

Deep down, Ji Yi's heart fell. Then she abruptly stopped reaching into her pocket.

Before she left the house, she deliberately put on a face mask. How did someone recognize me?

She didn't turn her head and hoped the person who called her name would drop it and walk away.

Who knew that the person who called her not only wouldn't leave but decided to edge in closer? "It really is you! Ji Yi!"

The voice sounded familiar. It didn't seem like a fan... Ji Yi felt a little uneasy inside as she turned and looked over to the source of the sound.

The person calling her looked a little familiar. Ji Yi recognized her as a B-film classmate who stayed in the same dorm as her. They occasionally crossed paths. It was just that after graduation, she wasn't sure what her name was. To avoid embarrassment, Ji Yi didn't say hello.

When the person who called her name met her gaze, she added, "I saw your back from far away and thought it might be you. Coming in closer, you looked even more familiar. What a coincidence for us to bump into each other here."

After the person who called her finished speaking, she added, "I'm Ruan Jie. It's been almost two years since we've seen each other. Do you still remember me?"

"Yeah..." Ji Yi replied with a little guilt. Afraid Ruan Jie would see through her lie, she quickly continued by changing the subject. "...so you're here shopping?"

"Yeah, I got married and my husband's house is nearby. We've finished eating all the food at home, so we're just stocking up. After Ruan Jie answered, she then asked, "How about you? Don't tell me you live nearby too?"

Ji Yi vaguely remembered how Ruan Jie was quite talkative in school. She never imagined Ruan Jie was just the same as before. Unlike the talkative Ruan Jie, Ji Yi merely nodded softly.

"Then we really must've been fated to meet..." Ruan Jie smiled as though she was really happy then she blurted out, "Huh?" She pulled her smile back and asked curiously, "...I remember your apartment wasn't around here before. Did you buy a new apartment here?"

Ji Yi shook her head. "No."

"Are you staying at a friend's place?" Ruan Jie was obviously being nosy. "It can't be your boyfriend's place, right?"

As she said this, Ruan Jie then thought back to the raging news about her online and suddenly, her eyes shot wide open. "Ji Yi, are you really dating that murderer?"

Murderer... Ji Yi lowered her eyes to hide the flash of annoyance in them. Her voice sounded slightly cold when she spoke. "Excuse me, his name is He Jichen."

Ruan Jie was clearly an airhead as she didn't notice anything weird about Ji Yi. "Of course I know his name. After all, he was a well-known person at our school. It's just a shame that he stabbed someone. I can't accept his views. His behavior was too destructive..."

Ji Yi wasn't interested in continuing the conversation with Ruan Jie and found an appropriate time to cut her off. "Excuse me, I have to go take a look over there. Let's talk later..."

"What a coincidence, I have to go over there too. Let's go together..." As she said this, she clung onto Ji Yi's arm and turned around to where Ji Yi pointed, cutting her off. "...And Xiao Yi, you're young and pretty. You can find any guy you want. Why did you have to go and be with that kind of man? Think about the people online cursing you. For him, is this all worth ending up like this?"

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"Are you in it for the money? But there are so many rich people in the world. With your looks, it won't be hard to find someone richer. Are you in it for his good looks? You guys work in showbiz as it is. There are plenty of people who look good, so you didn't have to choose him. When his temper rises, he was willing to kill someone, so who knows when you'll be his target? Even if he doesn't hit you, he has a criminal record, so what will people think of you? You have no idea... Because of him, several of us didn't invite you to our last alumni meet up..."

"Are you done?" Ji Yi simply couldn't listen on as her tone of voice ran cold.

Her voice must've been overly cold as Ruan Jie slowly but finally noticed something was wrong and shut up.

The atmosphere between the two of them froze for a short while before Ruan Jie apologetically said, "Ji Yi, don't be mad – I didn't mean anything by it. I was just saying it for..."

Deep down, Ji Yi was a little mad. People might not even be able to take care of their own affairs; who had the time to worry about other people?

Without waiting for Ruan Jie to finish apologizing, she turned and looked over at her while cutting her off. "For my own good? But you aren't me, so how would you ever know that I..."

Before Ji Yi could finish saying "...don't care for you worrying about me," she caught sight of He Jichen, who was standing frozen nearby while pushing the cart.

In comparison to before, there were now more things in the cart. It was now filled with her favorite snacks.

Deep down, Ji Yi suddenly felt bad, followed by an unspeakable sense of panic.

Although Ruan Jie said some things that made her feel terrible and even though she would immediately share this experience with He Jichen, she was afraid he heard what Ruan Jie said.

He never really showed his emotions – the blank expression on his face revealed no emotions.

Ji Yi stared at He Jichen for a while but didn't notice a thing out of place.

Whereas Ruan Jie noticed that Ji Yi stopped mid-sentence and furrowed her brows in confusion. Then she realized Ji Yi was staring at a certain spot, so she turned her head in that direction. The second she met He Jichen's eyes, Ruan Jie evidently took a step back.

Her little movements shocked Ji Yi.

Without even looking at Ruan Jie, Ji Yi walked right up to He Jichen.

"Weren't you picking out vegetables?" asked He Jichen quietly when Ji Yi walked over to him.

He sounds no different than usual, so mustn't have caught anything Ruan Jie said, right...? thought Ji Yi for a moment before arching her eyes and softly replying, "I bumped into my college classmate and chatted with her a little."

"What did you girls talk about?"

He's just chatting with me casually, yet I'm acting all nervous... Ji Yi calmed down. "Nothing, we were just randomly chatting."

"Oh."

"I picked out some vegetables now. Aside from the one time when you cooked as Yuguang Ge, I haven't eaten your cooking."

"Alright."

"..."

After leaving the supermarket, He Jichen drove to the apartment then waited for Ji Yi to get out of the car before he drove to the underground car park.

After the car stopped, He Jichen was in no hurry to get out of the car. Instead, he reached for a cigarette and lit it up.

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Through the cigarette smoke, his ears suddenly rang with what that unknown woman said to Ji Yi in the supermarket...

— Xiao Yi, you're young and pretty. You can find any guy you want. Why did you have to go and be with a man like that?

— Think about the people online cursing you. For him, is this all worth ending up like this?

— Even if he doesn't hit you, he has a criminal record, so what will people think of you? You have no idea... Because of him, several of us didn't invite you to our last alumni meet up...

With that thought, He Jichen suddenly raised his hand and took a harsh drag of his cigarette.

Because he inhaled too harshly, he choked on the cigarette smoke, making him cough violently.

After a while, He Jichen slowly came to his senses and stopped coughing. He raised his head and caught a glimpse of the cigarette between his fingers in the car window.

He stared at the flickering cigarette butt for a while before shutting his eyes.

I've always treated her well, but in the end, I'm dragging her down.

He knew she was completely willing to endure all this, but because of this, he felt terrible, especially thinking about what happened at the supermarket. There was panic in her eyes the moment she saw him, which left him instantly both warm and hurt deep down with a bittersweet feeling.

The cigarette burned till the end. He Jichen felt a heavy burden on his chest which didn't leave, yet he didn't dare to linger on the feeling in fear of her finding out.

He put out the cigarette and turned the car engine off. He Jichen got out of the car and stood in the underground car park for a while. After the cigarette smell dissipated from his clothes, he made his way into the elevator.

When he reached his floor, He Jichen was just about to step out of the elevator when his front door opened. Ji Yi had her phone raised as she came rushing out in a hurry. When she saw him, she immediately came to a stop. "It was no wonder I couldn't get through to you. You were in the elevator..."

He Jichen walked a few steps up to Ji Yi then asked, "What's wrong?"

"Didn't I promise to play a guest role for the new movie on 'Jiuchong Palace'?"

He Jichen knew that wasn't the main point, so he softly and tenderly let out an "Mhm" then walked into the apartment with Ji Yi in hand.

"They're starting production tomorrow, so there's a dinner party at Lotus Park. Zhuang Yi told me about it two days ago, but I forgot. Zhuang Yi sent me a message to ask if I was out the door yet. That was when I suddenly remembered we can't eat at home tonight..."

We? He Jichen suddenly stopped removing his shoes.

"He Jichen, I have to take a shower and get changed. Watch the time or we'll be really late. That's so embarrassing." After Ji Yi said this, she headed upstairs into the bathroom.

Ji Yi took a quick shower, did her makeup, and got changed. When she headed downstairs, she saw that He Jichen was still wearing the same clothes from that afternoon when they went grocery shopping. The center of her brows started to crease as she said, "How have you not gotten changed yet? We really won't make it..."

He Jichen reached out and took Ji Yi's bag. He walked to the door with her then he nonchalantly replied, "I'll take you there, but I'm not going to the dinner. The past few days, Han Zhifan and I have had business to discuss. Seeing as you have a dinner tonight, I'll go meet up with him instead."

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“So that’s how it is...” Ji Yi believed him, so she didn’t force He Jichen to go to the dinner party with her.

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It was seven o’clock by the time she reached the China World Hotel, Beijing – half an hour late from the meeting time.

Ji Yi didn’t want to waste time, so she immediately opened the door when the car stopped. She got out and cried, “I’m heading out first.”

“Mhm,” responded He Jichen. Just as Ji Yi was about to close the door, he added, “When you’re just about done, send me a message in advance and I’ll come pick you up.”

“Alright,” replied Ji Yi with a smile. She shut the door then waved at He Jichen through the car window and walked into China World Hotel, Beijing.

Through the glass, He Jichen watched as a female attendant escorted Ji Yi into the elevator. It wasn’t until after the doors closed completely that he stepped on the gas pedal and slowly drove off.

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This time, the new movie that was about to start production by the director of “Jiuchong Palace” was called “The Fleeting Years.”

As she was making a guest appearance, Ji Yi didn’t have many lines to act, so she was done filming after about two to three days.

The leading actress for “The Fleeting Years” was an experienced senior actress who was famous all over China ever since Ji Yi was discovered by a scout after graduation. The male lead was a young, popular actor who didn’t have particularly good reviews within the industry. Ji Yi had never worked with him before. Although they usually bumped into each other at big events, they normally only exchanged quick greetings. Come to think of it, tonight’s dinner party was the first time they truly met face-to-face.

The male lead was called Yang Li. He was pretty handsome, witty, and was friendly to Ji Yi.

And yet, Ji Yi was quite half-hearted with her replies to Yang Li’s endless flirting.

Ji Yi had a natural eye for people and could more or less see through someone like Yang Li. She knew he was showing particular interest in her just to shoot his take with her.

Aside from the male and female leads, Ji Yi was rather familiar with everyone there as they practically all worked on “Jiuchong Palace” together.

Yes, they were all practically the same crew with one exception. Despite there being one exception, Ji Yi was still very familiar with that person.

That one exception was Xie Siyao, the girl who conspired with Qian Ge to cause her car accident.

Last year, Ji Yi caught wind that Xie Siyao had a boyfriend with a wealthy family background. Because of her boyfriend's influence and hefty investments, she was able to take part in small roles in several major movies.

Now that Ji Yi saw them together today, she realized the rumors were actually true.

Although Xie Siyao's rich boyfriend's family background wasn't too bad, it was far from what the tabloids were saying. He just had a bit of money, that was all.

She could tell Xie Siyao was pretty pleased with her rich boyfriend. Throughout the dinner, she never strayed far from the words "my sweetie dearest." Every time Xie Siyao said it, she deliberately glanced over at Ji Yi. Once or twice, she purposefully brought the topic back to Ji Yi. "So Yi Jie, how are you and your boyfriend lately?"

Of course, Ji Yi knew Xie Siyao was doing this on purpose. Although she pretended to play dumb and ignored her, deep down, she couldn't help but complain. Birds of a feather do flock together! She's just the same as Qian Ge.

On Ji Yi's left was Yang Li, who was flirting with her non-stop, and on her right was Xie Siyao, who was inadvertently verbally attacking her. This dinner really was quite difficult for Ji Yi to take.

No matter how well-composed Ji Yi was, towards the end of the dinner, she couldn't take it much longer and found an excuse to go to the restroom to leave the room.

After calming down, Ji Yi washed her hands and emerged from the restroom. As she was just about to head back to the room, she happened to bump into Han Zhifan, who came out of the men's toilets at the same time.

"Xiao Yi?"

Ji Yi was just as shocked as Han Zhifan was. "So you and He Jichen are meeting up here?"

The smile on Han Zhifan's face turned stiff. "Chen Ge? I'm not meeting up with Chen Ge tonight..."

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He's not meeting up with He Jichen?

Ji Yi's heart skipped a beat and her brows started to furrow of their own accord.

Han Zhifan sensed something was wrong with Ji Yi. He was going to ask Ji Yi "What's wrong?," but before the words could escape from his mouth, the phone in his pocket started to vibrate like crazy.

Han Zhifan shot Ji Yi an apologetic look as he quickly pulled out his phone and glanced at the screen. Without a moment's hesitation, he swiped the phone screen and took the call. "What's wrong?"

"What? He still isn't eating?"

Ji Yi wasn't standing too far from Han Zhifan, so although she couldn't exactly hear what the person on the other line was saying, she could vaguely make out sounds of a child crying.

“You’re calling to ask me what to do? How should I know? If I could do everything myself, why would I have spent money to hire you bunch of useless idiots?!”

She wasn’t sure what the person said over the phone, but Han Zhifan suddenly got irritated. “Shut up! Quit calling for mummy. Let me tell you this! Your mummy’s dead!”

The child’s cries got louder and Han Zhifan’s fingers gripping the phone started to tremble. This time, his voice sounded significantly softer. “A fever? Then call a doctor! What? You called the doctor and you can’t get him to take the medicine? Alright. Got it. I’m on my way back.”

After he said this, Han Zhifan hung up. Without a moment’s hesitation, he strode over to the elevator. After just two steps, he suddenly realized Ji Yi was still there, so he stopped and turned around. “Xiao Yi, did you just ask me what I meant? Did something happen to Chen Ge?”

Without much thought, Ji Yi had an inkling of what happened. He Jichen only lied because he didn’t want to go to the dinner party with her. He didn’t want to attract more rumors and odd looks or drag her down because of the incident with Qian Ge.

Ji Yi didn’t give Han Zhifan any details but replied with, “It’s nothing. I might’ve heard wrong.”

Luckily, Han Zhifan just got off the phone, so he had other things on his mind and didn’t notice Ji Yi was lying. After he heard what she said, he let out a dazed “Oh... if there’s nothing else, I’ll be off.”

“Okay. Bye,” replied Ji Yi with a smile.

Han Zhifan smiled back, but it looked slightly forced. Then he turned around and strode off.

After Han Zhifan stepped into the elevator, Ji Yi picked up her phone and gave He Jichen a call.

The call was quickly picked up and his usual elegant voice came from the phone. “Done?”

“Yeah, almost...” replied Ji Yi quietly before asking, “...how about you? How’s your talk with Han Zhifan?”

“Almost done.”

“Oh.” Ji Yi knew He Jichen was lying, but she didn’t call him out on it.

“So should I come pick you up?”

“Sure. I wanted to leave ages ago...”

“What’s wrong? Did someone bully you?” He Jichen’s tone of voice clearly sounded worried.

All of a sudden, Ji Yi’s heart warmed up, and her voice sounded a little sweet but annoyed. “Nobody’s bullying me. I just bumped into Xie Siyao. She kept on showing off her boyfriend at the dinner table. Something about how her boyfriend bought her a handbag yesterday and a bracelet the day before then the day before that, he bought a pair of shoes... so annoying...”

After hearing that, He Jichen clearly let out a sigh of relief over the phone.

Ji Yi’s complaining suddenly came to a stop as she felt her heart softening.

He was probably the only man in the world who would listen to her complaints and get worried like this.

The corners of Ji Yi's lips couldn't help but lift as she clutched her phone, ready to continue speaking with an annoyed yet sweet voice. "But don't you just think it's meaningless for Xie Siyao to show off in front of me like that? My boyfriend's better than her boyfriend by far..."

Just as she was about to finish speaking, she heard something from He Jichen's end...

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Just as she was about to finish speaking, she heard something from He Jichen's end – the whistle of his car mixed with sounds of other car engines.

Is He Jichen... on the road?

As suspicion flashed across Ji Yi's mind, she froze for a couple seconds then came to a realization. She quickly walked to the second-floor lobby and looked out the window.

She was right. He Jichen's car was parked by the road. He had his head lowered, standing in front of the car with his phone raised, talking to her.

The wind started to pick up since it was late in the night, wildly blowing his hair and clothes. There was a flickering light between the fingers of his other hand. It must've been a cigarette.

So after he dropped me off at China World Hotel Beijing, he never actually left. He waited downstairs all this time?

In just an instant, Ji Yi understood why He Jichen did it.

So he really was afraid to show up at the dinner party with me and drag me down, so he lied to me.

He must've overheard my conversation with Ruan Jie. He didn't show any emotions at the time, but he probably didn't want to burden me, right?

An unspeakable mix of complex emotions churned quickly in Ji Yi's head. She felt warm, touched, but above all, heartbroken...

"Xiao Yi?" said He Jichen worriedly, seeing as Ji Yi didn't make any sounds for a long time.

When she heard He Jichen's voice, Ji Yi quickly snapped out of her thoughts and stared transfixed at him as he stood by the road. She let out a soft, "Hm?"

"Why aren't you saying anything?"

"No... I just got a text message, so I took a quick look..." Ji Yi sounded a little rattled as she knew He Jichen had been waiting downstairs all along. She was afraid He Jichen would notice something was off, so she randomly thought up an excuse then changed the topic. "Oh yeah, when are you gonna arrive? I'm just about done here."

"Mhm..." Over the phone, He Jichen hesitated for a moment then softly replied, "...Probably in about twenty minutes or so."

If she hadn't seen him standing downstairs with her own two eyes, Ji Yi really wouldn't have been able to tell that He Jichen was lying.

She thought it was probably the most beautiful and heartwarming lie she'd ever heard...

He Jichen was probably afraid she couldn't make it out in time, so after speaking, he then added, "Can you make it?"

Ji Yi quickly suppressed her surging emotions and replied, "Yeah."

"Then I'll send you a message when I get there."

"Alright." Ji Yi gulped hard. After she swallowed the lump in her throat back down, she affectionately said, "Drive slowly."

"Mhm."

The call ended. Ji Yi wasn't in a hurry to leave, so she silently watched over He Jichen by the sidewalk.

He probably didn't want her to know he'd been smoking, so he didn't smoke through their call. After he put his phone away, he finally took a drag of his cigarette.

It was very windy, so he inhaled frequently.

As time ticked by, he didn't reveal the slightest sign of impatience.

Ji Yi stared unwaveringly at He Jichen as her fingers couldn't help but clench her phone. Tears began to surface in her pitch-black, clear eyes.

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Ji Yi stood there for about seven to eight minutes like this before heading back into the room.

As soon as she sat down, the male lead, Yang Li, raised his glass. "Why were you gone for so long?"

Ji Yi only politely replied, "I wasn't feeling too good." She didn't raise her wine glass.

"Where do you feel unwell? Do you want me to go to the hospital with you to get it checked? Or should I call my private doctor over?" Yang Li put his glass down and came in really close as though he was checking on her body.

Ji Yi slid back to avoid Yang Li's hand reaching out at her. "No thanks."

After she said this, Ji Yi glanced down at her phone. There were about fifteen minutes left till He Jichen would supposedly arrive.

Xie Siyao sat opposite her, endlessly talking about her boyfriend with a sweet yet annoying voice.

"Actually I don't know much about all this. My boyfriend told me about it recently..."

"My boyfriend told me that..."

Ji Yi, who had been outside for a while, started to get a headache again.

Even though she hadn't received He Jichen's text, Ji Yi bid everyone farewell. "Sorry, I'm not feeling very well, so I have to leave now."

Yang Li heard this and immediately offered: "I'll ask my driver to take you home."

"No, it's okay. Someone's picking me up." After Ji Yi's polite reply, she said her goodbyes to each and every person around the table. She softly kicked the chair back and got up.

The waiter brought over her handbag and jacket. Ji Yi reached out to take it when Xie Siyao said, "Ji Jie, your boyfriend's here to pick you up, right?"

She brought up He Jichen again... Ji Yi pretended to have not heard anything and ignored Xie Siyao.

It was clear Xie Siyao had no intention of stopping there as she smiled brightly and added, "He knows everyone in this room, so why doesn't he come and say hi?"

Xie Siyao paused for a moment then deliberately put emphasis on her tone when she said, "He can't possibly feel embarrassed, right?"

She was right; everyone in the room did, in fact, know He Jichen, and they clearly knew about He Jichen stabbing Qian Ge.

For her to say something like that, she was trying to discreetly attack He Jichen by highlighting his embarrassment in showing his face after that incident with Qian Ge broke out.

Ji Yi's gaze turned a little cold, but she still ignored Xie Siyao. She took the jacket and handbag from the waiter's hands, smiled at everyone in the room then walked out the doors.

She took the elevator downstairs and waited in the lobby for a while. Her phone vibrated in her pocket.

She pulled it out to take a glance and saw that it was a text from He Jichen.

She was afraid that if she headed out right away, He Jichen would know she made her way downstairs early, so she continued to linger in the lobby for a while before stepping out.

He Jichen's car engine was off, but he was probably afraid of being ticketed, so he parked by the road with both front lights on. He Jichen, who was leaning against the car door earlier, was now sitting in the car.

He saw her come out, so he immediately opened the car door and got out.

Ji Yi sped up. By the time she reached the car, He Jichen already walked around the car, over to the front passenger seat door.

"Why didn't you wear your jacket out?" He Jichen helped take Ji Yi's handbag and furrowed his brows as he saw the jacket in her arms.

"It was quite hot." Ji Yi's eyebrows arched.

"Be careful. You might catch a cold..." said He Jichen as he reached out to open the door. However, he only managed to pull it open slightly when they heard, "Ji Yi?"

Chapter 868: He Jichen, Let's Have a Baby (18)

Why's Xie Siyao also leaving so soon?

The smile that crept on Ji Yi's face when she saw He Jichen suddenly disappeared.

He Jichen's grip on the door handle trembled slightly for a moment. Without a moment's hesitation, he turned his head and quietly told Ji Yi, "I'm going over there for a smoke."

As he said this, he shut the door again and walked to the back of the car.

"I never imagined you'd still be here..." He Jichen took just two steps when he heard Xie Siyao's voice. In contrast to earlier, Ji Yi heard the sound of her high heels clearly.

As she drew closer, the sound of her heels grew louder. Then Ji Yi heard Xie Siyao's voice again. "Huh? This is... Mr. He?"

He Jichen's footsteps didn't slow down in the slightest under Xie Siyao's curiosity.

Ji Yi clearly felt Xie Siyao's footsteps speeding up considerably. Just as He Jichen brushed past her, Xie Siyao stopped right in front of him. She raised her head and smiled brightly. "Ah, it's really Mr. He! I thought I got the wrong person."

Having been stopped, He Jichen shot a cold glance at Xie Siyao who wore a friendly smile on her face. He didn't pay her any attention as he sidestepped and tried to continue on his way.

But this time, before He Jichen's feet left the ground, Ji Yi, who was standing beside him, reached out and pulled on his sleeve.

He Jichen's brows twitched slightly. He turned his head and looked over at Ji Yi.

Ji Yi smiled warmly at He Jichen and hugged the arm she pulled. Then she glued herself onto He Jichen's body completely, smiled right at Xie Siyao, and said, "Miss Xie, may I ask why you're seeking Jichen out?"

Jichen... He Jichen's body instantly froze.

Ever since they got together, she'd always called him "He Jichen." This might've been the first time she called him "Jichen."

Even though many people in this world called him "Jichen," none of them sounded so affectionate and pleasant until she came along.

Xie Siyao probably never imagined Ji Yi react this way. The expression on her face froze for a second before the corners of her lips curved into a warm smile as she said, "Well, it's nothing. When you left, the party was more or less over. I happened to see you both on my way out, so I called out to both of you. After all, the directors and producers are all familiar with He Jichen..."

Ji Yi's smile didn't fade but a cold scoff surfaced from deep in her heart.

She really lives up to the reputation of being Qian Ge's partner. The way she acts is identical to Qian Ge!

Does she think I'm stupid? As if I don't know she deliberately wanted to leave and purposefully attracted the group to the entrance just to embarrass He Jichen?

Deep down, she knew full well why He Jichen said he was going for a smoke when Xie Siyao called her the first time. She also knew that when Xie Siyao saw He Jichen trying to avoid her, she deliberately rushed over to He Jichen to stop him. That was why Ji Yi ignored Xie Siyao in front of He Jichen and pulled him back when he was about to leave again.

She wanted everyone to know that He Jichen was the man she truly loved and the man she was devoting the rest of her life to. No matter how other people viewed him, in her eyes, he was perfect.

What was most important was that she wanted to cheer up He Jichen, even though he lied to her tonight.

With that thought, Ji Yi's smile became warmer. "So I see..."

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As she said this, Ji Yi raised her head and looked at He Jichen's profile. Then she sweetly said, "Hubby, since they're old friends, you have to say 'hello' to everyone after bumping into them..."

Hubby... Having only just come to terms with "Jichen," when he heard that other word, his heart felt like it was being teased. A strange pounding sensation arose as he froze once more.

"But hubby, it's been a while since you've taken a break from showbiz. I wonder if everyone still remembers you..." Ji Yi said with a crisp voice as she leaned into He Jichen's arm. She turned around and bravely spoke up to the group of people standing nearby. "...Let me first give y'all an introduction. This is my husband, He Jichen."

After Ji Yi said this, she turned and shot He Jichen a bright smile. Then she pointed at the respective people before her and introduced He Jichen to each and every one of them.

"Hubby, this is the producer. You remember him, right? You guys worked together previously on 'Three Thousand Lunatics'."

"Hubby, this is the director. You personally chose him to direct 'Jiuchong Palace'."

"Hubby, this is the casting director. You probably don't remember him. Don't underestimate him because he looks young – he has a great eye. He matches every role with the right actor."

"Hubby, this is the movie's female lead. I even liked her in senior high! I think I mentioned her many times."

"Hubby, this is the male lead, Yang Li. He has so many cute, girly fans."

"Hubby..."

Every mention of "Hubby" left He Jichen in such a daze that he didn't carefully listen to her introductions. After her voice fell, he politely and courteously smiled as a kind of greeting.

The people there had worked in showbiz for a long time. Even if they had personal opinions about someone deep down, they wouldn't show it, so after Ji Yi finished her introductions, everyone engaged in casual conversations with He Jichen.

"Mr. He, you've been away for some time now."

"Mr. He, when you have time, let's meet up and play cards."

"Mr. He..."

In the past, He Jichen didn't like to entertain before Qian Ge's video incident, so at a fitting time, Ji Yi said, "Hubby, you're meeting with someone later? We'd better be off. It's almost time..."

As Ji Yi said this, she flashed an apologetic smile at the group. "I'm so sorry. Let's talk later."

"Sure sure."

"Goodbye"

"Take care."

Ji Yi hugged He Jichen's arm as everyone said their goodbyes then she smiled brightly back. She turned around and headed for the car.

Ji Yi thought Xie Siyao would give up since she couldn't achieve her goal. However, Ji Yi never imagined that before the car door opened, Xie Siyao would actually cry, "Mr. He, you're meeting someone pretty late in the evening. I wonder what Mr. He is busy with after retiring from showbiz, hmm?"

Xie Siyao deliberately emphasized the words "after retiring from showbiz."

Because of what happened with Qian Ge, he immediately retired from showbiz, so Xie Siyao obviously touched upon a sore spot.

Ji Yi's gaze instantly turned cold.

Just as Ji Yi wanted to reply with "He Jichen is my husband, so why do you care so much?", He Jichen, who hadn't really uttered a word, said with a flat tone, "I'm busy spending time at home with my wife."

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Busy spending time at home with my wife...

A second ago, Ji Yi was burning with anger, but the second after hearing that line, her lips couldn't help but curve.

Xie Siyao was obviously slyly provoking He Jichen, but who knew that He Jichen would actually reply to her with a line like that? Incidentally, Xie Siyao's punch landed on wool; its impact was stunted.

Ji Yi instinctively averted her gaze over to Xie Siyao's face.

So she just had the same thought! Xie Siyao's smile turned stiff.

Xie Siyao sensed Ji Yi staring at her. Right as Ji Yi stared at her, Xie Siyao also glanced back at Ji Yi.

Ji Yi instantly felt better when she met Xie Siyao's gaze. The corners of her lips deliberately curved more visibly.

As Xie Siyao's gaze fell on Ji Yi's smile, it was particularly irritating to her and the expression on Xie Siyao's face worsened.

Having achieved her goal, Ji Yi's smile grew bright.

Xie Siyao was so angry that her hands clenched into fists. The moment He Jichen reached his hand out to pull the car door open, she abruptly blurted, "Mr. He, do you mean to say that after retiring from showbiz, you haven't been working?"

Xie Siyao put extra emphasis on the words "after retiring from showbiz" again.

How can someone be so b*tchy?

Ji Yi felt good for just one second when all of a sudden, her anger rose once again.

She withdrew her smile and looked over at Xie Siyao. "Xie Siyao, you..." she blurted coldly.

"Xiao Yi." Ji Yi only let out a few words when He Jichen, who was standing beside her, flatly stopped her.

Ji Yi turned and looked over at He Jichen.

She thought He Jichen would retaliate by saying something back to Xie Siyao like before.

Who knew that He Jichen would actually pull out his phone and make a call?

After a couple seconds, the call went through, and He Jichen's voice softly rang in the night air. "Where are you now? Ah, okay, the entrance of China World Hotel Beijing..."

It wasn't clear who the person over the phone was or what they said, but He Jichen lowered the phone from his ear and pushed the button to hang up.

Ji Yi and the group of people beside them stared at He Jichen with an odd look on their faces as they assumed he was going to say something but instead, he ended up making a call. After he hung up, everyone waited for what He Jichen was going to say next.

Even Ji Yi was waiting.

Who knew that He Jichen would elegantly stand by the car without any hint of uttering a word?

Gradually, Ji Yi couldn't help herself. She leaned closer to He Jichen and wanted to quietly ask him why he wasn't saying anything. All of a sudden, a car stopped right in front of He Jichen.

The car door opened. The first to step out was a gentleman in an all-black suit. Thereafter, two women in uniforms stepped out of the passenger car door.

The gentleman bowed politely to He Jichen and cried, "Mr. He". Then he walked around to the back of the car and opened the trunk.

The two women quickly caught up to the gentleman and hurriedly carried a couple of shoe boxes from the truck.

The gentleman brought out a foldable chair and a rug. He walked over to Ji Yi and first placed down the rug. Then he opened the chair and placed it on the rug. Thereafter, he turned around and politely said, "Miss Ji, please take a seat."