

Chapter 321: Who is Cola Girl? (1)

After her birthday, Ji Yi's life on set was evidently a lot calmer.

Ji Yi knew that this kind of calm was only temporary. Qian Ge would never let her off that easily, but since she didn't know what was going to happen next, all Ji Yi could do now was do her best in her scenes.

Life on set wasn't completely tedious. For example, Han Zhifan seemed to have a thing for the scriptwriter, Cheng Weiwan. Every day, he would send a bouquet of flowers to the set. His pursuit of her was on fire, making the entire cast and crew buzz.

As time went by, spring flew by and summer came. In the blink of an eye, they were at the end of shooting for "Three Thousand Lunatics."

In the summer, Hengdian got hotter by the day. This year on June first, Children's day, it was recorded as the hottest day in history. After shooting the final scene, Ji Yi was completely drenched in sweat, through and through.

As soon as she removed herself from the scrutiny of the camera lens, the first thought on her mind was to immediately head back to the hotel for a shower. However, before she could get changed in the changing room, an old acquaintance who she couldn't quite remember called out to her: "Ji Yi."

It was a man with a familiar, yet perhaps unfamiliar voice. Ji Yi was stunned for few seconds before she slowly turned her head towards the source of the sound.

The man wore a suit and he was standing under a nearby tree smiling right at her.

He looked incredibly familiar, but Ji Yi couldn't quite remember who this old acquaintance was all of a sudden?

"Ji Yi..." The man called her name again then walked over to her. Just as he was about to reach her, he continued to say, "...What a coincidence! I never imagined that..."

Before the man could even finish, Ji Yi finally realized who he was. In the shock of it all, she let slip, "Fatty?!"

Ji Yi didn't wait for the man to reply and looked him up and down twice over. A second later, she said in astonishment, "It's really you! Fatty, I can't believe you're so skinny now. I couldn't even recognize you just now!"

As Ji Yi said that, she realized she just called him by his old nickname, so she quickly corrected herself: "I'm sorry, force of habit! I should call you Su Han."

"That's alright." Su Han didn't mind at all and continued from where he left off. "I learned a few days ago that Chen Ge was filming here. I just happened to be in Hangzhou and I had a free day today, so I figured I'd come to visit Chen Ge. I never imagined that you'd be on Chen Ge's production team."

After a pause, Su Han said, "Oh, that's right! It's still early. Chen Ge and I have plans to have dinner later in Hangzhou – why don't you come along too?"

He and He Jichen planned to meet up, but he's inviting me to come along... Does He Jichen know?

Just as Ji Yi was torn over how to answer him, He Jichen came over after rewatching all the scenes shot that day, confirming that there were no scenes to reshoot. Without waiting for Ji Yi to reply, he said dully, "We're all old classmates and it's been so long since we saw each other. It's a perfect time for us to get together."

"Yeah, Ji Yi. You can't snub me like that, right? After all, I helped you buy breakfast for a whole year at school..." said Su Han as added to He Jichen's words.

Even though He Jichen was the one who ordered Su Han to buy the breakfast for her for a whole year, now that he brought it up, Ji Yi didn't have the heart to decline even though she hadn't decided if she wanted to go. She lowered her eyelids and smiled. "Then, I'll head back to the hotel to get changed. See you guys later in the hotel lobby."

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Ji Yi first took a shower then changed into a simple but elegant dress and took the elevator downstairs. He Jichen and Su Han were already sitting in the lounge area in the lobby.

He Jichen was the first to see her. He looked just as subdued as usual and didn't say anything to her.

On the contrary, Su Han, who was just talking with him, noticed that his gaze had turned to the elevator. He turned his head, following his eyes. When he saw Ji Yi, he immediately raised his hand and waved at her. "Ji Yi!"

Ji Yi replied with a smile and walked faster.

As she drew closer, He Jichen and Su Han got up, one after the other.

They stepped through the revolving doors of the lobby. Chen Bai had driven the car up to the front door and immediately got out of the car. He walked around and opened the door of the front passenger seat.

Before Chen Bai could say "Please get in," Su Han took two strides and got into the car without being polite about it.

Chen Bai helped Su Han close the front passenger door then took two steps towards the end of the car and opened the doors in the back.

With the front passenger seat taken, Ji Yi had no choice but to politely say "Thank you" to Chen Bai and get into the car.

He Jichen followed behind her and got in. While she was taking a shower, He Jichen probably took a shower too since Ji Yi could clearly smell the faint scent of jasmine.

Ji Yi didn't understand why she was nervous, but her fingers clutched her handbag silently. Her body instinctively edged right up against the car door to put some between her and He Jichen. Her breathing suddenly stopped but after a short while, it was back to normal.

Fatty was just as chatty as when they were young. After Chen Bai started the car, his mouth didn't stop moving for a second.

At first, he chatted to Ji Yi, mostly inquiring about how she was lately and how life on set was.

Ji Yi figured that Fatty probably knew she got in a car accident three years ago and had been in a coma for years afterward. He knew it was a touchy subject for her, so he didn't bring it up.

But thereafter, Fatty mostly spoke to He Jichen.

It was just as it was in senior high – for every 10 words Fatty said, He Jichen replied with just one.

From their conversation, Ji Yi discovered that Fatty didn't have great college entrance exam results, so he didn't get into a good university nor did he retake the exam. Instead, he joined the army straight after. After returning last year, he'd been working in Sucheng Huanan's police force.

Eventually, Fatty brought the conversation to a case he'd been working on that year.

At first, Ji Yi was interested in listening to his talk, but due to her exhaustion from shooting all the scenes that day, her eyes closed and she slipped into a deep sleep.

In a groggy state, Ji Yi felt like she was being enveloped by the sweet scent of jasmine. It smelled so good and it made her feel so cozy that it made her lips curve irresistibly into a smile and she fell into a deeper sleep.

It was a two-hour journey by car from Hengdian to Hangzhou, so when Ji Yi woke up, the car was very quiet. Fatty was on his phone, Chen Bai was focused on driving, and the sky outside the window was dim.

She wasn't sure how long she'd been sleeping for, but she was completely groggy upon waking. Then she tried to move her legs which were numb from not moving for so long while she sensed some good material stuck to her face.

She furrowed her brows and realized it was He Jichen's shoulder. She instinctively looked over to find a patch of drool on He Jichen's clean shirt. Her eyes suddenly shot wide open.

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I-I actually drooled?

Ji Yi was at a complete loss for words before she awkwardly raised her finger to wipe the moisture from her lips. Then she discreetly raised her eyelids and glanced over at He Jichen.

When He Jichen sensed her shifting, he gently looked to his side and happened to catch Ji Yi sneaking a peek at him.

Ji Yi was stunned for some time. With nowhere to hide, she swallowed her saliva. "I-I-I..."

She wanted to tell him that she didn't mean to drool on him, but after stuttering for some time, she didn't want to say something that embarrassing. Eventually, her cheeks flushed. She put her head down and quietly said, "Sorry."

He Jichen's voice sounded gentle and sweet. "You're awake?"

He actually doesn't care?

Ji Yi was stunned for a second then her eyelids quickly and swiftly glanced over at He Jichen.

Not only was the man's face not annoyed, but the corners of his lips had a faint curve upward as though he was in a great mood.

Ji Yi's apprehensive heart instantly calmed down.

Her head was still on his shoulder and she was particularly close to his face. It was so close, in fact, that she could clearly see his fair, poreless skin.

His skin's actually this good?

At that thought, Ji Yi's gaze wandered around He Jichen's face as she carefully studied his features. She tried hard to find a flaw, but in the end, she couldn't find a single one. Instead, she ended up secretly admiring him. How could a big man like him have such damn good skin... that's so unfair!

Ji Yi stared transfixed with quivering pupils at He Jichen's face. He shifted a little and grabbed a bottle of water beside him. He unscrewed the cap and handed it to Ji Yi. "Drink some water."

Ji Yi snapped back from her daze for a second and hurriedly said, "Thank you." She took the bottle then realized that after being awake for so long, her head was still on He Jichen's shoulder. That was when she straightened up, flustered, as she distanced herself from He Jichen by pulling herself away.

What is with me today? I actually embarrassed myself time and time again in front of He Jichen... Ji Yi tried to calm her flustered little heart as she secretly pulled away from He Jichen. She watched as he grabbed his laptop, opened it up, and placed it on his lap.

Didn't they say we're going to eat at Lou Wailou? We're already at West Lake so we'll reach our destination in a few minutes. Why did he take out his laptop?

Ji Yi curiously sneaked a peek over at He Jichen's face, but it was too dark. She couldn't be sure, but she thought she noticed his ears had turned a little red.

Ji Yi's brows furrowed as she wanted to take a closer look. From the corner of her eye, she caught a glimpse of the blanket over her body.

No wonder that after feeling a little cold from the air conditioning when I was sleeping, I started to warm up some time. So he put a blanket over me...

At that thought, Ji Yi looked to one side and her gaze fell on the air conditioning vent that gently released cold air. It had already been turned off.

She always thought that Yuguang Ge was the only one who would do these small things for her. She never imagined that He Jichen would actually be so meticulous...

Ji Yi couldn't help but gaze over at He Jichen as she still couldn't clearly see what he was so busy with on the laptop. The car came to a stop and Chen Bai in front said, "Mr. He, we're here."

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After he said this, Chen Bai pushed the car door open and got out. He first opened the front passenger door then pulled the rear passenger door open.

Fatty got out but He Jichen sat in the car for a while, staring at the laptop.

If he didn't get out, Ji Yi couldn't either, so all she could do was turn to look at He Jichen.

He Jichen acted as though he didn't sense her gaze as he stared right at his laptop screen.

Fatty waited impatiently and started to rush him. He Jichen still didn't react and ignored all the puzzled eyes from the three people surrounding him. He waited until he adjusted to Ji Yi's unwavering stare before he coldly shut the laptop. He handed the laptop to Chen Bai, who was standing by the car door, and elegantly stepped out of the car.

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Chen Bai booked a private room in advance facing a view of the West Lake.

It was just as how things were when they were young -when Fatty ate, he had to drink a little. He was talkative to begin with, but after two drinks, he became even more talkative.

After eating for twenty minutes, Chen Bai was full and had other business to attend to, so he left early.

Fatty drank quite a bit before he got the urge to smoke. He pulled out a pack of cigarettes from his pocket, but before he could put a cigarette to his mouth, He Jichen cried, "Fatty."

He said just one word, nothing else, but Fatty knew to quickly put down his cigarette. "Look at this memory of mine. In front of Sao..."

Fatty only let out the word "Sao" before he caught sight of He Jichen's gaze. He quickly pretended to look as though he was choking and coughed for a moment and corrected himself with, "...Ji Yi, Chen Ge has a rule: absolutely no smoking."

As he said that, Fatty turned to look at Ji Yi. "Ji Yi, when we were in school, did you know what we were most scared of?"

Ji Yi shook her head. "What?"

"We were most scared of you hanging around us!" Fatty slowly sipped the wine from his wine glass. "Our gang wasn't allowed to smoke because you didn't like the smell of cigarettes. Chen Ge didn't force us to quit smoking, but he didn't allow us to smoke in front of you. This wasn't the most messed up thing... Did you know what was Chen Ge's most over-the-top request? In front of you, we were asked

not to smell of cigarettes, which meant that when my urge to smoke came, I couldn't hide from you for a smoke..."

When they were young, Ji Yi knew that He Jichen didn't allow Fatty and the gang to smoke in front of her. However, she didn't know that his demands were that strict. After she heard Fatty's words, her gaze instinctively drifted over to He Jichen. Perhaps it was because Fatty brought up the past that the expression on his face looked far away like he was reminiscing about the past too.

Fatty didn't notice that Ji Yi was following He Jichen's gaze. He shook his head and continued to repeat the words "messed up" and took another gulp of wine. "...Ji Yi, do you know what we used to secretly call Chen Ge?"

"What?" asked Ji Yi in curiosity as she averted her gaze from He Jichen to Fatty.

"We called Chen Ge the 'Tyrant'! The kind of dictating tyrant!" After a pause, Fatty looked like he thought about something hilarious as he chuckled softly. Then he asked Ji Yi, "And do you know what we used to secretly call you?"

Perhaps it was because she had too much to drink, but Ji Yi didn't think too much of it and blurted her guess. "The pampered consort?"

Sitting next to Ji Yi, He Jichen's fingers trembled when he heard the words "The pampered consort."

Tyrant and the pampered consort were a match made in heaven. She...

He Jichen turned his head and stared at Ji Yi. He could tell it was unintentional, but he couldn't help but show a tinge of satisfaction in his brows.

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"The pampered consort?" Fatty looked like he heard a funny word and said: "In your dreams! The secret nickname we gave you was..."

Fatty was overjoyed before he said anything. With a pause, he cried, "...The great demon!"

Ji Yi thought it would be something like "the desolating beauty" or "the extraordinary maiden," but when she heard what Fatty said, she was stunned for three seconds. She furrowed her brows and repeated those three words for confirmation: "The great demon?"

"That's right. Back then, you were a nightmare for our gang. When you went to the canteen, Chen Ge would get angry if the line was over five minutes long. When you went to pick up delivery from the school gates, Chen Ge would get angry if you were outside for more than five minutes. When you accidentally slipped on some water after the classroom floors were mopped, Chen Ge got angry. Even when you walked past the school garden and your skirt got a little wet from the automatic sprinklers, Chen Ge would randomly lecture us. It that wasn't enough, if you didn't get a good score on your test or when you were in a bad mood because you were on your period, Chen Ge would get angry at us over those unavoidable natural disasters..." Though it happened so many years ago, Fatty couldn't help but pick up his glass with a stifled heart at the thought of those arduous years. "...So you tell me – if you aren't the great demon, what are you?" he asked as he downed a few gulps.

Having heard all of Fatty's resentment, Ji Yi couldn't help but purse her lips for a moment.

But before she could form a complete smile, Fatty spoke again, "You were no normal great demon; you were the type people were afraid of when they saw you. The feared great demon!"

Was I that scary? People were afraid when they saw me?

Deep down, Ji Yi let out a "hmph!"

She thought Fatty was done, but then Fatty unexpectedly took a big, hard gulp and added, "What's more, the thought of you, the great demon, would make us break out in cold sweats in our dreams. You were basically the great dark demon!"

When they were young, they actually said that about her in private!

Not fair!

Ji Yi wasn't actually angry, but she felt a little girl's strong will climb into her heart. She furiously turned her head and happened to catch a glimpse of many street food stalls out the window. There were quite a few people lining up around them.

Back in the day, when she and He Jichen's relationship was at its best, they practically hung out with Fatty and the gang every day.

Besides He Jichen, no one else dared to mess with her, but every now and then, if someone annoyed her, she would think of a way to torment them back.

She was annoyed with how Fatty just described her – the great demon...

With that thought, Ji Yi turned to look at Fatty. "Didn't you say that people were afraid of me when they saw me; I was the great demon who made people break out in cold sweats in their dreams? Which means you don't dare mess with me. If that's true..."

Ji Yi raised her hand and pointed at the longest queue in the snack area. "...then go buy some snacks for me, the great demon!"

As Fatty's drink was about to touch his lips, his fingers shook violently when he heard what Ji Yi said, causing him to almost drop his glass. "No way... It's so hot out! You want me to line up in such a long queue to buy you something?"

Just as she did back when she was young, Ji Yi silently turned her head and looked over at He Jichen and left the rest to him.

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When her eyes met He Jichen's, her heart trembled violently.

This very scenario brought back memories from when they were young...

Back then, if anybody made her unhappy, He Jichen acted completely unreasonably and put them in a difficult spot.

The gang and the current Fatty were just the same – they used a patronizing tone of voice to ask her why she was like that. She wouldn't even bother explaining herself and turned her little face over to He Jichen for support.

Heaven knew just how much he loved her reaction because it made him feel like she needed him.

Fatty watched Ji Yi staring at He Jichen as alarm bells rang in his head. He felt defiant at first, but all his words instantly disappeared from his mouth. He instinctively turned his head to look at He Jichen. "Chen Ge..."

When He Jichen heard Fatty's voice, his eyelids fluttered and he drew himself back from the distant thoughts he had while staring at Ji Yi. He acted as though he hadn't seen Fatty beg for mercy and said "Go" with a dull voice.

This can't be? It's been four years since he's come across the great demon's trouble-making; how is the tyrant still so unruly?

Fatty was stunned for two seconds and tried to speak.

This time, he didn't manage to get any words out, but He Jichen's brows were beginning to furrow. Fatty felt an aura of infinite severity rushing over at him, so he bolted up from his seat. The words he wanted to say were stuck in his throat for some reason before they uncontrollably changed to: "I'll go, I'll go."

As he said this, Fatty rushed for the door to the private room.

He Jichen seemed satisfied with his answer as his furrowed brows started to relax. He stared at Fatty's hurried back and thought for a moment before saying in a laid-back tone, "Mhm, remember to buy another round of all the snacks."

Fatty instantly stopped in his tracks. "Chen..."

He only managed to get one word out when He Jichen spoke again, "Ten portions."

Fatty drew a sharp breath, but before he could make a sound, He Jichen cut in before Fatty could speak. He said: "A hun-"

Before he could finish saying "hundred," Fatty ran out of the private room in fear that He Jichen would really ask him to buy a hundred of each snack. He disappeared instantly.

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When Fatty returned with various big and small bags, completely out of breath with a head drenched in sweat, Ji Yi was sipping her tea with her head lowered. At the time, He Jichen was holding his wine glass as he stared softly at Ji Yi.

A breeze blew in gently, making the image of the two of them look so quaint.

After lining up for so long, Fatty was completely drenched in sweat. As his heart grew bitter, he put the takeout boxes on the table. He couldn't help but mutter, "The bully! Partner in crime! The dictating tyrant and great demon together, truly a tragedy on..."

Fatty didn't get to say the final word "humanity" when He Jichen's gaze swept over him. With an earnest smile on his face, Fatty hurriedly shut his mouth and handed Ji Yi a skewer.

Ji Yi couldn't help but burst out in laughter. She raised her hand and took it then apologized a few times to Fatty before she said, "Thank you."

Fatty knew Ji Yi was sorry for her momentary lapse of judgment just now. He waved his hands and replied to her with a beaming smile as if to say no problem. He picked up the wine glass, added some ice to it and took a few big gulps.

Fatty then grabbed the wine bottle and topped up his own glass. While he was at it, he also topped up He Jichen's glass. By accident, Fatty looked up to find He Jichen still staring at Ji Yi with a warm and tender look in his eyes.

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Having personally seen how He Jichen treated Ji Yi when they were young, Fatty's heart trembled for a moment and a sudden, unspeakable sense of pain came over him.

He placed the bottle of wine on the table. With alcohol in his system, he couldn't help but let out a sigh. "Say, it's so nice that you guys are like this. When I went down to line up for snacks, I thought back to the things that happened to us in senior high and realized that you guys are still on good terms like you were back then. Honestly speaking, I always thought that people were bound to part after meeting. Chen Ge and I would part ways, the other brothers and I would part ways, but I never imagined that you two would part ways, and..."

Fatty paused for a moment as though he was apologetic about something. He took a hard gulp of wine then continued to say, "...I never imagined that the first to part ways in our gang would be you two."

"Till this day, I still don't know why you, Ji Yi, left without saying goodbye as soon as you finished your college entrance exams four years ago. You left Sucheng and left Chen Ge?"

When Ji Yi heard this, she suddenly thought back to that night four years ago, and her face turned slightly pale.

"Fatty!" cried He Jichen as he realized what Fatty just said.

Fatty acted as though he hadn't heard He Jichen tell him to stop and he continued to say, "If I remember correctly, it was four years ago today. It was the night of the class party before the college entrance exams when you both stopped talking. What the hell happened that night to make you both become strangers?!"

Ji Yi's fingers clutched the table. No matter how hard she tried to stay calm, her body started to tremble gently.

"Fatty!" cried He Jichen again, but this time with a far sterner voice.

Fatty seemed to also be impatient as his tone of voice sounded heavier. "Chen Ge, why don't you let me speak? Four years ago, I wanted to go find her, but you didn't let me! Four years later, you guys meet up

again, and you don't even tell me? You treated her so well, and I don't believe she wasn't aware! Even if you did something wrong, how could she be so ruthless as to cut all ties?!"

As he said this, Fatty turned his head. "Ji Yi, did you know just how much I hated you back then? I thought you practically didn't have a conscience! At school, you had everything going for you, and everyone respected you whenever they mentioned you. Who made that happen? Don't you know? It was all because of Chen Ge, but what about you? You said you were going to toss aside Chen Ge and you did just that! Do you know how Chen Ge was after you left?! He was at the bar, drunk for a whole month. I saw, with my own eyes, how he lost five kilograms. I've known Chen Ge for so many years. I've seen him bleed, I've seen him break his bones, but I've never seen him cry!"

"Su Han!" He Jichen swiftly raised his hand and slammed the table. "I f*cking told you that I wronged her four years ago. I wronged her! I, He Jichen, wronged her!"

After He Jichen repeated "I wronged her" three times, he abruptly got up and kicked the chair behind him. He gritted his teeth and said "You f*cking got that?" at Fatty then stormed out of the room.

As the door slammed shut, the atmosphere in the room became incredibly awkward.

Neither Ji Yi and Fatty flinched as though their pressure points had been pressed.

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After some time, Fatty turned his head and opened his mouth as though he was about to say something. A while later, Fatty turned his head slightly and looked over at Ji Yi. He opened his mouth to say something again, but he didn't. In the end, he gulped hard and forced the words out. "Sorry, I got too riled up just now."

When Ji Yi heard that, she glanced up at Fatty but didn't make a sound.

The room was engulfed in silence once again.

Fatty seemed like he was agitated over something as he raised his glass and downed the wine. Then he slammed the glass down on the table and stared at it for two seconds. After some time, he tilted his head towards Ji Yi and said in a hoarse voice, "Ji Yi, if Chen Ge did something to wrong you, I want to apologize on his behalf... But believe me, Chen Ge isn't a bad person..."

As Fatty said this, his voice sounded confident. "He's definitely the nicest person in the world that I, Su Han, have ever met in my life..."

Ji Yi hadn't completely recovered from everything Fatty brought up about their life four years ago, but her heart was astonished for a moment after she heard what he said.

She heard He Jichen mostly described as handsome, rich, well-off and very capable. As for his bad side, at most he was cold, distant, short-tempered, and Sucheng's number one bully... As for what Fatty said, "the nicest person in the world," this was her first time hearing that for sure.

Fatty was tipsy, but he was very much conscious. Although Ji Yi didn't respond, he could sense the confusion on her face. He picked up the wine bottle, but he didn't pour the wine into his glass. Instead, he poured it right into his mouth. "You don't believe what I said, do you?"

"But did you know? I've known Chen Ge since elementary school. Back then, Chen Ge was a good student. At every meeting, teachers always complimented him. He was the model child every parent talked about."

"When I was young, I was fat, so classmates didn't want to play with me. They liked to make fun of me... but not Chen Ge. He never turned his back on me. One time, when I was surrounded by people years above me, Chen Ge stood up and protected me. At the time, I decided to follow Chen Ge no matter what he said."

"Chen Ge got first-place in the elementary school exams in the whole district..."

When Ji Yi heard this, a tinge of skepticism crossed her eyes.

He Jichen's results were always terrible, and he was famous for being the worse student in the whole school. But after senior high, his grades slowly started to improve...

"What? Surprised?" Fatty shot Ji Yi a look like she was ignorant and he spoke again boastfully: "Let me tell you, Chen Ge's not only good at his studies. Back then, he was also great at the piano. He received first place in the national children's piano competition. His piano skills were so good that a grand piano master saw his potential and personally went to the He family's house to take him on as his student..."

After Fatty said this, his tone of voice sounded a little regretful. "...Perhaps if there wasn't He Yuguang, Chen Ge's bright future would've been limitless."

"Yuguang Ge?" When Ji Yi heard this, she creased her eyebrows slightly and couldn't help but ask, "What does this have to do with Yuguang Ge?"

"How does it not have anything to do with him? It's because of him that Chen Ge got into fights, didn't study, and messed around aimlessly. It's because Chen Ge wanted people in the He family to treat He Yuguang better, considering how he was naturally born weak. He figured that the more outstanding he was and the more people in the He family spoiled him, the more He Yuguang would be snubbed."

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"So he thought of a plan to intentionally disappoint the He family..."

"Everyone thought Chen Ge was distant and condescending, but only people who truly understood him knew just how soft-hearted he was."

"He cared so much for his older brother that he foolishly ruined his exceptional image..."

After Fatty said this, he stopped for a moment, drank a small gulp of wine, and turned to look at Ji Yi. All of a sudden, he asked, "Do you know how old Chen Ge was at the time?"

Ji Yi gently shook her head.

“At the time, Chen Ge was eleven years old. He was still an immature kid, but he already knew that a person he cared about was silently suffering on his own.”

“At the time, the He family didn’t know the truth and lectured him every day. Even He Yuguang tried to persuade him, but He Jichen refused to explain himself because he simply hoped that the He family would prioritize his older brother a more and more until he, himself, was left in the dust.

“You might think that Chen Ge only treated him like this because He Yuguang was his older brother, but that wasn’t it. Chen Ge treated us brothers really well too. At first, when Chestnut’s father had cancer, Chen Ge gave him all his pocket money. At the time, the He family disliked how he did nothing every day, so they didn’t give him any money. He Jichen went behind our backs and got a job. Also, when there was a fund going around for a girl in our school with leukemia, wasn’t there an anonymous hero who donated a five-figure sum? That person was Chen Ge...”

Fatty spoke casually, but Ji Yi was listening in complete astonishment.

In her eyes, He Jichen domineering, unreasonable, arrogant, condescending... Once, she loathed him so much and thought of him as the world’s most unforgivable person.

She never imagined that she would ever hear a completely different side to He Jichen from Fatty’s mouth.

His hot-bloodedness, his sincerity, and his capacity to give up everything to look after the people he cared for... He also cared for people he had no personal relationship with and he was willing to lend a helping hand...

Her relationship with He Jichen was once really good... But the He Jichen Fatty described wasn’t the same He Jichen she knew.

So all this time, I never truly got to know the real him?

As Ji Yi reflected on that, Fatty downed a glass of wine and grabbed the wine opener to open a new bottle while he said, “Ji Yi. Actually... what I said just now was nothing. Chen Ge also had an even more important person in his life.”

An even more important person?

Ji Yi stopped the thought running through her mind and looked over at Fatty with evident interest.

“How do I tell you... everyone has a weak spot and a strong source of “armor” in their lives, but they’re usually not the same person. However, one person was Chen Ge’s weak spot as well as his armor.”

“I don’t know how to describe just how important that person was to Chen Ge; I can only say that she was the only person I’ve ever seen whose smile could make Chen Ge happy for days, whose purse of their lips could frustrate Chen Ge for days.”

“Saying that... I remember something interesting. Before Chen Ge met that really important person, he even gave her a funny name...” Reminiscing back to their younger years, Fatty’s voice sounded rather tender as he said: “...Cola girl.”

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Cola girl?

After those two words entered Ji Yi's ears, her first thought was to laugh, but then she thought those words sounded familiar, like she'd heard them somewhere before.

"Back then, Chen Ge turned Sucheng Yizhong upside down, searching for Cola girl..."

When Ji Yi heard this, she realized why she thought "Cola girl" sounded so familiar.

No matter if she was at her granny's house, or at the He family's home, or at school, she heard He Jichen's name practically every day, long before she met him.

There was just so much gossip about him amongst the girls that he was practically as popular as a celebrity.

Naturally, most of the gossip was about his love life.

One day, everyone was discussing what girl gave him a love letter. The next, everyone would be talking about what girl he was with at the school gates. The day after that, everyone would be discussing what girl he was playing games with at the internet cafe...

But the most sensational piece of gossip about him was, "Searching for Cola girl."

That incident caused so much commotion throughout the entire school. Practically every corner of the school was plastered with leaflets saying "Searching for Cola girl." Even the walls of the girl's toilets were covered in them. The after school broadcast would repeatedly play an announcement for "Searching for Cola girl." Even the school forums were covered with threads about "Searching for Cola girl."

At the time, no matter if it was a guy or girl, or the old man at the gates, or the lady at the canteen, everyone was curious to find out who "Cola Girl" was.

Even after being warned by granny that she had to keep her distance from He Jichen, she still secretly speculated about who "Cola girl" could be with her desk mate.

It was a shame that the situation got so big that it eventually alarmed the principal, who punished He Jichen and his gang to clean the toilets. Just like that, the whole "Searching for Cola girl" fiasco ended with no result. It wasn't until she graduated when "Who is Cola girl" became the Sucheng Yizhong's top ten unsolved mysteries.

When she and He Jichen got really close, the "Searching for Cola girl" fiasco was long over; it was at least two years old. At the time, she forgot just how big of a deal it was, until Fatty abruptly mentioned it today. That was when she suddenly started reminiscing about the past...

This unsolved mystery of so many years made Ji Yi incredibly curious. As she thought back to all the events surrounding "Cola girl," she couldn't help but nosily ask, "I remember now. Cola girl, the person you called Chen Sao – so was she He Jichen's first love?"

"Yeah..." Fatty nodded without hesitation. "...She's the only woman Chen Ge has ever fallen for."

Romantic stories would always be the most captivating topic of conversation for women.

Deep down inside, Ji Yi grew increasingly curious after learning that He Jichen had this other, loving side to him. Then she asked a series of questions in one breath, "That incident, wasn't it unsettled back then? What happened after? Did He Jichen find Cola girl? In the end, who was Cola girl?"

"Till this day, you don't know who Cola Girl was?" exclaimed Fatty in shock.

Ji Yi was stunned by how Fatty was making a fuss over nothing. "Nobody told me, so how would I know..."

"Are you stupid!" Fatty didn't wait for Ji Yi to finish talking and said, "Such a simple answer, yet you still need someone to tell you? Cola girl is..."