

Chapter 101: How About You Choose to Marry Me? (1)

That year, grandma was particularly busy with work, so Ji Yi often stayed at the He family's house for long hours. He Bomu 1 specially prepared a room for her where she sometimes fell asleep on the desk while doing her homework. Whenever she woke up, there'd be a blanket pulled over her or some snacks sitting on her textbook.

They were always her favorite snacks and they tended to be the snacks she rambled on about to He Yuguang two days earlier. Two days later, they'd appear in front of her.

She only told He Yuguang those things, so naturally, she thought He Yuguang secretly bought them for her.

At first, she didn't really think much of it until one night when she struggled with math questions for her monthly exam. She went home to complain to He Yuguang that the homework for senior high was really hard. Not long after, her textbook was filled with circles around all the important studying points.

That point onwards, her heart started to change little-by-little. Whenever she saw He Yuguang, her face flushed, her heart raced, and she couldn't help but think about him just before she fell asleep at night.

Later on, when she was harassed by Sun Zhang, she instinctively thought of He Yuguang.

He Yuguang wasn't in good health so he couldn't directly help her, but he helped her by asking He Jichen, who she wasn't close with.

She could never forget that afternoon when she stood in front of everyone on the sports field and accepted Sun Zhang's hundred apologies as everyone watched.

Even though she knew He Jichen only helped her because of He Yuguang, she still went to find He Jichen after school that day to thank him.

He Yuguang was afraid she'd be bullied in the future, so he deliberately asked He Jichen to take good care of her in school.

When she found out, she was filled with happiness since the boy of her dreams cared for her this much.

Even though grandma warned her over and over again to stay away from He Jichen, she still made friends with He Jichen since he was He Yuguang's younger brother and he took care of her in school on He Yuguang's behalf.

At the time, He Jichen treated her really well. Though he had a bad temper, nobody in school dared to mess with him and he never got angry at her.

The only time they ever got into an argument was because of Qian Ge.

Qian Ge liked him, so she helped set her up to meet him in the grove. Maybe it was because he didn't like Qian Ge so after that, he fell out with her. He ignored her for several days.

At the time, she was noticeably upset because without knowing, she had started to view him like her most important friend. She even went to apologize to He Jichen.

She kept her teenage crush a secret in her heart, and she never thought to confess.

That was the plan until the week before college entrance exams, when she drank too much at their class party. Her head ached so hard that she wanted to go home, so she sent He Yuguang a text.

When she came out of the washroom, she saw He Yuguang standing outside. She shot him a dazzling smile and staggered over.

Actually, she wanted to call He Yuguang “Yuguang” or “He Yuguang” for a long time now. She was done calling him “Yuguang Gege”—it always made her feel like she was his little sister.

That day, she took the opportunity to call him by his actual name since she was drunk. Although she wasn't entirely sure if she had since she lost consciousness.

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Although she was in a complete haze, she knew someone was kissing her softly. She forced her eyes open and saw He Yuguang's face.

It hurt and she felt shy, but she was overjoyed all the same. She didn't dare make a sound that night, but in the end, she couldn't help but cry his name out, “Yuguang.”

It wasn't until she woke up that she realized it wasn't all a dream. She felt flustered but also a little thrilled.

Since He Yuguang took such good care of her that night, she questioned whether it meant he liked her too. However, she waited and waited but didn't receive any messages from He Yuguang. She thought maybe He Yuguang felt too weak so he didn't reach out to her, so she then took the initiative to meet up with him.

She never forgot that night she went to confess to him—how “He Yuguang” stood right in front of her and how her world crumbled suddenly when he spoke!

Never in a million years could she have imagined that the person standing in front of her was actually He Jichen.

Also, she never dared to imagine that the person she got involved with that night was also actually He Jichen.

She clearly sent the text to He Yuguang, so how was He Jichen the one who showed up? Afterwards, she flipped through her phone and realized that the text she sent to He Yuguang was merely saved as a draft and was never sent out...

So everything... she got all of it wrong.

She slept with her most treasured friend, while the person she liked was the older brother of her most important friend.

Her world was plunged into chaos in an instant. She didn't know how she was going to face He Yugugang, nor did she want anything to do with He Jichen. Left with no options, the only road she could take was to run away... run away from Sucheng, run away from He Yuguang and He Jichen, and run away from this absurd nightmare!

As time went by, the confused feelings she had for He Yuguang when she was young faded away. However, the pain she felt four years ago was still there. Especially, the hurtful words He Jichen said that night when he tore her clothes... they rang crystal clear in her ears. Every time she thought about it, it always made her lose her mind.

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The phone in her hands suddenly started to vibrate. "Ding dong!"

Ji Yi hurriedly snapped back to her senses and looked back at the phone screen.

It seemed like He Yuguang didn't wait for her reply and sent another message: "Manman, it's me, He Yuguang. Do you still remember me?"

Ji Yi unlocked her phone, tapped on the screen a few times, and sent the message: "Yuguang Ge, long time no see."

"It's been a long time since we last spoke. I came to Beijing to see Jichen, and I remembered that you're also in Beijing, so I asked Jichen for your number. When are you free? Let's meet up."

If this was four years ago right after the ludicrous incident between her and He Jichen, Ji Yi definitely couldn't face He Yuguang, but now, thankfully those emotions from when they were young already faded and her scars disappeared. With He Yuguang's message, she only viewed him as a friend she hadn't seen for a long time.

Ji Yi accepted the idea of meeting He Yuguang and swiftly replied: "Sure, Yuguang Ge! Whenever is fine; you choose a time and place and send me the details."

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The next day in the afternoon, Ji Yi got a text from He Yuguang with the time and location of the meetup: "Tonight at seven. Second floor cafe of the Four Seasons Hotel."

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That night, Ji Yi arrived at the Four Seasons Hotel on time. With the hotel staff escorting her, she headed up to the second floor.

As soon as she entered the cafe, she saw "He Yuguang" sitting in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows. Just like four years ago, he wore a warm smile when he saw her.

After she took a seat, He Yuguang pushed the menu in front of Ji Yi. She knew He Yuguang was signaling for her to place an order. She didn't hold back and flipped through the menu. She glanced through it once then ordered a cup of Blue Mountain Coffee.

After the waiter left, Ji Yi addressed He Yuguang like an old friend she hadn't seen for many years. "Yuguang Ge, how have you been all these years?"

He Yuguang gave a nod and picked up the phone on the table. With two taps, he slid the phone in front of her: "Pretty good. And you?"

"I'm not too bad," replied Ji Yi with a smile.

He Yuguang smiled then grabbed the phone and tapped it a few times, "I heard from Jichen that after you woke up, you went back to study at B-Film?"

When Ji Yi saw that He Yuguang had finished typing, she was just about to reply when the phone in her bag started to ring. She apologized for the disturbance. After He Yuguang nodded, she reached for her phone and took the call.

It was the match-making company calling. After yesterday's blind date ended poorly, they found a new match for her so they were asking if she was free this weekend.

Ji Yi replied "alright," hung up the phone, then turned her attention back to He Yuguang. "Yeah, I hadn't finished studying college before the crash, so I had to come back. And you? Yuguang Ge? What have you been busy with all these years?"

He Yuguang typed: "Busy helping the family."

Ji Yi considered He Yuguang's poor health and asked, "How's your health? Alright?"

He Yuguang nodded but didn't type anything. After a while, he looked like he had a sudden thought then tapped the phone: "Xiao Yi, are you going on blind dates?"

After he handed it over for Ji Yi to see, He Yuguang seemed to realize he was overstepping, so he grabbed the phone back and added a line: "I happened to overhear when you were on the phone."

Ji Yi understood and gave He Yuguang a "Mm."

"What happened? Why are you suddenly thinking about getting married?"

Ji Yi didn't want to tell He Yuguang about the awful things that happened in her life, so she replied vaguely, "I got into some trouble where I can only get out of it by getting married."

He Yuguang sensed that Ji Yi didn't want to talk about it, so he didn't ask any more questions. He stared out of the window like he was deep in thought. After a while, his fingertips quickly tapped the phone.

After about three minutes, He Yuguang then pushed the phone in front of Ji Yi: "If, Manman, you're not marrying for love but you're doing it just to get out of some trouble, how about you marry me instead? Manman, you know my health is bad and I'm not suitable to get married, but my family really wants to marry me off. Seeing as we're both in need of a marriage partner, Manman, consider me. We're like-minded people..."

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Seeing as Ji Yi didn't reply for a long time, He Yuguang grabbed the phone back and tapped, "After your problem has been solved, we can get a divorce at any time."

"I've also been wracking my brain over this problem lately. When I overheard your phone call just now, that gave me this idea. Of course, you don't have to give me an answer right away, but think about it and let me know..."

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That night, Ji Yi couldn't sleep. She laid there in bed tossing and turning all night long, then finally, she agreed to He Yuguang's proposition.

All those people going on blind dates with her actually wanted to get married, but He Yuguang's fake marriage was perfect for her. Above all else, she was strapped for time, so if she kept hesitating, her role in Director Liang's movie would probably be filled. Most importantly, she knew He Yuguang's background extremely well—she didn't need to worry about getting into any danger while married to him.

Soon after Ji Yi sent He Yuguang a text agreeing to marry him, He Yuguang came looking for her.

He brought her to a photo studio to take wedding photos, then he asked for her digital signature and told her he already contacted someone at the registry office in Sucheng. All he had to do was go on his own to register the marriage.

The He family had a lot of power in Sucheng, so it wasn't difficult for him to register the marriage without her having to go in person. What's more, it saved her from having to take a day off from school to go all the way to Sucheng, so after seeing He Yuguang's text, Ji Yi unhesitatingly handed He Yuguang her passport for him to sort it all out.

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Five days later, Ji Yi received a package from Sucheng. She opened it. Besides the passport she'd given He Yuguang, there was also a red marriage certificate. She opened it to see a photo of her and He Yuguang with the following names written under it: He Yuguang, Ji Yi.

Ji Yi stared at the marriage certificate for some time then grabbed her phone and sent He Yuguang a text: "Yuguang Ge, I got your package."

After a long while, she got a reply: "Dad and mum aren't in the country right now. I'll wait till they come back to China then we can go back to Sucheng to see them."

Her marriage was originally meant to get her out of Qian Ge's trap. She hadn't thought about how long she had to keep up the act, so she never thought to let her parents know.

If He Bomu 1 and He Bofu 2 knew she and He Yuguang got married, the first thing they'd do would be to contact her parents. Since they weren't in the country, this saved her from having to go back and explain everything to her parents. Who knows, maybe her and He Yuguang's marriage would be over by the time He Bomu and He Bofu came back.

At that thought, Ji Yi tapped her phone a few times then sent the text: "Got it, Yuguang Ge."

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“Got it, Yuguang Ge.”

He Jichen didn't reply but averted his eyes to the book on the table.

On top of it were three marriage certificates laid open.

The photos on the marriage certificates were the same, but the names below it were different.

On the red book on the far left, it read: He Yugugang, Ji Yi.

But the other two red books read: He Jichen, Ji Yi.

He figured there was no way she'd figure out that he paid five hundred yuan to bribe someone to make her fake marriage certificate.

And the two marriage certificates in front of him that read “He Jichen, Ji Yi” were the real ones that got registered at the registry office.

She disliked him so much that even if it were a fake marriage, she'd never agree to marry him. However, he couldn't watch as she got married to someone else, so the only way out was to use his older brother's identity to trick her into marrying him.

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At that thought, He Jichen slowly reached his hand out and let it fall on the marriage certificate with the two names “He Jichen, Ji Yi”. His fingers repeatedly stroked their names.

He finally married the woman he loved deeply... under the guise of the man she loved.

Even though he was the only one who knew about this marriage and even though he knew they'd eventually have to get a divorce...

... their names were bound together under the protection of the law.

The corners of He Jichen's lips gently curved into a tender smile, but his eyes were filled with a thick, inscrutable sense of sadness.

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Ji Yi contacted Director Liang's assistant, Xu Yi, the very night she received the marriage certificate.

Without beating around the bush, Ji Yi laid her cards out to Xu Yi over the phone and asked him who had heard the rumor of her once having an abortion.

Xu Yi wasn't surprised she knew the reason why Director Liang suddenly stopped her audition, and he simply asked, “The abortion thing was real?”

Ji Yi didn't hide it but calmly admitted it. Over the phone, Xu Yi was left stunned. Then Ji Yi explained that she didn't actually get a voluntary abortion in the past, but it was due to an ectopic pregnancy. She

also told Xu Yi that she was already married. To authenticate her story, she also sent him a photo of her marriage certificate.

Ji Yi's audition that day was perfect. Now that she was married, it extinguished the threat of the whole abortion rumor; things turned out just as she'd told Qian Ge back at the film studio. Not long after Xu Yi got off the phone with Ji Yi, he called her back to tell her that he passed the story on to Director Liang, who booked her for the role of "Little Nine"!

Even though "Little Nine" wasn't the main character, when Ji Yi heard Xu Yi's response, she still let out a huge sigh of relief. After coming out of a three-year-long coma, waiting for so long, and getting married to He Yuguang, her many sacrifices weren't all for nothing. Now, she could finally take the first step to success.

"Little Nine" barely had any scenes. There were so few, in fact, that Ji Yi only needed two days of shooting, so before shooting her part, she was able to stay at school, studying earnestly.

With four years between her and He Yuguang, who spoke freely together when they were young, they had now become a little distant. Even though they were now a legally married couple, they seldom talked to each other. After their marriage, the only time they saw each other was a month after they received their marriage certificate. He Yuguang gave her a set of keys and told her that he got a home ready for the two of them in Beijing.

What was strange was, even though Ji Yi never really took the initiative to find out anything about He Jichen, she more or less still heard rumors about him or bumped into him at school before. However, after getting married to He Yuguang, He Jichen seemed to have disappeared from B-Film entirely—there was never any news about him.

In the blink of an eye, Director Liang's new movie "The Palace" had already been shooting for two months. It was time for Ji Yi's character, "Little Nine," to make an appearance on set.

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All of Little Nine's scenes were shot indoors, so Ji Yi only needed to make it to the giant set built in the suburbs for "The Palace" at nine in the morning.

Ji Yi was afraid of being late, so she set her alarm for five in the morning.

To make sure her skin was good for the big day, Ji Yi climbed into bed before eight the evening before.

Ji Yi shut her eyes and was about to go to sleep when the dorm room doors opened. It was Lin Ya, who hadn't come back to the dorms for over two months now.

After the argument at the hot springs resort, Lin Ya hadn't spoken with Ji Yi, and Ji Yi wasn't too concerned about speaking to her either. Ji Yi just glanced at Lin Ya and shut her eyes again.

The atmosphere in the dorm room was evidently awkward with Lin Ya's return. As the resident assistant, Bo He attempted to soften the atmosphere as Ji Yi heard her speak softly to Lin Ya.

"Xiao Ya, you're back?"

“Mm.”

“Are you planning to move back into the dorms for the long-term?”

“No, my tutor wants to see me early tomorrow morning, and I was scared I couldn’t wake up, so I came back to stay a night.”

“...”

Ji Yi stopped paying attention to their conversation and forced herself to go to sleep.

The next day at five, Ji Yi woke up on time. She freshened up, put last night’s pajamas into her packed bags, and tiptoed out of the dorms.

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The second the door closed shut, Lin Ya opened her eyes, grabbed her phone, and sent out a text.

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It was winter in Beijing, so it was still dark at five in the morning; there was practically nobody at school. Since Ji Yi was in a rush, she deliberately took a shortcut through campus.

There were two young men smoking outside the old abandoned building on campus. As Ji Yi drew closer, they shot glances at her every now and then.

Ji Yi ignored them and walked faster. As she brushed past them, one of the men suddenly tossed the cigarette in his hands and reached out to grab her wrist.

Ji Yi instinctively wanted to struggle and scream for help, but before she could make a sound, the other man covered her mouth. The two men used their joint force to drag her into the old abandoned building.

They moved quickly—so quickly in fact, that before Ji Yi could come to her senses, the two men had already thrown her into a dirty, messy, cobweb-filled classroom. They tied her up against an old, broken chair, and covered her mouth. Without staying a second longer, they quickly fled the classroom.

Through the wooden boards, Ji Yi first heard them lock the doors from the outside then the sound of their footsteps slowly disappeared.

In an instant, she was left all alone in the old classroom block. It was terrifyingly silent.

With her mouth covered, Ji Yi could only let out a weak whimper. She tried her hardest to struggle out of the ties around her body but to no avail.

Through the window, Ji Yi clearly saw the sun was slowly rising, and she knew that time was running out. If she didn’t turn up on set before nine, she wouldn’t be able to keep her role as Little Nine.

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My role as Little Nine is at risk again... At that thought, Ji Yi’s expression suddenly froze.

Which person in the entire world was afraid that she'd get the part of Little Nine? Qian Ge ...

The two young men had clearly been waiting for her. There were so many routes through campus, but how were they so sure that she'd take the route past the old, abandoned classroom block?

Someone must've secretly gotten advance notice. What's more, that person must've been someone who knew her well.

But Qian Ge and I stopped keeping in contact three years ago, so that person must be... With that line of thought, Ji Yi's mind instantly thought back to Lin Ya, who suddenly came back to stay at the dorms. A coldness surfaced on her face.

So, as it turned out, the reason why she was trapped there at this very moment, was because it was all set up by Qian Ge and Lin Ya. Their aim was to deliberately sabotage her chances of getting the role of Little Nine, that role she tried so hard to get!

At that thought, Ji Yi scanned her surroundings. The classroom window faced the college gates, so nobody would ever walk past. Even if she tried to run over to the window and call for help, the other floor was a corridor and the door was locked from the outside. What's more, the block had been abandoned for many years, so people wouldn't normally pass by...

She had to admit their plan was meticulous and merciless. As soon as they made their move, they clearly weren't going to allow her any chances to escape!

Ji Yi's lips pursed.

Their calculations were on point, but she'd never easily admit defeat, even though she was currently in a hopeless situation.

If she didn't fight, her road ahead would truly be tragic. As long as she didn't give up, there would always be a sliver of hope!

Since she couldn't cry for help, she could only rely on herself!

Ji Yi glanced down at her bound hands, and without any hesitation, she started to wear down the ropes on the chair.

Her wrists hurt as the thick rope rubbed up and down, her fair skin started to peel and blood poured out, but she didn't stop at all. Instead, she gritted her teeth, endured the pain, and kept trying to break through the rope.

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In the past two months, although He Jichen had been staying on the set of "The Palace," he knew Ji Yi's every movement because of Tang Huahua.

At nine in the evening on the day before Ji Yi was to go on set, he received Tang Huahua's text.

"He Xuezhong... There are no classes today, so Xiao Yi stayed in the dorm. She went to sleep before nine, and it seems like she set her alarm for five in the morning. She said she had to rush to the set early in the morning."

If there was no traffic, it'd take about an hour by car to get from B-Film to the set.

In the early mornings, traffic was unbelievably smooth in Beijing. If Ji Yi left at around five in the morning, she should've reached the set at half-past six at the very latest.

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The past month, "The Palace" had been doing exclusively outdoor shots. As the assistant director, He Jichen needed to follow the production crew throughout. Aside from last month, when he went to Beijing as his older brother to give her the keys to the apartment, he never saw Ji Yi. So the next day, He Jichen woke up before six in the morning.

At first, He Jichen wasn't worried until half-past six. At six fifty, He Jichen suddenly became a little worried at no sign of Ji Yi.

He waited a little while longer, but after five short minutes, He Jichen felt like he'd waited an entire century. Seeing as Ji Yi still hadn't arrived, he sent Tang Huahua a text.

After half a minute, seeing as Tang Huahua didn't reply, He Jichen immediately picked up the phone.

After about three rings, the phone was picked up, and out came Tang Huahua's groggy "hello." It was obvious she hadn't woken up yet.

He Jichen didn't wait for her to continue but asked urgently, "Where's Ji Yi?"

"Ey?" Over the phone, Tang Huahua was stunned for a moment then replied, "Didn't she leave to go to the set?"

"What time did she leave?" He Jichen furrowed his brows.

"Five..." Tang Huahua said,

The conversation paused for a moment as she continued, "...she left at ten past five. When her phone alarm went off, it woke up me and Lin Ya. I even went to the bathro--"

Tang Huahua didn't finish her sentence before He Jichen caught something. "Lin Ya?"

Tang Huahua always talked too much, and especially after getting compensation from He Jichen, she never left a word unsaid when she knew about something, "Yeah, Lin Ya suddenly showed up at the dorms yesterday. She told Bo He that her tutor wanted to see her early in the morning, and she was afraid she wouldn't be able to wake up... but saying this out loud, it does seem strange. Xiao Yi left at five to go to the set, but Lin Ya also left at five something..."

The two of them left one after the other... He Jichen's head rang out "ding!" Before Tang Huahua could finish, he hung up the phone and strode over to the parking lot.

Lin Ya suddenly returned to the dorms, and Ji Yi was late to the set today. There must be some kind of mishap there... At that thought, He Jichen's walk turned into a run.

Since Lin Ya left after Ji Yi, she must've followed her.

The fact that Ji Yi isn't on set right now must have something to do with Lin Ya!

Lin Ya couldn't have known which taxi Ji Yi called, so the possibility of her conspiring with the taxi driver was out of the question.

So if Ji Yi did manage to get in a taxi, she would've definitely arrived safely on set.

Since there wouldn't be any problems on the road, the only possibility left was that Ji Yi probably didn't make it past the college gates!

With that thought, He Jichen pulled open the car door and got in. He didn't even put on a seatbelt before stepping on the gas and rushing over to B-Film.

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After Lin Ya saw Ji Yi dragged into the abandoned block of classrooms, she stood there a while longer to confirm that Ji Yi was really trapped and couldn't come out. When she was satisfied, she went back to the dorms, climbed into bed, and went back to sleep.

After sleeping for who knows how long, Lin Ya's phone rang and woke her from her dreams.

She glanced over at her phone with groggy eyes and immediately woke up when she saw she had an incoming call.

She sat upright, scanned the room, and realized that Tang Huahua and Bo He already left. Then she swiped her phone screen and immediately picked up the call. She spoke politely and respectfully as she answered, "Hello Miss. Qian Ge."

A second later, a gentle, pleasant voice spoke, "The thing I asked you to do... how did that go?"

"Miss Qian Ge, you can rest assured. It's done. Two hours ago, I trapped her in the abandoned building at our college." Lin Ya tried her best to suck up to her. "I personally saw her dragged into the building by the two men you ordered. No one usually walks around there, so as long as we don't let her go, it won't be a problem to keep her trapped there until noon tomorrow, let alone noon today."

After hearing what Lin Ya had to say, Qian Ge sounded satisfied as she let out a low chuckle. "Alright, if I have anything else, I'll contact you."

Seeing as Qian Ge was going to hang up the phone, Lin Ya hurriedly blurted out, "Miss Qian Ge."

"Hm?"

Lin Ya hesitated for a moment before she stumbled to say, "Miss. Qian Ge, when you first came to me, you told me that if I helped you, you'd give me Ji Yi's role... I want to know, have I done what was asked?"

"Oh, you're talking about that..." After a long while, Qian Ge seemed surprised. "...Don't worry about that—if she doesn't get there by nine, there's no way they can start shooting. Director Liang definitely

won't be happy. If she doesn't get there by twelve, Director Liang will definitely find someone else. Then I'll put in a recommendation for you. Just wait for my message."

Lin Ya suddenly smiled. "Miss Qian Ge, thank you."

On the other end, Qian Ge immediately hung up the phone.

The dorm fell silent again. Lin Ya put her phone down as she smirked even harder.

Even though she hadn't benefitted from what happened at the hot spring resort, now she was about to steal Ji Yi's role. What's more, it was a movie by Director Liang, so it was a considerable trade for how angry Ji Yi made her back then!

At that thought, Lin Ya couldn't help but let out a cheerful chuckle and a trace of amusement crept into her eyes. She leisurely removed the covers and was about to get out of bed to freshen up when the doors to her room were suddenly flung open with one hard kick.

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Lin Ya was so frightened that her fingers trembled. She looked up at the door, and just as she was about to scream in anger "Are you crazy?!", she saw He Jichen stride in. The words suddenly died in her mouth as she stared straight at He Jichen, who she hadn't seen for over two months now.

He Jichen's kick on the door was so strong that it frightened the people next door. Quite a lot of people came running over to see what the commotion was about.

With all the girls crowding around him, he didn't stop walking until he reached Lin Ya's bed.

Lin Ya snapped back to her senses, then quietly said, "He Da..."

The final "ge" didn't manage to leave her mouth before He Jichen suddenly reached his arm out, yanked her arm and tossed her.

A shriek escaped Lin Ya's mouth, and before she could figure out what was going on, she was thrown hard against the steel ladder of the bunk bed.

The pain shooting through her back made Lin Ya suddenly draw a cold breath of air. However, before she could steady herself, He Jichen's voice came crashing down on her from above, "Where is she?"

Lin Ya's entire body shivered until the piercing pain in her back eased off a little. Then she forced her eyes open and looked over at He Jichen. With trembling lips, she replied, "What?" He Jichen's eyes froze. He clutched her arm and flung her over to the window. He then opened the window and pushed her towards it, leaving half her body suspended in mid-air. He spoke in a chilly voice, "Quit acting dumb. I don't have the patience to go on and on about it. I'm asking you, where did you put Ji Yi?"

The blood drained from Lin Ya's face. After a while, she realized why He Jichen was here.

But her and Qian Ge's plan was flawless. Only the two of them knew about it, so how did he find out Ji Yi's disappearance had something to do with them? Unless he made a lucky guess?

Lin Ya's teeth chattered, and she remained silent for quite some time before she said with a trembling voice, "He Dage, I don't know what you're talkin-"

"...Aaah...!" shrieked Lin Ya all of a sudden.

Two-thirds of her body was pushed out the window by He Jichen. Her hands clawed erratically for anything to grip onto as tears poured out.

He Jichen spoke with his usual icy tone as though he couldn't see her crying. "I'll say it one more time— tell me where she is. You just have to tell me the answer I want to hear and you'll be fine. If you say one more word of nonsense..."

He Jichen pushed Lin Ya further out the window. Lin Ya cried in fear and said, "I said, I said... She, she, she... in the abandoned building..."