

Chapter 41: Somewhere in Plain Sight (1)

Ji Yi's expression didn't change as she turned to look at He Jichen. She used a little strength to pull her wrist from his clutches, then she turned around and stormed out.

Her calm and composed demeanor didn't make the rage in He Jichen's chest subside; rather, it intensified. He shut his eyes and took a deep breath in hopes of lowering the fury in his chest. However, when he opened his eyes, he saw the outline of her body on the bed. His heart felt incredibly stifled as he turned to watch Ji Yi's back as she disappeared. He suddenly lost control of his temper and roared in Zhang Sao's face, "What are you doing still standing there? Quickly take everything she touched in the room and throw it out! So freaking—"

Before he could finish his final word "dirty", He Jichen clearly saw a silhouette sway from his periphery. He suddenly shut his mouth.

Zhang Sao was so shocked that she didn't dare reply with a "Yeah." She hurriedly ran over to the bedside and started to tear off the bedsheets and duvet.

He Jichen stood in the bedroom with a cold expression on his face. It wasn't until he heard the sound of the living room door being slammed shut that he swiftly turned around and walked out. He entered the study next door, still in a fit of rage, as he slammed the door shut with a deafeningly loud bang.

He Jichen sat at his desk then turned the laptop on. He stared at the screen for no more than two minutes before angrily slamming it shut again.

He shut his eyes and silently leaned back in his chair for a while, expressionless. Suddenly he sat up, grabbed his phone and searched through his WeChat. His fingers hovered over Tang Huahua's name. He hesitated for a moment but eventually tapped her name and sent her a message.

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Ji Yi wandered around He Jichen's residential area for a good while before she found the exit.

On her way out, she walked up the side of the road and tried to hail a taxi. She suddenly heard someone cry, "Xiao Yi?"

Ji Yi turned towards the source of the sound and saw Tang Huahua on the other side of the road.

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After the intense pain in her stomach, Ji Yi was fine today, but she didn't dare let her guard down. She had a short chat with Tang Huahua then decided to take a trip to a nearby hospital.

Coincidentally, Tang Huahua wasn't busy, so when she heard that Ji Yi was on her way to the hospital, she enthusiastically offered to go with her.

It was already four in the afternoon when they left the hospital.

Perhaps because she wasn't feeling well, Ji Yi took the medicine and went to sleep after returning to the dorm.

The skies were dark when she woke up. They didn't know where Bo He was—only Tang Huahua was in. She was nestled snugly in bed with her earphones in, and every now and then, she let out a giggle. Ji Yi didn't even need to look; she was certain Tang Huahua was playing games.

Tang Huahua only realized Ji Yi was awake when she got out of bed and headed for the bathroom. She took out her left earphone and said to Ji Yi, "Xiao Yi, you're awake?"

"Mm," responded Ji Yi.

Tang Huahua nodded in the direction of Ji Yi's table. "Xiao Yi, I saw you were asleep, so I didn't wake you up. I figured that the canteen would be closed when you woke up, so I brought some food back for you."

That was when Ji Yi saw two thermal containers on her desk. She thanked Tang Huahua before going into the bathroom.

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Ji Yi was really hungry. After she came out of the bathroom, she pulled out a chair, sat down and started to eat the dinner Tang Huahua brought for her.

From the looks of it, the food was from the First Canteen, but it didn't quite taste the same; it tasted far better than usual.

Confused, Ji Yi couldn't help but turn her head and ask Tang Huahua, "Did you get this from the First Canteen?"

"Yeah..." Tang Huahua stared at her phone screen as her fingers swiped quickly.

"Why does it taste a little different than usual?"

"Really?" Tang Huahua's eyes flickered for a moment. She didn't say anything for a while, then she put down her phone presumably because her game ended. Then she said to Ji Yi, "Are you just imagining things because you're too hungry?"

Ji Yi thought Tang Huahua made a good point and she nodded. "Probably."

Tang Huahua then scrambled out of bed as if she wanted to share an important secret with Ji Yi. She dragged a chair next to Ji Yi, sat down, and said with complete seriousness, "Xiao Yi, guess what? I discovered something unbelievable this afternoon!"

Ji Yi turned and glanced at Tang Huahua. Since she still had food in her mouth, her voice was a little muffled, "What is it?"

"It's about Lin Ya. I found out He Xuezhong wasn't actually her boyfriend!"

He Xuezhang... When Ji Yi heard those three words, she thought about what happened at He Jichen's house that afternoon. Her fingers gently trembled as she held the spoon. She wore a calm expression on her face, lowered her eyes and didn't say a word.

Tang Huahua continued on her own tangent, elaborating on the unbelievable news. "Or so to speak, she never was He Xuezhang's girlfriend! It's true that she really did get a new boyfriend recently though. Actually, he's from our class—it's that playboy Yang Shuo, who changes girlfriends like he changes clothes. He thinks he can act this way just because his family has a little money... I think Yang Shuo's just messing around with Lin Ya."

As Tang Huahua continued, she suddenly looked like she just figured something out. She let out an "Aha!" then said in realization, "I did think there was something strange about Lin Ya and He Xuezhang being together! Now I get it—Lin Ya only said she was He Dage's friend in front of all her friends. One time, I was tempted to call He Dage Lin Ya's boyfriend, but Lin Ya smacked me before I could. At the time, I didn't understand why but didn't really ask her about it. Now that I think about it, Lin Ya was the only one in love all along; she called herself He Dage's girlfriend..."

So, Lin Ya and He Jichen were never together? But whether they were together or not has nothing to do with me anyway... Ji Yi paused for a moment then continued to finish her dinner in silence.

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The fifth time Zhang Sao reappeared at the doors of the study room, He Jichen was still standing motionless in front of the floor-to-ceiling window.

Illuminated by the billions of lights outside the window, his gentle manner and handsomeness looked picture-perfect.

"Mr. He, would you like to have dinner?"

Just like the first four attempts, Zhang Sao was again met with silence.

Xhang Sao stood there for a while. She planned to leave and come back again around eleven to check on him.

Zhang Sao hadn't yet left when He Jichen's phone suddenly went off.

Zhang Sao instinctively turned her head to see that he brought the phone to his face reflexively. From his actions, it looked like he had been standing there just waiting for the phone to ring.

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Zhang Sao's eyesight was superb. Though she and He Jichen were quite a distance apart, she still managed to catch a glimpse of his phone screen.

Even though she couldn't clearly see the words on his screen, she did see that he'd received quite a few messages. They didn't look like long messages though; there were each just a few characters long.

Yet he stared intensely at those few words as though he was afraid to miss something important.

Zhang Sao didn't want to disturb He Jichen, so she silently retreated out of the study and closed the door on her way out.

The atmosphere in the room became increasingly quiet.

He Jichen still stared unwaveringly at the few messages Tang Huahua sent him.

"He Xuezhang, Xiao Yi went to the hospital. The doctor says she's fine."

"Xiao Yi went to bed as soon as she returned to the dorm. After she woke up, she ate the dinner you sent over."

"I told Xiao Yi about the truth regarding Lin Ya without leaving out a single word, just as you instructed."

"Xiao Yi just took her medicine, had a shower, watched tv dramas for a while, then went to sleep."

Because he hadn't touched the screen for a while, his phone locked automatically. He Jichen stood still, staring at his phone with no reaction as though he felt nothing.

After who knows how long, his phone rang again and the screen lit up. He Jichen glanced over at the notification on the locked screen. It was Tang Huahua again. "He Dage, why do you treat Xiao Yi so well?"

Why?

He Jichen stared at that word for a long time before he softly blinked. He looked out at the billions of glowing lights outside the window.

Lately, that word has popped up the most, hasn't it?

A while back, when he bumped into Li Da at the hot spring resort, Li Da asked him "Chen Ge, why did you do it?" when he learned that He Jichen went to study at B-film.

Yesterday at the China World Hotel, Beijing, Han Zhifan asked him, "I just don't get it. Why did you give up your bright future and limitless glory to start again from scratch?"

Li Da and Han Zhifan... one asked if he was crazy, the other called him depressed.

Even Han Zhifan said it—he was afraid that one day, he'd come to regret his decision.

But how could they understand? He wasn't actually crazy or depressed; he clearly knew what he was doing. If he didn't go to B-film, that would be something he'd regret one day.

Going to a prestigious school, getting an unconditional offer to go to an American University, worked as a CEO of a listed company, working for He Enterprises... so what? So what if I have a bright future ahead of me?

He didn't want any of those things. What he wanted was to put her somewhere he could see her.

As long as I can see her, that'd be enough... simply seeing her would be enough...

He Jichen stared out the window in a daze. Over the years, he had the same thought—as long as he could see her, that'd be enough. Throughout all these years, he never hoped that he'd be able to have

her. He was just lucky that night four years ago when fate intertwined the two of them in an accidental mix up.

He Jichen clearly remembered it was June 1st—Children’s Day—a week before their college entrance exam.

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As time flashed by He Jichen’s mind, his thoughts were dragged back to four years ago.

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It was a weekend. There were no classes in the afternoon or evening. With the class president’s permission, the class council organized a dinner party to mark the end of their senior high life.

At first with the teacher around, nobody drank, but as soon as the teacher left, the guys in the class called the waiter and ordered a couple of cases of beer.

Farewells are inevitably sad. The room full of classmates didn’t hold back as everyone’s cups were filled with beer.

Everyone forgot all the sorrows of the past three years as they chatted about the good times. Their beers were quickly finished. In the end, practically everyone, including himself, had way too much to drink.

The guys in the class were obviously a drunken mess, but they continued to drink bottle after bottle.

With his head already spinning, he was afraid that he’d blackout, so he found an excuse to leave the room and go to the bathroom.

He washed his face, which slightly woke him up a little. He stood in the hallway and pulled out a cigarette. He was just about to light it when he saw Ji Yi stagger out from the women’s restroom.

His finger paused on the lighter. Before he could speak, she flashed him a bright smile then sashayed over to him.

She was obviously drunk since she couldn’t even stand up straight. Her body swayed from side to side. He was so afraid she’d fall over that he reached his hand out to support her.

Once she was steady, she tried hard to tiptoe and bring her face to his. After carefully checking him up and down as though she was trying to figure out who he was, the corner of her lips formed a goofy smile.

She giggled as she let out a hiccup and mumbled the word “He.” Then, she lifelessly threw herself into his arms.

He knew that she’d passed out.

The hotel was above the restaurant, so he called a waiter to help him book a room. He grabbed the room key and carried her upstairs.

He put her on the bed, pulled the covers over her, and prepared to leave. However, she drunkenly reached her arms out and hugged his neck.

He tried to pull her arms off a few times but failed. He was afraid to hurt her, so he didn't dare use force. Not to mention, this was the first time he'd ever gotten so close to her. He gave up struggling and let her hold him.

Having just turned of age, he really didn't think of doing anything with her. Coincidentally, she also just turned of age.

At most, he imagined that the two of them could innocently lay in bed together fully dressed and sleep all night.

Yet he underestimated her sex appeal and overestimated his level of self-control with her.

How it started... he couldn't exactly remember because he had as much to drink as she did.

Maybe he made the first move by reaching over to her neck and slowly stroking her, or maybe she was responsible by grabbing his waist with her outstretched arms. Maybe they both wanted each other at the same time.

In short, when he came to, their clothes were already stripped bare.

In that moment, how could he possibly still have his senses intact after seeing her naked, fair skin? With no hesitation at all, he lowered his head and kissed her hard on her lips.

They were very quiet. It wasn't until he entered her body that she let out a low shriek of pain.

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He suddenly stopped and tightly held her hand, because he felt sorry for her. With an unprecedented gentleness, he kissed her on her brows, her face, her collarbone...

He waited until her body gradually relaxed. Then, he tried again.

He didn't dare go hard, afraid of hurting her. He was so gentle and slow like he was guarding the most precious jewel in the world.

He waited for her to slowly adapt to him before moving faster.

Everything he felt was like a wonderful dream, an ethereal dream. It wasn't until they'd finished that he lay there in disbelief.

He was on top of her for quite some time before he looked directly at her face.

Her beautiful face was mere inches from his, but he still reached his arm out to tenderly caress it. It wasn't until his fingers felt her smooth skin that he realized it was all real and snapped back to his senses.

In that moment, he looked at her with softness, full of uncontained joy.

He couldn't help but grab her little hand and put her soft fingers to the corner of his lips. Every now and then he bit them lightly and kissed them softly.

Her body trembled lightly under his affection. She slowly opened her eyes and looked at him.

She hadn't sobered up yet, but through her tipsiness, her dark eyes glowed with the reflection of the lights in the room.

In that moment, he stared drunkenly into her eyes. He clearly saw his own image reflected back at him.

He didn't know just how long they stared at each other, but his body grew increasingly warm. Sparks flew.

He lost control once again and kissed her lips.

She didn't struggle. This time, she wasn't as uncomfortable and inexperienced as before. This time, her body was far more soft and compliant, so much so that her arms reached out and latched onto his shoulders.

His body shivered violently, then he exerted full strength from his body to dive into her.

Compared to the first time, the second time was far wilder and lasted much longer.

She bit her bottom lip, and just as they reached climax, she couldn't help but let out a low moan.

Even though her voice was soft, he heard it clearly.

He stopped suddenly and stared unwaveringly at her for quite some time. Then, he flipped over to the side, away from her panting body.

She was exhausted. As soon as they finished, she shut her eyes and fell into a deep sleep.

But he wasn't the least bit sleepy. His mind was frighteningly awake.

The air in the room was filled with their scent. With every inhalation, his heart felt like it had been ruthlessly struck by a thousand cuts.

It was summer, and due to his vigorous movements, his whole body was drenched in sweat. Yet he felt like his whole body had been through ice and snow, as a cold breeze travelled through the depths of his bones.

He didn't stay in the room for long. He quickly jumped out of bed, took a shower, got dressed, and left.

His classmates in the private room on the second floor had already left. Alone on the streets at night, he stared at the light from the lamppost not too far away. The words she said in her low, mellow voice while under his body suddenly rang in his ears.

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As he stood on the balcony, He Jichen quietly thought back to the past. But then, he snapped back to reality and forced himself to stop.

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Even if four years had passed, he still didn't have the courage to recollect the words she said that night. But even so, he could clearly feel his raw heart start to ache at the thought of what happened that night. Did you know?

In the passing years, only once have I loved a person deeply. Unbeknownst to her, I have quietly, quietly come to her side.

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Maybe it was because she was at He Jichen's house for too long that she ended up sleeping again when she got back to the dorm. The next day, Ji Yi was awake before it was even light out.

She was afraid to wake the others up in the dorm, so she laid in bed and played on her phone. Ji Yi opened Weibo, but before she could read the headlines, an older article grabbed her attention. It read, "Casting for director Liang Wenxin's new movie has officially started".

Ji Yi couldn't resist clenching her fingers tightly as her mind involuntarily wandered to the events of four years ago.

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Four years ago, she returned a lot sooner to Beijing from Sucheng than planned because of He Jichen. Some good came from this as she bumped into a talent scout in the airport the very same day she arrived in Beijing.

At first, she thought he was a con artist, but one week later, the scout actually called her to invite her to a screen test.

She didn't have much to do that summer after college entrance exams, and since she liked to act so much that she wrote that she aspired to go to B-film on her college application, she didn't hesitate to agree to the screen test over the phone.

After the screen test ended, Ji Yi went home. The next day, she got a call from the production team, telling her that she was chosen by the director for the role as the supporting actress for Infinite Grace .

And so, she spent the first month of the semester on the production set.

Infinite Grace was released around the country in November. Well-known directors, and the A-list male and female celebrity from this movie quickly became popular all over China.

Of course, it was surprising for the supporting female actress to also gain fame.

Someone once said that her outstanding looks only came once every ten years. Another said that a natural talent for acting was in her bones, and every frown and smile of hers could be considered acting. The next screen queen of the entertainment industry was going to be the legendary Ji Yi.

In short, she became an overnight sensation. By the end of November, she was invited to be the female lead for a big production historical drama titled The Queens.

In April of the second year, The Queens became a popular show. As the female lead, she became the focus of millions of people's attention. Commercials, endorsements, television dramas... the offers came pouring in one after the other. She was even approached by investment companies who wanted to invest in an office for her...

At the time, her future really was limitless, her name was honourable, and her career was a success.

But just as she finished negotiations for an office of her own, finally established a name for herself and signed on to a new film, she suddenly got into a car accident, which made her slip into a three-year-long coma.

At the time, although she was still hot on the scene, she had only just entered the entertainment industry and hadn't quite found her feet. What's more, the industry was not short of newcomers.

So, the unbound glory of her past disappeared without a trace, like dispersed clouds during her deep slumber. Ji Yi, an entertainment industry legend, suddenly vanished off the radar.

After she woke up, the only road she could continue to walk down was the path back to school to continue her years in university.

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At that thought, Ji Yi blinked gently. In the past half year, she had been waiting for an opportunity, an opportunity to make a comeback in the entertainment industry. She thought this might be her chance.

Liang Wenxin was Infinite Grace's director. She had his contact info on her phone, but after three years, he would've probably forgotten about her by now. She was afraid that if she called him out of the blue, he wouldn't even want to talk to her.

Ji Yi was deep in thought for a moment, then she flipped through her timetable and saw that she didn't have any classes in the afternoon. She decided to take a personal trip to Director Liang's office.

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It was already three in the afternoon when Ji Yi made her way over to director Liang's office.

She didn't have an appointment, so as soon as she entered the lobby, she was stopped by a young, beautiful lady at the front desk. "Miss, may I ask who you're looking for?"

"Director Liang Wenxin," replied Ji Yi.

The lady at the front desk picked up the phone and made a call. After a few words in a quiet voice, she put the phone down and gave a polite smile. She raised her head and said to Ji Yi, "Miss, I'm sorry but Director Liang isn't in the office."

Director Liang isn't in the office? Ji Yi thought to herself for two seconds, then changed the question. "Excuse me, is Xu Yi still director Liang's assistant?"

Xu Yi was director Liang's assistant before her accident. When she was on set for Infinite Grace, she was considerably close to him.

“Yes.”

“Is he in the office?”

“Yes, Madam please wait.” The lady at the front desk picked up the phone, “Assistant Xu, there’s a ...”

The lady at the front desk paused, then looked at Ji Yi. Before she could ask for her name, Ji Yi responded, “Ji Yi.”

The lady at the front desk continued to speak over the phone, “Miss Ji Yi is here for you.”

She didn’t know what Xu Yi said over the phone, but the lady replied with an “alright” then hung up the phone. Then she escorted Ji Yi to the elevators. “Assistant Xu is on the seventh floor.”

Ji Yi took the elevator up, and when she reached the first floor, the elevator doors opened. There, she suddenly bumped into Xu Yi himself.

Compared to four years ago, Xu Yi had aged a little. He still remembered her, so he chuckled and cried “Xiao Yi” the moment he saw her. Then, he escorted her to his office.

Since Xu Yi had worked in the industry for a long time, of course he knew Ji Yi was there to see him for something. After some casual conversation, he cut right to the chase. “You’re here for director Liang’s new movie, right?”

“Yeah,” openly admitted Ji Yi, without any holding back. “I saw on the news today that director Liang is casting for this new movie, so I came to see what’s up.”

To her surprise, Xu Yi was still a sentimental person. After hearing her words, he didn’t hesitate to tell her, “Xiao Yi, you know I don’t have the power to cast people, so I can’t guarantee that you can feature in director Liang’s new movie. However, I can recommend you to director Liang. It’s up to you if you can actually get the part.”

After a pause, Xu Yi said, “It’s like this: I’m seeing director Liang tonight, so I’ll casually mention you to him. When the time comes, I’ll give you a call.”

With that, Xu Yi looked like he just remembered something. “Oh right, what’s your number?”

Ji Yi gave her thanks and left her number with him. Seeing how Xu Yi was probably busy since his phone rang non-stop on his desk, she politely said her goodbyes and left.

After coming out of Xu Yi’s office, Ji Yi walked towards the elevator, then heard her name being called with a hesitant voice, “Ji...Yi?”

Ji Yi suddenly froze. After some time, she turned her head. A pretty figure was reflected in her eyes.

It was someone Ji Yi could not be more familiar with.

If He Jichen was the person she was most unwilling to see in the world, then this woman was not far behind.

Her name was Qian Ge. From Sucheng to B-film, Ji Yi had known her for ten whole years.

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Ji Yi once thought of Qian Ge as the most important friend in her life, but Qian Ge never reciprocated the feeling. As things changed over the years, so did their strong, supposedly everlasting friendship.

When she was young, she and Qian Ge had the same dream to be a star.

However, Qian Ge was luckier than she was, yet also unluckier in other ways.

What's lucky was that Qian Ge first went on TV at the age of six and was crowned as a "child actor".

What's unlucky was that although Qian Ge clearly had a good start, she never made it big.

She and Qian Ge made a pact when they were in senior high: if there came a day when either of them made it big, neither one would leave the other behind.

She remembered their pact well, so four years ago, she used her nationwide fame from *Infinite Grace* and *The Queens* to recommend Qian Ge to the director, which helped Qian Ge land the role of supporting female.

Not every supporting actress was lucky enough to become popular. After *The Queens* became popular, everyone remembered Ji Yi and didn't pay attention to Qian Ge.

She knew she was upset, and she even tried to comfort her. When she took on commercials, she always recommended Qian Ge to investors. Of course, while she took on new projects, she never forgot to help her friend get roles. When she obtained an office, she even let Qian Ge be one of her partners.

She hadn't changed, so she thought Qian Ge hadn't either. However, she wasn't Qian Ge, and she didn't understand how it psychologically affected Qian Ge to be the weaker of the two after having such a strong start.

When she got into the accident, she hadn't suspected Qian Ge in the slightest; she assumed that the accident was simply because of drunk driving. It wasn't until half a year after she woke up that she realized that her office had become Qian Ge's, and Xie Siyao, who stole the supporting actress role on *The Queens*, was now one of her partners. Then she realized that the drunk driver three years ago was one of Xie Siyao's boyfriends. She connected that with the fact that the only person who knew about her accident was Qian Ge, and she was meant to be in the car with her that night on her way back to B-film. However, Qian Ge found an excuse to get out of the car en route just before the accident happened...

That's when she realized her car accident was no ordinary accident. It was jointly planned by Qian Ge and Xie Siyao.

When she found out the truth, three long years had passed, so there was no way to investigate it.

Her unexpected accident happened at the beginning of filming the drama, when Qian Ge landed the role as the supporting actress. After the accident, Qian Ge's role was given to Xie Siyao to play.

Ji Yi had personally chosen the script, as the topics were fresh and original, and the storylines were sufficient. Just as she predicted, that drama blew up as soon as it aired, enabling Qian Ge, who made her first public appearance at six years old and had fourteen whole years of experience, to finally make it.

From then on, Qian Ge had been doing exceedingly well in the entertainment industry. In three short years, she became an A-lister in the entertainment industry.

Not only that, but Qian Ge stole her office, which was put on the market in the beginning of the year for an estimated four billion in value.

And as for Ji Yi, who Qian Ge trampled on?

The glory she had before was gone. The office she established from scratch was gone, all the people she studied university with had graduated, and she was forced to finish her studies at B-film alone.

For Ji Yi, who had thought back to all of this in an instant, stared at Qian Ge with a dark expression in her eyes.

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She was struggling at the bottom, while Qian Ge had everything that once belonged to her. She now stood at the peak, where things were smooth sailing for her. How could I not be hurt by this? How could I not be angry?

“Ah, it really is you, Xiao Yi.” Compared to how Ji Yi struggled to contain her thoughts, Qian Ge appeared far calmer than her. “I thought I was mistaking someone else for you just now.”

As Qian Ge said that, she glanced over at the two assistants behind her, hinting for them to leave.

When it was just Qian Ge and Ji Yi alone, Qian Ge strode over elegantly in her heels towards Ji Yi.

She looked Ji Yi up and down then put on a smile and said, “Long time no see, Xiao Yi.”

There were some things on both of their minds, but before exposing her, Ji Yi tried to become just as calm and even-tempered as Qian Ge was.

At that thought, Ji Yi blinked and snapped back to reality. The corners of her lips curved into a sweet and beautiful smile. She answered warmly, “Yeah, we haven’t seen each other for a while.”

Seeing Ji Yi smile, Qian Ge’s smile turned even brighter. “Xiao Yi, when did you wake up? You probably know from the tabloids that I’ve been busy for two years taking on jobs non-stop, so I haven’t had much time for anything else.”

Of course, Ji Yi noticed how Qian Ge emphasized the word “jobs.” Ji Yi got the message. She was showing off and trying to make her lose her temper. Ji Yi lowered her eyes slightly and kept the smile plastered on her face as though she hadn’t heard Qian Ge’s hint. She used the same tone of voice and continued, “I’ve been awake for half a year now.”

“Oh I see...” responded Qian Ge half-heartedly as she realized that her “weapon” had turned into a cotton bud and it looked like nothing could trigger Ji Yi. She turned to look at the door next to Ji Yi and casually asked, “Looking for Xu Yi about director Liang’s new movie?”

Ji Yi pursed her lips and admitted honestly, “Yeah.”

Qian Ge lowered her eyes slightly and put on a smile. "Director Liang's movies aren't easy to get into now. Compared to four years ago, casting has become far more demanding." With a pause, Qian Ge lifted her eyelids, stared at Ji Yi, and said half-jokingly yet also provokingly, "What's more, Xiao Yi, you aren't the same person you were four years ago."

Of course, Ji Yi knew Qian Ge was trying to provoke her, but what a shame... Ji Yi wasn't the weak type, and she never allowed herself to lose shamefully.

At that thought, Ji Yi glanced calmly over at Qian Ge and replied nonchalantly, "Of course, I'm not the same as I was four years ago. Now, I want to claim my rightful title as Queen Bee of the entertainment industry..."

With a pause, Ji Yi copied Qian Ge's tone of voice. She sounded like she was joking but her reply was also threatening, "...So Qian Ge, you have to be careful now. Don't let me steal your thunder and take your spot."

Qian Ge froze at Ji Yi's words. The coldness in her smiling eyes seemed far more obvious than before. She seemed afraid to get a taste of her own medicine after stealing Ji Yi's title. She lowered her head to glance at her watch and changed the topic, "I have some other business to attend to; I'm gonna take off. If we get some time, let's talk again."

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Ji Yi didn't say anything but smiled as she watched Qian Ge leave. Ji Yi's eyes didn't turn completely cold until Qian Ge disappeared out of sight.

She wasn't joking with Qian Ge; her threat was genuine.

Ji Yi definitely wasn't the type to let people bully her without fighting back. In her book, these words were of utmost importance: Never let anyone get away with threatening you.

She definitely wouldn't allow Qian Ge to steal her title and live a bright and beautiful life that she didn't deserve.

She would use all her power to make Qian Ge and Xie Siyao give back every little thing they owed her.

No matter if it was her spot as Queen Bee, her office, or even their current success... She wanted them to give it all back!

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Director Liang's company was quite close to Ji Yi's parent's house. Since she accidentally left her cafeteria card there on her last visit and had been temporarily using Tang Huahua's card, she hailed a taxi and went straight to her parent's house to pick it up.

After dinner, Ji Yi noticed it was still early, so she sat on her sofa and started to watch TV.

Her mother cut up some fruit and brought it to her as she took a seat and watched TV with her for a while. Then, she suddenly looked like she remembered something and turned her head to ask Ji Yi, "Xiao Yi, how is Jichen these days?"

As her mother said this, the words He Jichen said to her yesterday at his house suddenly rang in her ears. He told her, "I'm warning you, don't talk about me ever again!"

Ji Yi paused as she was about to pick up an apple slice. She really didn't want to reply.

"Xiao Yi?! Mama's asking a question!" said Ji Yi's mother emphatically as she watched her daughter remain silent for some time.

After Ji Yi slowly swallowed the apple, she unwillingly replied, "Quite good."

Her mother could tell this was a half-hearted reply. "Forget it, I can't trust you."

Ji Yi figured it was over, but then her mother said, "When you were back in Sucheng, your He Ayi looked after you so well. Now that Jichen is in Beijing, we haven't done anything for him. Xiao Yi, don't you live quite close to Jichen? On your way home, why don't you stop by his place and drop off some nutrient supplements I prepared for him."

Ji Yi instinctively declined, "I don't know where he lives."

After a pause, Ji Yi added, "What's more, I don't even have his number, so I can't even call him. How am I supposed to give..."

Before Ji Yi could finish, her mum held up her phone and pressed a few buttons. With that, the phone in Ji Yi's hands rang "ding-dong." She looked down to find that her mum had sent her a text with eleven digits.

Her mum didn't need to explain; she knew it was He Jichen's number.

Ji Yi knew if her mum wanted something done, nobody could say "no." Since her mum would probably pester her about this non-stop, she figured it'd be best to just get on with it.

Worst comes to worst, she could just take the supplements back to the dorm and give them to Bo He and Tang Huahua...

Ji Yi's plan was foiled all too soon as she had only punched half the digits into her phone before her mother snatched the phone from her. Before she could even react, her mother quickly punched in the rest of the numbers. "Jichen ah... It's your Ji Bomu 1."