

Schoolgirl 81

Chapter 81: School Dismissal On Friday. He Said Get In

When Zhang Shaofeng spoke, Yun Jian took a glance at him before looking down to continue eating without giving him a reply.

It put the boy on edge as he turned to look at Chen Xinyi who was hiding her chortle. "Hey, Xinyi, help me out here!"

It seemed that both of them knew each other and had some sort of history.

"Heh heh!" Chen Xinyi chuckled with a hand over her mouth and looked at Yun Jian. "Jian Jian, don't teach him. He's not a nice person!"

Zhang Shaofeng and Chen Xinyi were actually cousins and had grown up bantering. As the former was a few months older, as well as him being a trickster, he was always bullying the poor girls.

Consequently, Chen Xinyi took the opportunity and jabbed the boy in front of Yun Jian as revenge.

"Shh, go away!" Zhang Shaofeng bared his fist at Chen Xinyi hearing what she said and told Yun Jian, "Yun Jian, I don't care. Given you haven't said anything, I'll take your silence as an agreement to take me as your pupil!"

Yun Jian cracked a half smile and shook the chopsticks in her hands, saying faintly, "Eat."

The other two were speechless.

A week passed swiftly. Yun Jian had been relatively relaxed at the school without encountering any troubles.

Even when there were some petty issues, Chen Xinyi and Zhang Shaofeng were there to cover for Yun Jian.

Zhang Shaofeng had also been chasing after Yun Jian and incessantly called her "master", shocking many others.

Yun Jian was speechless about it.

In the blink of an eye, it was already Friday. Yun Jian packed what she wanted to take home for the weekend, putting them all in her bag since she did not have much. With her backpack only slung on one shoulder, she left the dorm through the school gate.

There was a direct route bus from Longmen Yi Junior High School's gate to the vicinity of Dong Ruan's mansion.

Yun Jian stepped out of the school and walked toward the bus stand.

There was a lot of foot traffic outside the school compound, as cars were not yet a common sight in this era. Majority of the students took the bus.

"Screech!"

While Yun Jian was waiting for the bus among the crowd, a black shiny limited edition Lamborghini sports car skidded to the vacant lot in front of the school gate before it halted securely.

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes, having seen the charming Si Yi who sat in the driver seat from afar.

Why was he here?

With a squint, she wondered with curiosity since the guy was barely related to her.

As she was engrossed by her thoughts, the girls who crowded around the gate were screaming.

“Oh my god, who’s that?”

“So charming! How can there be such a person so handsome in this world! Oh gosh, am I dreaming...”

“Who’s he here to pick up? His girlfriend? Wow, I’m so envious! His girlfriend must be a rich beautiful girl!”

Cars were a rare sight in this era, but most of Yi High’s students had private family cars. So it was not exactly a miracle to see a car appearing before the school.

In spite of it, this Lamborghini sports car was limited edition. There were only a handful of units in the entire world.

Even if one could not recognize its scarcity, one could at least guess its value.

The crowd was stunned.

While they held their breath staring at Si Yi, too afraid to breathe any louder, they saw Si Yi turning his perfectly sculpted face to look at Yun Jian with his deep beautiful eyes with his lips pressed together. “Get in.”

Get in? Who? Everyone searched around for the person.

Then, they saw a girl who wore a high ponytail and extremely old and faded clothes, without any branded apparel walking over.

Chapter 82: My Aunt Asked Me To Pick You Up

This was Yun Jian’s third time seeing Si Yi. The first two times, they had only exchanged gazes. They did not even speak a word.

What puzzled her was not that they had never been acquainted. Why was he picking her up?

Nevertheless, she was not someone to make conversation.

As a secret agent in her previous life, people like her needed to etch in their mind that – the lesser you know, the longer you live; do not open your mouth if it is not your business.

Yun Jian was not one to make a fuss. She walked over and pulled the passenger seat of the Lamborghini open before slipping inside.

A sports car like that only allowed one seated passenger. There were no additional back seats.

Right as Yun Jian closed the door properly, having seated inside the car, the Lamborghini's accelerator was slammed as the whole car shot across the road like a rocket and disappeared from everyone's view like a gust of wind..

The crowd was still flabbergasted. They had cars at home but they had never seen a car reaching such incredible speed.

The speed of the car just now, was not a simple act of driving, it had flown away! It honestly felt like a gust of wind!

As the crowd watched the sports car speed off along with the handsome driver who picked up Yun Jian, they looked disappointed.

A girl who was considerably pretty arched her brow at her friend while pointing towards the direction Yun Jian had left in. She spoke loudly, as if worried those around them would not hear her, "Isn't that girl the newcomer of our class! I heard that she transferred here from an average school in a rural town!"

With her words, the students around them shifted their attention to the girl indeed.

The limelight pleased her as she continued talking.

It was like she was actually the one who was picked up by the Lamborghini sports car just now.

This girl had made an appearance before.

When Yun Jian had first joined the class, the girl was the one who had mocked her right in front of the teacher, saying that Yun Jian must have come from the poor outskirts. Even ruthlessly jibing Yun Jian about how people like her get into the Class A.

The girl was Lu Rongrong. It was as if she knew Yun Jian very well as she began boasting and spreading rumors in front of the school.

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It was currently the middle of October and the wind had just coolly swept the region. The weather was rather chilly, especially when it had been raining these days. The change of temperature was felt through one's bones.

In the Lamborghini sports car, the heater was turned on. Contrary to the breezy outdoors, it felt warm and comfortable.

Not long after the car left the school compound, Si Yi spoke up first, "My aunt asked me to pick you up."

What he meant was picking her from school was Dong Ruan's idea and not his.

Yun Jian nodded and hummed her reply. "Mm."

She was wearing short sleeves. Seated in the car, the warmth from its heater raised her temperature.

Si Yi's driving skills were excellent. He kept a steady foot on the accelerator and wheezed past the busy roads wildly without brushing past anyone else.

Yun Jian's driving skill in her previous life was top notch among the world too. She thought that Si Yi's abilities were parallel to hers. Perhaps there would be a difference when they actually contested against each other.

Nonetheless, she was certain that Si Yi's skill was no worse than hers!

Chapter 83: Can You Drive? The Appearance of Snake.Lizard

Speeding all the way home, maximizing the car's horsepower, Yun Jian did not seem to be intimidated throughout the journey. Her gaze did not even waver. An ordinary girl would have been shrieking of shock from the terrifying speed.

Si Yi narrowed his eyes.

This girl had seemed to be extraordinary from the first time they met.

Arriving at the mansion, Yun Jian went back to her room.

At this point in time, no one was dismissed from work yet, whether it was Dong Ruan who was a high-ranking official or Qin Yirou who had gone out to work.

The whole mansion housed only Yun Jian, and Si Yi who was in his room not too far away from hers.

It was awkward.

Yun Jian was already in her bedroom with her laptop switched on as she logged on to the secret webpage.

"Beep, beep, beep."

Three beeps later, a notification window popped out. It was a recent message from Snake.Lizard that was short and sharp. "I'm here."

She was already in Longmen City.

Yun Jian pressed her lips while her fingers skid across the keyboard. "Wait for me. I'll come right now." She closed the webpage, turned off the laptop, and headed out after changing into casual clothes.

As she stepped out of the door, she saw Si Yi opening his door to exit his room as well.

Yun Jian blinked before she walked over to him and stretched out her hand unabashedly. "Lend me your Lamborghini."

Si Yi arched his brow as he stared quizzically at Yun Jian. "Can you drive?"

He had checked the girl's identity. She came from an average background and was still an underage teenager.

The truth, however, was not as simple.

"Yeah," Yun Jian answered while waving her hand.

Si Yi was generous, tossing the keys to the girl.

His Lamborghini was a limited edition sports car and he personally had modified it too. It was rare for him to lend it to others. In fact, he had never let anyone else drive the car after it came to his possession.

Yun Jian was the first one to drive it other than him.

Si Yi did not even know why he had just let her borrow his car like that.

In spite of it, Yun Jian was already seated in the driver seat of the Lamborghini with the engine ignited.

She stepped on the accelerator, causing a steady rumble from the body of the car. Testing the car's specifications, she realized that it was a high-performance vehicle.

Compared to her favorite car in her previous life, the LaFerrari, this was not lacking in any aspect!

“Vroom, vroom... vroom!”

As the last rev of the engine sounded, Yun Jian stepped on the accelerator and disengaged the clutch before the Lamborghini shot out like a strike of lightning.

Right in front of the Glittery Gold Hotel, Yun Jian stepped on the brake. The Lamborghini abruptly drifted in front of the entrance and came to a secure stop.

The Glittery Gold Hotel was a five-star hotel in Longmen City.

One could dine and even be accommodated at the hotel. Its appeal came from its superb interior design that was one of the best in the city.

Certainly, its price tag was relatively higher as well.

In addition, Longmen City's high-ranking officials like the mayor, secretary, and other exclusive personages opted for this hotel whenever locational convenience was a consideration.

Yun Jian hopped off the Lamborghini and entered the hotel with a squint.

With the flash of her eyes, she saw a woman sitting at the corner.

From behind, the woman looked ordinary, she was wearing a hat too. Yet her side profile was immaculate and beautiful.

She was only in her twenties.

Seated opposite her was a middle-aged man in his forties. They were currently conversing.

Yun Jian walked over to them while holding a squint in her eyes.

It was evident that the woman was Snake.Lizard.

Chapter 84: You Can't Slay A God, The Snake Won't Turn Into A Lizard

Snake.Lizard was adept in disguising herself and was excellent at concealing her identity, lurking in the corners, and remaining unnoticeable.

Therefore, Yun Jian scanned the corners once she entered the Glittery Gold Hotel. As predicted, she found Snake.Lizard.

Snake.Lizard was talking to the middle-aged man opposite her. Once she noticed someone approaching them, she stopped the conversation and looked toward to where Yun Jian was.

She could not help frowning deeply when she saw Yun Jian moving slowly toward them with both her hands in her pants pockets.

Who was this girl?

Yun Jian did not resemble her appearance from her previous life, not even the slightest bit. Even her shape and height were distinctly different.

She was tall and alluring in her previous life but now, she was petite and adorable.

Snake.Lizard could not be blamed for not recognizing her. Facing Yun Jian who was suddenly strolling toward them, she became alert.

“What is it?” The middle-aged man who had not noticed Yun Jian approaching was bewildered by Snake.Lizard who suddenly halted their conversation.

Right after that question left his lips, Yun Jian was already right in front of them.

The man was surprised. However, when he saw her clearly, he thought that Yun Jian was just a little troublemaker. At once, he waved at her in dismissal. “Little girl, go over there if you want to play. I have something important to discuss with this big sister here!”

As he spoke, the middle-aged man pointed at the entrance, obviously thinking that Yun Jian had come to the wrong place.

Disregarding the man’s conjecture, Yun Jian stared at Snake.Lizard with her clear eyes and slightly pressed her lips together, before reciting a code message. In Yuan Jian’s past life, when she was still the Slaying God, this message was something only she and Snake.Lizard knew. She spoke in German. “You can’t slay a god, the snake won’t turn into a lizard.”

Secret agents like them were proficient in various foreign languages, ranging from populous countries to small rural villages.

She had set this code message together with Snake.Lizard back then, and they had agreed to communicate in German, or else it would be deemed ineffective.

“What are you blabbing about... Little girl, what are you saying?” The man could not understand German, so he had no idea what Yun Jian had said.

Just as he wanted to chase her away, Snake.Lizard stood up suddenly. The hem of her clothes had even brushed past the teacup on the table. Her hasty movement knocked the teacup, but she caught it instantly with her swift reflexes.

“You...” Snake.Lizard started but Yun Jian put her index finger on her lips with a shushing expression.

Even this action was exactly the same as the Slaying God would do!

Snake.Lizard suppressed the shock that was racking through her.

Initially, Snake.Lizard and others had assumed that Yun Jian was lost. They concluded this having found that her beloved car was abandoned, the Ferrari sports car, yet she was nowhere to be seen.

That sports car had never left Yun Jian's side. Even when she was out for a mission, she would drive it around.

Wherever she was, her car there was as well.

Yet when they found the car, there was no news of her. It could only mean that...

Not too long ago, however, Yun Jian had contacted Snake.Lizard. Utterly surprised, the latter was also relieved. Yun Jian was alright.

After all, Slaying God was the top secret agent! How could something bad happen to her?

It was up until Yun Jian revealed their code message and the hush-hush motion just now that Snake.Lizard's doubt seemed to be answered.

"I'll solve your concern in a few days. You can go now," Snake.Lizard said to the man while looking at Yun Jian.

The man was flummoxed.

What?

A little girl had popped out suddenly and blabbered something, who would ever understand what she had just said... yet Snake.Lizard had asked him to leave first?

However, the middle-aged man dared not offend the woman, so he turned to leave.

"This is not the place to talk. Follow me," Yun Jian told Snake.Lizard as she went to the reception to ask for a booth.

Chapter 85: You're Slaying God. An Intentional Hard Time

"You're... Slaying God?"

There was only the two of them in the hotel booth. Snake.Lizard asked in disbelief with a deep frown while she stared at Yun Jian, who was seated on the bench opposite her, grinning with crescent eyes.

No matter how she looked at the girl in front of her, who had thin limbs and a flawlessly pretty face, she was still a stark contrast from the Slaying God whom she knew – be it her face or her height.

Currently, there were no outsiders. Yun Jian nodded at Snake.Lizard with a smirk. "Who else can it be other than me?"

That was also true. Who else, other than the Slaying God, could emanate the dominance that commanded her submission?

Aside from the two of them, how could a third person know of the code message between them?

“Why do you look like this now?” She asked in a confounded tone. Snake.Lizard let down her guard. After repeatedly confirming that Yun Jian was the Slaying God.

Was there anyone who could actually keep calm if they encountered someone they knew rebirthed into someone else’s body?

This was the reason Yun Jian had kept the truth from those around her after the rebirth.

Even if she were open about it, no one would believe her. They might even think that she had lost her mind.

However, it was different with Snake.Lizard. Yun Jian understood Snake.Lizard and knew her Achilles’ heel. She could tell her the truth fearlessly.

At the same time, when she was the secret agent, Slaying God. Snake.Lizard was the person she trusted the most.

“It’s a long story. I touched the box that day and when I woke up, this was who I became.” Yun Jian shrugged and smiled helplessly.

“That sandalwood box?” Snake.Lizard asked, licking her lips.

Her question earned a nod from Yun Jian.

Snake.Lizard was the only one aware that in her past life, she was going to rescue her kidnapped younger brother.

“There’s no turning back. We can’t change it. But I’m happy with my current state.” Yun Jian diverted the topic wearing a bashful smile.

After her rebirth, she was grateful to possess the kinship that she had been longing for.

Yun Jian then asked Snake.Lizard to tell her about the Gu Sha Mercenaries’ current status.

It put a frown on Snake.Lizard’s brows as her tone turned more solemn. “Those old men can’t wait any longer!”

“Oh?” Yun Jian chuckled with an arch of her brow.

The old men referred to were some of Gu Sha Mercenaries’ founding members. They were the subordinates of the organization’s former boss.

Yun Jian was only sixteen years old in her past life, still a very young age. It was just that she was inexplicably one year younger upon her rebirth, and became fifteen years old.

During her previous life, when she was fourteen, she had personally killed Gu Sha’s boss and led her squad into an invasion that later took control over the mercenary. It had only been two years since then.

In spite of it, an assassin organization could not be fully supported by just a handful of people.

Those old folks had been putting up with her, finding opportunities for an insurgence to wipe her out just because she had killed the former boss.

Of course, Yun Jian would not let them get her way. She could even easily have eliminated those old men, but it was not the appropriate time.

The old folks had a powerful support network. If she quashed them right away, Gu Sha Mercenaries' force would be greatly discounted. Consequently, it would pose a grave disadvantage to her if other assassin organizations leveraged the timing of their collapse.

What she wanted to achieve was to completely replace the old members of Gu Sha Mercenaries with her own subordinates, letting those old folks fall one step after another into hell!

"Stay here in Longmen City for now. There's no need to return to the organization. Notify Tiger.Leopard to keep a close eye on those men. If they're up to something new, report to me immediately." Yun Jian wore a half smile that looked enchantingly eerie.

"Sure!" Snake.Lizard nodded. She had never refused Yun Jian's order.

Tiger.Leopard was the person who had answered Yun Jian's call in that random shop of Xinjiang Town.

Snake.Lizard and Tiger.Leopard had absolute allegiance towards Yun Jian. This was because both of them were saved by her!

Without Yun Jian, they would not be here today!

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When Yun Jian and Snake.Lizard came down from the hotel's booth, it was nearly evening.

Yun Jian walked in front while Snake.Lizard was behind her. Both of them were strolling down the hotel's spiral staircase when a boisterous crowd of people came in through the entrance. Judging from their attire, one could tell that they were students.

Yun Jian saw someone extremely familiar among the group.

It was her elder brother Yun Yi. Why was he here?

Yun Jian was surprised, but Yun Yi and the other kids did not see her. Nonetheless, she caught the unease of her brother's expression.

The boy standing beside Yun Yi was not Xu Haozhe, but someone who was dressed rather trendy.

The guy was suggesting brashly, "It's Xu Haozhe's birthday party today. We can't come empty-handed for the meal right? Let's give him a red packet of a hundred Chinese yuan each, is everyone agreeable?"

The group was fine with this proposal, but Yun Yi who stood among them felt alienated.

One hundred Chinese yuan was not a small figure to him. He was currently cornered in a tough spot.

The boy seemed to have had an opinion about Yun Yi for a long time, as he suddenly turned to the latter and said with a chuckle, "Yun Yi, you don't have to spend anything. You're poor, all of us know that you won't be able to afford it. You're best friends with Haozhe anyway, he won't mind."

His words was a blatant provocation.

Chapter 86: Freeloaders. She's My Friend

Yun Yi was a handsome young man. Standing among the others, he was still the most outstanding, given his tall build and good looks.

However, this gave rise to jealousy among the other boys in his class.

This was because the majority of the girls in class would cast their eyes on Yun Yi with blushed cheeks, not sparing the other boys even a glance.

The boy who spoke just now was the one who despised Yun Yi the most in class, Wu Bing.

Wu Bing was an average-looking teenager. He was plump and had a full face of zits, his only redeeming feature was his height.

His family was rather well-off, inevitably causing him to feel pompous and more superior to the others. He was usually snobbish and overweening.

The majority of Yun Yi's classmates came from this very city and were quite wealthy.

Xu Haozhe had invited the entire class to his birthday party, although there were plenty of them who did not come.

Nonetheless, Yun Yi and Xu Haozhe were best friends. The former could not possibly miss it.

Given the fact that most of the classmates who attended the gathering today were rich kids. Wu Bing took the opportunity and devised this idea with the sole purpose of embarrassing Yun Yi.

Truthfully, Yun Yi was at a loss from Wu Bing's words.

After all, it was his best friend's birthday party. Although Xu Haozhe had told him ceaselessly to not buy him any presents and that only his presence and sincerity mattered, the other classmates who came with him gifted red pockets.

Instead it was him, who was usually the closest to Xu Haozhe, that became a freeloader who did not give a single cent.

How could he?

In spite of it, Yun Yi was really penniless. At most, he had a few Chinese yuan and even that took months to save.

The reality was his family condition was poor. He was basically staying at someone else's home – how could he have any more money?

Wu Bing laughed inwardly. He was planning to see Yun Yi's embarrassment.

"Big brother!"

A crisp and clear voice sounded timely. It was melodious like the angel.

A girl who was about fifteen years old was seen walking down from the spiral staircase.

She was dressed averagely, while a woman wearing a hat followed her.

It was the girl's pretty face that perked up everyone.

Yun Jian walked over to Yun Yi and flashed him a smile, disregarding the rest of his classmates. "Big bro, why are you here too?"

"Xiao Jian?" Astonished, Yun Yi had wanted to ask Yun Jian the same question only for her to speak first.

"It's Zhe's birthday today. He's hosting a party at the restaurant for everyone here. Our class has come to celebrate with him." Yun Yi's nerves were slightly soothed the moment he saw his baby sister.

With what happened previously, he even felt that there was nothing unachievable with his sister here.

"Oh..." Yun Jian pretended to only just understand the situation and nodded before flashing a grin.

"Then he probably won't mind if I bring my friend along for a free meal, right?"

Yun Jian stepped aside to introduce Snake.Lizard as she spoke.

The group of teenagers could not help rolling their eyes when they heard her.

They had witnessed shameless people before, but not to this extent. She was asking to be a freeloader herself!

Surprised as he had never met Snake.Lizard, Yun Yi looked at Yun Jian. "Xiao Jian, this is..."

"She's my friend," answered Yun Jian with a squint.

"Yun Yi, is this your younger sister?" Having been interrupted by Yun Jian when his scheme was about to succeed, Wu Bing could feel his teeth gritting together as he looked down at Yun Yi.

Before he got Yun Yi's reply, he continued impatiently. "Yun Yi, is your sister bringing her friend to the party too? It's not – not too considerate, isn't it? Xu Haozhe is being nice, treating all of us to a meal. It's fine that you didn't contribute towards his gift money, but now you're inviting two more people..."

As his words faded to a stop, Wu Bing's implication was clear.

He was reminding Yun Yi that his sister and her friend were freeloaders too when he was already leeching off Xu Haozhe.

Chapter 87: One Thousand Each, No Need To Return It

As expected, as soon as Wu Bing uttered those words, not only could Yun Yi sense the hostility directed toward him, even their surrounding classmates sensed it, causing them to fidget awkwardly.

Wu Bing did not stop there. He smirked viciously, without any guilt from saying something so harsh, and continued exaggeratedly as if he was being a charitable person. "Never mind, forget it. I think I'll just pay on behalf of you guys for the gift money too!"

He then fished out a wallet made of genuine leather from his pants pocket and pulled out three one-hundred Chinese yuan bills.

When he did so, he kept an eye out for everyone's gaze. He made sure to put on a show as if he was actually superior to everyone else.

"Wow, Wu Bing, your wallet is made of authentic leather, right? That's so cool! This design hasn't even come to market yet!" One of the boys with thick-framed glasses exclaimed.

His words made Wu Bing more boastful.

Holding the hundred yuan bills in his hand, Wu Bing was not in a hurry to humiliate Yun Yi. Instead, he was full of himself from flaunting his possessions that his gaze towards the others changed.

"This wallet was my birthday present this year from my uncle. It's imported from France." Wu Bing lifted his head up proudly when he boasted.

He then turned to look at Yun Yi to thrust the three yuan bills in front of him, it was like he treated his gesture as charitable. "Take them, you don't have to return it!" His tone was supercilious.

It was like three one-hundred Chinese yuan was nothing in his eyes, highlighting the fact that his family was wealthy.

Yun Yi clenched his fists. He was so close to hurling a punch, aggravated from how Wu Bing humiliated him. However, he held himself back.

"Keep your money. We don't need it!" Yun Yi spat through gritted teeth.

They were poor but even then, they had dignity!

"Oh ho, Yun Yi, I'm kind enough to help you out of your predicament. Why won't you accept it?" Wu Bing instead accused Yun Yi of burning bridges.

There was a hint of glowering from Yun Yi's expression.

Watching her elder brother being bullied, Yun Jian would definitely not sit around.

Snake.Lizard who stood behind Yun Jian finally understood the whole story. She kept quiet as well, waiting for the girl's instruction.

"We have to chip in gift money if we're staying for dinner, is that so?" Yun Jian blinked, talking on Yun Yi's behalf.

"Everyone's chipping in some money. You guys won't actually sponge off the dinner, yeah? Little girl, your big brother isn't accepting my good deed. Why don't you take this money on behalf of him?" Wu Bing told Yun Jian in a condescending tone while waving the three hundred Chinese yuan bills in his hand.

To Wu Bing, he only had one goal, that was to humiliate Yun Yi.

The means to do so were not important!

Obviously, he had also assumed Yun Jian to be a peasant girl who would perk up when offered money.

"Of course we'll chip in the red packet too!" Yun Jian smiled at Wu Bing showing her pearly teeth.

Thinking that Yun Jian accepted his bait, Wu Bing quickly shoved the bills, used to shame Yun Yi, toward Yun Jian and looked at the boy disdainfully. “Then take it quickly!”

In his subconscious, he believed Yun Yi’s family was in no financial condition to put three hundred Chinese yuan on the table in a flash!

Yun Jian suddenly reeled in her bright smile, which was replaced with an icy shadow. She turned slightly without looking at the expression of the teenagers, glimpsing at Snake.Lizard’s purse before turning back to face them.

“One hundred Chinese yuan per person isn’t good enough, is it? We got to make it one thousand each at least?”

Yun Jian called Snake.Lizard after that. “Liz.”

Having worked with Yun Jian for so long, Snake.Lizard knew exactly what she meant.

She opened her purse and took out three stacks of hundred Chinese yuan bills!

She had the habit of bringing cash with her and Yun Jian knew it.

Watching the group anticipantly watching the drama unfold, and then being in a state of bafflement; she then recalled how her elder brother was being bullied. Yun Jian did not restrain herself.

Even if she could not tell Qin Yirou the truth, she must let her elder brother imply a few certainties.

Yun Jian looked at the astounded Wu Bing who held the three lone notes and chuckled coldly. “One thousand each, no need to return it!”

The same words were repeated right back at Wu Bing.

Chapter 88: An Incredible Face Slap. Keep It

Three thick stacks of one-hundred Chinese yuan bills – that would make it thirty thousand Chinese yuan!

Moreover, the money was retrieved from Snake.Lizard’s purse. That meant her purse was filled with cash!

The commodity price during this time was very low. It was considerably impressive for a student like Wu Bing to even be able to present one hundred Chinese yuan.

At the very least, the parents of these students were high-ranking officials or tycoons. They could produce one hundred Chinese yuan but one thousand Chinese yuan was not a small figure.

One thousand Chinese yuan could cover an average person’s cost of living for a very long time!

That was why everyone was flabbergasted as they witnessed what happened. Their eyes were close to falling from how wide they were stretched.

Yun Yi was poor, so his younger sister must be poor too.

Yet how did the friend of his baby sister have so much money in her purse?

More importantly, why did the woman listen to the girl so obediently?

“Xiao Jian, you...” Yun Yi’s eyes were widened in disbelief as he stared at Yun Jian, and Snake.Lizard who was behind her.

His baby sister was becoming more mysterious.

She had unexplainable skills and an enigmatic friend...

Why did it feel like he understood her less and less?

They were biological siblings who had grown up together, yet Yun Yi felt like it was the first time he had gotten to know Yun Jian as he stood dazed on the spot.

Yun Jian shot him a reassuring gaze but did not explain further.

Simultaneously, Wu Bing felt like running away.

His hand that gripped the three one-hundred Chinese yuan bills, with the assumption that he could humiliate Yun Yi, were sweating. When his eyes fell on the three slabs of cash in Snake.Lizard’s hand, he felt defeated.

In retrospect, he must have been laughable now.

A male voice then sounded just in time to lift the tense atmosphere. “Yi, all of you, you guys are here. Come on up. We’ve been waiting for you!”

Right at the top of the spiral staircase stood Xu Haozhe dressed in a dandy suit. He descended down with his tall muscular build and a charming face that paralleled Yun Yi’s good looks.

When he saw Yun Jian, Xu Haozhe was taken aback. He then ran to her despite everyone’s surprise and looked at her in adulation. “Yun Yi’s sis, you’re here too! Come, come. C’mon, let’s go up and have a seat. I’m so happy that you could grace my birthday party with your presence!”

Xu Haozhe’s reaction perplexed everyone.

Why was the girl regarded so highly of by Xu Haozhe?

In addition to what happened just now, it seemed the story behind this girl was not as simple as she looked like!

Yun Yi’s younger sister was extraordinary!

“Mm.” Yun Jian flashed Xu Haozhe a smile and recovered to her usual state.

She then pointed at the three stacks of banknotes in Snake.Lizard’s hand and told Xu Haozhe. “This is from everyone to you.”

She was really gifting it to him? That was thirty thousand Chinese yuan!

The teenagers had only known that Yun Jian took out the thirty thousand Chinese yuan to vent for her elder brother, but they did not expect her to really give it away.

Thirty thousand Chinese yuan was no joke!

“Uh...” Xu Haozhe glanced at the present and was shocked.

“Keep it,” Yun Jian told him with a wink.

Xu Haozhe who was still astonished thought that it was really a gift from his classmates and felt that they were really generous. Therefore, he accepted the gift money without hesitation.

Wu Bing looked like he ate a frog.

After all, he was the one who had suggested this gift idea. They had the money. Even if they really wanted to chip in one thousand Chinese yuan per person, it was a little much, but it would give them good face.

In spite of it, Yun Jian’s action was like a big invisible slap that mortified him.

Chapter 89: Mafia Boss Xu Zetian

Yun Yi’s lips moved with the intention to say something, but he swallowed his words ultimately.

Consequently, Xu Haozhe arranged for the group to go upstairs to the steamboat table in a huge VIP hall.

There were more than ten steamboat tables in the VIP hall and each table could fit more than ten people too.

Clearly, Xu Haozhe had booked the entire hall.

When everyone was seated, the teenagers had only taken up two to three tables. This meant that the rest of the tables served another purpose.

Yun Jian was currently seated between her brother Yun Yi and Snake.Lizard.

Xu Haozhe sat on the right of Yun Yi. Four of them were lined along the same table.

“The dishes are already ordered. I told the servers to serve us first. My dad’s business partners will come later as well. Don’t fret, we’ll just chat among ourselves!” Xu Haozhe told his chattering classmates after he seated himself down.

To the others, Xu Haozhe’s family was powerful and rich as his father was a businessman.

In spite of it, Yun Jian knew that Xu Haozhe was the son of Longmen City’s top mafia boss.

When he said “my dad’s business partners”, he probably meant people also involved with gangsters.

By inviting his son’s classmates, Xu Haozhe’s father was obviously leveraging his son’s birthday party to strengthen his connections with his peers who could be resourceful to him.

After all, a gang depended not only on itself, should it wish to survive and develop in the long term.

Yun Yi similarly knew about his best friend’s identity, opting to remain silent.

From the moment he became best friends with Xu Haozhe, the pair never picked on each other's identities!

After a while, the dishes were served.

The servers delivered the dishes one after another while the teenagers enjoyed themselves.

To have a meal in the Glittery Gold Hotel, after all, was a costly experience. Even though most of them were wealthy, it was impossible for them to dine here often. Otherwise, they would have gone beggarly soon.

Yun Jian sat in her spot and specifically picked large chunks of meat to feed herself.

Her physical strength was lacking, so she had to consume high energy foods.

Training by purely running was no longer adequate.

"Xiao Jian, eat slowly. Nobody's fighting with you!" Yun Yi cracked a smile and wiped away the crumbs on the corner of his sister's lips.

"Hahaha, Mayor Gu, here please!" A loud tenor male voice rang from the door.

A group of middle-aged men between their thirties to forties entered the VIP hall. The two standing in the front were well-dressed men, while behind them the rest were greeting each other courteously, appearing powerful and authoritative.

They had obviously taken today as a gathering to network and extend their forces.

Those who filed in later looked gentlemanly and lofty like they were chiefs in their field.

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes and turned to look at Snake.Lizard, seeing that she was also discreetly pressing her lips together when she saw the first man who entered among the group.

The middle-aged man was none other than the man who was conversing with Snake.Lizard, when Yun Jian encountered her downstairs.

More surprisingly, Xu Haozhe walked to the man and called him, "Dad!"

The middle-aged man was Xu Haozhe's father, the top mafia boss of Longmen City, Xu Zetian!

Xu Zetian was distinctly the most respected person standing in the group, however not too long ago, he was asking for help from Snake.Lizard pleadingly!

Chapter 90: Happy Birthday. Thank You

The man who stood beside Xu Zetian was Mayor Gu.

Mayor Gu was Longmen City's mayor. His position was one of the highest ranks among Longmen City's officials and his political stature in the city was remarkable as well.

It was not at all strange for Xu Zetian to have contact with government officers as a mafia boss.

Yun Jian narrowed her eyes while she watched the entourage of middle-aged men walk in.

Xu Zetian did not notice Snake.Lizard and Yun Jian here. He was nodding at his son, Xu Haozhe, with a smile before he stepped into the hall with Mayor Gu and sat themselves down on an empty steamboat table.

The others followed suit.

These people were either high-ranking officials, gang members, or tycoons. Their social statuses were not lowly. As expected, they blended in swiftly and found acquaintances who could bring them some sort of advantage. Familiarizing each other, they sought win-win cooperations.

This was the purpose of their presence at the gathering. It was not for the birthday of Xu Zetian's son.

Xu Haozhe was somewhat disheartened. His father did not even wish him a happy birthday. Even his birthday party was a guise for the man to expand his influence.

Although it was the same every year, it still felt like his favorite toy being cruelly crushed right in front of himself, yet he could only watch helplessly when every piece of anticipation of his ended up in disappointment each time.

Xu Haozhe could only push his emotions deeper into himself lest others noticed his low spirits.

"Zhe, happy birthday!" It was as if Yun Yi had discovered Xu Haozhe's forlorn gaze as he placed his hand on the latter's broad shoulders, a sense of comfort at this juncture of time.

"Happy birthday!"

With Yun Yi leading, the rest of their classmates wished Xu Haozhe respectively.

The boy pressed his lips together. He was genuinely touched as the emotion in his eyes could not be feigned. His voice got a little raspy. "Thank you guys..."

"It's alright, we're all old friends. What are you thanking us for? It's what we should do!" Someone grumbled.

Yet it only served to move Xu Haozhe even deeper.

Following the rest, Yun Jian wished the boy a happy birthday as well, but her attention was actually on Xu Zetian.

Snake.Lizard had told her about the latter's identity, including why she had met with him.

What Yun Jian did not expect was that Xu Zetian was actually a member of the Gu Sha Mercenaries.

It was just that his influence within Gu Sha Mercenaries was immensely limited.

To explain with an example, members of Gu Sha Mercenaries were scattered across the globe. There were at least a few hundred thousand of them. Among these people, they were divided into groups like intel, assassination, investigation, and so on.

Xu Zetian was only a tiny force that Gu Sha Mercenaries had distributed in Longmen City.

As the boss of Gu Sha Mercenaries in her past life and having left everything to Tiger.Leopard and Snake.Lizard to manage, it was not unusual for Yun Jian to have no idea of Xu Zetian's presence.

While Xu Zetian was a member of the organization, it would be like an ordinary person wanting to meet the president if he intended to see Yun Jian.

Such was life, however, who would know that Yun Jian was actually here in Longmen City and in her current rebirthed state?

There was a sudden crash when Xu Zetian, who was seated not too far from them, dropped the wine glass in his hand, causing it to shatter.

He had been conversing with Mayor Gu but his composure dissolved in an instant.

It was because he saw Snake.Lizard when he looked up. In a panic, he abandoned Mayor Gu while disregarding what everyone else would make of that and walked toward her.

The men were flummoxed indeed. Xu Zetian had left the influential mayor to go over to a woman? What was he going to do?

They then heard Xu Zetian carefully asking Snake.Lizard, "You're here too? Why didn't you say so? Do you want to sit over there?"

Who was the woman? Why was she prioritized over the mayor?

Mayor Gu himself was as surprised as the rest.

Snake.Lizard turned to look at Yun Jian, waiting for her opinion.

As she did so, everyone shifted their gaze to Yun Jian.

The woman whom Xu Zetian was reverent of was taking orders from Yun Jian?