's fair and smooth hand flew out like a flash of lightning, catching the blade of Duan Shi's knife with just her thumb and index finger.

There was only two centimeters left between the knife in Duan Shi's grip and Yun Jian's flesh. If it went down farther, it would have cut Yun Jian's thumb off!

No matter how Duan Shi exerted his strength, however, Yun Jian's thumb and index finger kept their hold on the blade and immobilized the man's hand that was holding the knife.

"You! You!" Duan Shi shrieked in shock at the effect.

Officer Wu and the other police officers who stood farther away were so astounded, it was as if they saw a ghost.

The blade was the sharpest part of the knife since Duan Shi was holding the handle. Yun Jian had managed to catch the blade so accurately and so swiftly, in addition to tensing her muscles to stop Duan Shi, who was holding the knife and had the absolute upper hand, from pressing the knife down!

How strong must Yun Jian's fingers be and how talented must she be to be able to catch Duan Shi's attack without batting an eye!—And she was only a teenager!

Chapter 674: I'll Take Care Of These Two Children

Officer Wu and his colleagues had not gone through the Special Forces training, they only worked out and went for runs every day diligently.

To watch Yun Jian catch the chopping knife that Duan Shi swung down toward her with only her fingertips pinching the blade and leaving a two-centimeter gap between her flesh and stopping the man's attack... The knife was slippery and smooth—to keep a hold on the blade with a single hand and stop it from hashing down, Yun Jian's finger and arm strength were nothing regular people could compare to!

Whilst Officer Wu and his colleagues stayed dumbfounded and Duan Shi was going to pull back the knife to swing it again at Yun Jian after snapping out of his daze, Yun Jian pulled her leg to the side and raised it up to kick Duan Shi's knee without even looking.

"Ah!" Duan Shi cried as his leg gave out when Yun Jian's kick struck his knee.

He fell to his knees from the pain and coincidentally faced Yun Jian from the movement. As his legs gave out, Duan Shi's grip loosened as well.

Yun Jian grabbed the knife from him easily and twirled to perch it against Duan Shi's neck where the man had fallen onto his knees right before her, causing him to break out in a sweat.

Then, Yun Jian's merciless and monotonous voice sounded, "You don't even deserve to be Chessie's father. Killing you would be dirtying my hands!"

Yun Jian holding the cool knife in front of his neck, there was nothing else Duan Shi could care of when the girl was going to kill him!

“Please, I beg you! Don’t kill me! I’m wrong! Don’t kill me...” Duan Shi’s rather handsome face was incredibly pale as he trembled. Even if there were someone holding him down, he probably would not stop quivering. Most people would be scared in a life and death situation.

“Don’t!” Thinking that Yun Jian was really going to kill Duan Shi, Officer Wu came forward to stop her immediately.

Duan Shi was a scum but Yun Jian would not be able to escape from the legal consequences if she did kill him.

Other police officers ran up to handcuff the man in an instant and took him back to the police station.

“Can you bring the kids back with us to the police station to take the statement, ma’am?” Officer Wu came to ask Yun Jian after she dropped the knife.

“Mn.” Yun Jian nodded with a hum as she held Duan Li’s icy little hands that could not stop shaking.

Whether Duan Shi’s neglect of his children was ruled as domestic abuse and whether he had to be jailed, he would definitely be held in custody for assaulting the police and openly trying to snatch Yun Jian’s voice recorder right in front of them.

Duan Li and Duan Ya would have to go to the police station for their statements to be taken after what happened. As Yun Jian was the cause of the incident, she was not abandoning the girls.

After the procedure in the police station, Duan Shi was kept in custody. It would still take a while before his charges were ruled but according to Officer Wu, it was certain that the man would be spending some time in prison.

In spite of it, he would not be jailed for too long but the particular period would have to wait for the court’s order.

After the statements were taken, Officer Wu sent Yun Jian and the children off personally. Some of the police officers who were working in the station did double takes when they saw Yun Jian. They were surprised at her appearance. A teenage girl had made Officer Wu see her out personally!

Both of the mentioned people were currently standing at the entrance.

“Regarding these two children, I can send them to the children’s welfare home,” Officer Wu told Yun Jian looking at Duan Li and Duan Ya.

“It’s fine. I’ll take care of them,” Yun Jian said with a smile.

It made no difference to Yun Jian to have another two mouths to feed and the reason she was fostering Duan Li and Duan Ya was because Yun Zhu had pleaded with her. When the boy heard that his sister was agreeing to his request, he had skipped and cheered with Duan Li happily despite his young age and naivety.

Chapter 675: That Woman. You Saw Her

Officer Wu made no objection when Duan Li agreed to go with Yun Jian.

Adopting a child required a lengthy set of procedures even though Duan Li was not an orphan as her father was still alive. In this case, Yun Jian was a reliable guardian as she was an Advanced Special Forces soldier under Ge Junjian, so Officer Wu let the children go with her after submitting documentation.

The procedures involved would still have to be completed but they were nothing too complicated since Yun Jian's status was credible. Even if they were complex, Officer Wu would take care of them for her. Even if he was unable to, there was still Ge Junjian.

"Mn. The kids will go with you, then. Contact me anytime if you need to," Officer Wu nodded at Yun Jian and told her sincerely. He meant it genuinely. Just Yun Jian's ability was enough to win the policeman over.

"Mn." Yun Jian nodded at Officer Wu. After bidding goodbye, she turned to leave with Duan Li, Duan Ya, and Yun Zhu to the opposite road.

Duan Li held Duan Ya's hand while the latter stayed obedient despite not speaking a word all this while.

It was already dinner time when they were at Duan Li's house earlier and with what had happened, as well as the time taken for their statements in the police station, it was already 7pm right now.

Yun Jian and Yun Zhu both had something to eat but Duan Li had not eaten anything yet. Duan Ya had only eaten some watery congee too.

Duan Li, Duan Ya, and Yun Zhu were around the same age, a growing age, and kids at this stage should be fed well with nutrition the most.

The food that Duan Li and Duan Ya had usually was not only lacking in nutrition, but they also might not even feel full from eating.

Yun Jian held hands with Duan Li and Yun Zhu while Duan Li held hands with her baby sister, Duan Ya, as the four of them made their way across the road. Yun Jian turned to ask Duan Li suddenly, "Chessie, you must be hungry? I'll take you guys for some food."

"Okay! Okay! Jiejie, I'm hungry again! Let's go eat now!" Little Yun Zhu had already eaten but a growing child got hungry easily, of course.

Duan Li hung her head a little but she looked up at Yun Jian anyway with her glittery eyes. "Jiejie, thank you!"

Yun Jian smiled and patted her head before taking all of them to a neighboring restaurant.

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Back to Ya Dang and Lan Su, both of them had been taking the same route after parting with Yun Jian. It was because the suite Lan Su stayed in and Dong Ruan's mansion were in the same direction.

As Lan Su and Ya Dang got on their way, they had been competing to see who ran faster, making the pedestrians feel two gusts of wind. Both of them were incredibly competitive people.

It was until Lan Su arrived at her own place that she turned to leave. Before that, she scoffed harshly at Ya Dang, "Humph!"

"Haha!" Ya Dang rubbed the bridge of his nose. This was his first time racing with a woman and they were neck in neck.

After chuckling for a while, he straightened his expression and left toward Dong Ruan's mansion. He was staying there as Si Yi's friend and the mansion had plenty of rooms to spare.

Ya Dang met Mo Sen just as he came back to the house.

"Who's that woman?" Mo Sen asked, crossing his arms in front of himself with his side profile against Ya Dang.

"You saw her?" Ya Dang walked over in his towering height. So Mo Sen had already seen him and Lan Su.

Chapter 676: Heartwarming. A Familiar Voice

"Mn." Mo Sen nodded and repeated his question. "Who's the woman?"

"She's on young madam's side." Ya Dang chuckled and went to sling his arm around Mo Sen's shoulder looking at him, asking with ease, "Aren't you the carefree one? Why are you asking about it?"

"Young master's back." Mo Sen did not answer him directly but diverted the topic.

"Oh." Ya Dang nodded, having guessed it.

Mo Sen had gone back to An Hun Group with Si Yi. Now that he was back here, the latter must be back as well.

"Let's go, let's go, back home!" Ya Dang could already guess that their young master must have gone to Yun Jian again, so he slung his arm around Mo Sen like a bro and led them back to the house.

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Yun Jian took the three children to a restaurant nearby.

The place was called Jiangxi Recipe, a famous place around the neighborhood for serving delicious food. Jiangxi cooking catered to most people's appetite, even while some provinces stayed away from spicy food, Jiangxi's dishes had a unique flavor that people just could not get enough of.

There was no doubt that everyone had their own preferences but Yun Jian quite liked it. She could handle a little spice but Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya did not know how to appreciate spices yet, so she asked for mild-flavored dishes when she ordered.

Having ordered three types of meat and three types of vegetables, Duan Li and Duan Ya were dumbfounded when the dishes were served.

Both of them had never had something so scrumptious in all their life. While the meals served in school were already delicacies to them, school lunches that were prepared in bulk could never compare to fresh individually prepared dishes here.

Duan Li and Duan Ya basically wolfed down their meal.

“Eat slower.” Yun Jian smiled with crinkling eyes.

“There’s a total of 16 drumsticks. There are four of us so four pieces for each person!” Yun Zhu did the math quickly and helped distribute the drumsticks to everyone.

He was a smart boy. Worried that Duan Li and Duan Ya would not take them, it prompted him to evenly share the pieces of chicken to their bowls.

Yun Jian had also noticed that the girls had not been touching the meat once the dishes were served. The children had probably not had meat at all; even if they had some at home, someone like Duan Shi would never let them have it. It had most probably made a habit out of them, making them too scared to help themselves to some.

“I don’t feel like having them. You guys eat more.” Yun Jian smiled with her eyes, her long eyelashes fluttering.

Duan Li blinked her eyes before telling Yun Jian, “We won’t eat if you’re not eating too, jiejie.” As she spoke, she put her chopsticks down.

Once she did, Duan Ya who sat beside her dropped her chopsticks as well following her elder sister. She did not even know what was happening. Duan Ya only knew that her elder sister had placed her chopsticks down, so she had to do it as well.

“I’m not eating too if you’re not, jiejie.” Yun Zhu followed suit and placed his pair of chopsticks down.

Yun Jian chuckled at their reaction and picked up a drumstick with her chopsticks to take a bite and swallow.

When Yun Zhu and Duan Li saw that, they happily picked up their dining utensils again to resume devouring their drumsticks. Duan Ya had been quiet but she clumsily collected her chopsticks too following Duan Li’s actions...

Unknowingly, the corners of Yun Jian’s lips rose as she watched the bright beam on the children’s faces. She had never felt such a heartwarming sense in her previous and current life combined.

As Yun Jian held the drumstick with her chopsticks and was about to devour it while dipping her head, a gentle and rich voice of a male rang from the side.

“Does the drumstick taste good?”

Yun Jian snapped her head to the familiar voice abruptly.

Chapter 677: Weren’t You Already Full? I’m Hungry Again

Yun Jian turned to the side to see Si Yi standing before her.

His cropped black hair accentuated the fairness of his handsome face while he managed to still look eye-catching in his casual attire.

Si Yi had a face that grew on people the more you looked at him, so Yun Jian could not help being dazed at the sight after her first glance when she turned to see him.

“Enjoying the view?” Si Yi walked over to pat Yun Jian’s head fondly before he picked Yun Zhu up from her side naturally.

He gently dropped Yun Zhu next to Duan Li who was sitting on the opposite side, where Duan Ya also sat.

The tables here were set up so patrons sat opposite facing each other but instead of chairs, they were benches. If three people were to squeeze on one bench, it could barely take them. Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya were small in size anyway, so it was not even cramped when Si Yi moved Yun Zhu to the opposite side and three of the kids sat in a row together.

Si Yi dropped himself next to Yun Jian with ease. Then, he tilted his head back and leaned on his side before pillowing his head with his hands naturally and turned to watch Yun Jian.

Yun Jian put the drumstick back to her bowl softly after a slight pause.

“How did you know we’re here?” she asked.

She was not surprised that Si Yi was back but she was astonished that he would know she was here having dinner. Moreover, even if Ya Dang had met Si Yi, the former did not know that she was here because she had gone to Duan Li’s house and ran into the unfortunate encounter after she parted with Ya Dang and Lan Su.

“Why would I not know where you are?” Si Yi played suspense with a smirk. Alongside his prominent features, he looked dazzling.

It was not like Yun Jian was planning to get to the bottom of it anyway as this was not the center of her attention.

“Oh.” Yun Jian pressed her lips slightly and picked up her chopsticks once more to take the drumstick.

“Let me have it if you don’t want it.” Si Yi uncurled his long and fair fingers. The joints on them were distinct, his fingers slender and elegant.

It was then the good-looking hand held onto Yun Jian’s hand and directed it, together with the drumstick Yun Jian had picked up, to himself.

Yun Jian turned to look at Si Yi with a soft upward tug on her lips.

The drumstick on Yun Jian’s hold was already maneuvered by Si Yi to his mouth. His hand held Yun Jian’s hand close while her hand held the chopsticks—it was somehow an unimaginably bashful sight.

Yun Zhu watched it in slight confusion while Duan Li had her mouth agape as she and Duan Ya were also watching. Three of the kids were caught in shock.

Si Yi had already chomped down on the drumstick that Yun Jian had eaten just now, letting go of Yun Jian’s hand after he bit it. He devoured the drumstick swiftly, not even missing the bones.

This was a drumstick that his Xiao Jian had eaten, so of course it tasted amazing.

Yun Jian pointed at the other three drumsticks in her bowl and told Si Yi, “You can have all these if you’re hungry.”

“I’m full.” Si Yi turned to look at her, the fondness in his gaze overflowing.

“Chessie, this is Si Yi-gege! He’s handsome, isn’t he!” Little Yun Zhu, who snapped out of the daze, introduced the young man to Duan Li.

“Mn-mn!” Duan Li gave a fervent nod after scanning Si Yi.

Yun Jian was already taking a bite out of another drumstick that she had picked up with her chopsticks when a large hand stretched over to her again.

Tilting her head, Yun Jian looked at Si Yi skeptically and asked, “Weren’t you already full?”

“I’m suddenly hungry again,” Si Yi answered and took away the chicken drumstick Yun Jian had near her mouth once more, sinking his teeth into it gracefully.

Chapter 678: School’s Reopening—Homework Rush

It was until Si Yi had eaten Yun Jian’s chicken drumstick again that little Yun Zhu shouted at Si Yi, “Si Yi-gege, you can’t fight for jiejie’s drumstick. That’s for her! You’re a meanie!”

Yun Zhu protested on behalf of Yun Jian immediately but right after he did, he looked at Si Yi and toned down his vehemence.

“Si Yi-gege, are you still hungry?” little Yun Zhu asked.

“Hmm?” Si Yi looked up and smiled at the boy.

“Si Yi-gege, if you’re still hungry, I’ll give you mine. Jiejie’s hungry too,” Yun Zhu said as he pushed his drumsticks to Si Yi.

Si Yi pushed said piece of chicken back to the boy and told him, “I’m not hungry.”

“Then why did you take jiejie’s chicken? Our teacher said that it’s wrong to snatch someone else’s food!” Yun Zhu protested again righteously.

Si Yi grinned awkwardly.

“Eat up. I’ll take you guys home after this,” Yun Jian urged and said, “We’ll have to prepare the bed for the girls when we go home. It’s already 7pm now. It’s not good for children to sleep late.”

What Yun Jian said was understood by the children.

Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya listened well. Toward the end, Yun Zhu and Duan Li competed to see who would finish their meal first and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the match. Duan Li had never played so happily in her life. The wide grin had never left her face as if she was going to express all the happiness she had in this lifetime.

“Jiejie, Si Yi-gege, I’m done!” Little Yun Zhu was the first to raise his head.

“I’m done too.” There was a bright and content beam on Duan Li’s delicate rosy face.

Si Yi went to the counter to pay the bill and left Jiangxi Recipe with Yun Jian and the three kids. When they got home, Yun Jian explained Duan Li and Duan Ya's case to Qin Yirou and Yun Yi who had just returned from Qing You's house.

Now that Qin Yirou and Yun Yi knew about Yun Jian owning New Cruise of Longmen City, they were not opposed to her decision to foster Duan Li and Duan Ya. On the contrary, Qin Yirou took both the girls into her embrace and showered them with affection for some time when she heard about their story.

Ultimately, Duan Li and Duan Ya called Qin Yirou as Mama Qin just like Yun Zhu.

Qin Yirou was kind hearted but being kind and taking in children depended on the situation. If it were back when they were still impoverished, Qin Yirou might not foster another child after taking in little Yun Zhu. After all, they would not be able to survive with a few additional mouths to feed when they could barely make ends meet. Qin Yirou was not one to be kind blindly. Now that their family was doing considerably well due to Yun Jian, she was happy to take in Duan Li and Duan Ya.

Yun Yi welcomed Duan Li and Duan Ya as well but he had just come down to show himself before he went upstairs again.

"Ge." Yun Jian stopped him. Yun Yi had just come back from Qing You's family house today.

"What is it, Xiao Jian?" he asked.

"Why are you going upstairs so early? Not spending some time down here?" asked Yun Jian.

Yun Yi flushed suddenly as his answer came quickly, "Rushing through my homework. School's reopening tomorrow. Xiao Jian, I'm heading up now."

Yun Yi went up with that.

Staying at Qing You's place, Yun Yi had not felt like coming home. It was why he had only returned to Longmen City right on the last day and that caused him to not be able to finish his homework in time.

Chapter 679: I'm Here. First Day Of School

Yun Yi had always been a goody two shoes. Whether it was at home or in school, homework was something he would always complete on time.

When Yun Jian heard that Yun Yi had yet to finish his homework, she was taken aback. Basically, she scored well in school but she was the one who often did not do her homework. She usually turned a blind eye to the homework assigned by the school; school was reopening the next day for Yun Jian too but homework was inexistent to her.

Nonetheless, Yun Yi was different. If Yun Jian was asked to believe that Yun Yi did not do his homework, it felt more unacceptable to her than telling her that the sky was falling. After all, everyone knew how diligent he was. Back when Yun Yi got into Di Yi Senior High School from Xinjiang Town Junior High School, it was not without reason as his assiduity resulted in his excellent grades.

To have gone to Qing You's house for once and stayed there without doing his homework, such a Yun Yi was unheard of. There was a tug on the corner of Yun Jian's lips but she said nothing more.

“Xiao Jian, have you guys eaten? Look how skinny the girls are. I can make you all something to eat,” Qin Yirou said and moved to the kitchen.

“Mama Qin, we’ve eaten! We’re very full! Jiejie took us to eat!” little Yun Zhu answered with a pat on his tummy.

Qin Yirou smiled at that. She was immensely content with her current life as it was something she had never dreamed of having.

When Duan Li and Duan Ya’s room was prepared, all of them turned in for the night.

Duan Li and Duan Ya were young and the latter was scared to sleep alone, so both of them shared a room. After all three children had fallen asleep, Yun Jian was to go back to her room for bed but Si Yi pulled her to his room instead right in front of Qin Yirou.

Knowing that Si Yi would not act recklessly, Yun Jian complied without protest.

Once they lay on the bed in Si Yi’s room, the young man hugged Yun Jian out of habit.

“Were you alright this afternoon?” Si Yi’s muffled voice came from the top of Yun Jian’s head.

Yun Jian had planned to sleep, so she snuggled close to Si Yi upon hearing him and answered, “I’m fine, just didn’t know who those people are.”

There was no doubt what Si Yi asked was about what happened at Yun Zhu’s school during the day. Someone was after Yun Jian—when Si Yi first heard the news, his heart stuttered. Although he knew that Yun Jian would be fine, it was still a big deal to Si Yi.

“It’s the Inferno Ring, probably people from Metal King Kong’s side. I’ll take care of it,” Si Yi told Yun Jian as he breathed in the fragrance from her hair.

“Mn.” Yun Jian slipped off to dreamland swiftly engulfed in Si Yi’s warm embrace.

The next day, she woke up in his arms. After a morning run with Si Yi, Yun Jian picked up her book bag as well as a steaming egg and two buns from Qin Yirou before she departed to Longmen Yi Junior High School for registration.

Just as Yun Jian got to the school gate, she saw Zhang Shaofeng and Chen Xinyi whom she had not seen for a long time.

“Jianjian! I’m here!” Chen Xinyi waved her hand excitedly once she saw Yun Jian.

Yun Jian broke into a smile when she saw the girl and turned to go to them.

“Jianjian, you’re so early!” Chen Xinyi walked up to meet her and hook her arm over Yun Jian’s intimately, ditching Zhang Shaofeng.

“Hey, hey, hey, that’s my master, you know!” Zhang Shaofeng went after them once he caught up with the situation.

“Master, I didn’t forget training during the winter break even for a day! Check up on me soon!” Zhang Shaofeng laughed and chased after them.

Chapter 680: A Taekwondo Gym. Some Guidance

Yun Jian headed for the classroom from the school gate with Chen Xinyi and Zhang Shaofeng.

After more than 20 days of winter break, everyone they met in the school was familiar faces whom they had seen but could not remember the names of. They often met students from other classes in school but did not know their names.

It was a common occurrence in the life of a student. Peers from different classes usually bumped into each other in the restrooms but they might not even know each other's name after three years of junior high.

Just as Yun Jian and friends arrived at the classrooms, a cool looking guy came from the opposite direction.

"Hi, you guys are early." Ling Yichen waved and came up to Yun Jian and others as he spoke.

Yun Jian did not have a good impression of Ling Yichen when they first met but after spending some time together, she was not really put off by the boy anymore. Zhang Shaofeng and Chen Xinyi apparently thought better of Ling Yichen as well.

"Pft! Aren't you earlier than us?" Chen Xinyi made a sweeping wave motion at Ling Chenyi like she was chasing him away.

"Heh heh." The young man stroked his head in embarrassment while Chen Xinyi went back to hooking arms with Yun Jian and ran forward.

Ling Yichen was originally the school's playboy who showed exceptional potential in picking up girls. He switched girlfriends out faster than he would change outfits. However, since mingling with Yun Jian, Chen Xinyi, and Zhang Shaofeng, Ling Yichen had ceased his flirty relationships.

"Hey, you three, wait up!" Ling Yichen rubbed his chin in feigned dominance before shouting and giving chase when he suddenly realized that even Zhang Shaofeng had gone far in catching up with Yun Jian and Chen Xinyi.

"We. Are. Not. Waiting. For. You. Humph!" Chen Xinyi pulled a silly face at Ling Yichen before tugging Yun Jian to walk faster with a giggle.

With a smile, Yun Jian went along with the group as they bickered and jostled jovially back to the classroom.

Ling Yichen was not their classmate, so he left them a while after they came to the building.

After making it back to class, their homeroom teacher began collecting tuition fees. The year 1999 was without the convenience of the internet, so students of this era paid for their tuition fees by bringing the payment to class. When the fees were collected and the textbooks were distributed, it meant the end of the winter break and the official start of a new semester.

Zhang Shaofeng and Chen Xinyi hung their heads in their seats, rather down that a new term had begun. Some of their classmates shared the same sentiment, chattering about how they had not had enough fun and the winter break had already ended before it started.

Fortunately for them, school dismissed at 11am today since it was only for them to collect their textbooks. Classes would only start on the second day, so the teachers were not planning to keep the students around for long either.

Zhang Shaofeng was the most excited when school was dismissed.

“Master, I have an uncle who opened up a taekwondo gym in Longmen City. Let’s train there today!” the boy spoke in ecstasy.

His father’s old friend, Zuo Linwei, who Zhang Shaofeng addressed as uncle, was incredibly close to the boy since he was a small kid.

Ever since Yun Jian agreed to teach Zhang Shaofeng, three of them stayed around the school after dismissal to go through her lessons. Now that the boy’s uncle started a taekwondo gym, he suggested that they train there.

“Sure.” Yun Jian nodded.

Zhang Shaofeng was thrilled that Yun Jian agreed and added. “Awesome! Master, my uncle’s actually been wanting to meet you since he heard of your ability so he could get some guidance from you!”