

Chapter 621: The Marriage Certificate Discovered (24)

When he chose the apartment, he stood in front of the bedroom window and thought that seeing those words was a coincidence.

A billion stars can't amount to you... Don't they mean Yi and Chen?

At the time, there were better apartments he could've chosen, but because of those words, he didn't consider the other options and settled on this one. He paid up front and signed the contract right there and then.

He thought the slogan opposite his balcony window was his secret. Who knew that tonight, she would actually make the same connection?

The phone was still facing the night view, so she couldn't see his face. After he replied to her, he thought about all this and his lips couldn't help but curve up.

"You realized this coincidence before, right?" said Ji Yi, sounding a little proud.

He Jichen absent-mindedly responded with an "Mhm" but didn't tell her he realized this many years ago.

"Oh right, tomorrow you..." Ji Yi changed the subject again.

But as she started to speak, a voice came from He Jichen's side of the phone. "Mr. He, please sign these documents."

It was Chen Bai's voice.

Ji Yi was quick to stop the words: "First go to work."

"Mm, please wait a moment," replied He Jichen softly. Ji Yi noticed that the image on her phone screen had changed. He Jichen must've put the phone on the table as she was now looking at the ceiling of the balcony.

Then she heard the sound of paper rustling and she knew that He Jichen was reading through documents.

The picture of a serious-looking He Jichen in a suit, sitting behind a desk couldn't help but pop up in her mind... It was truly quite a sight, yet it was an image she tried to repress...

Just as Ji Yi's mind was deep in thought, she heard Chen Bai say, "Mr. He, why's your hand bleeding?"

She suddenly snapped back to reality and perked her ears up, carefully listening to the conversation through the phone.

"Was it this afternoon..." It was a shame that Chen Bai only managed to say four words before he stopped. Was he stopped by He Jichen? But Chen Bai said He Jichen's hand is bleeding. Is it serious?

Deep down, Ji Yi suddenly felt worried. Just as she was about to ask He Jichen, Chen Bai spoke again. "... Mr. He, I'll go find you some band-aids. Though it might not be serious, what if it gets infected?"

He Jichen didn't say anything, but Chen Bai's footsteps sounded further and further away.

Soon enough, Ji Yi went back to listening to a wall of silence. Aside from the sounds of He Jichen flipping through papers and signing documents, nothing else was heard.

Band-aids... then it can't be serious... Ji Yi relaxed slightly and didn't bother He Jichen. She waited until she couldn't hear anything on his side before asking, "Finished with work?"

"Mhm," responded He Jichen as the image on the phone screen changed to the night's view outside his window.

"You injured your hand? Is it serious?" asked Ji Yi, who was still actually worried about it.

"Not serious. It was just two scrapes."

"Oh." Ji Yi let out a sigh of relief then heard He Jichen's bedroom door being pushed open. Chen Bai's voice was heard. "Mr. He, there are no more band-aids in the first aid kit. Shall I go down and buy you two boxes?"

"No, it's okay. The documents have been signed. If there's nothing else, you can head home early," said He Jichen immediately afterward in a flat voice.

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"But your hand..."

Chen Bai was probably still worried as he spoke again. However, before he could finish, he was interrupted by He Jichen's impatient voice, "... I told you. It's not serious."

Chen Bai was probably afraid of He Jichen getting angry, so he didn't say anything more.

Ji Yi heard rustling from the other side and figured Chen Bai was tidying up the files.

After some time, she heard Chen Bai's voice again. "Mr. He, I'll take my leave now. Goodbye."

"Mm," responded He Jichen softly, who sounded a little half-hearted. Then she heard Chen Bai's footsteps leaving. Thereafter, He Jichen fell into silence.

After about two minutes had passed, He Jichen said, "Finished eating?"

"Yeah," replied Ji Yi, who finally remembered she was still holding her chopsticks. She put them down and was about to ask about the wound on He Jichen's hand, but she suddenly remembered something and paused.

A few seconds later, Ji Yi said, "I suddenly remembered I still have some business to attend to, so I'll give you a call later."

With that reply, Ji Yi hung up the video chat, kicked the chair from behind her and ran back up to the bedroom.

She stepped into the bathroom and washed her face at lightning speed then ran over to the dressing table. In front of the mirror, she did her makeup real quick, put on lipstick, then ran over to the wardrobe. She chose a few pieces of clothing in a split-second then draped a couple outfits in front of her body in the mirror for a while before picking out a big red cardigan. After putting on a beige jacket, she hurriedly ran out of the bedroom. She grabbed her phone and purse then walked over to the entrance, put on her shoes and walked out the door.

After leaving her residential area, Ji Yi first took a turn into the 24-hour pharmacy. She bought two packs of band-aids then walked over to the sidewalk to catch a taxi.

Upon reaching He Jichen's apartment building, Ji Yi paid the taxi fare then walked in.

She stepped into the elevator and waited for it to go up before pulling out her phone and calling He Jichen.

When the elevator stopped on He Jichen's floor, her call happened to go through.

The elevator door opened and Ji Yi stepped out as she said into the phone, "Open the door."

"Mm?" asked He Jichen in return, not quite registering what was happening.

"I said, open the door," repeated Ji Yi as she reached her hand out to press the doorbell.

Soon enough, Ji Yi heard footsteps coming from the other side of the door.

As the footsteps drew closer to the door, Ji Yi's heart felt a tinge of anxiety for some reason.

The door opened and Ji Yi saw He Jichen in a complete loungewear set.

Unbelievably nervous, Ji Yi tightly clutched the bag of band-aids as she handed it to He Jichen and explained, "I was a little bloated after dinner, so I thought I should take a walk. When I passed the pharmacy, I turned into it and bought two packs of band-aids and figured I might as well come over and give them to you."

Ji Yi's house is over ten kilometers away. It would've taken about twenty minutes by car to get here.

Her walk was quite a long one...

He Jichen didn't expose Ji Yi's lie. He reached his hand out and took the bag in Ji Yi's hands. "Thank you."

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I gave him the band-aids, but he's not asking me to come in and sit. It's the middle of the night and I'm a woman, so it's probably not okay for me to take the initiative and go in. Should I suggest to He Jichen that I leave early?

I just arrived and only just exchanged a few words with him though...

Ji Yi looked down to mask the disappointment in her eyes.

After her reluctance to leave and sadness cleared up, she looked up again and smiled at He Jichen.

But before she could apologize, she noticed He Jichen's whole demeanor softening under the hallway lights and heard his gentle voice saying, "Do you want to come in for a drink?"

"Alright." Ji Yi nodded with her reply with practically no hesitation.

After her voice fell, she realized she replied a little quickly and wasn't the least bit reserved. "I'm a little thirsty," she added hastily.

He Jichen moved aside to let her in.

After Ji Yi stepped into the apartment, he bent over and placed a pair of slippers in front of Ji Yi.

While Ji Yi put on the slippers, He Jichen asked, "What would you like? Juice, milk, or water?"

"Water," said Ji Yi.

"Mm," responded He Jichen. After Ji Yi changed into the slippers, He Jichen pointed at the living room sofa as a signal for her to take a seat. Then he walked over to the dining room.

Soon enough, He Jichen carried two glasses of water back to the sofa. He bent down and handed one to Ji Yi. She glanced at the scraped skin on his fingers and noticed there were trickles of blood.

Without even thinking about it, Ji Yi blurted out, "You'd better take care of the scrapes on your hand. The weather is getting cold and it'll be easy for your cuts to sting from the cold..."

After she said this, Ji Yi took the glass of water and put it down on the coffee table. Then she grabbed the band-aids she bought, ripped open the packaging and pulled a couple out.

She didn't give He Jichen a chance to react at all and grabbed his hand.

He Jichen's back suddenly stiffened up, but he didn't try to avoid her.

Ji Yi's full concentration was on the scrapes on his fingers, so she didn't sense anything strange with him.

She first put some alcohol pads from the first aid kit on the table, cleansed He Jichen's scrapes, and ripped open the band-aids. She carefully stuck some onto the injured area.

He Jichen looked like his pressure points had been hit as he kept his head down from beginning to end. His gaze was dead set on Ji Yi busily moving back and forth.

The band-aids on his hands felt like they were stuck to his heart, making him feel unbelievably warm inside.

After applying the band-aids, Ji Yi looked up and shot He Jichen a smile. "Alright."

He Jichen hurriedly came back from the overflowing warmth in his chest and said "thanks" to Ji Yi as she sat beside him.

In the evening, it was just the two of them in the large room.

He Jichen was afraid the atmosphere was going to turn awkward, so after he sat down, he reached for the remote control and turned the TV on.

There happened to be a music video playing. The soothing melody from the violin moved like clouds and flowed like water, traveling around the room.

Ji Yi stared at the famous violinist on the TV and suddenly remembered that at Louwailou, Fatty once mentioned He Jichen could play the violin. He even got the first prize for the nation's best junior violinist.

With that thought, Ji Yi looked over at He Jichen, "Fatty told me you can play the violin very well!"

"I haven't touched a violin in many years. I think I'm a bit rusty now." He Jichen lowered his eyes and blew at the steaming hot water then took a sip.

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"That's a shame... I still haven't seen you play the violin."

"If I get a chance in the future, I'll play it for you."

The future... This was the first time those words sounded so good to Ji Yi. The corners of her lips couldn't help but curve into a smile. "Alright."

Seeing Ji Yi smile, He Jichen's eyes also became even more relaxed. After some time, he looked like he just remembered something then said, "Oh yeah, the metal tree with the lipsticks and the lights... I asked Chen Bai to ship them. They should be at your house in two days."

"Mm, good." Ji Yi smiled again. She picked up the glass of water in front of her and took a sip then said, "We have to go back to school tomorrow. Are you going to school?"

"I'm still not sure. There's an office meeting I can't miss tomorrow." He Jichen paused then asked, "What about you? What time will you go?"

"I'll probably get up early for school. Huahua and I said we'll meet up for lunch then go for a walk in the afternoon," answered Ji Yi, describing her whole schedule for school in an odd level of detail.

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Ji Yi and He Jichen continued to chat like that casually.

Time flew by and in the blink of an eye, the living room clock rang. Ji Yi glanced over and realized it was already twelve at night.

It's so late, I really should leave... With that thought, Ji Yi put her glass of water down then turned to look at He Jichen with a little reluctance.

She didn't even get a chance to speak when He Jichen suddenly got up. "Come with me for a sec."

"What's wrong?" asked Ji Yi in confusion, but she got up and followed He Jichen.

He Jichen brought Ji Yi into the study room. He walked over to the desk, bent over, and turned on the computer.

While he entered the password, He Jichen stared at the screen, typed quickly and asked, "Are you sleepy?"

"Not sleepy." Ji Yi shook her head.

"That's good. Come here and look at the script for the first three episodes of 'Jiuchong Palace' and tell me if anything looks off."

Ji Yi rushed over.

He Jichen clicked into several folders then moved aside to give Ji Yi the seat, hinting for her to sit and slowly read through it.

While Ji Yi was reading through the script, He Jichen stood to the side for a while then walked out of the study room.

When he came back, he had another glass of water in his hand.

He didn't say anything to disturb Ji Yi, but he placed the glass of water in her hand. Then he sat on a sofa nearby and casually pulled out a financial newspaper from beside him.

The room was very quiet. Aside from He Jichen flipping through the newspaper and the sound of Ji Yi's mouse clicking every now and then, nothing else could be heard.

Though the two of them didn't speak, the atmosphere wasn't awkward because they were each doing their own thing. Instead, there was an indescribable feeling of warmth in the room.

He Jichen quickly scanned through the financial papers.

He glanced over at Ji Yi in front of the computer table, earnestly reading the script. He didn't say anything, but he gently put the paper down on a shelf beside him, turned his head and looked out the window.

The lights in the study were on and the windows were like mirrors, reflecting the woman unbelievably clearly.

He Jichen couldn't help but be entranced.

Ji Yi finished reading the script then instinctively looked up at He Jichen.

He caught her gaze through the window and quickly composed himself. He turned his head and looked over at Ji Yi. "Finished reading?"

After asking, He Jichen got up and walked over to Ji Yi.

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As He Jichen walked over to the desk, he added, "Is there anything you think needs changing?"

“Wanwan’s scripts are always high-quality. There isn’t anything that needs changing, but I actually think they could add another part to improve the tempo and atmosphere during shooting...”

As Ji Yi said this, she started looking for the part she was referring to.

“I think you can add some drama here...” Ji Yi found the part where she first had the idea then carefully started to describe her ideas to He Jichen.

He Jichen didn’t interrupt Ji Yi but let her continue speaking. He waited until she finished before he repeated her idea back to her.

He was probably afraid he’d forget, so he stood behind Ji Yi as he repeated it and he typed it out to create a record of her suggestions.

With He Jichen positioned like that, this happened to place Ji Yi in his arms.

The unique scent of his body instantly rushed into Ji Yi’s nostrils and stifled her breathing. She started to feel shaky as she stared at the computer.

“You have to add some drama here...” said He Jichen softly as his long, slender fingers reached over Ji Yi’s body and his fingers started to quickly dance over the keyboard.

“Also, the drama here can be simplified slightly... Also, here. We could make this line a little funnier...”

At first, Ji Yi could still hear what He Jichen was saying, but with her in his arms like that for so long, her mind grew sluggish and she started to tune out.

His voice sounded good – it sounded far more deadly than the internet’s best male voice actor. His beautiful fingers also looked more exquisite than a pianist’s. The scent of his body smelled so good. She didn’t know what brand of shower gel he used, but it let off the faint smell of jasmine; it smelled infinitely light and captivating...

Ji Yi thought about this and couldn’t help but look up at the monitor as He Jichen spoke. She focused on his notes.

He looked like he was really paying attention to his work and was immersed in deep thought. He looked quite profound and gave off an unreadable sense of mystery.

Ji Yi stared and stared as she couldn’t help but feel captivated.

She didn’t even notice her lips had curved into a slight smile.

If... if time could stop with the two of us in this very moment, how great would that be...

“Did I forget anything?” asked He Jichen as he typed up his notes, moved the cursor and read through the red words.

Lost in thought, Ji Yi’s heart shivered suddenly at his question then she withdrew her gaze from He Jichen in a panic. As she had been glancing at the computer screen, she didn’t catch his main point, so she shook her head. “Nope.”

He Jichen looked through the notes from start to end again to see if he really had forgotten anything. Then he removed his hand on the mouse and straightened up.

But he only managed to straighten up half-way as he felt a force pulling on his chest then came a light scream of pain “AH—“by Ji Yi.

He Jichen hurriedly stopped what he was doing, looked down and realized Ji Yi’s hair had caught onto a button on his chest.

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Having felt the pain, Ji Yi turned her head and looked at the ends of her hair. Without any hesitation, she tried to free her hair from He Jichen but in the end, her hair only wrapped around him more tightly.

He Jichen was afraid that if he straightened up, it would hurt Ji Yi’s scalp, so all he could do was arch his body.

His face happened to be facing her forehead, so his breathing swept endlessly over Ji Yi, creating a numbness that made her heart randomly skip a beat. She tried to free her hair a little harder.

With that, she managed to tangle her hair up even more tightly around the button.

The more she pulled, the more tangled her hair was. Some strands of hair even broke.

Just as Ji Yi was about to pull harder, He Jichen suddenly grabbed her hand.

The touch felt electric as it traveled instantly from his palms to the bottom of her heart. The shock made Ji Yi’s whole body tremble and she suddenly looked up at He Jichen.

Her movements were so unexpected that as soon as she raised her head, her lips happened to rub against He Jichen’s lips.

Another strong electric current sent Ji Yi shivering. She clearly felt He Jichen’s body stiffen up.

The atmosphere in the room suddenly turned romantically charged. He Jichen lowered his eyes slightly. Without looking at Ji Yi’s face, he stared unwaveringly at her hair around his button then he carefully unraveled it.

Their faces were so close together. Although Ji Yi didn’t dare to look at him after she accidentally touched He Jichen’s lips, she could feel the warmth of his body, his breath, and his sweet scent. Her heartbeat was completely in chaos as her face heated up.

After He Jichen freed Ji Yi’s hair from his button, he tentatively untangled her balled-up hair, one strand at a time.

When her hair was straightened out, he then looked up and glanced at her face.

Her skin was unusually fair, her long curly eyelashes were lowered, and her flushed face looked... extremely seductive.

He Jichen's fingers trembled for a moment as his gaze upon Ji Yi suddenly turned trance-like. Even the word lingering in his mouth, "alright," disappeared without a trace.

They held that position for so long without either of them making a sound.

Just as Ji Yi thought she was so hot that she was going to catch on fire, she lifted her head up and shot He Jichen a glance.

Beneath his pitch black eyes was a faint hint of red...

With just a glance, Ji Yi sank into He Jichen's eyes.

They stared silently at each other for some time before her lips moved and an intense urge made her shut her eyes. She gradually raised her head and took the initiative to push her lips against He Jichen's.

As her lips drew closer to his, Ji Yi clearly felt her eyelashes fluttering like crazy.

Just as their lips were going to touch, her phone suddenly rang.

Ji Yi trembled in shock then instantly snapped back to her senses.

She hurriedly moved her lips away from He Jichen's and looked over at her phone on the desk. It was her mum calling.

Ji Yi didn't hesitate for a moment. She grabbed the phone and took the call.

"Xiao Yi, it's late. Why aren't you at home?"

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"I left the house to buy something; I'm heading right back now." Ji Yi made a random, half-hearted excuse to answer her mum then hung up the phone.

She didn't even glance at He Jichen before she hurriedly got up from her chair. "Err... it's getting late. I should head home now."

After she said this, Ji Yi ran for the door of the study, but before she could take even two steps, He Jichen grabbed her wrist.

A strong electric current ran from his palms again, engulfing her whole body. It made her shiver violently before she realized what was happening and shook off his wrists.

But before she could do so, He Jichen behind her flatly said, "I'll take you."

As He Jichen's words fell, he pulled open his desk drawer and found the car keys in a pile of keys. Then he let go of Ji Yi's wrist. "Let's go."

Ji Yi didn't look at He Jichen while he spoke. She looked down then walked out the door.

When he wasn't looking, she rubbed the area he just grabbed against her clothes, hiding the excitement and numb feeling he left her with.

As they stepped out of He Jichen's apartment and reached the underground car park, neither of them spoke.

When she got into the car, He Jichen turned around to fasten Ji Yi's seatbelt out of habit. As he drew closer, Ji Yi smelled the unique scent of his body, making her face flush. She turned her gaze out the window.

The car quickly started up and they drove out of the underground parking lot. The car sped through the evening city streets.

Ji Yi stared out through her window at the world outside whizzing by. Her gaze subconsciously fell to the reflection of He Jichen in the rearview mirror.

The street lights were dim in the evening, giving his unique elegance a slight sense of mystery.

The chill in his eyes made him look calm and composed as he stared at the road ahead.

He was too perfect like this – so perfect that he looked as surreal as an illusion.

Ji Yi couldn't help but stare a little longer. In the end, she watched and watched, forgetting to breathe or blink.

The roads at night were particularly smooth. Soon enough, the car stopped outside her family home.

When He Jichen turned the engine off and looked towards Ji Yi, she sensed his gaze but immediately looked over at the streetlight outside. That was when she realized they reached their destination.

"I'm heading up," blurted Ji Yi softly as she unfastened her seatbelt. Ji Yi wasn't sure if He Jichen was looking at her, but she didn't dare to look over at him. She then pushed the car door open.

"Goodbye." Before she shut the car door, Ji Yi said goodbye to He Jichen.

"Yeah, goodnight." When Ji Yi heard He Jichen's voice, she couldn't help but turn her head and glance over at the car.

His gaze never veered from her, causing her gaze to be irresistibly glued to him for a while.

Because he didn't hear the sound of Ji Yi's door closing for some time, he looked over at her, but before his eyes could meet hers, she quickly shut the car door. She turned and ran into the building.

It wasn't until she entered the elevator that Ji Yi stroked her pounding heart.

Loving someone was truly miraculous. Without even noticing it, she stared at him in a daze and when he looked over, she was afraid he'd notice how she felt deep down, so she pretended to have not seen him. She quickly averted her eyes... and she even...

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I can't help but want to kiss him and get intimate with him...

That thought just crossed Ji Yi's mind when a "ding dong!" notification came from her phone.

The elevator doors opened, stopping all of Ji Yi's wild thoughts. She rushed over to the door, fumbled to open the door and headed back to her own room.

That's so weird. I'm clearly not a perverted person. Why am I having such X-rated thoughts after I realized I'm in love with He Jichen?

After she took a shower and went through her skincare routine, she laid in bed but she couldn't help but grab her phone and send He Jichen a text: "Home yet?"

"Yeah," replied He Jichen within seconds.

"It's late. Get some rest."

"You too."

"Mhm, night!"

"Goodnight."

Not knowing what to say next, Ji Yi replied with a "goodnight" emoji.

He Jichen replied to her with a smiling face emoji.

Ji Yi sent another emoji.

Not long after, the two of them covered the screen with emojis. Ji Yi couldn't help but burst out laughing. "Alright!! I really have to sleep. I have to get up early tomorrow. Bye, goodnight!"

"Sweet dreams."

This time, Ji Yi didn't reply to He Jichen's message and turned off the bedroom lights. She put down the phone and shut her eyes.

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Outside, He Jichen quietly smoked while leaning on the hood of his car. When he saw the lights in Ji Yi's room turned off, he put out the cigarette between his fingers then chucked the butt into the trash and got into the car.

In the car, he sat there staring at his phone. Having just texted Ji Yi, the corners of his lips curved into a smile then he tossed his phone aside, started up the car and left.

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At seven o'clock, Ji Yi climbed out of bed, ate breakfast and freshened up. Then she picked up the suitcase she packed the day before and headed downstairs.

As she came out of the elevator and left her apartment building, Ji Yi was about to call a taxi to get to school when she heard someone calling her, "Miss Ji!"

Ji Yi turned her head and saw Chen Bai in a blue suit. He was standing by a car as she shot him a smile.

Through the car window, Ji Yi noticed that He Jichen was sitting inside, staring at his laptop and typing away on the keyboard.

He Jichen probably heard Chen Bai's voice, so when his fingers were done typing, he turned his head and noticed Ji Yi looking at him. When their eyes met, he waved at her to come over.

Seeing He Jichen do so, Ji Yi felt excited. Her legs made a run for it as she rushed over to He Jichen's car.

"Good morning, Miss Ji." Chen Bai waited for Ji Yi to come closer then took her suitcase for her. "Miss Ji, are you going to school? Mr. He and I were just about to head to the office. We can drop you off on the way."

With that, Chen Bai pulled the car door open for Ji Yi.

"Thank you." Ji Yi then got into the car. She looked over at He Jichen who was typing away at his laptop again. "Good morning."

"Good morning." He Jichen stared unwaveringly at the computer screen.

Chen Bai got into the car himself.

Ji Yi couldn't help but ask, 'Why did you guys come by and not give me a heads up?'

"It was Mr. He who called me and asked that I drive here to pick him up," answered Chen Bai honestly.

He Jichen asked Chen Bai to come over but there's only one car, so how did He Jichen get from his place to mine?

Ji Yi turned to look at He Jichen in confusion.

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He Jichen continued to stare at his laptop screen but he must've known she was staring at him as he replied in a relaxed voice while typing, "On my morning jog, I ran over to your building and remembered you were going to school early, so I asked Chen Bai to pick me up right here."

Morning jog...

As those two words jumped into Ji Yi's mind, she suddenly remembered the excuse she used the night before when she dropped by He Jichen's apartment. I said I was out on a stroll...

So he's actually doing what I did – randomly making up excuses?

I went to his place because I was worried about his arm injury, and now he's doing this to take me to school?

With that thought, Ji Yi couldn't help but smile. Just like how He Jichen didn't expose her lie last night, she did the same. "I never thought you were the type to go out for morning runs."

"Mhm..." softly responded He Jichen. When he finished typing and sent his email, he looked over at Ji Yi. "...Same. I never thought you were the type to go for evening strolls."

Ji Yi didn't say anything, but she let her smile extend from her lips up to her eyes, radiating her happiness around her fair little face.

He Jichen didn't say anything more. His phone rang – it was probably a reply to the email he just sent out. When he looked down at his laptop, away from Ji Yi's line of sight, his eyes instantly softened. Beneath his lowered eyelashes, he was smiling slightly.

Driving in front, Chen Bai was completely lost while listening in on He Jichen and Ji Yi's conversation. However, he clearly sensed that the atmosphere in the car had an indescribable sense of sweetness.

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There was a meeting at the office, so He Jichen and Chen Bai dropped Ji Yi off at the women's dorms and left.

Tang Huahua had an early flight to Beijing. Not long after Ji Yi arrived, Tang Huahua arrived too.

The two of them unpacked their suitcases and went into the admin office to sign in. Afterward, they didn't return to the dorms but headed straight for lunch.

The place they chose happened to be a hotpot restaurant owned by a male singer Tang Huahua really liked. They were having a soft opening so there were quite a few customers, but luckily Ji Yi reserved a room so it didn't affect Ji Yi and Tang Huahua's dining experience.

The hotpot restaurant was in a shopping district, so after their meal, Ji Yi and Tang Huahua planned to window shop.

Tang Huahua put on a newly-bought pair of high heels before they left the dorms, but they weren't a great fit on her. After walking a while, they started to blister her feet, so she cried in pain to find a cafe to rest her feet.

They couldn't find a cafe, but instead, they saw the popular bakery mentioned on Weibo a while back.

This bakery produced a limited number of loaves and sold them at exactly four in the afternoon until they were sold out.

Just to buy this bakery's bread, many people would line up three hours early.

It wasn't even three, yet the bakery already had a really long line.

Ji Yi thought that since Tang Huahua's shoes made her feet hurt, they should stop shopping, so she suggested Tang Huahua to find a chair to sit on in the mall. Then she was going to line up to buy the bread.

The bakery opened promptly at four.

Ji Yi followed the queue and slowly moved forward in line.

There was a woman about the same age as her standing in front of her who was talking into her phone like she was talking to a guy she liked. "I finally got in line at that bakery today with the really good bread. Do you want some? I can drop it off at your place?"

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It felt like those words had woken her up from a daydream as Ji Yi's eyes suddenly lit up. A second later, she pulled out her phone and sent a message to Tang Huahua: "Huahua, haven't you always said you'd really like to explore YC? We're not too far from YC, and seeing as you can't window shop anymore, should we drop by YC later?"

Tang Huahua sounded so excited as she replied with high spirits: "Sure, sure!"

Ji Yi didn't reply to Tang Huahua's message but put her phone back into her bag.

After standing in line for about twenty minutes, it was finally Ji Yi's turn.

She especially ordered a few buns and asked the shop assistant to help her pack them into two portions.

Coming out of the mall, Ji Yi hailed a taxi for her and Tang Huahua to go to YC together.

Tang Huahua really liked Cheng Weiwan, so the first thing she did when they reached Ji Yi's office was to go find Cheng Weiwan's office.

But then they saw that Cheng Weiwan's office was vacant. Ji Yi thought Cheng Weiwan might've gone to the restroom, so she asked Cheng Weiwan's other co-workers who were responsible for the script. That was when Ji Yi found out Cheng Weiwan hadn't been feeling well – she must've caught some kind of stomach bug as she'd been vomiting consistently and hadn't been in the office today or yesterday.

Ji Yi figured she would give Cheng Weiwan a call in the evening. Tang Huahua headed back to Ji Yi's office in disappointment.

Zhuang Yi was in the office and since she knew Tang Huahua, Ji Yi figured she could ask Zhuang Yi to give Tang Huahua an office tour.

After the two of them left, Ji Yi carried the unopened portion of buns into He Jichen's office.

As she passed secretary Zhang, she saw Ji Yi and immediately stopped what she was doing. "Miss Ji, you're here. Let me take you to Mr. He's office..."

"No thanks. Please continue with your work; I'll find my way," replied Ji Yi with a smile. As she passed the general manager's office, she stopped outside He Jichen's office door.

Reaching her hand out, she knocked on the door and waited a few seconds then heard He Jichen's pleasant voice from say from the inside: "Come in."

Ji Yi suddenly became nervous. She took a deep breath at the door, opened it and walked in.

Chen Bai was also in He Jichen's office, reporting about some kind of work when he heard the door opening. He glanced back and spotted Ji Yi. His chattering suddenly paused for a moment then he said with a doubtful tone of voice, "Miss Ji?"

As He Jichen was staring at some documents, when he heard what Chen Bai said, his hand trembled then he turned his head and saw Ji Yi.

Ji Yi felt flustered again when she met He Jichen's gaze. She replied with a smile, "Huahua and I were window shopping this afternoon and happened to see these buns that were famous online, so I bought extra and brought them over for you two."

“You two?” Chen Bai found the main point. “Miss Ji, are you including me?”

Ji Yi nodded. “Of course.”

Chen Bai instantly smiled. He wanted to say, “That’s great!” but before he could, He Jichen shot him a cold glare.

Chen Bai was so frightened that his entire body shivered. The next second, he swallowed the words back down and lied, “But Miss Ji, it’s really such a shame that I haven’t been feeling well recently. The doctor specifically asked me not to eat sweet things.”

As Chen Bai said this, he glanced over at He Jichen. The expression on his face improved a lot.