

Chapter 51: Call Me Daddy (1)

“See, our boss still loves me the most. He chose to borrow my phone instead of yours.” Xia Shangzhou turned to Lu Benlai with a proud look on his face and boasted gleefully. At the same time, he unlocked his phone and deferentially presented it to Lin Jiage.

Lin Jiage didn’t respond to his statement.

He took the phone, tapped on a number, and acted as if he was making a call, speaking seriously on the phone.

Xia Shangzhou didn’t stay by Lin Jiage’s side to wait for his call to end. Instead, he picked up his towel and headed to the bathroom, humming a melody.

The moment he closed and locked the bathroom door, Lin Jiage immediately took the phone away from his ear and tapped into Xia Shangzhou’s WeChat.

Xia Shangzhou had pinned his chat with [Yao Loves Ice Cream] at the top, and Lin Jiage tapped into it unabashedly. Following which, he saw a series of very familiar words.

In the end, the insults used by the white and chubby Big Bun had all come from Xia Shangzhou?

And as if that wasn’t enough, Xia Shangzhou even used ‘more virtuous than Xiaolongnü’ to describe him?

The heck, did Xia Shangzhou learn literature from a physical education teacher?

On top of that, Big White Chubby had even earnestly replied with a ‘Xiaolongnü was tainted by Yin Zhiping’!

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When Xia Shangzhou walked out from the bathroom, Lin Jiage was nonchalantly watching a movie on his laptop, as if nothing had happened at all.

Xia Shangzhou ran up to Lin Jiage, pointed to his phone on the table, and asked, “Boss, can I take back my phone now?”

Lin Jiage nodded and replied with an “Mm”.

By the time Lu Benlai was done bathing and came back from the bathroom, Lin Jiage—who had been attentively watching his movie without saying a word—suddenly beckoned the duo over, “Come here for a moment...”

Lu Benlai and Xia Shangzhou immediately rushed over.

Lin Jiage pointed to the words on his computer screen, Golden Resplendence 1, and asked,

“Have you heard of it?”

Xia Shangzhou replied, "I've heard of it. It's one of the best clubs in Beijing. They say that there's only one word to describe the place, and that's 'money'."

Lin Jiage clicked on his mouse, and another photo appeared. Pointing to the row of beautiful waitresses in the photo, he asked, "Are they beautiful?"

Lu Benlai: "Beautiful! I keep hearing that the beauty of the waitresses at Golden Resplendence is off the charts, and they definitely don't disappoint!"

Lin Jiage changed the photo once more, and a luxurious spread of delicacies came into sight. "Hungry?"

Lu Benlai and Xia Shangzhou: "Yes!"

Lin Jiage changed the photo yet again. It was one of the suites at Golden Resplendence, and the sheer extravagance of it was blinding. "Would you like to experience it?"

Lu Benlai and Xia Shangzhou's eyes were glowing. "Yes!"

This time, Lin Jiage didn't change the photo. Instead, he reached for his wallet by the side and fished out a Golden Resplendence VIP card. "Call me Daddy."

Without any hesitation, Lu Benlai and Xia Shangzhou cried, "Daddy!"

As if relishing in their response, Lin Jiage nodded and stood up. He patted Lu Benlai's shoulder and said, "Come, I'll show you what heaven looks like in this mortal world!"

Lu Benlai excitedly replied "Oh, yes!" before quickly changing his clothes.

Xia Shangzhou: "Daddy, what about me?"

As if he hadn't heard Xia Shangzhou's words at all, Lin Jiage opened his wardrobe, took out a white hoodie, and put it on. After which, he grabbed his wallet and headed for the door.

Right when Lin Jiage and Lu Benlai were just about to walk out from the door, Xia Shangzhou pitifully asked once more, "Daddy, what about me?"

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Lin Jiage's footsteps halted.

Thinking that there might be hope, Xia Shangzhou gazed deeply at Lin Jiage and shamelessly said, "Daddy..."

Lin Jiage looked at Xia Shangzhou for a moment before walking back to his study table. He took out a piece of paper and swiftly wrote a couple of words on it. After which, he walked up to Xia Shangzhou and passed the paper to him. "Recite this a hundred times, and I'll bring you there next time."

But seemingly doubtful of Xia Shangzhou, Lin Jiage pondered for a brief moment before grabbing the phone in Xia Shangzhou's hands and stuck it onto the mirror using some tape. After which, he tapped into the camera and selected the recording function. "Recite your words to this. Remember to record it, I'll check on it when I get back."

After saying those words, Lin Jiage turned around and left.

Lu Benlai shot a gleeful expression to Xia Shangzhou and left some parting words, "As expected, Daddy loves me the most..."

After which, he shouted "Boss, wait for me!" and hurriedly rushed out with enthusiasm.

Xia Shangzhou cursed indignantly under his breath as he took a look at the paper that Lin Jiage had stuffed into his hands.

As soon as he saw its contents, he felt a shiver run down his spine.

I'm a virgin, no, an old virgin, who's even more virtuous than Xiaolongnü!

I've never had a girlfriend, and my first night, first kiss, first love, first hand-holding, first hug, and everything that counts as a first are all still intact!

I'm an unbelievably ugly person, and even my roommates lose their appetite after seeing my face!

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After fleeing from the game, Shi Yao didn't sleep well that night.

Even on the second day, when someone @ 'd her on the [Sexy and Frisky] WeChat group, she didn't dare to look at the message at all.

The gluttonous her even had just half of what she usually ate for breakfast and lunch.

On the afternoon of the second day, Shi Yao went to visit Grandpa Lin at the hospital, an appointment which they'd made in advance.

On the way to the hospital, Shi Yao saw a bubble tea 1 shop through the car window.

She had the driver stop the car for a moment so she could join the queue to buy herself a cup of bubble tea.

Returning back to the car, Shi Yao began sipping on her bubble tea. At the same time, she couldn't help but recall for the nth time how she'd dissed [111111] in the game yesterday, and in that moment, she suddenly felt that the bubble tea in her hand wasn't as delicious anymore.

Shi Yao felt that if this continued to go on, her quality of life would go down significantly.

Instead of feeling conflicted here, she might as well confront [111111] directly and hash things out.

Besides, her words might be awful, but he was the one who started the whole mess.

Why should she be the one cowering like a tortoise?

Just like that, Shi Yao slowly built up her courage. She arrived at Grandpa Lin's ward, and after chatting with him for a moment, she finally picked up her phone, tapped into her WeChat, and sent [111111] a message: [Are you there?]

Shi Yao didn't expect [111111] to respond immediately, so after she sent the first message, she began drafting out the next.

But barely after she started typing—' ding dong '—a ringtone sounded.

An instant reply? That's not Mister Numbers' style!

Thinking this, Shi Yao hurriedly checked her phone, only to see that her WeChat was completely empty. There weren't any new messages.

Then, where did that ringing come from?

Just as Shi Yao was thinking of this, Lin Jiage walked into the ward with his head lowered, his attention on his phone.

Chapter 53: Bring Yaoyao Along (1)

Just as Shi Yao was thinking of this, Lin Jiage walked into the ward with his head lowered, his attention on his phone.

So, the ringtone was from his phone...

But who sent him the message? There was something wrong with his expression. It didn't seem like anger, it was more like... shyness? Or perhaps, embarrassment might be a better description...

Maybe Shi Yao's gaze had lingered on Lin Jiage for too long, but the latter seemed to have sensed something, prompting him to tear his gaze away from his phone and direct it towards the area she was sitting at.

Catching sight of Lin Jiage's reaction, Shi Yao hurriedly withdrew her gaze from him and lowered her head back to her phone.

[111111] still hadn't replied to her yet...

As usual, Lin Jiage didn't greet her. Instead, he kept his phone in his pocket, walked past Shi Yao to head towards Grandpa Lin—who was lying in bed while sipping on a cup of wolfberry tea—and greeted him, "Grandfather." After which, he lazily sat down on the sofa by the bed.

Grandpa Lin frowned. "Didn't you see Yaoyao?"

As if he hadn't heard anything, Lin Jiage remained silent.

Grandpa Lin's tone darkened, "Didn't you hear what I said?"

Lin Jiage finally raised his eyes, glanced at Shi Yao, and greeted her with a very perfunctory "Mm".

Grandpa Lin frowned deeply at Lin Jiage's response.

Fearing that Grandpa Lin was about to lose his temper, Shi Yao hurriedly spoke up, "Grandpa Lin, I nearly forgot. I brought you an iPad, and I downloaded your favorite spy films into it so that you won't be bored while you're in the hospital..."

Grandpa Lin shot Lin Jiage a hostile glare before turning to Shi Yao with a sweet smile and said, "Shi Yao sure is mature and kind, unlike a certain rascal who only knows how to provoke me everyday..."

“...Say, Yaoyao, why am I so unlucky? What kind of sins did I commit for the heavens to give me such a grandson...?”

“Yaoyao, do you think I might have carried the wrong grandson out of the hospital back then?”

Shi Yao had no idea how to respond to Grandpa Lin’s words, so she simply listened to him awkwardly by the side.

She secretly slipped a glance towards Lin Jiage, only to see him shaking his leg apathetically, clearly paying no mind to Grandpa Lin’s words.

It was dinner time, and [111111] still hadn’t responded to Shi Yao’s message.

Could Mister Numbers really be angry?

While Auntie Sun was feeding Grandpa Lin his medicine, Shi Yao took out her phone and sent another message to [111111]: [Are you there? I have something I need to talk to you about.]

A second after Shi Yao sent the message, a ‘ding dong’ ringtone rang out in the room.

Shi Yao automatically turned her head towards the casually seated Lin Jiage on the sofa.

This sure was a coincidence. Twice, right when she’d sent a message, his phone rang immediately after. Those witnessing this sight might think that she had sent a message to him.

Thinking this, Shi Yao saw Lin Jiage lazily fish his phone out of his pocket.

It was truly a mystery who had just messaged him; he stared at it for some time, and his expression became the same as it was when he first walked into the ward earlier, a little awkward and a little embarrassed...

But this time, he didn’t put away his phone like before. Instead, he lifted his finger and began tapping on the screen.

It was impossible to tell what he was typing, but after some time, his movement suddenly came to a halt. Following which, he switched off his phone screen and slipped it back into his pants pocket.

Chapter 54: Bring Yaoyao Along (2)

Under the lighting of the room, Shi Yao could clearly see a tinge of red appearing on Lin Jiage’s fair complexion.

Lin Jiage’s face actually turned red while replying to a message?

Shi Yao thought that she might be seeing things, so she blinked her eyes forcefully a few times, only to realize that the redness had spread to Lin Jiage’s ears.

She hadn’t been too interested in Lin Jiage’s message before this, but after seeing his odd reaction, her curiosity was piqued.

Just who was it that messaged him and what did they say to make Lin Jiage blush like that?

A short moment later, Lin Jiage's phone rang once more.

Different from before, it wasn't the ringtone for a notification update but a call.

He picked up the call right away, not bothering to leave the room for some privacy.

It was unclear what the person on the other end of the phone was telling him, but Lin Jiage's attitude was neither warm nor cold. He only replied perfunctorily with an "Un" and an "Ah" from time to time.

After hanging up, he got to his feet and turned to Grandpa Lin—who was still in the middle of eating his medicine—and said, "Grandfather, Liang Jiusi just called. He invited me to hang out."

After which, he turned to Auntie Sun and said, "Auntie Sun, I'll be leaving Grandfather to you for the time being. I'll be back later tonight."

Shi Yao knew who Liang Jiusi was, but she wasn't too close to him.

He was Liang Mumu's cousin, as well as Lin Jiage's childhood friend. Not too long ago, when she met Lin Jiage in SKP's elevator, he was part of the group that was with Lin Jiage.

Naturally, Grandpa Lin also knew who Liang Jiusi was, and he didn't stop Lin Jiage from leaving either. But just as Lin Jiage reached the door of the ward, Grandpa Lin suddenly seemed to have thought of something and shouted, "Wait a moment, bring Yaoyao along with you!"

Lin Jiage and Shi Yao, who suddenly found herself dragged into this for no reason, turned to Grandpa Lin with question marks in their eyes.

One of them was thinking that he'd misheard him.

The other one was fervently wishing that she didn't have to go.

But Grandpa Lin didn't think that there was any problem with what he'd said, so he casually continued, "It's the weekend, and Yaoyao doesn't have any lessons tomorrow. It will be boring for her to accompany me by herself. Since you're going out to have fun, you should just bring her along with you."

Lin Jiage silently frowned.

Shi Yao tried to object, "Grandpa Lin, I was planning to go home later to watch my drama, so—"

"You can watch your drama anytime you want, you don't necessarily have to do it today. Since it's the holiday, you should go out and have fun. Besides, Yaoyao, I heard that that brat, Liang Jiusi, is quite a gourmet himself. There's bound to be a lot of good food at his gatherings..."

A lot of good food... Shi Yao, who was still searching for an excuse to politely reject Grandpa Lin, suddenly found herself unable to say a word.

Seeing that neither of them was speaking up, Grandpa Lin unashamedly made the decision in their place. "Alright, go ahead and have fun."

Without wasting any time, Lin Jiage pushed open the door of the ward and left.

After he left, Grandpa Lin suddenly said, "Right. Auntie Sun, give a call to the driver. Tell him to wait at the entrance after dropping them off so that he can send them back when they're done."

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After Lin Jiage and Shi Yao left the room, Grandpa Lin, who had been bedridden in their presence, suddenly leaped out of his bed energetically and rubbed his waist as he walked around the room.

While he walked about to stretch his stiff limbs, he glanced at Auntie Sun and boasted gleefully, "Auntie Sun, don't you think that I'm very smart?"

Chapter 55: I Want To Eat Meat Meat, I Must Eat Meat Meat (1)

"I was too negligent in the past. I thought that I wouldn't need to interfere as long as Jiage stopped making a fuss about canceling his engagement with Yaoyao, but who knew that they'd still bring it up after such a long time? I really need to pay close attention to this matter now. Just like today, if Jiage goes out to play, I'm going to make him bring Yaoyao along..."

"...If two people never interact with each other, how can they cultivate any feelings for one another?"

"Only by interacting will there be affection. Since they're going out to have fun, there's bound to be alcohol involved. If Jiage were to have one drink too many, hehehe..."

Grandpa Lin glanced out of the window and chuckled gleefully.

The more he thought about it, the more plausible it sounded.

"...If Jiage touches even one of Yaoyao's fingers, I'll have him take responsibility. If he touches more than just her fingers, I might just have my great-grandson by tonight..."

Grandpa Lin took delight in his imagination for a moment before abruptly speaking up again, "Auntie Sun, do you know why I had the driver take them there and stay on standby to take them back home?"

Before Auntie Sun could reply, Grandpa Lin had already shot her an 'a dull-witted person like you couldn't possibly understand it' look and continued speaking, "I sent the driver to spy on them! As long as the driver is around, Lin Jiage wouldn't dare to dump Yaoyao to the side. No matter how reluctant he is, he'll have to bring Yaoyao along with him to the gathering. So, it looks like there's a chance I'll get my great-grandson... Ah, I really am too smart..."

"..." Auntie Sun couldn't bring herself to continue looking at Grandpa Lin while he was in such a state, so she took the water flask and silently left the ward to refill it with hot water.

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After arriving at the Golden Resplendence, just as Lin Jiage and Shi Yao alighted from the car, Lin Jiage's phone rang.

The person who called Lin Jiage had quite a loud voice. Standing beside him, Shi Yao could vaguely hear the person on the other end of the phone telling Lin Jiage to hurry up.

Lin Jiage responded with an "I'm already at the entrance" and hung up the phone. Ignoring Shi Yao, he took a step forward and began walking into the Golden Resplendence.

Lin Jiage was already 1.8 meters tall when he was eighteen. Back then, everyone thought that he wouldn't grow any taller, but three years had passed since then, and he had grown yet another eight centimeters.

Shi Yao wasn't short for a lady, but she couldn't be considered tall either. Her height barely reached 1.65 meters.

Lin Jiage's pace wasn't very fast, but due to his long legs, it didn't take long for a huge gap to appear between him and Shi Yao.

Shi Yao could only hasten her steps to catch up, and eventually—at least to those watching—she was already doing a light jog.

As the first to reach the elevator, Lin Jiage pressed on the 'up' button. When the elevator reached the first floor, and the doors opened, Lin Jiage stepped in, and it was only then he realized that Shi Yao hadn't caught up with him yet.

Frowning, he waited for a short while, feeling displeased. When the panting Shi Yao finally entered the elevator, he glanced at her silently as he pressed the 'close door' button.

Right when the elevator reached the tenth floor and opened its doors, Lin Jiage seemed to have suddenly recalled something and whipped out his phone from his pocket, tapping on his screen as he slowly made his way over to Suite 1001.

As he walked, he would stop from time to time to type something.

It was only when they were about to reach the entrance of the suite that he finally put away his phone.

Pushing open the door, before Lin Jiage could even step in, many echoes of "Brother Jia" could already be heard from inside.

Without saying a word, Lin Jiage held the door open as he turned to Shi Yao behind him and gestured with his eyes for her to enter.

Chapter 56: I Want To Eat Meat Meat, I Must Eat Meat Meat (2)

When Shi Yao walked next to him, he looked down and noted that her height barely reached his chest.

No wonder she walked so slowly—it turned out that she was born with a pair of short legs. After they walked out of the elevator, he had to go to all the trouble of pretending to text someone when in fact, he had typed out two whole pages of '1234567' on the Notebook application just to give her time to catch up...

Lin Jiage let Shi Yao enter the suite first, and only then did he follow her inside. In that moment, the bustling suite suddenly grew completely still and silent, except for the song that was blasting on the KTV 1 .

Sweeping his gaze through the crowd in the suite, Lin Jiage noticed that everyone's eyes were centered on Shi Yao.

Lin Jiage stopped his footsteps and turned around to look at Shi Yao as well.

Perhaps she was embarrassed to be stared at by so many people, but the young lady's fair complexion had turned crimson.

Lin Jiage adjusted his body slightly sideways, and his new position happened to block Shi Yao from everyone's eyes. After which, he said with a neither warm nor cold tone, "Shi Yao."

He pointed to an empty seat to the side and said, "Sit."

Shi Yao glanced at Lin Jiage for a moment before quickly making her way over to the seat he'd pointed at.

Compared to her slightly anxious and restrained movements, Lin Jiage's own movements and posture as he sat beside her were obviously much more leisurely and composed.

It wasn't until they sat down that the entire suite of people then abruptly burst into commotion.

"Brother Jia, who's that lady beside you?"

"I've never seen you bringing any woman around before—she's the first."

"Shi Yao, her name sounds rather familiar. Oh, isn't she the girl we met at the SKP elevator the other day? If I remember correctly, she's Brother Jia's fiancée?"

"Now that you mention it, that did seem to happen. But if I'm not wrong, didn't Brother Jia ignore her last time? He even asked her who she was back then..."

Hearing those words, Shi Yao couldn't help but grasp her clothes tightly.

She really shouldn't have given in to temptation and followed Lin Jiage here just because Grandpa Lin said that there'd be good food...

Just as she was wondering what to do, Lin Jiage, who was pouring himself a glass of wine beside her, suddenly said, "Are you all here to have fun or to gossip?"

Lin Jiage's tone was very casual, but the entire room of people immediately changed the topic because of his words.

Lin Jiage was right—they were here to have fun. While they were curious about Shi Yao's arrival, it didn't take long for them to forget about her once they got into the mood.

Shi Yao also didn't mind being ignored by the crowd. Just like Grandpa Lin had said, Liang Jiushi had ordered a luxurious spread of good food. She acted as if there was no one else in the room and placed her complete attention on feasting on those delicacies.

However, someone just had to interrupt her rendezvous with those delicacies.

The one who interrupted her was Liang Jiushi. "Shi Yao, everyone sang something already. It's your turn."

"Yeah, you should sing a song too!"

"Come on, hurry up..."

The others in the room also roared in agreement.

Shi Yao reluctantly put aside her food and subconsciously turned to look at Lin Jiage.

What was she looking at him for? Was she asking him for help because she didn't want to sing?

Lin Jiage was just about to tell them to stop fooling around when one of the women that Liang Jiusi brought along suddenly pulled Shi Yao onto the stage.

Lin Jiage immediately wanted to stand up to stop them, but before he could do so, he saw Shi Yao fiddling with the song selection system.

Under the peer pressure of the woman Liang Jiusi brought along, Shi Yao had to queue up three songs before she was spared.

The music started, and Shi Yao picked up the microphone.

The first song was " Soy Milk and Dough Sticks 2 ". Everyone's reaction to it was normal, and they played the finger-guessing game while listening to her sing.

The second song was "I Want To Turn All Of You Into Gluttons" 3 . At the part when she sang " gulu gulu cheese, gulu gulu steak, gulu gulu crayfish, gulu gulu curry, gulu gulu foie gras, gulu gulu bullfrog ", everyone in the suite suddenly stopped playing the game and turned to look at Shi Yao.

The third song was " I Want To Eat Meat Meat 4 ". When Shi Yao sang " You said that I'm a little fleshy, and I need to slim it down. But I just can't have enough each day, so I don't care anymore. I want to eat meat meat, I must eat meat meat ", all eyes in the suite were staring at her intently.

By the time Shi Yao was done singing, she realized that the entire suite was silent. Everyone was staring at her, dumbfounded.

Chapter 57: Just One More Tiny Bite, Make All The Meat Disappear (1)

When Shi Yao was finally through with those three songs, she suddenly realized that the suite was deathly silent. Everyone was staring at her, dumbfounded.

Confused by the situation, she blinked her eyes.

Was there something wrong with the way she sang?

That shouldn't be it. She knew quite a few songs, but these three were the ones she was the most familiar with. There shouldn't have been any problems.

Shi Yao blinked her eyes once more, but the entire room of people was still staring at her with an indescribably bizarre look on their faces. She wasn't even nervous when she sang earlier on, but at this very moment, she felt utterly lost, not knowing what she should do.

She did know a few of Lin Jiage's friends, but she wasn't sure whether they recognized her or not. As such, this entire suite of people were practically strangers to her. In contrast, the not too close Lin Jiage

became the most familiar person to her instead... Distressed by the current situation, Shi Yao instinctively turned her gaze to him.

Several lights had been switched off at some point in time, so the lighting in the suite was rather dim. On top of that, Lin Jiage happened to be sitting in the corner so other than his white shirt, Shi Yao couldn't see his expression at all.

But even if they were in a brilliantly lit room, there was no guarantee that Lin Jiage would be willing to stand up for her. Rather than relying on him, she would be better off depending on herself...

Twisting the microphone in her hand forcefully, Shi Yao was considering whether she should say something to lighten up the situation before fleeing back to her seat when Liang Jiusi suddenly spoke up, "Shi Yao, is there another song that you know of other than those three?"

Shi Yao thought that Liang Jiusi was just having a casual chat with her, so she replied without thinking too much into it, "I do. 'One More Tiny Bite' 1."

Liang Jiusi didn't respond after that.

He was slightly closer to Shi Yao, so she could clearly see his face collapsing.

This reaction... did he not understand what she said?

Thus, Shi Yao began to give a more detailed explanation, "It's— Just one more tiny bite, make all the meat disappear—that song, 'One More Tiny Bite'!"

"Pft—" From the darkness of the room, a vague chuckle sounded.

It was fleeting laughter, disappearing within just a second.

Yet, the peculiar atmosphere drifting the room seemed to have grown heavier.

Didn't she sing three songs already? Her response to Liang Jiusi's question was perfectly normal too, so why was everyone giving her such weird looks? It was as if they were looking at an alien...

Unable to comprehend the situation before her, Shi Yao felt very uncomfortable under their gazes. Eventually, she couldn't tolerate it anymore, so she decided to use a generic excuse to take her leave, "Well, I need to go to the restroom for a bit..."

After saying those words, she put down the microphone and fled from the suite without any hesitation.

As soon the door automatically closed shut behind her, deafening peals of laughter burst from the previously silent room.

"Hahaha, Brother Jia. Your little fiancée is definitely a talent!"

"What do you mean a talent? She's a true genius! To think that the three songs she chose would all be about food!"

"Thank you." In face of everyone's compliments, Lin Jiage unreservedly replied with a simple thanks. After which, he picked up the wine glass on the table and sipped on it leisurely.

“Wait a moment, Brother Jia. We’re complimenting that little fiancée you brought over, not you. Why are you thanking us? But speaking of which, your little fiancée’s voice sure is adorable. I want to eat meat meat, I must eat meat meat ... I was almost tempted to head out to buy lots of meat for her so that she could have her fill of it...”

While sipping on his wine, a deep frown appeared on Lin Jiage’s forehead.

Chapter 58: Just One More Tiny Bite, Make All The Meat Disappear (2)

Apparently, he was the one who failed to hold it in and chuckled just now...

It was one thing for him to laugh, but he actually wanted to feed her as well...

You must be joking! Would she, Lin Jiage’s little fiancée, need this person to feed her?

With such thoughts in mind, Lin Jiage put down his wine glass and glanced at the young man, who was still speaking excitedly at this point, “Since you’re thinking about it, why not carry it out? I’ll have to trouble you to make this trip then!”

As if he were a robot whose power source had been stolen, the young man abruptly fell silent.

It took a while before the young man was able to speak again, and his voice was clearly not as jovial as before, “Brother Jia, I misspoke...”

“Since you know that you misspoke, here’s an opportunity for you to make up for it.” As Lin Jiage spoke, he poured himself a glass of wine. Just as he was about to raise it up to drink from, he noticed that the young man still hadn’t moved yet. Thus, with his tone laced with a warning, he spoke once more, “Why are you still here?”

Not daring to say another word, the young man immediately got to his feet and rushed towards the door.

But barely after he started walking, Lin Jiage suddenly stopped him, “Wait.”

The young man turned around and saw Lin Jiage walking towards him. His knees trembled in fright as he said, “Brother Jia, I really know my mistake. I’ll buy some meat immediately, lots and lots of meat—”

But before he could finish his sentence, a card appeared before his eyes.

“Swipe this card. There’s no pin number.” There was a brief pause before Lin Jiage added, “It must be from the restaurant in China World Hotel. Hurry back as soon as you can. It won’t taste good once it turns cold.”

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After sprinting out of the suite, Shi Yao headed right for the restroom without any hesitation.

But when she reached the entrance, she suddenly felt an urge to use the restroom.

So, she entered a cubicle and sat down, but the phone in her pocket rang at that moment.

Shi Yao took out her phone and took a look. Liang Mumu had sent her a message: [Yaoyao, you're at Golden Resplendence with Brother Jia?]

Shi Yao typed on the screen and replied: [Yes.]

[Why didn't you call me to join you there? Yaoyao, I always bring you along whenever something interesting is going on or if there's good food. If I didn't see you on my cousin's Moments page, I wouldn't have known about this at all. 555555 1 .]

Shi Yao felt a little embarrassed by Liang Mumu's message, so she replied:[Sorry, Mumu. It's not that I left you out on purpose, but I didn't even expect to be here myself. Grandpa Lin was the one who made Lin Jiage bring me here...]

Liang Mumu: [Brother Jia agreed to it?]

Shi Yao frowned deeply. For some reason, she felt that there was something weird about Liang Mumu's sentence, but she couldn't put her finger on it at this moment.

Soon, Liang Mumu sent another message: [Does that mean you won't be canceling your engagement anymore?]

Perhaps she was being too sensitive, but it seemed like the focus of Mumu's message was in the latter half.

Shi Yao began moving her fingers once more: [That's not it. We're just postponing it for the time being.]

[I have no idea how Grandpa Lin found out that we were planning to cancel our marriage, but he flew into a rage and fell sick right after. He's currently in the hospital undergoing treatment, and Auntie Sun told me that Grandpa Lin can't afford to get angry in his current condition. Considering how well Grandpa Lin treats me, it's only right to wait after Grandpa Lin recovers before we talk about it...]

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[Explanation]: This is simply how gluttons are, I'm not being fake or too intentional about this. I have a friend in real life who flew all the way from Beijing to Hong Kong just because they were suddenly craving for a certain type of noodle there. The pitiful me had to queue with her for two whole hours for it ~cries~

Chapter 59: Kiss (1)

Liang Mumu: [I see. How's Grandpa Lin doing now?]

Shi Yao: [Not very good. He's still under observation at the hospital.]

It took a long moment before Liang Mumu finally sent another message. It was a very long one.

[Yaoyao, there's something that I have to tell you.

[Well, you mentioned earlier that you didn't know how Grandpa Lin found out that you were canceling the engagement with Brother Jia. Actually, I was the one who told Grandpa Lin.

[It's not that I wanted to report to Grandpa Lin behind your back, but I can't help feeling outraged on your behalf. Brother Jia must have treated you badly to make you want to cancel the engagement. But, I didn't say much to Grandpa Lin either. I simply said that Brother Jia didn't seem to be treating you well, and he doesn't want to marry you either.

[I really didn't mean anything else by it, and I didn't expect the matter to blow up like that either. If you hadn't told me about it, I would have thought that the issue was already settled. But, thinking about it now, I was really reckless. Grandpa Lin likes you a lot, even more than Sister Jiayi in fact, and he can't stand seeing you wronged. I didn't say much, but I think he might have jumped to conclusions, and it escalated from there. Yaoyao, I'm truly sorry that I ended up causing you trouble instead.]

So, Grandpa Lin found out about the cancelation of their engagement because of Mumu...

[Yaoyao, why aren't you replying back? Are you angry?

[Yaoyao, sorry sorry sorry. I promise you I won't act like that again in the future.]

Judging from what Mumu said, it sounded like she had meant well...

Recovering from her daze, Shi Yao replied: [I'm not angry with you. Mumu, it's over and done with, so let bygones be bygones.]

[You really aren't angry?]

[Really.]

[Muah! Yaoyao, I knew you were the best!]

Two seconds later, Liang Mumu sent another message. It was a picture of a cake.

[To show you how sorry I am, I specially bought a cake for you. I'm about to arrive at Golden Resplendence, so you'll get it very soon.]

Shi Yao sent a Drooling Face emoji before getting up and walking out of the cubicle.

As she walked to the restroom door, she was just about to head out to wash her hands when she suddenly heard a woman's voice at the sink uttering Lin Jiage's name.

Her hand paused in the middle of opening the door.

But she soon realized that they weren't talking about Lin Jiage but her.

"They say that the woman Lin Jiage brought with him is his fiancée, one of those child betrothals arranged by their grandparents. But, Lin Jiage doesn't like her at all, he probably even hates her. Let me tell you, they met once at SKP, and Lin Jiage looked at her like she was a stranger, and then completely ignored her. In the end, he even asked 'Who is she?!'"

"That can't be right. To not recognize his own fiancée, Lin Jiage must be faking it..."

"He really wasn't faking it. It was already late that night, and Lin Jiage brought his car out to hang out with us. But, he didn't even bother offering to send her home, and she had to grab her own taxi to leave."

“But if Lin Jiage really hates her, then why did he bring her here?”

“She must have shamelessly followed him here. Didn’t you see how Lin Jiage spent the entire time ignoring her in the suite? She ended up sitting all alone like a fool.”

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“Well, it does make sense. How could Lin Jiage be interested in her? She isn’t tall, her figure isn’t great, and her clothes are also so-so. With one look, you can easily tell that she’s from a humble family. Other than her barely decent face, there’s nothing about her that makes her worthy of Lin Jiage.”

“Hah. Despite Lin Jiage’s wealth, she’s still wearing those rags. It looks like Lin Jiage really doesn’t like her, he’s not even giving her any money...”

The duo’s voices gradually grew farther and farther away. In the end, Shi Yao could only hear the faint sounds of their disdainful sneers.

When everything outside finally quietened down, Shi Yao pulled the door open and walked out.

Immersed in her thoughts, she didn’t notice that the door to the male restroom at the opposite end happened to open at the same time.

With her head lowered, she slowly washed her hands before walking away.

It was only when her footsteps echoed in the distance that the door of the male restroom finally opened fully, and Lin Jiage walked out.

For a moment, he stared at the sink which the young lady had used before walking up to it and turning on the tap.

After washing his hands, he lifted his head and looked into the mirror. The sight of her leaving the female restroom with her head lowered lifelessly flashed across his mind.

Did she hear what those women had said?

Lin Jiage’s Adam’s apple moved up and down twice before he recovered from his daze. Switching off the tap, he also left the area as well.

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When Shi Yao returned to the suite, Lin Jiage was nowhere to be seen. However, Liang Mumu had arrived.

Liang Mumu had come with Shi Yao’s favorite cake, but perhaps what she’d overheard at the restroom had affected her—Shi Yao didn’t have much of an appetite. Her mind kept wandering as she ate the cake.

A while later, Lin Jiage returned.

Shi Yao put down her fork, intending to tell Lin Jiage that she didn’t want to hang out anymore and wanted to go home. However, before she could speak a word, Liang Mumu, noting Lin Jiage’s return,

greeted him loudly with a bright smile, "Brother Jia!" After which, she said, "Since Brother Jia's back, everyone should be here. Why don't we start playing that game we were talking about just now?"

After saying those words, Liang Mumu turned to Liang Jiushi, who then placed a few poker cards and a box filled with paper slips on the table before he explained the rules, "There are only spades and hearts among the poker cards. At the start of each round, a dice is thrown, and the ones with the spade or heart card that match the number will pick a paper slip. The two of them will then have to do whatever's written on the paper slip. Let's just make it clear first, the one who refuses to do it will have to drink ten shots as a penalty!"

After explaining the rules, Liang Jiushi threw the dice first before distributing the cards and drawing a paper slip.

The first pair chosen were both men. The one with the spade card had to say the classic confession from A Chinese Odyssey 1 to the one who had the heart card.

The second person to hand out the cards was a lady whom Liang Jiushi had invited. She picked out a couple, and they had to hug in front of the entire room for thirty seconds.

The third person to distribute the cards was Liang Mumu. She picked Lin Jiage and Shi Yao, and the mission on the paper slip stated that they had to kiss for one minute.

Cheers rang out throughout the room. There were some who took out their phones, preparing to time the mission.

But time ticked by, and Lin Jiage and Shi Yao showed no signs of moving at all.

Gradually, the bustling suite grew silent.

"Aren't they an engaged couple? Why aren't they kissing?"

"Maybe Lin Jiage doesn't want to kiss her?"

The soft voices of two females could be heard. It sounded as if they were whispering to one another, but their words reached the ears of everyone in the room.

The atmosphere gradually grew a little weird.

Recalling the words she'd heard earlier in the restroom, Shi Yao couldn't help but dig her fingernails into her palms.

It was impossible for him to kiss her. If this were to go on, by the time someone proposed that they drink the penalty, she would only be placed in a very awkward position...

Rather than face that, she might as well propose to drink herself.

With this thought in mind, Shi Yao reached out for the shot cup on the table as her lips parted, "I—"

She'd barely said a word when Lin Jiage, who was sitting next to her, suddenly stretched his hand forward to lock the back of her head in place.

Her body froze. Before she realized what was happening, a shadow covered her face, and a warm and soft sensation came into contact with her lips...