

Schoolgirl 691

Chapter 691: Screw You! A Marriage Application

Meng Lin easily responded to Chen Xinyi with a wide grin.

There was a round clock hung front and center of the taekwondo gym where Yun Jian could see the time with a lift of her eyes. It was already 12 noon. She had to go to the military training camp at 12:30pm.

Their schedule was for her to teach Zhang Shaofeng some moves and techniques for an hour but what happened today was unexpected. After the laughter died off, Yun Jian then told Zhang Shaofeng, "Stay here and practice the technique that I've taught you just now. I'll check next time."

What Yun Jian meant was, of course, she had to leave for the military training camp, which Zhang Shaofeng and the rest were aware of, so they nodded.

"Mn, get going, master. Haha, I'll practice with due diligence!" Zhang Shaofeng was motivated, already setting Yun Jian as his goal in mind.

Working toward his goal was at the top of Zhang Shaofeng's to-do list right now.

"Mn," Yun Jian nodded and was about to leave the gym when Meng Lin's voice came from behind her before she lifted her leg. "Yun Jian, hold on!"

"Hmm?" Yun Jian turned slightly to look at Meng Lin.

She had a good impression of Meng Lin, so she was not going to disregard her.

"I'm going back to school tomorrow, so I'm leaving at 4pm today. I might not be back for a long time since I'm studying in another province but I'm sure about being friends with you! You guys can come to me for a holiday on the next break! Yichen knows where my school is," Meng Lin offered her invitation to Yun Jian. It was apparent that this tall short-haired tomboy, Meng Lin, was genuine in becoming friends with Yun Jian.

"Mm, definitely." Yun Jian's eyes crinkled as she agreed to it looking at Meng Lin's easygoing personality.

"Mn!" Meng Lin nodded fervently at Yun Jian as well.

Yun Jian then left the taekwondo gym, still attracting everyone's gaze until she disappeared out of sight.

Since she had left at 12pm to depart for the military training camp, there was no doubt that she arrived punctually at 12:30pm.

Chu Ning, Chu Xiangnan, and others had already been training there and came over to Yun Jian when they saw her.

In exaggeration, Chu Xiangnan made his way over to Yun Jian and said directly, "Hey, hey, Yun Jian'er, do you know that Officer Ge's getting married? We heard it from a senior officer who's super close to Officer Ge. He said that the date isn't decided yet but there's no mistaking it!"

“What do you know! Out of my way! Shoo! I’ll tell Yun Jian’er!” Chu Ning grabbed Chu Xiangnan and shoved him away to push herself in front of Yun Jian and continued.

“Heh heh, Yun Jian’er, don’t listen to dummy Chu Xiangnan, but it’s actually true. It’s said that Officer Ge’s divorced his ex-wife a long time ago and he’s planned to get married again right after Lunar New Year! He’s even submitted a marriage application to the superior this morning!”

“We’re just wondering who’s the lucky woman who got to marry Officer Ge. It’s so hard to find an eligible man like Officer Ge now!” Chu Ning could not help being infatuated.

After all, Ge Junjian did look rather charming. He had a face that exuded militant uprightness and with a full set of military uniform, Ge Junjian was charismatic and cool!

It was just that he was past 40 in age now but that did not deter anyone from knowing that he must have been a handsome man in his youth.

“Why aren’t you marrying Officer Ge if he’s so great!” Chu Xiangnan side-eyed Chu Ning, unaware that he had blurted something brimming with jealousy.

“You—Screw you!” Chu Ning ran after Chu Xiangnan to hit him with clenched fists right when she heard him.

Yun Jian smiled awkwardly, tugging a corner of her lips unnoticeably. What was she supposed to say? That Officer Ge’s other half was her mother?

It was only now that she knew about Ge Junjian applying to get married to her mother from his superior. A high-ranking officer like Ge Junjian was required to submit a marriage application, Yun Jian knew that much.

Chapter 692: Not A Burden. Fight Alongside

Yun Jian just did not expect Ge Junjian to have acted so speedily. It had not even been that long after he and her mother confirmed their relationship but he had already submitted his application for marriage to his superior. Nonetheless, it was evident that Ge Junjian was sincere about Qin Yirou and that relieved Yun Jian.

Chu Ning and Chu Xiangnan had promptly become a tangling mess in their jostling while Liu Shiyun and the rest of Team monarch took a glance at the pair helplessly.

“Childish!” Jiang Weiwei chuckled but there was no bite in her tone.

To the girl, she had become a true part of Team Monarch. Perhaps she had been arrogant earlier, and she had all the rights to before Yun Jian appeared. However, people grew up and Jiang Weiwei grew more mature.

Chu Ning sprang up to rap the top of Chu Xiangnan’s head like she always did before she ran back swiftly while the young man was still caught by surprise. Coming up to where Yun Jian and Jiang Weiwei were, she grabbed the two of them and hid herself.

“D*mn it, d*mn you!” Chu Xiangnan cried out in indignation but he did not give chase to get even with Chu Ning.

“His moniker is Thor but he got thwacked by the girls instead.” Even quiet Hong Fan could not help describing Chu Xiangnan’s state in brief words.

Thor was Chu Xiangnan’s pseudonym. When it came from Hong Fan, however, it felt different.

“Sh*t, Hong Nerd, even you’re poking fun at me? Catch this!” Chu Xiangnan gave in to Chu Ning but he was not about to give in to guys, so he charged towards Hong Fan for what the latter said and both of them got wrapped up in each other.

While they were having fun jostling around, Yun Jian’s melodious voice rang, “Officer Ge’s here.”

Instantly, Chu Xiangnan and Hong Fan, who were a mess of tangled limbs, let go of each other. Both of them were like elementary students who sat upright immediately from their bickering and play fighting in class when they suddenly saw the teacher.

Letting go of his arms that were wrapped around Hong Fan, Chu Xiangnan peered around and shouted, “Huh, where? Where’s Officer Ge?”

Yun Jian curled her lips up. “I was bluffing.”

Chu Ning could not help breaking out into a guffaw, nearly tearing up from how hard she was laughing, after hearing Yun Jian confess that she was lying.

Yun Jian would lie too!

After the laughter died down and Chu Xiangnan and Hong Fan were back to shoving each other, Liu Shiyun came to Yun Jian looking serious. “We’re going to Min City’s military school in a few days and will probably be back once every month or half a month.”

Once Liu Shiyun started the serious topic, Chu Xiangnan and Hong Fan who was messing around stopped what they were doing. Everyone cast their gaze to Yun Jian.

She was in ninth grade now and could not enroll in the military school just yet. Everyone in Team Monarch had spent a long time with each other, so they were more or less saddened at the fact that they were about to part.

After all, coming home every month or half a month meant that the team members would usually not come to the military training camp. Once they had started studying in the military school, the training ground in the school would naturally become their training place.

“Hey, hey, hey, why are we making this into something so sad? It’s not like Yun Jian’er is not coming to the same military school as us! It’s just half a year!” Chu Ning tried to liven up the atmosphere but she was actually sad about it too.

“Yeah, and you can come to us during your breaks, Yun Jian!” Chu Xiangnan chorused.

On behalf of everyone, Liu Shiyun promised Yun Jian formally, “Yun Jian, the six of us aren’t as good as you but we’ll see you as our goal during this half of a year and do our best. We aren’t wishing to surpass you but we hope we at least won’t become a burden to you. We want to fight alongside you!”

Chapter 693: Getting Married—Who’s The Bride?

Liu Shiyun sounded confident as he spoke to Yun Jian with utmost seriousness.

“That’s right. We’ll work hard to be able to fight right next to you. Every one of us in Team Monarch will live up to this name!” Fang Xiaoran echoed Liu Shiyun’s sentiment as he promised Yun Jian enthusiastically.

Everyone else spoke up one after another to express similar dedication after Fang Xiaoran’s vow which preceded Liu Shiyun’s.

Team Monarch had no weaklings. The monarchs were people heading the world! They were not wimps, they were going to live up to the reputation Yun Jian had brought them and become true kings!

“Excellent!” Whilst the team members were fervid in vowing to fight by Yun Jian’s side, a solid and sonorous voice rang.

They turned and saw Ge Junjian entering from the outside of their training ground, so it was obvious that the man was the one who spoke.

The man was moved listening to their motivated declaration, coming to them in swift strides, and told them, “With such determination, it means that all of you have the potential to be at the top of your game! The future is yours!”

Ge Junjian was perhaps different from other military officers. He was stern when he should be but he would joke around with his troops when it was time to be casual. When it came to encouragement and reward, he was not missing any of these facets either.

It was only when Ge Junjian had said these that the youngsters realized that he was here. Yun Jian smiled as she stood on the side.

“Heh heh, Officer Ge, we heard that you’re getting married. Is it true?” The rousing and ambitious mood just now was promptly turned around by Chu Xiangnan single-handedly.

Nevertheless, his question shifted everyone’s gaze to the man in question. Anyone would have the curiosity as a subordinate to their superior’s privacy.

As for Ge Junjian, he was usually very down-to-earth other than times he had to be strict. While he had been serious and solemn just now, Chu Xiangnan’s sudden question turned his cheeks pink.

“Officer Ge, tell us. Come on. You’ll have to invite us. We’re definitely going to your wedding!” Chu Ning stared at Ge Junjian in bubbling anticipation like she was planning to interrogate the man.

“Uh... cough! Cough!” Embarrassed from being stared at, Ge Junjian put a fist to his mouth and faked a cough.

“Alright, train hard. Don’t think that I won’t be able to get my leash on you guys when you’ve gone to the military school. All six of you have to pass my assessment here before you go off!” Ge Junjian was still flushed but he waved his hands and said, trying to avert the topic.

“Huh, no way? Officer Ge, isn’t this too harsh?” Chu Xiangnan whined immediately at what his superior said.

“Yeah, Officer Ge, you haven’t told us who’s your bride, heh heh!” Chu Ning redirected the topic of conversation cleverly.

“Tell us! Tell us!” Chu Xiangnan cheered on behalf of Chu Ning.

Facing the two jokers, Chu Xiangnan and Chu Ning, Ge Junjian felt powerless. It was not like he dared not say it, but he had no idea how he was to bring it up—he could not be saying that it was Yun Jian’s mother? It sounded strange somehow coming from him.

The team’s gaze was fixed on Ge Junjian.

Seeing through the man’s awkwardness, Yun Jian helped Ge Junjian out of his misery, saying, “It’s my mom.”

Chapter 694: Not A Joke. Wrapped In His Embrace

Yun Jian’s abrupt answer shocked her teammates. When they broke out of it, their gazes were now on her.

“Is this a joke? Officer Ge’s bride is actually... your mom, Yun Jian?” Chu Xiangnan looked at Yun Jian in astonishment, his face twitching from the surprise as he was still caught in a lingering shock.

“Uh... Goodness! Officer Ge and Yun Jian’s mom!” Chu Ning cried as well.

Other than Chu Xiangnan and Chu Ning, the rest of the team were flabbergasted as well, except their reaction was not as exaggerated as the duo’s. Liu Shiyun, Fang Xiaoran, Hong Fan, and Jiang Weiwei still wore a look of disbelief.

“Officer Ge, is it true? This really isn’t a joke?” As everyone was shocked by such unimaginable news, Chu Xiangnan asked Ge Junjian, looking at him seriously.

If it was real, Officer Ge was going to become Yun Jian’s stepfather...

“Mn, she’s right. It’s not a joke.” Officer Ge nodded.

The man’s personal acknowledgment stunned the youngsters again. However, they did not dwell on it since it was made clear. After congratulating Ge Junjian and Yun Jian, the group began their daily training.

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It was around 4:30pm when Ge Junjian dropped all of them home with his jeep.

In the car, Fang Xiaoran copied Chu Xiangnan in poking fun at Ge Junjian. “That’s why Officer Ge sends Yun Jian home last every time. He’s staying at Yun Jian’s place.”

“Oooh...” The rest of the team chorused in a tone of realization.

Ge Junjian had gone past feeling embarrassed now. He chuckled and sent the kids home as usual before driving the jeep to Yun Jian’s house directly.

When Yun Jian and Ge Junjian entered together, they saw Qin Yirou coming toward them.

“You guys are home.” Qin Yirou wiped her damp hands, obviously having just washed the laundry.

“Mn.” Yun Jian nodded and went upstairs for Si Yi, Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya.

She went straight to little Yun Zhu’s bedroom and as expected, saw Si Yi casually splaying his long legs on Yun Zhu’s bed while Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya were playing with building blocks on the floor.

Duan Ya who had always been quiet wore a smile now but she was still not talking or making any sound. She could not be blamed. She was young and had been abused by Duan Shi during her earlier years. It was a trauma to the girl.

Nonetheless, for her to smile now meant that she did not have facial paralysis or that she could not smile.

Just as Yun Jian walked over, Si Yi grabbed her hand and pulled her into his embrace.

Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya were still playing with the blocks with their backs facing Si Yi and Yun Jian, so they were unable to see what the young man was doing.

Seated on the bed, Yun Jian got tugged into sitting on Si Yi’s lap as he pulled her into his arms. Yun Jian was not covered in layers today as the weather was warm and she was going for training in the military training camp, so all she had on was light clothing and a thin pair of pants.

Si Yi who pulled her into his embrace and was sitting on the bed caused Yun Jian to fold herself on his lap, so close that she could feel the raging of a certain part in his lower body. Afraid that Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya would notice, however, Yun Jian gave up struggling after some futile attempts.

Chapter 695: Yun Jian’s Guilty Conscience. Come Down, Both Of You

The result of being worried about little Yun Zhu, Duan Li, and Duan Ya; yet finding her in the awkward situation was allowing Si Yi to continue taking advantage of her and remaining seated in the embarrassing position. Yun Jian was almost drowned in the mortification she felt.

“Let go!” Yun Jian mouthed to Si Yi, making no sound at all.

She was currently sitting on Si Yi’s lap and could feel the increasingly obvious bulge between his legs. Extremely bashful, pink tinted her cheeks in a blink of an eye.

“No.” Si Yi mouthed back to Yun Jian with his head tilted to the right, meeting Yun Jian’s eyes who had her head tilted to the left.

Yun Jian only grew more embarrassed from that. This was her first time being wrapped entirely in a guy’s embrace and being so close to a guy’s...

“This is a house! I built it!” Little Yun Zhu’s excited voice sounded.

Yun Jian felt her eyes twitch. Usually, little Yun Zhu would turn around to look at Yun Jian and Si Yi in a thrill and shout gleefully, ‘Jiejie, Si Yi-gege, come look, I built this giant house!’

If Yun Zhu saw how she was sitting on Si Yi’s lap in a compromising position, how was she supposed to face anyone after that?

'Jie...' Right as Yun Jian thought of it, her expectation came true—Yun Zhu was ecstatic as he cheered and was about to turn to Yun Jian and Si Yi to show off his amazing work.

Yun Jian struggled harder to get away from Si Yi's arms but the latter hugged her tighter as she felt a certain something of Si Yi below her growing.

"Move again and I'll..." Si Yi turned to look at Yun Jian with a smirk and mouthed to her. His impish behavior made one grit their teeth. He had purposely stopped at "I'll" and not continued his sentence. Yun Jian however understood what he was implying even if she was oblivious to the matters between sexes and instantly felt her face flush from it.

It was then that Yun Zhu who was about to turn around got his attention stolen away by Duan Li.

"It's not nice. The big house I built is nicer!" Duan Li said gleefully.

The verbal blow from Duan Li successfully caused Yun Zhu to forget that he was turning to ask Yun Jian and Si Yi. Instead, he echoed Duan Li's words, tactful in handling the girl, "Yeah, the house you built looks nicer than mine!"

Duan Li's face literally glowed as she grinned happily. As she grinned, Duan Ya beamed like her as well.

There was a tinge of suaveness in Yun Zhu's childlike face. He cracked a wide smile as if he had received delightful news when he saw Duan Li smiling happily.

Seeing that Yun Zhu did not turn to them due to Duan Li's interruption, Yun Jian heaved a sigh of relief. She was just going to thwack Si Yi's head so he would let go of her when Qin Yirou's raised voice was heard from downstairs.

"Xiao Jian, A-Yi, come down quick, both of you. I need to talk to you!"

Qin Yirou's summon caused Yun Jian's heart to squeeze again. Usually, Yun Zhu who heard Qin Yirou's call, even when it was not directed to him, would turn around to see what was going on.

All the while Yun Jian was still seated on Si Yi's lap. It was fortunate that even Qin Yirou's call could not capture Yun Zhu's attention that was rapt on having fun with Duan Li and Duan Ya.

Yun Jian breathed again in relief, feeling like she was behaving like a thief or criminal.

"Jiejie!" Just as she let her guard down, Yun Zhu snapped his head over suddenly, his words stuck in his throat when he also saw how Yun Jian was seated on Si Yi's lap.

Chapter 696: The Wedding Date. We'll Listen To Xiao Jian

Yun Zhu had turned around abruptly because he wanted to ask both Yun Jian and Si Yi if the house he built or Duan Li built was nicer. It was just that he was greeted with the sight of Yun Jian sitting on Si Yi's lap before he could get his question out.

"Yun Zhu, why are you..." Out of curiosity, Duan Li turned around as well when she caught Yun Zhu going silent after he turned out of the corner of her eyes.

Duan Ya mimicked Duan Li and turned around as well.

However, Yun Jian had already hopped off Si Yi's lap as the latter ceased trapping her. Duan Li and Duan Ya, thus did not catch the suggestive scene of Yun Jian sitting on Si Yi's lap.

"Cough, nothing." Yun Jian pretended like nothing happened, not before she glared at Si Yi. When her big eyes widened in threat, it only sparked the flicker of itch within Si Yi further, but Yun Jian had already gone downstairs.

Si Yi chuckled helplessly and went down as well when he saw that Yun Jian had actually learned to ignore him when she got a little angry, leaving Yun Zhu who was stunned and remained in his earlier action.

Duan Li who saw Yun Zhu freezing quickly asked, "Yun Zhu, why does jiejie look angry?"

It took a pause from Yun Zhu before he parted his lips to answer, "I saw jiejie sitting on Si Yi-gege's legs just now."

Duan Li considered that for a moment and said, "They must be playing games. Yun Zhu, let's continue building houses!"

Hence, all three children resumed playing with the building blocks, trying to build bigger and prettier houses, like nothing had happened.

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"Mom, what is it?" Yun Jian who had come downstairs saw Ge Junjian and Qin Yirou on the couch in the living room. Both of them sat close to each other with blissful smiles on their faces, painting a picture of warmth and love.

"Xiao Jian, A-Yi, come look. We've picked two wedding dates but we don't know which one's better." Qin Yirou was overflowing with bliss as she leaned her head against Ge Junjian's shoulder with a smile.

Yun Jian walked over smiling while Si Yi stuck his hands in his pants pockets and followed suit.

Qin Yirou and Ge Junjian were marrying for the second time and both of them already had children, so they felt that there was no need to hold a grand wedding. Nevertheless, they would still go through the regular conventions, but both of them unanimously dismissed the engagement since this was a second marriage to both of them.

In spite of it being a second marriage, Qin Yirou knew that she was going into this one wholeheartedly. When she got married to Yun Gang previously, it was forced—she did not do it out of her own heart.

Therefore, she was as excited as a young maiden in selecting their wedding date.

Yun Jian accepted the calendar Qin Yirou passed her and saw the two dates circled in red. Pressing her lips together, she pointed to one of them and told Qin Yirou, "Let's go with this one."

Both Qin Yirou and Ge Junjian stretched their necks to have a look at once, spotting Yun Jian's finger on the 21st of May on the calendar.

May 21st.

"We'll pick this day then," Ge Junjian spoke immediately.

“Alright, we’ll listen to Xiao Jian,” Qin Yirou said softly with a smile.

Si Yi stood a short distance away. He was tall and had good eyesight, so he could see Yun Jian’s delicate finger pointing at 21st May from afar too. Quirking his lips up, his dark eyes curtained under long lashes were incredibly deep.

Chapter 697: Your Family. The Recognized Son-In-Law

Having picked the wedding date, giving out wedding invitations was next.

Since it was a second marriage, Qin Yirou and Ge Junjian were not planning to organize a grand wedding like they were marrying off their daughter for the first time.

Moreover, Qin Yirou did not have many friends and family other than Dong Ruan and her own family as well as Zhang Meihua’s side of the family. Ge Junjian’s parents passed away early, so he had no other guests saved for some comrades in the military.

It was, again, a second marriage to both the adults, so a large-scale wedding was not within their consideration. They wanted to do it simple and sweet.

“I’ll write the invitations and we’ll send them out tomorrow,” said Qin Yirou. She had a nice handwriting when she was still a student and was even set as the example by her teacher.

“Sure.” Ge Junjian nodded.

It was only then that Qin Yirou shifted her gaze away from Ge Junjian to Si Yi and said, “A-Yi, you can ask your family to come too if it’s not a problem for them.”

Qin Yirou only knew that Si Yi’s mother passed away early and felt sympathetic for the child, not knowing anything else. She thought that even if Si Yi’s father was not nice to him, they were family—it was not like all the relatives on his father’s side would treat him poorly.

However, she had thought wrong. Si Yi’s family was complicated. It was an internationally famous family that ran armament deals for generations.

“I don’t have any family,” Si Yi replied coolly.

To him, presences like a father or family were non-existent. His father took him as a profitable tool and only wanted to rake in more benefits using his marriage. As for his relatives... Hah, those people wished death upon him. Depot Leng would be without an heir by then and his so-called relatives would finally have the chance to fight for the right of succession.

Qin Yirou froze as if not expecting Si Yi to say that. Come to think of it, however, it made sense. If the boy’s family was nice to him, it was impossible for him to come back so soon after returning home for a while.

Both Qin Yirou and Ge Junjian assumed that Si Yi was going home every once in a while when he traveled abroad. To both the adults, the young man’s home was overseas and he was nothing more than a rich family’s son.

"It's okay, A-Yi. Your Uncle Ge and I are your family from now on," Qin Yirou smiled with a nod at Si Yi and told him softly.

There was an upward tug on Si Yi's lips when he heard that.

His Xiao Jian's family was going to be his family too from now on. He was going to have a family too?

"Mom, I'll help you with these." Yun Jian went over to help when she saw Qin Yirou writing the invitations with a black pen.

"Oh, sure!" Qin Yirou did not refuse her daughter when she offered to hand write the invitations for her.

She had already drafted her guests on another piece of paper anyway and Yun Jian's handwriting had her individual flair as well. It was neat in its own way with a hint of an unrestrained characteristic in the familiar scribble. Her script was uniquely pretty.

Yun Jian took the pen from Qin Yirou and copied the content by hand on the beautiful rectangular card. A handwritten invitation card was always more sincere.

Yun Jian fixed her gaze on the invitation card attentively when she wrote it, penning the content seriously, while Qin Yirou stayed close to Ge Junjian with a soft gaze. Out of the corner of her eyes, Qin Yirou espied Si Yi on the side who was watching Yun Jian fondly. The way he looked made Qin Yirou feel strongly that even if Yun Jian asked for the stars, the young man would give her the universe.

The more Qin Yirou looked at Si Yi, the more he grew on her. From that moment, she truly recognized the child as her son-in-law.

Chapter 698: Dong Ruan's Whereabouts. Don't Choke

It took Yun Jian only half an hour to help Qin Yirou finish the invitations with care. It was because Qin Yirou had drafted the content with Ge Junjian in advance, so she only had to copy it.

"Mom, it's done," Yun Jian said and passed all the cards she held to the woman.

Although they did not plan to invite a lot of guests, it made up quite a number of invitations. After all, Ge Junjian had a significant number of comrades.

"Mn!" Qin Yirou nodded as she accepted the invitations that were ready from Yun Jian and said, "You've worked hard, Xiao Jian."

Yun Jian smiled, stretching her hand to tuck strands of hair on the side of Qin Yirou's face to behind her ears. "Mom, it's nothing. You're the one who's been working hard," she confessed with a small smile.

Qin Yirou had indeed worked hard for Yun Jian and Yun Yi's sake. No one could deny it.

After some chatter and cleaning up of the invitations, Qin Yirou went off to prepare dinner. Yun Jian and Si Yi went for a walk with Ge Junjian at a small park near the mansion. Not many people frequented the park but the scenery was rather enjoyable.

By the time they came back from the walk, dinner was ready.

“Wash your hands and come eat,” Qin Yirou called out when she saw the trio returning from their walk before she went back to the kitchen to serve the last dish.

“Mn.” With a hum, Yun Jian and the guys did as told.

Qin Yirou summoned the children who were still upstairs as well.

With delicacies filling up the table, the occupants of the table dug in jovially. Other than Yun Yi as well as Dong Ruan and her son who had gone out to visit their friends and family, everyone was here.

As a student of Di Yi Senior High School, Yun Yi stayed in the school when it reopened. As for Dong Ruan, she was not home for the Lunar New Year. Being a high-ranking official, she was used to traveling to places with her workbag; one could hardly catch sight of Dong Ruan during the first few days of the new year.

Recently, however, Dong Ruan was finally free, so she had taken her child to visit some family and friends, which went on until now. She came back before but did not make a long stop at home. Although her husband passed early, she was filial, taking care of her late husband’s parents as if her own.

Qin Yirou knew that Dong Ruan had probably taken her son to the rural area and was staying at her parents-in-law’s place right now.

“Wow, there are so many dishes!” Duan Li’s attention was caught by the various dishes just as she sat at the dining table and could not help gasping.

“Have more if you like them!” Qin Yirou placed the cutlery for Duan Li with a smile as she encouraged the girl.

Her gentleness earned a fervent nod from Duan Li. “Mn, mn! Mama Qin, you’re the best!”

Duan Li and Duan Ya had the most during the dinner, devouring the dishes on the table like wolves that were famished for days. It ached Qin Yirou’s heart to see that. Why were such nice kids mistreated so badly that they would call an average dinner abundant and relish in it...

“Eat slowly, don’t choke yourself,” Qin Yirou reminded softly with moist eyes that glimmered, to which Duan Li nodded with a mouthful of rice.

After dinner, the kids ran upstairs again. Qin Yirou washed the dishes and cut up a large melon to send a plate to Yun Zhu and the young sisters upstairs before taking another plate to the living room where Yun Jian and others were.

Chapter 699: Going Back To Send Invitations. Care Less

Qin Yirou placed the plate of melon slices on the glass coffee table in front of the living room couch before calling out, “Have a taste! I just cut them up. An old man selling vegetables in the market today said that he planted it himself. It’s fresh and safe.”

Yun Jian pierced a piece of melon with a toothpick and savored the taste while Si Yi grabbed the toothpick she had used without batting an eye and picked up a small piece of melon to munch and swallow.

He wore a tiny smirk, feeling honey drizzle into his heart when he saw Yun Jian glare at him like she was fuming, and complemented with a smile, "It's nice."

Qin Yirou did not see Si Yi taking the toothpick that Yun Jian had used but Ge Junjian caught it. Nevertheless, the elder man chuckled easily with a raise of his head and said nothing else. To Ge Junjian, children and their feelings should be left to their own discretion.

"Right, I'll make a trip back to Xinjiang Town tomorrow and send out all the invitations," Qin Yirou spoke up with a smile after taking a bite of the melon.

"I'll go with you tomorrow." Ge Junjian replied.

Qin Yirou was going back to her birth family to send out invitations and inform them about the marriage, so naturally Ge Junjian had to go with her. It was after all basic etiquette.

When Yun Jian heard that Ge Junjian was following Qin Yirou to Xinjiang Town, she pressed her lips together to glare at Si Yi but made no comment about it.

She was a little worried about Qin Yirou going back there to distribute her wedding invitations as her grandmother by title, Qin Yirou's ex-mother-in-law, had asked for money from Qin Yirou self-righteously back when she found out that Yun Jian had set up New Cruise. If news about Qin Yirou getting married once more got out, Yun Jian was scared of Lu Lanhua making a scene again.

It appeased her that Ge Junjian was going to be there.

After having the melon, Yun Jian told Qin Yirou that she was going to New Cruise, causing the latter to run upstairs for a jacket and chase after her daughter shouting, "Xiao Jian, it's cold outside at night. Go out with a jacket!"

It was just that Yun Jian had already made her way out just when Qin Yirou came back down with said outerwear.

"I'll send it to her." Hearing that Yun Jian had gone out without a jacket, Si Yi went over to take the garment from Qin Yirou and went after the girl with a spread of his long legs.

"Go slow!" Qin Yirou could not help reminding when she saw Si Yi giving chase with his long legs.

"Let's care less about the children from now on. They're all grown up now!" Ge Junjian gulped down the last piece of melon and told Qin Yirou with a laugh.

"How could we hold ourselves back from caring as their parents!" Qin Yirou sighed and went to Ge Junjian.

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Spring was nearing as the weather warmed up gradually. The temperature in the day was already reaching 30 degrees celsius but it cooled down significantly when night came.

Yun Jian felt the gust of cold air just as she stepped out of the mansion but she did not turn back. She only had two layers on her currently, the inner layer was a flimsy thermal wear, so she felt herself shrinking against the cold when the breeze blew.

“Are you silly? Why did you come out without a jacket?” Si Yi’s deep buzz of a voice came from behind her suddenly, pausing Yun Jian when the raspy tone left his lips.

In the next second, a jacket was draped over her.

Keeping a hand on Yun Jian, Si Yi wrapped her in the jacket gently before grabbing her small hand to continue on their way.

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Having Si Yi tugged her hand as they walked forth, Yun Jian felt warmth flooding her heart. Although the young man called her silly, her heart felt like an overflowing glass of warm milk. It was a refreshing feeling.

With Si Yi holding her hand, Yun Jian went to New Cruise first. The company was currently sailing smoothly with Zhang Zhifan managing it with full authority.

Not too long ago, Yun Jian had arranged for Zhang Zhifan who managed New Cruise for her to meet the ex-boss of Dragon Head Gang, Xu Zetian who was managing Falcon Hall for her. She had also made plans for New Cruise and Falcon Hall to step up simultaneously.

One was New Cruise that had built its nationwide reputation while another was Longmen City’s largest gang that had taken over Flying Passage’s place as the second best gang in Zhe Province.

As they joined forces, forget other regions just within Longmen City itself, New Cruise and Falcon Hall were indomitable. Back when the news of their alliance broke, it took over Longmen City by storm.

After all, both the organizations were now the best in their respective industries in Longmen City. Now that they were working today, what other entity in Longmen City could fight them?

What the outsiders did not know, however, was the fresh breath of air in the auto dealership world, New Cruise. As well as Zhe Province’s second top gang, led by a woman named Slaying Luo, Falcon Hall. Shared a similarity—they were only one of Yun Jian’s forces.

If this piece of information circulated, the entire Longmen City would probably turn speechless.

“Sister Jian, Xu Zetian’s asked me to tell you that the top gang of Zhe Province is gathering all the mafia groups within the area and inviting various international business tycoons and politicians for a gathering in another two weeks. It’ll be a grand event, so he’s asked that you make time to attend representing Falcon Hall,” Zhang Zhifan told Yun Jian on behalf of Xu Zetian.

Currently managing New Cruise, Zhang Zhifan had yet to come across too big of a challenge.

As Xu Zetian was severely wounded before Lunar New Year, he would not be able to make it for the mafia gathering of Zhe Province this time.

This event was different from usual mafia gatherings. The top gang of Zhe Province, Panthers Pack, had invited numerous global businessmen and politicians, including famed authorities, to attend this social function.

Given the scenario, any intelligent person would not miss the opportunity to network and build more connections.

“Okay,” Yun Jian agreed with a slight arch of the brow.

Due to Xu Zetian’s injury, a lot of things in Falcon Hall were passed to Duan Lei, but the latter was still unable to represent the gang in certain situations as he had never been in a leadership position.

Zhang Zhifan was relieved that Yun Jian had agreed.

After spending some time at New Cruise, Si Yi and Yun Jian went home. New Cruise was not far from the mansion, so it did not take a lot of time going to and from there. It felt more like a walk.

As they arrived home, a female voice came from behind them before they could step through the door.

“Yun Jian!”

Turning around, Yun Jian saw Lan Su who was in a black plain outfit. The tall girl was a focal point no matter where she went. At this point in time, she was holding a bloodied man with her arms and shoulders.

Yun Jian swiftly realized that the man was Ya Dang when she took a proper look and was surprised.

“What happened to him?” Si Yi took a step forward to ask Lan Su, reacting faster than Yun Jian.

After all, Ya Dang was Si Yi’s man. If something happened to him, Si Yi was naturally concerned.

“Someone attacked us just now. I...” It was all Lan Su could say before she was sapped of all strength. Falling forward with a plop, she was about to hit the ground when Yun Jian caught her as fast as she could, preventing her from collapsing. As for Si Yi, he did not let Ya Dang who had been unconscious fall to the ground either, having propped him up seconds earlier.