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The wide bathroom was very quiet, so although He Jichen's voice was low, Chen Bai could still clearly hear each and every word. His fingers around the showerhead naturally relaxed as he stared at the pale-faced man. An unbearable feeling came over him and after about ten seconds, Chen Bai snapped back to his senses. He detached the shower head from the wall and adjusted the water from cold to warm then held the showerhead over He Jichen's body.

The rather low temperature gradually woke up the drunken mess that was He Jichen. His eyes shot open as he stared at the ceiling with furrowed brows, appearing like he was puzzled over something. After staring blankly for some time, his pupils rolled over towards Chen Bai.

His beautiful pitch-black eyes became brighter, bit by bit. It seemed like he was just realizing that he was at home. He then gradually sat up in the bathtub and reached his hand out towards Chen Bai.

Chen Bai knew that by doing so, He Jichen was telling him that he wanted to wash himself. Neither of them made a sound. All Chen Bai did was hand him the shower head silently. After He Jichen took it, Chen Bai quickly left the bathroom and helped him close the door then he headed downstairs.

Chen Bai went into the kitchen to cook a bowl of soup to sober him up then carried it up to He Jichen's bedroom.

He pushed open the door. The bedroom lights had already been switched off.

Chen Bai couldn't clearly see the way in the darkness, so he wanted to turn the lights on. Before his fingers touched the light switch on the wall, he heard He Jichen cry from the bed, "Don't turn them on."

He said just four short words, but Chen Bai clearly caught the tremble in his voice.

Mr. He can't be... Chen Bai wasn't sure if he was hearing things, but he didn't dare continue down that train of thought. He stood frozen in the doorway, holding the soup.

After who knew how much time had passed, the phone in Chen Bai's pocket suddenly vibrated.

He freed one hand and reached for his phone to see that Ji Yi had sent him a text: "Have you found him yet?"

Chen Bai knew that by "him," Ji Yi meant He Jichen, so he single-handedly replied: "Found him."

His phone screen was a little large, so it was cumbersome to text. Chen Bai bent over and set the soup down on the floor as he continued to tap on the screen: "He was at the bar you mentioned, Miss Ji."

Thirty seconds later, he received a message from Ji Yi: "As long as you found him."

"Thank you, Miss Ji," replied Chen Bai, who then glanced over at He Jichen lying in bed. Because the lights weren't on, he could only see a faint, dark figure with the light from the hallway. He hesitated for a moment then sent Ji Yi a message: "Mr. He isn't in good shape. The waiter said he was drinking for

four days and nights; I'm not sure if he harmed himself from drinking so much. I'll have to call Dr. Xia to come take a look later... Miss Ji, if you're not busy, would you like to visit Mr. He?"

The text was like a rock thrown into the ocean because he received no reply.

Just as Chen Bai was going to type a few words to persuade Ji Yi, his fingers hadn't even touched the phone screen when he heard the faint sound of sniffing from the bed.

Chen Bai suddenly went silent like his pressure points had been pressed.

After about three seconds, he heard another gentle snuffle.

This time, Chen Bai heard it more clearly as he turned his head to look into the pitch-black room.

If I didn't mishear, Mr. He's really crying... No wonder Mr. He doesn't want the lights turned on...

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Before the thought could settle in Chen Bai's mind, his phone vibrated. He turned to see that it was a long-awaited reply from Ji Yi.

"I can't, I'm busy with something. Please ask Dr. Xia to take good care of him."

He originally thought since Mr. He cared so much for Miss Ji that no matter what argument they got into, Miss Ji would still come to see Mr. He; Mr. He would definitely be pleased by Miss Ji's presence. He never imagined that Miss Ji would actually refuse to see him...

Chen Bai thought about trying to persuade Ji Yi further, but just when he touched the screen, he realized he had no clue what to say and stopped there.

Deep in the night, the apartment seemed unusually quiet.

After who knew how much time had passed, Chen Bai heard another gentle voice that sounded like someone muttering in their dreams. "I really love, really love, really love..."

He repeated the words "really love" many times like a broken record then went on to say: "...her, who I can't be with."

As his voice dropped, a new text arrived. It was another message from Ji Yi, who ended the conversation without waiting for his reply: "I gotta go. Goodbye and goodnight."

When Chen Bai read this text, the momentarily quiet He Jichen blurted out again: "really love her, who I could never be with..."

He said each word with a soft voice, but Chen Bai could still clearly hear the increasingly obvious tremble in his voice. Eventually, his trembling voice turned into a sob.

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At the same time.

After typing the word “Goodnight,” Ji Yi couldn’t wait to hit the send button. She threw her phone to one side then buried her face into the comforter and cried.

She wanted to see him. She wanted to so badly, but she had to control herself because she made a promise not to allow herself to fall deeper for him.

Soon enough, Ji Yi’s bedding became completely drenched with tears.

But she continued to cry with grief as her shoulders heaved and she let out a crisp wail every now and then.

Ji Yi cried until she was exhausted and fell asleep with tears still rolling down her cheeks.

In her sleep, she had a dream where she was still crying, but as she cried and cried, the picture started to slowly turn back...

Under a sky of infinite lanterns, she and He Yuguang were half-way up the mountain and talking about getting a divorce. Then in a quiet and tranquil cafe, she told He Jichen that he needn’t take responsibility. At the Shanghai Starlight hotel, she tip-toed and drunkenly kissed He Jichen. Then she received He Yuguang’s text, “You aren’t alone, you still have me”...

Time in the dream turned back endlessly, and soon enough it was back to the time when she and He Yuguang sat in that cafe and he asked her to get married. The dream then returned to the time He Jichen came into the private party room when Lin Ya went to pick him up during a class reunion party she attended...

The dream then turned back to when they were young and having dinner at the He family’s house because her grandma was working overtime. Mid-dinner, the legendary second son of the He family came back and carelessly wandered into the living room. His mother cried for him to come over, but he replied “What?” with an impatient expression on his face.

In the dream, Ji Yi raised her head and looked at He Jichen up close for the first time ever. That was when the dream came to a sudden end.

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In the same city but in a different house, He Jichen also had a dream about the past. However, his dream was fixated on the sweet sound of a woman’s voice. “Give them a condom each.” Choking from his cigarette smoke in surprise, he turned his head to see the silhouette of a tall, elegant girl with long, flowing hair.

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“There’s a type of love that comes once in a lifetime. You came and I knew. I loved you. I was sure of it.”
—— Ye Feiye “Entrapping the God”

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The next day was a Monday. Ji Yi got up early to go to school and finish her academic career.

In June, Beijing was hotter by the day, and the sunlight became brighter by the day.

Unwittingly, three weeks had passed since Ji Yi received Chen Bai's call that night.

In those three weeks, aside from having to file for divorce, Ji Yi and He Yuguang contacted each other only twice. Apart from this, Ji Yi didn't cross paths with either He Jichen or He Yuguang.

Shooting "Three Thousand Lunatics" took up three months of her time, leaving her with lots of homework to catch up on. The end-of-semester-exams were drawing close, so Ji Yi spent most of her days either studying in the self-studying rooms or finding research material in the library.

In those three weeks, she spent every day doing peacefully ordinary things. Those days were just like the days before she reunited with He Jichen and He Yuguang after waking up from her three-year coma.

Sometimes, when her mind drifted away in class, she would stare at the bright world outside the window and wonder if she really did see He Jichen and He Yuguang the past few months or if it was all part of her imagination.

In the blink of an eye, it was time for the end of semester exams. After completing four exams in two days, it was time for a long break.

When Ji Yi carried the suitcase she packed in advance to the side of the road, waiting for a taxi, she thought back to how similar this was to the time when He Jichen's car appeared in front of her as she waited for a taxi during winter break.

Back then, their relationship was at its rockiest point because of what happened with Lin Zhengyi. When she saw him, she carried her suitcase over to the opposite side of the road and immediately got on a bus to get away from him.

But today, Ji Yi waited by the curb for almost half an hour, waiting for a taxi, yet He Jichen's car was nowhere in sight.

Back home, Ji Yi took a shower, laid in bed, and started to make up for the sleep she lost from her intense studying the night before.

It was too hot, so Ji Yi didn't want to go outside. A while back, she gave in to Tang Huahua's incessant gaming invitations and finally joined Tang Huahua in playing her MOBA game. Since then, Ji Yi spent practically every day of her break at home playing games in online groups with Tang Huahua.

Just as Ji Yi thought she was going to spend her entire break geeking out, she got a call, inviting her out for afternoon tea.

The call was from Cheng Weiwan, whom she hadn't seen since filming for "Three Thousand Lunatics" wrapped up.

In actuality, during their three months of filming "Three Thousand Lunatics," the two of them became somewhat close; in the final month when Ji Yi and He Jichen got closer and Cheng Weiwan and He Jichen's relationship wasn't bad, the three of them often had dinner together. She and Cheng Weiwan were woman of about the same age, so they got along pretty easily.

Cheng Weiwan invited her out to reminisce about their past but also to talk business.

Since they agreed to meet up, Cheng Weiwan didn't chat on the phone in detail. All she said was that it was about a new drama. They then set a time and place to meet and hung up.

There was still three hours before the two of them planned to meet, so Ji Yi wasn't in too much of a hurry. She laid in bed and played two matches with Tang Huahua before she got up to use the bathroom.

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Ji Yi got dressed and applied a simple layer of makeup in front of her vanity mirror. When it was about time to leave the house, she picked up her bag then called a taxi while on her way downstairs.

It had been almost ten days since Ji Yi left her room. As soon as she left her apartment, she was greeted by a hot wave of air, causing her to furrow her brows in discomfort.

After about five minutes, the taxi arrived. Ji Yi hurriedly got into the car and gave the driver her destination.

Cheng Weiwan hadn't yet arrived when Ji Yi reached the cafe. She was greeted by a waiter as she found herself a table by the window. Just as she took a seat, a "Welcome" was heard coming from the entrance. Ji Yi instinctively turned her head to see Cheng Weiwan step in, wearing a light colored dress.

Ji Yi instinctively raised her hand and waved at the door. Cheng Weiwan sensed her since she turned her head and shot her a smile. As she slowly walked over to the table, Cheng Weiwan said, "Xiao Yi, long time no see."

"Yeah, long time no see." Ji Yi waited for Cheng Weiwan to take a seat before handing her the drinks menu. "Take a look at what you want."

As Cheng Weiwan reached into her bag for her phone, she scanned through the drinks menu then ordered a cappuccino from the waiter beside them.

Having already glossed through the drinks menu, Ji Yi then said "same as her" after Cheng Weiwan placed her order. Then she handed the waiter back the menu.

After the waiter left, Cheng Weiwan smiled and said, "I could've just told you over the phone, but I realized how it's been a while since we last saw each other, so I invited you out."

There was a pause before Cheng Weiwan asked, "This isn't much trouble for you, is it?"

"No." Ji Yi shook her head.

"That's good-" Cheng Weiwan said just two words when the waiter brought two cups of coffee over to the table. She stopped mid-sentence and didn't continue to speak until after the waiter left. "Let's first talk business. If you're not busy, let's go have dinner when we're done chatting. There's a new Japanese restaurant nearby – I ate there a few days ago and the food isn't half bad."

Ji Yi figured she didn't have much going on that night, so she nodded and said, "Sure."

Cheng Weiwan picked up a teaspoon and stirred her drink as she said, "It's like this: last week, YC confirmed that the next drama for production will be called 'The Roaring Tang Dynasty.' It's a series about time travel. Seeing as you're the only signed artist in the company, you'll definitely be the female lead and we're still deciding on the male lead. The script is more or less finished, so today, I asked to meet up to show you the script and listen to your thoughts, then I'll make whatever changes necessary."

As she said this, Cheng Weiwan pulled out a thick script and pushed it in front of Ji Yi.

Ji Yi wasn't in a hurry to read the script, so she asked with curiosity: "Didn't they say that the next series up for production was 'The Imperial Palace'? Why did that change to 'The Roaring Tang Dynasty' now?"

"It was He Jichen's idea. The change was made last month, and people in the company are really confused too," explained Cheng Weiwan.

Ji Yi hadn't heard the three words "He Jichen" for a long time now. Her expression changed for a moment as her fingers suddenly relaxed around the coffee mug.

Cheng Weiwan didn't notice Ji Yi's expression. A second later, she shared her suspicions. "I think because it's your first time as the lead, he might be afraid that you'll run into some trouble, so before you take on a movie, he wants you to get some practice first."

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Having not yet bounced back from the shock of hearing the three words "He Jichen," Ji Yi was afraid Cheng Weiwan would notice something strange. Ji Yi pretended to sound calm as she replied, "Perhaps..." then carefully thought about how reasonable Cheng Weiwan's speculations were. She was afraid that after her hiatus, the company wouldn't dare to give her such a major project with her as the lead.

Though "The Roaring Tang Dynasty" may not be a highly popular IP compared to "The Imperial Palace," it was a story with lots of charisma. The main female character's design was especially interesting as Ji Yi would have to play two characters with completely different personalities. It would be quite challenging to act. Cheng Weiwan was afraid Ji Yi would be secretly disappointed that "The Imperial Palace" wasn't her next project, so she tried to say a few words of comfort. Then she glanced at the script and got to the point of their meeting: "Take a look at the script first."

Ji Yi gently nodded her head, looked down and flipped through the script. She stared at the dense array of words on the first page, then took two sips of coffee. Eventually, she calmed down her racing heart from hearing "He Jichen" and started to read the script seriously.

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Cheng Weiwan didn't bring the entire script with her – perhaps just five or six episodes – yet the two of them managed to talk about the script till six o'clock.

It was already evening, so the two of them finished chatting and reminiscing in the cafe. They called a waiter to pay the bill then headed for the Japanese restaurant that Cheng Weiwan mentioned.

The restaurant was already full of customers, so Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan waited for ten minutes before they finally secured a relatively quiet table.

Since Cheng Weiwan ate there before, Ji Yi let her order the dishes.

After the waiter left, Cheng Weiwan picked up the water jug from the table and poured Ji Yi a glass of water. "After filming 'Three Thousand Lunatics,' what have you been up to? I haven't even seen you write in the WeChat group for our production team."

In actuality, Ji Yi wasn't really busy. The only reason she didn't talk was because He Jichen was also in the group...

Ji Yi wasn't too into the topic, so she casually breezed past it. "I haven't been up to much. Soon after returning from shooting, it was finals, so I've been busy studying."

"How did you do on your exams?"

"Alright. Barely saved myself from failing."

"But half a year ago, you had to go on leave to join the cast. Who's to say that when the results come out, you won't have to retake your exams...?"

Ji Yi knew Cheng Weiwan was just joking, so her lips pursed into a smile. With her chopsticks, she picked up some food from the dish the waiter just set down. She took two bites then said, "Alright, let's not talk about me. How about you? What have you been busy with lately?"

"Me? Just been busy with the script you just read."

"I'm not just asking about that, what about Han Zhifan? How have you both been lately? Is he still trying to chase after you extravagantly? When do you plan to accept him?"

"What do you mean 'When do you plan to accept him'? He and I are in two completely different worlds. What's more, he's been really busy lately – we haven't talked for a week..." Before Cheng Weiwan could finish, her phone rang. At the same time, Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan looked over to see the name "Han Zhifan" light up on the screen, which seemed unusually bright in the gloomy restaurant.

Ji Yi suddenly smirked. "And you said you haven't kept in contact, aye? Isn't he contacting you now?"

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Cheng Weiwan burst out laughing as she never imagined he would call at this particular moment.

Without any reservations about talking to him with Ji Yi around, she picked up the phone and took the call.

"Having dinner...with Xiao Yi... the new Japanese restaurant on the West Road of Third Ring South... Not sure. Just started eating not too long ago..."

Even if Ji Yi couldn't hear what Han Zhifan was saying, she could guess what he was asking from Cheng Weiwan's replies.

She wasn't sure if it was because she was there, but it seemed like Cheng Weiwan was concerned about keeping her waiting, so she rushed to end the call. "Mm, alright. Hanging up... Bye."

Ji Yi put her chopsticks down and looked up. She glanced at Cheng Weiwan, who put her phone down and was now wiping her hands with a wet towel. "I see he cares a lot about you. Come to think about it, he's been chasing you for over two months – must be almost three months now – right? He must really like you. Are you really not going to consider him?"

"Xiao Yi, I asked to meet you today to catch up, not because I needed a match-maker."

"Alright, let's not go there..." said Ji Yi with a smile.

Thereafter, the topic of their discussion changed.

Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan really hit it off. From TV series to celebrities to books, they couldn't stop chatting.

The two of them were so into the conversation that they didn't pay attention to the time. They didn't stop talking until a waiter came over to remind them that there were just ten minutes until closing. As they waited for the waiter to get their bill, they started to pack their things.

After paying, Ji Yi went to the restroom. When she came out, she left the restaurant with Cheng Weiwan, who was waiting for her at the entrance.

The Japanese restaurant had interesting furnishings. Perhaps they wanted to create a unique atmosphere since they chose to decorate it like an ancient courtyard in the heart of the city. Bamboo covered the courtyard along with paper lanterns, which gave off a Kyoto-esque feeling.

There was a huge courtyard, and as patrons stepped out of the Japanese restaurant, they would encounter an alleyway. Cars were prohibited from driving into the alleyway, so Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan were forced to walk over to the main road.

There were only a few people who lived close to the courtyard. It was noisiest during the day, but coming here felt really secluded and quiet at night.

Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan followed the dim lights and weaved through the alleyway for about five minutes without bumping into anyone.

It wasn't until they turned into a rather long alley that they heard a few heavy steps coming from behind them.

Out of instinct, Ji Yi glanced back to see about five or six men, each with a cigarette in their hands.

They were a little far from them, but they walked quickly. Not long after, they caught up to the two of them.

Ji Yi reached her hand out and pulled Cheng Weiwan to the side to let them through.

As they got closer, Ji Yi saw that they were dressed like thugs with threatening tattoos.

One of the men with a blonde buzzcut glanced over at Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan as he passed. Ji Yi wasn't sure if she was imagining things or not, but she felt the man's line of sight linger over Cheng Weiwan's face.

Soon after, the men disappeared at a turning point up ahead.

Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan didn't think much about those guys as they continued their conversation while walking forward.

But when the two of them reached the turning point, they saw that the guys who passed by earlier were all still there.

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Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan hadn't reached the turn yet when they saw that the guys who passed by earlier were all still there.

They were leaning against the wall, smoking casually. They must've heard Cheng Weiwan's footsteps approaching as their hushed conversation instantly stopped and their eyes all fell on Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan.

Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan looked at each other then instinctively edged closer to each other.

Just as they were about to make their way through the guys, each guy in front of them straightened up as though they had been waiting especially for Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan.

At the same time, their hearts thumped "kadonk!" then a terrible feeling crept into their chests.

In one short second, Ji Yi calmly turned around and asked Cheng Weiwan, "Wanwan, I can't find my phone. Call me for a sec."

Cheng Weiwan wasn't stupid. She instantly understood that Ji Yi was secretly signaling for her to call for help.

Cheng Weiwan pretended as though Ji Yi really did lose her phone as she fished for her own phone and said, "Could you have left it at the restaurant? Let's go back and look for it."

As she said this, Ji Yi and Cheng Weiwan turned around, one after the other, but before they could walk back, a hand grabbed Cheng Weiwan's arm and yanked her backward.

The man moved so suddenly that it caught Cheng Weiwan off guard, causing her to scream.

"Wanwan!" Ji Yi blurted out Cheng Weiwan's name. She immediately stopped walking and turned around to look.

The man standing next to Cheng Weiwan didn't give her any chance to react as he snatched the phone from her fingers. Then he pushed her up against the wall and push his body hard against hers.

"Wanwan!" Ji Yi cried Cheng Weiwan's name again. She instinctively raised her feet and rushed over to Cheng Weiwan.

Having returned to her senses, Cheng Weiwan shook her head at Ji Yi. "Xiao Yi, run..."

"Yo, I've got you in my hands right now, yet you still have the heart to worry about other people? Let me tell the both of you now: meeting us guys tonight... don't you even think about running away. Stay and play with us and if we're happy, we can let you girls leave with your clothes all neat and tidy. Otherwise, you leave with no clothes at all!" The man pressed up against Cheng Weiwan scoffed like he heard her say the funniest joke. He shot a look at the two guys standing beside him then reached his hand out and squeezed Cheng Weiwan's chest hard.

Catching the guy's glance, the two men pinched their cigarettes and rushed over to Ji Yi.

Ji Yi instinctively took a step back and pulled out her phone from her bag.

But before her fingers could dive into her bag, she heard the sound of ripping. Ji Yi looked over to see that Cheng Weiwan's clothes had been ripped in two. The sight of her fair skin instantly fell into the eyes of everyone around them.

Ji Yi's entire body shivered as her bag was snatched away. Then she saw the man pulling Cheng Weiwan, looking like he was drooling slightly as he lowered his head to kiss Cheng Weiwan's skin...

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"Wanwan!" Without any hesitation at all, Ji Yi charged in Cheng Weiwan's direction.

She wanted to pull that man's body away from Cheng Weiwan, but before she could take two steps, the two men sent to watch her held her arms back.

The man pressing up against Cheng Weiwan became more overbearing. His mouth started to slowly travel down Cheng Weiwan's skin, eventually reaching her *****.

Cheng Weiwan tried her hardest to struggle, but it was like a cat tickling a muscular man. Her resilience simply didn't have any effect on him.

The man used even more force to free his hand from Cheng Weiwan and reach into her ripped clothes.

The stifling scent of cigarettes entered Cheng Weiwan's nostrils as his greasy lips sucked her skin non-stop. His coarse hands brushed her skin, repulsing her and making her want to faint.

Her body trembled like crazy as the horror in her eyes spread to her mind. Tears slowly gathered in her eyes.

The moment Ji Yi met Cheng Weiwan, she always seemed calm, no matter the situation. She gave off the feeling that she was very well-educated and elegant; Ji Yi had never seen Cheng Weiwan the way she was at this very moment, so when she saw the tears fall from the corners of Cheng Weiwan's eyes, Ji Yi's heart ached. Then, as though Ji Yi's entire body had been provoked, an unknown strength inside her erupted, tearing the man's hand away from hers. Like a crazy person, she lunged over to the man pressing up against Cheng Weiwan and yanked his clothes in hopes of pulling him away from Cheng Weiwan.

He was so immersed in Cheng Weiwan's beauty that he didn't pay Ji Yi any attention. When he spoke, his lips didn't even leave Cheng Weiwan's skin as he said, "Are you all blind? Take her away!"

Following the man's roar, the two men responsible for Ji Yi instantly snapped back to their senses and quickly drew closer to her.

Ji Yi knew she couldn't handle one guy, let alone two.

But when they came closer, she saw Cheng Weiwan's body tremble.

Ji Yi wouldn't just sit back and ignore it if she saw a woman she didn't know in this kind of situation... but this was her friend in front of her!

She knew deep down that if she fought back now, it would be useless. Regardless, in a moment of desperation, Ji Yi bit the man on top of Cheng Weiwan without a second thought while she sensed the two men drawing closer.

She used all the strength in her body to hurt the man assaulting Cheng Weiwan. After he cried out involuntarily, breaking his mood and angering him, he turned around and mercilessly slapped Ji Yi across the face.

With an equal force to Ji Yi's bite, the man struck hard, causing Ji Yi's ears to ring. Then she felt the scorching pain on her face.

But she wasn't willing to let go.

She clearly felt the man grow more agitated.

She was afraid she might've already used up all her strength, but she still clenched down hard.

"F*ck!" cursed the man as he reached his hand out and grabbed her lower jaw, prying open her mouth. Then he glanced at his arm to see that there was blood. A second later, he violently tossed Ji Yi aside.

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The man used sufficient force to hurl Ji Yi's slender body to the ground far away, like a kite with a broken string.

The immense pain almost made Ji Yi faint. She laid on the floor without flinching for a while then slowly came back to her senses. She heard the man grit his teeth and say, "You'd better play nice or you'll really make me mad. Don't blame me if I finish you later!"

As he said this, the man told the people around him, "Watch her!"

Then he turned around and pressed on Cheng Weiwan's body again...

Maybe it was because Ji Yi's fiasco wasted too much time, but the group of guys was afraid that people would find out sooner or later if they stuck around. The man was a lot hastier as he assaulted Cheng Weiwan.

His hands weren't exactly caressing her, yet he didn't seem to want to violate Cheng Weiwan's skin either.

Even though he threw Ji Yi a distance away, she could still see the bruises on Cheng Weiwan's shoulder and collarbone under the pale yellow street lights.

Ji Yi struggled to get up from the ground, but because her knees were in so much pain from her fall, she couldn't get up. All she could do was try to stop them: "Stop! Stop! I beg you guys to stop..."

She cried until her voice trembled and started to sound like she was pleading.

The thuggish men around her pretended like she didn't exist and ignored her.

One of the guys even watched and laughed as Cheng Weiwan was humiliated; another guy actually cried out judgmentally, "That girl's skin isn't too bad. She looks skinny, but she's got some body. Her waist is pretty slim..."

They humiliated Cheng Weiwan, causing Ji Yi's body to quiver.

Her phone was still in their possession and it was just them in the silent alley.

Deep down, she knew that it was Cheng Weiwan's turn now, but she would probably be up next... It was impossible for her and Cheng Weiwan to escape at that moment in time. Even if she fought back, it would be useless! And yet, she endured the pain and got up from the ground. As she walked unsteadily, she tried to reach Cheng Weiwan.

But before she could reach her, she was stopped by the surrounding guys.

She tried hard to push past them but couldn't budge them.

With her own eyes, she watched as the man lifted Cheng Weiwan's skirt and undid his belt...

Ji Yi finally broke down as she watched, "Please, let her go! Let her go! What do you want? I'll give it to you guys. I'll give you guys money. Let her go! Let her go..."

Her cries and pleas sounded like she was acting out a one-woman show.

Cheng Weiwan didn't know if she was scared witless or just lost all hope because her face was pale white and aside from the silent tears falling from her eyes, her entire body didn't flinch.

The man's eyes glowed brightly as he easily pried Cheng Weiwan's legs apart...

Ji Yi's mouth gaped as she lost her voice in an instant.

She clearly wasn't the one being harassed, but her body trembled like crazy.

Is Cheng Weiwan really going to be defiled just like that?

Ji Yi instinctively shut her eyes and didn't dare watch such cruelty.

In actuality, she shut her eyes for just a second, but it felt like an entire century went by.

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She wanted to stop all of it, but she was held down to the point where she couldn't move. She wanted to beg them, but it felt like something was stuck in her throat. She was so numb that she simply couldn't speak.

In her heart, all she could think about was what was going to happen to Cheng Weiwan now. Was she completely humiliated by that man?

Cheng Weiwan told her that she had never dated before. She looked forward to meeting a good person like the ones in the stories she wrote. She looked forward to being in a relationship that would last forever, but considering what was happening to her, how could she ever live out the life she so looked forward to?

The more Ji Yi thought, the more fiercely her tears fell.

As both her legs were numb from the devastation, she nearly collapsed to the ground. Then Ji Yi suddenly heard a "bang!" like a body had been kicked violently, and there was an ear-splitting howl.

Ji Yi's wet eyelashes quivered softly as she hadn't quite snapped back to her senses.

After about ten seconds, the man next to Ji Yi cursed: "F*ck."

Ji Yi's brows furrowed slightly then she instantly realized that someone else was there. Are they here to save me and Cheng Weiwan?

Ji Yi hurriedly opened her eyes and looked over.

The man on top of Cheng Weiwan was no longer there. Cheng Weiwan was clutching her torn clothes and forcefully covered herself up as she crouched in the corner.

The disheveled man who assaulted her was lying nearby, looking badly beaten up. He let out a "Huk."

The other guys who were surrounding the humiliated Cheng Weiwan straightened up and encircled the black-suited man.

The man had his back to Ji Yi, so she couldn't recognize who he was until one of the other guys made a move first. When he retaliated, he turned his face and Ji Yi realized he was Han Zhifan.

Did Han Zhifan come and just happened to bump into this scene after he called Cheng Weiwan at dinner to ask where she was?

Deep down, Ji Yi was instantly filled with joy and gratitude.

The three people fighting Han Zhifan quickly lost their spirit. The two men guarding Ji Yi released her as they too joined the fight.

Freed from her gag, Ji Yi couldn't care less about how the fight going on. She stumbled over to Cheng Weiwan.

"Wanwan?" Ji Yi called Cheng Weiwan's name then crouched to the ground.

Cheng Weiwan didn't react but curled up her body and cried silently.

Ji Yi's heart ached as she reached her hand out to stroke Cheng Weiwan's disheveled hair. Then she took off her jacket and covered Cheng Weiwan's body.

Cheng Weiwan finally moved, but she merely made a quick glance at Ji Yi then looked away and continued to fall back into a daze.

Just as Ji Yi was thinking about what to say to comfort Cheng Weiwan, she heard an angry roar up ahead. "Who told you to meddle in my business? Go die!"

Ji Yi turned her head and saw a man with a brick rush over to Han Zhifan and hit the back of his head hard.

In that split-second, it was like the picture was frozen still.

After about three seconds, there was blood... Fresh, red blood trickled down from Han Zhifan's head.