

Chen Bai secretly let out a sigh of relief.

Luckily, I have great improvisation skills!

“Oh, I see. That’s a real shame. They’re hard to buy; you have to line up ahead of time to get them. Today, I was lucky to only have to line up a little over an hour to buy them,” said Ji Yi with earnest regret in her voice.

Since Ji Yi entered the office, He Jichen hadn’t said a word. “Next time, just ask Chen Bai to do things like this,” He Jichen suggested.

Chen Bai’s eyes widened as he looked over at He Jichen.

I’m clearly a personal assistant, so why do I always have to do a runner’s job?

He Jichen must’ve sensed Chen Bai’s resistance as he glanced at him again with a neutral look on his face.

Chen Bai met He Jichen’s gaze and the next second, he smiled brightly at Ji Yi. “Yeah! Miss Ji, in the future, you can just ask me to line up for things like this. Though I can’t eat it, I can still line up! You don’t know how good I am at lining up! I have so much patience!”

As Chen Bai said this, he secretly glanced over at He Jichen, who already turned his head and was looking at Ji Yi with a soft gaze. Chen Bai secretly let out a long sigh of relief.

Almost freaked me out! But you’re the boss, so what you say goes!

He Jichen appeared to want to play lots of mind games with Chen Bai. After Ji Yi came closer, he put the documents and cushions aside. Then he told Ji Yi, “Sit first. I’m just finishing up.”

Ji Yi smiled and let out an “Mhm” then put the buns on the coffee table. She sat down then replied, “I’m fine. Do what you have to.”

“There’s no rush,” said He Jichen in a faint voice. He asked, “Would you like something to drink?”

“Whatever’s fine.” After Ji Yi said this, she remembered that she read on Weibo that men hated when women said that, so she added, “Black tea.”

“Alright.” After He Jichen replied to Ji Yi, he turned his head and looked over at Chen Bai. “Tell secretary Zhang to make some black tea.”

“Yes, Mr. He.”

Without waiting for Chen Bai to turn and leave the office, He Jichen then said, “Not too strong. It’s already nighttime – overly strong tea will interfere with her sleep.”

“Yes.” After Chen Bai was certain He Jichen didn’t have anything to add, he walked out of the office then relayed He Jichen’s request to secretary Zhang.

Soon enough, Chen Bai came back and continue their discussion from before Ji Yi stepped in.

Ji Yi sat quietly to the side, playing on her phone.

Meanwhile, secretary Zhang came in once to place the black tea down in front of Ji Yi.

Ji Yi was afraid of saying anything in case she would disturb He Jichen and Chen Bai’s work, so all she did was smile back at secretary Zhang.

The two of them talked for who knew how long when He Jichen suddenly said, “Go into my office and get the file in the right-hand drawer of my desk.”

Typing away at the computer in front of him, Chen Bai heard what He Jichen said and was going to quickly get up.

Ji Yi figured she had nothing to do, so she shot up before Chen Bai could. “Let me help you get it.”

As she said this, Ji Yi quickly ran over to He Jichen’s desk and pulled open the second drawer on the right, just as he instructed.

“Is it this contract?” A contract came into view. Ji Yi grabbed it and waved it around at He Jichen.

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“Mhm, yeah.”

When she heard He Jichen’s response, Ji Yi looked down as she was about to reached her hand out to shut the drawer, but then she saw it – two little red booklets.

Marriage Certificate...

Those were the two words on it. Ji Yi knew both of them, but when she put the two together, they repeatedly revolved around her mind for a bit before she understood what they meant.

All of a sudden, it felt like Ji Yi had lost her soul as she stared unflinchingly at the two red marriage certificates.

After responding to Ji Yi, He Jichen quickly looked back at the files in his hand.

As he read them, he was waiting for Ji Yi to bring over the other file. However, after having to wait for a while, he furrowed his brows and turned his head in confusion. He looked over at Ji Yi.

She stood in front of the desk with the document in her hand like a statue. She didn’t move an inch while staring in the direction of the drawer.

She looked shocked and startled like she had just seen something unbelievable.

What’s with her?

He Jichen furrowed his brows again and was about to ask Ji Yi “What’s wrong?” but before the words could escape his mouth, he suddenly remembered what was in that drawer. Besides his files, their marriage certificate was also in there...

With that thought, the blood in He Jichen’s body stopped flowing and an indescribable sense of horror and fear instantly enveloped him. A second later, he bolted up abruptly.

He got up so quickly that it shocked Chen Bai who was sitting opposite him.

Chen Bai looked up at He Jichen with a confused look on his face, but before he could ask “Mr. He?”, He Jichen darted over to the desk and forcefully slammed the drawer closed that Ji Yi was staring at.

He looked like he was afraid of something. After he shut it, he also locked it, pulled the key out, and put it into his pocket.

His series of movements was unbelievably fast.

It didn’t give Ji Yi any time to react at all.

After she snapped back to reality, the shock and panic disappeared from He Jichen’s face like nothing had happened at all. “I’ll be right there, wait a moment for me,” he said in a calm voice.

Ji Yi’s mind was still fixated on the two marriage certificates in the drawer. She hadn’t quite come back to her senses, but she knew He Jichen was talking to her. What was he talking about though? She didn’t know. All she did was absent-mindedly give a light nod.

He Jichen didn’t make another sound as he stared at Ji Yi for a while. He took the file in her hands and walked back to the sofa.

He Jichen flipped through his own file and spoke with Chen Bai for approximately five minutes. Standing beside the desk, Ji Yi then walked back to the sofa and sat down.

It was now nightfall. Outside the window, the sun had set in the west and the red glow filtered through the tall windows and illuminated half the room in red.

Ji Yi stared at the beautiful scenery out the window for a while. Her mind went blank for a long time before she finally realized.

Marriage certificate... is it He Jichen’s? Is he married? Who’s he married to?

Ji Yi didn’t know how long she was in shock for when a gentle touch landed on her shoulder.

She turned her head back and realized it was just her and He Jichen left in the big office.

“It’s almost dinner time. What do you want to eat?”

She was sluggish for a few seconds before Ji Yi finally shook her head.

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Seeing as she didn’t reply, he didn’t either. In that instant, the room fell silent.

He Jichen stared at Ji Yi for some time then pursed his lips slightly. Then he slowly turned his head and averted his gaze from her face to the oil painting on the wall.

It wasn't that he wanted to be silent all of a sudden, but he just didn't know where to start.

At first, Ji Yi hated him so much that she wanted nothing more than to stay as far away as possible from him. He Jichen couldn't allow her to get married to another person, so he made a pact to get married to her using his older brother's identity.

He didn't ask her to go with him to the civil office to register the marriage; he asked an assistant to take care of the matter because Ji Yi's marriage certificate with He Yuguang was fake while He Jichen and her marriage was genuine.

Later on, when she suggested that she and He Yuguang get a divorce, he handled the matter by himself again. Since He Yuguang had technically passed away, they never got married in the first place, so the divorce certificate sent to her was fake too.

Deep down, he knew full well that a day would come when Ji Yi would meet someone she really wanted to marry. If He Jichen wasn't that person, he would definitely silently disappear and turn her marriage certificate into a divorce certificate. However, she still didn't have anyone else to marry, so he selfishly held onto their legally married couple status for a little longer...

That was his little secret.

But he never imagined that she would actually stumble right into it today.

At that very moment, his heart almost stopped beating from fear.

Luckily, his reflexes were fast. Before she could touch the marriage certificate, he blocked her from doing anything.

Up until now, he was still a little afraid she saw that the names on the marriage certificate were his and hers...

This incident came up suddenly, so suddenly that He Jichen, who had always handled all sorts of situations easily, didn't quite know what to do. As a result, he chose to pretend nothing happened and continued to discuss work with Chen Bai.

God knew just how messed up he was back then. The only thing on his mind was what to do next, so his productivity at work was terrible. Tasks that normally took ten minutes to complete now took over forty minutes.

The room was silent for too long. Ji Yi gently blinked and let her gaze fall on a random part of He Jichen's body.

She stared at his perfect, dazzling profile for a long time before she eventually couldn't hold it in any longer. She asked, "He Jichen..."

Her voice made He Jichen instinctively glance over at her but just for a second. He looked down to hide from her gaze and softly said, "Mhm?"

The room fell silent once again.

But this time, it was only for a short while. About ten seconds later, Ji Yi asked, "You're... married?"

She already saw it with her own eyes, so he couldn't treat her like a child and make up lies... He Jichen nodded and with the same softness, he let out another "Mhm."

It was just one simple word, but it felt as painful as a knife, stabbing Ji Yi violently in the heart. The pain suddenly stopped her from breathing.

After some time, she forced herself to summon the courage to ask: "With who?"

Her voice was soft – so soft in fact that she wondered if she said anything at all.

Because she was afraid that if she raised her voice slightly, it would reveal her sadness.

He Jichen heard it.

With who?

Those simple two words stumped him.

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Would she be mad at him if he told her she was the person he married? Would she be mad that he lied to her? And would she end their friendship over this? Would it sink their hard-earned relationship down to the freezing point once again?

Even if he didn't tell her the truth, he would still be a secretly-married man. He was afraid she'd never consider him as her future partner then.

He Jichen thought about the most difficult problem of his life for a long time but couldn't find a suitable answer.

The office was ridiculously silent.

Ji Yi waited for a long time but couldn't wait for He Jichen any longer. She couldn't help but glance over at him.

Since she realized she loved him, every time she saw him in the past two days, her heart had been so lovesick as if she'd eaten honey. However, at that very moment when she looked at him, her eyes stung bitterly.

He's married. How's he married? Who's he married to? Why not... Before she could finish that thought, it flashed across Ji Yi's mind and suddenly, she remembered two words that blew her mind away. Her heart was completely stunned.

Cola Girl... how could I forget about that person?

Back then at West Lake when we went on a stroll, I brought up Cola Girl and sadness instantly crept into He Jichen's eyes.

They'd known each other for so many years, but Ji Yi had never seen him reveal that kind of expression over a woman.

That night, he said something that she still remembered to this day: She's the only good thing in my life, yet she's also my worst memory.

So in this world, was Cola Girl the only person he was willing to get married to?

With that thought, Ji Yi couldn't help but take the initiative and break the silence in the room. "Is it her?"

Ji Yi instinctively wanted to say everything all in one breath, but after she said those three words, an intensely bitter pain boiled up in her chest. The pressure made it hard for her to breathe. She held her breath and stopped for a while. Then she spoke with a trembling voice: "Is it that woman you've liked for so many years...that woman called Cola Girl?"

It's her... but she's you...

The answer spiraled in He Jichen's heart but he didn't dare to say it.

He had lost her once and he knew far too well how grueling it was to be strangers with her. He was really afraid he would lose her again...

After Ji Yi asked the question, she regretted it because she was afraid she would hear the word "Yes" from He Jichen's mouth.

Though she brought it up, she didn't quite dare continue the conversation.

She clearly felt her emotions slowly crumbling; she could lose it at any time.

She started to change her train of thought. She thought back to how they spent that night together in Shanghai last year and He Jichen said he would take responsibility... So back then, He Jichen still hadn't gotten married, right? If he didn't then why would he say such things to her?

When Ji Yi spoke again, she still remained on the same topic. "You couldn't have gotten married that long ago, right? You got married after filming 'Three Thousand Lunatics' last year, right?"

Why am I still talking about the same topic? Ji Yi blamed herself inside. Then she said, "You're married, but why didn't you publicize it? Are you waiting to publicize it after the wedding ceremony?"

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What's with me? Wasn't I going to change the topic? Why couldn't I do it?

Ji Yi's eyes started to ache. She held her breath and tried hard to suppress the roaring pain in her chest to stop herself from crying in front of He Jichen.

She knew she really wasn't in the right mind to sit across from He Jichen. She needed time to accept the truth that he was already married.

With that thought, Ji Yi forced herself to smile and tried her best to speak naturally in a relaxed voice, "Regardless, it's a joyous occasion and I have to congratulate you."

After she said this, Ji Yi didn't wait for He Jichen to reply but grabbed her phone and glanced at the time. "It's almost seven – Zhuang Yi should've finished work now. I asked her to take Huahua on a tour of the office and I think they're probably done. I have plans to meet up with Huahua and Bo He for dinner; we haven't seen each other all winter break and we missed each other so much, so I think it's best that you don't join us for dinner..."

Ji Yi jabbered on for a really long time until finally, she didn't know what she was saying anymore. It wasn't until she had nothing else to say that she sluggishly got up and said goodbye to He Jichen, "...I, errrr, have to really go see Huahua now. Bye."

Ji Yi didn't wait for He Jichen to answer before she picked up her bag, turned right around, and bolted out of his office.

After she shut the door, Ji Yi's eyes instantly turned red.

There were a lot of people doing overtime outside the general manager's office nearby. Ji Yi was afraid they'd see her lose her cool, so she took a deep breath and suppressed the urge to cry. She lowered her head slightly and quickly walked away.

When she passed the general manager's office, someone greeted her. Without daring to glance over, she gave a tiny nod and sped off.

She didn't go directly to Tang Huahua since Tang Huahua sent her a text telling her she'd be waiting for her on the first floor, so Ji Yi took the elevator down.

Sitting on the sofa in the large lobby, Ji Yi looked all around. All she saw was the darkened sky outside the windows and felt a fog creeping up within her eyes.

She pulled out a tissue and was about to wipe the tears from her eyes when she heard Tang Huahua's voice from behind her: "Xiao Yi?"

Ji Yi's fingers trembled as she quickly rubbed her eyes. Taking a deep breath facing the window, she forced her lips into a smile then turned around and looked over at Tang Huahua.

On the way to school, Tang Huahua wouldn't stop going on about YC. Ji Yi didn't want to talk, but she was afraid Tang Huahua would notice something was off. All she could do was give her a few half-hearted replies.

When they arrived at the school, Ji Yi made up a random excuse about feeling unwell to avoid going to tonight's start-of-school party. She headed straight back to the dorm room.

Tang Huahua and Bo He were going to the start-of-school party, so she was the only one left in the dorm room.

She shut the door and leaned against the wooden door. Before she could lower her head, tears flowed down from her eyes.

He Jichen... How is he married all of a sudden?

It's only been two days since I realized I was in love with him... How could he be married just like that?

Back then, he told her he was going to take responsibility. If she accepted it at the time, how great would that have been...? It wouldn't have mattered if he was with her out of obligation and not for love; that'd be fine, right? At the very least, she could have him...

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What was wrong with me back then? For He Yuguang, was I...

Before that thought could enter Ji Yi's mind, all her thoughts stopped at once.

She stared at her feet on the floor. She was stunned like that for a long time before she pressed her back to the door and slowly slid down like she'd lost all her strength.

He Yuguang... The Yuguang Ge who gave her a sense of warmth many times last year when she was at her lowest; The Yuguang Ge who was the only person in the world who never forgot about her and visited her at the hospital every month during her four year coma; The Yuguang Ge who she brutally chose to abandon when he tried to confess his love, and after she developed feelings for He Jichen and had sex with him... How could she have forgotten about him?

At first, she rejected He Jichen's offer to take responsibility and asked for a divorce from Yuguang Ge because she had both of them in her heart. She didn't think she was worthy of being with either of them, so she figured that she might as well not have either of them.

She knew she had to interact with He Jichen because of work, and she had always told herself not to fall harder for He Jichen. However, as the situation went on, all her heart could remember was He Jichen. She completely forgot about how she ruthlessly abandoned He Yuguang.

A strong sense of guilt and unease instantly swallowed Ji Yi up.

But He Yuguang truly treated her well from the beginning and she truly liked him, but he was also He Jichen's older brother. What's important was that she used to be married to He Yuguang for some time... Even if He Jichen wasn't married, she couldn't go and marry the younger brother after having married the older brother!

With that thought, harsh feelings flashed across Ji Yi's mind: self-blame, pain, loss, helplessness – all types of complicated feelings came rushing at her one after the other.

The distance between her and He Jichen wasn't just determined by the two red marriage certificates she saw in his office in the afternoon but it was also determined by his biological older brother. She used to like Yuguang Ge.

This wasn't just a single wide gap but two wide gaps which brutally separated the two of them and determined that in their lifetimes, they weren't destined to be together.

It hurt... it really hurt. It was the type of pain that hit the bone... But even though it hurt, what could she do about it? All she could do was endure it, like... how she loved He Jichen, loved him so deeply in her core that she couldn't free herself. All she could do was love him fully in silence.

Ji Yi gradually buried her head between her knees.



She felt like a large hand was mercilessly clutching her heart. The pain made it hard for her to breathe and her fists started to tremble softly.

She knew she deserved it. Who told her to like the older brother then fall for the younger brother? I started this whole mess!

She didn't have the right to cry, but she still lost her cool and sobbed in pain...

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He Jichen didn't know when Ji Yi had left.

All he knew was that when he came back to his senses, the sky outside was filled with evening clouds. It had already turned pitch-black.

His chest felt heavy like it was being crushed by a rock, making it very hard to breathe fluidly.

He got up and walked over to his desk in a daze and pulled out a pack of cigarettes and a lighter. He randomly pulled out a cigarette, lit it up, and took a big drag.

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He Jichen smoked and smoked. Through the fog of smoke, he vaguely remembered Ji Yi calling out to him "He Jichen" from the parking lot at C City's Television Awards when he was about to get into his car.

That night, he was in a hurry to get back to the hotel, get his suitcase and check out of his room. He was going to head back to Beijing to celebrate her birthday and apologize to her.

He never imagined that after she saw the Television Awards, she would actually rush all the way over from Beijing to C City.

Just to take Qian Ge down, he hyped up the scandal Qian Ge single-handedly created and incidentally got Ji Yi's mother injured.

On their way back to the hotel, he meant to apologize to her, but he never imagined she would be the first to apologize to him for misunderstanding him.

He really never imagined she would forgive him so easily... After all, her mum got hurt.

Amidst his joy, he was a little touched. He stared at her cute, nervous look while apologizing to him and had the urge to kiss her.

If the car hadn't arrived at the hotel and if Chen Bai hadn't interrupted him, he might've kissed her in the car...

Though they didn't do it, he wasn't stupid and could sense that when he was about to kiss her, she had no intention of fighting back.

And that night, she kissed him while he was in a video call with Xia Yuan.

Because she started treating him differently, he couldn't sleep from the excitement.

Back in Beijing, when she heard that his hand was injured, she made the excuse of taking a stroll just to run over to him and drop off some band-aids...

When her hair was tangled, she lifted her head and leaned in for a kiss...

And this afternoon, she brought buns to his office...

Never before had he imagined that she would give him all these different signs.

He was happy about these changes in her, but he didn't want to make it too obvious. He was afraid it would embarrass her or scare her, so he carefully protected their relationship and allowed it all to gradually develop...

But she found the marriage certificate...

Could it be that just as their relationship was improving beautifully, it was going to suddenly come to an end?

He Jichen's lips tightened.

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After finishing a pot of instant noodles while waiting several hours for He Jichen to get off work, Chen Bai noticed that He Jichen's office was still quiet, so he grabbed the documents on the table and knocked on his door to get them signed.

He was met with a wall of silence.

Chen Bai furrowed his brows and knocked on the door again. He still didn't get any response, so he daringly pushed the door open a crack and poked his head inside.

Before he could see He Jichen in the office, Chen Bai was met by an intense smell of cigarettes, making him almost cough.

Did something awful happen? Why's he smoking again?

Chen Bai waved his hand around twice before stepping into the office.

"Mr. He, smoking so much is bad for your health." As Chen Bai said this, he walked over to the floor-to-ceiling window and opened a window.

The cold evening wind of early spring blew into the office.

Wearing a thin shirt, He Jichen only turned his gaze slowly over to Chen Bai when he felt a chill.

He didn't say a thing but quickly allowed his gaze to drift back out the window. He started to compose himself again.

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“Mr. He, you still haven’t had dinner and it’s getting late. How about we go get you something to eat?” Though Chen Bai didn’t understand why He Jichen was in a terrible mood, he knew that if He Jichen wanted to speak, he would. There was no point in asking.

He Jichen pretended he hadn’t heard what Chen Bai said.

“Mr. He, even if you don’t have an appetite right now, you still have to eat something.” The smoke in the room was just too strong. As Chen Bai spoke, he walked up to the air purifier and turned it on.

The air purifier let out “hoo hoo hoo” sounds as it quickly purified every corner of the office.

Chen Bai tried again: “Mr. He, if you don’t want to eat out, I can order delivery for you so you can eat back at home. By the time we get there, the takeout should’ve arrived...”

Before Chen Bai could finish speaking, He Jichen suddenly broke his long silence and said in a hoarse voice from smoking too many cigarettes: “Should I try hard one more time?”

“Huh?” Chen Bai was stunned by He Jichen’s non-sensical words.

After a few seconds, he turned his head and looked over at He Jichen. “Mr. He, I don’t really understand. What do you mean?”

He Jichen was in the same position from when Chen Bai stepped into the office earlier, without moving in the slightest.

He didn’t react in any way to what Chen Bai said.

His gaze outside the window looked distant like he was deep in thought and he couldn’t snap out of it.

If Chen Bai wasn’t absolutely certain He Jichen spoke earlier, Chen Bai would’ve sworn he was hearing things just going by He Jichen’s appearance.

He spoke again, “Mr. He?”

When He Jichen heard Chen Bai’s voice again, he finally shifted his brows slightly and spoke while staring out at the night sky. His voice sounded deeper than before as he muttered to himself, “I should try hard one more time, right?”

“I’ve done so much. Although I have no regrets, I should at least try hard one more time...” As he said this, He Jichen turned his head and looked over at Chen Bai. “... Am I right?”

Though Chen Bai didn’t understand what He Jichen was referring to, he still replied to He Jichen seriously. “Mr. He, even though I don’t really understand what you mean, there are some things you should fight for when the time calls for it. If you don’t work hard for it, you’ll never know what you could’ve achieved. If you do work hard for it, then even if you don’t succeed, you’ll still be better off than regretting not taking action for the rest of your life.”

With a pause, Chen Bai then added, “What’s more, if you work hard once and don’t succeed, try again a second time. If you don’t succeed a second time, try a third time. Your life is so long – what’s there to be afraid of...?”

“Yeah, you’re right! What’s there to be afraid of?!” He Jichen suddenly looked wide awake. His eyes lit up.

After she found out he secretly married her behind her back, maybe she would be mad or maybe she would ignore him, but as Chen Bai said, he should try to beg for her forgiveness.

If she didn’t know the person he married was her, then there was no chance of them working things out... What’s more, the thoughts he just had were all about her recent changes...

With that thought, He Jichen put out his cigarette, pulled open the drawer, and took out the two marriage certificates. Without even grabbing a jacket, he rushed out of the office.

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Evenings in the early spring were very cold. Seeing as He Jichen was just wearing a thin shirt, Chen Bai ran out after him in a hurry with a jacket.

He Jichen was already in the elevator and had pressed the button to close the doors when Chen Bai reached the office door.

“Mr. He...” Chen Bai quickly raised his voice and walked faster, but he only managed to call out He Jichen’s name when the elevator doors closed.

As long as there’s a shred of hope, I should try, right?

So I have to find her and explain things clearly. Even if she gets mad or angry, what’s there to be afraid of?

It’s better than her thinking I have a wife, making it so there’s no chance of us being together romantically, right?

With that thought, He Jichen’s fingers clutching the marriage certificates started to tremble with anxiety and agitation.

Midway down the elevator shaft, He Jichen realized he left the office in such a hurry that he hadn’t planned what he was going to tell Ji Yi when he saw her. Then he shut his eyes, took a deep breath, calmed down, and started to mentally create a script.

“Ji Yi, there’s something I want to tell you. The person on my marriage certificate is actually you.”

That err... does that sound a bit too serious?

“Ji Yi, I brought the marriage certificates. Look at them for yourself!”

That err... sounds a little too half-hearted, right?

“Ji Yi...”

In a few short seconds, He Jichen came up with several starting points in his mind, but he didn’t think any of them were good enough.

When the elevator reached the parking lot, the doors opened and as he stepped out, he instantly realized he should apologize earnestly first then tell her she was the one he married.

As soon as those words left his mouth, he knew he had to come clean about everything he kept in the dark from her.

For example, he didn't want to see her fall for Qian Ge's trap and marry someone else, so he had no choice but to use his brother's identity and lie to her.

And Bro died four years ago but the He family didn't make it public. The He Yuguang she was in contact with all of last year was actually him.

And he only did it because he liked her. He liked her when they first met as young students. She was the Cola Girl he talked about that night at West Lake when he said: "She's the only good thing in my life, yet she's also my worst memory."

If she really was mad at him for lying and keeping secrets and if she didn't want to forgive him, he had another thing to say to her: "Actually I'm really not so bad. Do you want to try to fall in love with me?"

When you truly loved someone, there was nothing the heart could do about it. He Jichen felt the same way he did when he talked to Fatty before the college entrance exams, before they got into that misunderstanding about confessing to her after the exams.

He felt uneasy and anxious, yet there was an indescribable pang of sweetness.

After he stepped out of the elevator and walked about fifty meters, He Jichen spotted his own car.

Even though he was quite some distance away, he dug into his pockets for the keys and opened the car doors.

The car lights lit up. As the car beeped to show that the doors were unlocked, he heard his name called beside him: "He Jichen."

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He Jichen's steps stopped abruptly and he looked over at the direction of the noise.

The door to a nearby BMW opened before Qian Ge stepped out.

In contrast to the ever bright and beautiful-looking Qian Ge, she was dressed a lot more low-key today.

It had just been two days and nights since they parted ways in C city, but it felt like five years. Qian Ge looked a lot older and her skin wasn't glowing like before. Without eye makeup on, she looked a lot less energetic and she had dark eyebags that made it hard for him to look at her dead on. She must've not had a good night's sleep since the incident at the Television Awards.

Without waiting for Qian Ge to come closer, He Jichen coldly withdrew his gaze and started to walk towards his car again.

"He Jichen!" cried Qian Ge again.

This time, He Jichen didn't stop walking but he sensed the woman behind him speeding up. The sounds of their footsteps in the silent underground lot made them sound rushed.

"He Jichen, I have something to say to you!"

He Jichen walked up to his car and was about to pull the door open when Qian Ge's arm suddenly reached out to block him.

Something to say? She's probably just going to spew lies...

If it were any other day and he was in a better mood, maybe he would listen to her say a few words and shoot harsh insults back at her.

But not today. He had important things to do and he had no time to waste on her now!

Without a second thought, He Jichen reached out and shoved Qian Ge's arm away forcefully.

He Jichen pushed her so hard that Qian Ge took two steps back and stumbled into the car door behind her.

When He Jichen heard the noise, he didn't even bother glancing over and pulled open his car door.

He bent over and was about to crawl in when Qian Ge clutched onto his sleeve tightly. "He Jichen, I really do have something to talk to you about!"

In the past, when she was in the limelight, it was difficult even then to get ahold of He Jichen. Now that her reputation was in shambles and everyone was scolding her, the distance between them was even wider. The only way she was able to stop him today was because he hadn't expected her to be there.

Next time, this would be harder.

Qian Ge was afraid He Jichen would toss her aside the next second and leave. She didn't have time to explain, so she quickly pulled out her phone and opened a video. She then showed the video for He Jichen to see.

Having been stopped by Qian Ge again, He Jichen furrowed his brows and raised his arms impatiently. He was about to push Qian Ge away when he saw himself on her phone screen.

It was just a glance, but he could tell when and why that video of himself was taken.

He instantly stopped midway in pushing Qian Ge aside.

He stared unblinkingly at the video.

There was no sound in the video. Most people in the building had already finished work, so there were very few cars in the parking lot. With no one coming and going, the entire place was incredibly silent.

The video was short – just two minutes long. However, He Jichen felt like it was as long as a century.

After the video ended, Qian Ge put her phone away. "This is what I spent two days of hard work making."

He Jichen didn't say anything. The second he heard Qian Ge's voice, he pushed her off his arm.

