

Chapter 231: Masculinity

The person who came was no other than Cai Yan, also known as Chief Cai, the one who would cause countless troubles for Yang Chen almost every time they met.

However, Cai Yan wasn't wearing a police uniform today. She wore a white, knitted coat with a wide, round neck that revealed the snow-white skin on her bosom, making her look rather seductive. A pair of jeans wrapped around her pair of firm, long and beautiful legs. Her short hair was delicate as ever. However, due to her pale coffee-colored high heel boots, she didn't look like the heroic woman police officer, but an independent white-collar worker in a city.

Comparing the simple dressing up of Lin Ruoxi, it was obvious that Cai Yan spent much effort on her makeover, making her originally inferior look to Lin Ruoxi seem extraordinarily attractive.

"Chief Cai, erm... it's rare to see you here..." Yang Chen said with an unnatural smile. He was worried that Cai Yan came to look for his trouble once again. He didn't want to be arrested to the police station for recordings on a Sunday.

When Cai Yan noticed Yang Chen's defensive expression, grief could be vaguely seen on Cai Yan's face. She said palely, "I came here to look for Ruoxi, to talk about Gao Guoxiong."

Yang Chen paused for a while to recall who Gao Guoxiong was. He was the wealthy Singaporean business who tried to harm Lin Ruoxi two days ago. Currently, he was still being locked up in the police station.

"What is it? What does he want to do again?!" Yang Chen wouldn't forgive the disgusting man who tried to hit on his woman.

Because of what happened in the morning, Lin Ruoxi started treating Yang Chen a little better. She asked gently, "He wants his lawyer to sue me. Yanyan and I will be discussing the legal procedures."

"To sue you?!"

Frustrated, Yang Chen slapped the sofa forcefully. "It's at his advantage that he's not executed by a rifle team yet! If he dares to sue you, I'll kill him in prison!"

Deep down her heart, Lin Ruoxi felt pleased when she saw Yang Chen get this angry. Retaining a serious expression, she said, "What are you talking about? Killing? Killing in prison? Are you in a science fiction movie now?"

Cai Yan looked at Yang Chen with a strange expression. Through the conversations with her elder sister Cai Ning, she had a brief understanding towards Yang Chen's character. She had a feeling that if Gao Guoxiong really dared to sue Lin Ruoxi, he could really die in jail.

"Rest assured, his lawyer rejected his request. Right now, he needs to hire other lawyers from Singapore if he really wants to sue Ruoxi. Now that this case is having this much exposure, I bet no one in China wants to work for him," Cai Yan said smilingly.

"Then why did his Singaporean lawyer reject him?" Yang Chen asked, confused.

Without filtering her thoughts, Cai Yan said, "Don't you know that your wife is a super wealthy woman?" "Yanyan! The title sounds so horrible!" Blushing, Lin Ruoxi twisted Cai Yan's arm.

After thinking for a short moment, Yang Chen came up with yet another question. "Babe Ruoxi, did you bribe his lawyer?"

Lin Ruoxi got rather embarrassed after being called out by Cai Yan in front of Yang Chen. Lowering her head, she said, "Lawyers need to pay their bills too! Since I'm paying a lot, he's of course listening to me."

"You completely screwed Gao Guoxiong!" Yang Chen said excitedly. Lin Ruoxi definitely had the ability to hire other lawyers, but she deliberately picked Gao Guoxiong's. It wouldn't be a surprise if Gao Guoxiong spat out blood in his prison room.

"No one asked him to betray the trust I have towards him! When Yu Lei International was still under Grandma's control, he's already had a partnership going on," Lin Ruoxi said angrily.

Yang Chen suddenly thought of a saying. In this society, money is the only driver to win a legal case.

When the three were chatting, Wang Ma finally finished making lunch and started serving the dishes out.

Cai Yan was also really familiar with Wang Ma. She enthusiastically rushed to the kitchen to help.

"Sigh, Miss Cai, don't help out anymore. Since you came here, you're our visitor. How can I still bother you for help?" Wang Ma said politely.

Smiling, Cai Yan asked, "How can I let you do all the work yourself? It must be tiring!"

"Hahah, don't worry about it. I'm merely a maid. Why can't I be exhausted?" Wang Ma said smilingly.

Cai Yan leaned forward and whispered to Wang Ma's ear, "Wang Ma, did that person come by recently?"

When Wang Ma heard 'that person', her expression got really unnatural. She said bitterly, "Miss Cai, let the past be the past. Let's let go of whatever that has taken place already. I'm getting older and older each day. My memory isn't reliable anymore."

Cai Yan nodded obediently and said, "Women always get the short end of the stick when it comes to these things."

That statement of hers seemed to be directed at Wang Ma, as well as herself. Even Cai Yan herself wasn't too sure.

Seeing Cai Yan and Wang Ma chat in such a friendly manner with each other as they walked about at the kitchen and dining hall, Yang Chen looked at Lin Ruoxi and said, "Ruoxi my dear, look at Chief Cai, she really knows how to behave well. You're a fellow woman too, why don't you go help Wang Ma out?"

After hearing what Yang Chen told her, given that she hadn't done anything similar before, Lin Ruoxi said, "Why don't you go do it yourself?"

"Cause I'm a man," replied Yang Chen.

"Tch, you darned patriarch," commented Lin Ruoxi softly. However, she didn't make herself heard and stood up to help Wang Ma prepare the dining table.

Shocked, Yang Chen thought, did she actually listen to my advice?

During lunch, the four that dined together didn't talk about much. As they didn't have any alcohol, they quickly finished the meal.

Cai Yan still had to return to the police department for overtime after lunch. After all, the matter at Dongxing had just been dealt with and there were many underground syndicates at Zhonghai that had to be rebuilt. Thanks to the cooperative effort between the government and the Red Thorns Society, Cai Yan's schedule was rather packed.

The moment she wanted to leave, Cai Yan hesitated for a bit before she said, "Yang Chen, can I talk to you in private for a short moment?"

Yang Chen was just about to go upstairs for a nap. But when he heard what she had to say, he nodded and agreed.

Ling Ruoxi had just bid Cai Yan farewell. Seeing that Cai Yan wanted to talk to Yang Chen without her presence, she couldn't help but feel suspicious. However, she didn't put it on her mind and started cleaning the table with Wang Ma. Even though she was a little clumsy at her job, that gesture made Wang Ma incredibly happy.

When Yang Chen and Cai Yan both stepped out of the house, he asked, "Chief Cai, did I cause any trouble again?"

Cai Yan retained a calm expression and said solemnly, "Yang Chen, even though we've had some disagreements in the past, I hope you can accept my sincere apology. I know that it was me who blamed you wrongly. Considering that we experienced a life-and-death event together, and the fact that I'm a good friend to Ruoxi, can you accept me?"

"Accept you?" Yang Chen said as he began to smile, "Chief Cai... What did you mean by that?"

As if noticing that her words sounded a little suggestive, Cai Yan couldn't help but blush. "I... What I meant was... Could you not call em Chief Cai all the time? It sounds really formal and distant..."

"Well..." Yang Chen felt that Cai Yan was being sincere with her request, so if he continued to address her that formally, that would be a little unnecessarily cruel. "Alright, I'll call you Cai Yan then."

"Thanks," Cai Yan said as her eyes brightened, "Then, we're friends, right?"

"Yeah. Friends we are." Yang Chen suddenly realized how cute Cai Yan could be. Had it not been for her family background, she might've been unable to become a police chief given her innocent personality.

Cai Yan began to smile as she said, "I still have to thank you... Well, for saving me without regard to your own life back then. Had it not been for you, I would've been caught between the crossfire and shot dead already."

"Chi-- Oh, I mean, Cai Yan, don't over exaggerate the matter. I didn't save you from no crossfire, alright? It had nothing to do with me," said Yang Chen as he blinked at her.

Understanding his intentions, Cai Yan stifled a laugh and said, "I understand. I'll act as if nothing happened."

As if one of her deepest troubles had been resolved, Cai Yan felt much better already when she left with her yellow Audi.

Just as Yang Chen was about to enter the house once more, he saw Lin Ruoxi walk out with a black-colored leather bag. Looking around, she asked, "Did Yanyan leave already?"

"That's right. What's wrong?"

"She left her bag beside the sofa. It seems she forgot to take it back with her," said Lin Ruoxi with a furrowed brow.

Yang Chen looked a little suspicious and thought, was she that happy that she forgot to take her precious bag with her?

"Check if she has anything important inside it."

"That... wouldn't go down too well, would it? How can we just dig into her stuff like that?" asked Lin Ruoxi.

Letting out a bitter laugh, Yang Chen thought, oh, now she plays coy... "If you're not doing it, I am."

"No way!" Lin Ruoxi said as she retracted her hands, "I guess I'll do it. Let's contact her immediately if there's something really important in there."

After she searched the bag, she breathed a relieved sigh and said, "Good thing there's no important documents or phones in there. Let's give this back to her next time. Or, maybe she'll come back for it later."

After the two entered the house once more, Yang Chen watched some TV for a while. Just as he was about to go get his nap, Lin Ruoxi showed up in a new, white, autumn-season dress with a light brown bag slung over her shoulder. It seemed that she was going to head out.

Based on what she wore, Yang Chen guessed that she wasn't going to the company. But thinking of the matter with Gao Guoxiong, he couldn't help but ask, "Where are you going?"

As she put on her slippers, she said, "I am going out with someone at a nice place. I won't be coming back tonight either. You'll have dinner with Wang Ma."

Going out?! thought Yang Chen with dissatisfaction, it's Sunday, so why didn't she ask me out instead?

Just before Lin Ruoxi stepped out of the door, she suddenly stopped and said to Yang Chen, "It's with a girl," before scooting off like a hurried bunny.

Chapter 232: Office Games

It was yet another Monday, the time to start working again. It had been a while since Yang Chen last brought his female office colleagues breakfast. As he was carrying the breakfast into the office, he was welcomed by gazes of resentment. This gave Yang Chen a great sense of accomplishment.

After casually chatting and joking with the female colleagues, Yang Chen returned to his seat and switched on his computer. It had been more than a week, and he was back to the gaming life again.

In a black overcoat, matched with a grey cotton pleated mini skirt, and a pair of flesh-colored stockings which highlighted her round and springy legs, Zhao Hongyan gracefully walked towards Yang Chen. She took a bite of an oily fried dumpling as she stared at Yang Chen with a strange gaze.

Yang Chen's sight moved from the bottom-up on this beautiful colleague of his, whom he had a deep friendship with. Ever since getting away from her family's misfortune, Zhao Hongyan looked ever more radiant.

"Why are you looking at me like that? Don't tell me that you want to have some fun in the office," Yang Chen said with a smile.

Zhao Hongyan rolled her eyes at him as she sucked her oily fingers clean with her soft lips. One would want to punch her looking at her bitchy attitude. She asked, "Where have you been for so long? Didn't you know that someone in our office had gotten lovesick while you weren't here?"

"Lovesick?" Yang Chen asked as he tried to conceal his smile. "You can just tell me that it's you."

"Screw you!" Zhao Hongyan scolded, annoyed. "Do you know that when you weren't here, Sister Mingyu would walk to my side to glance at your empty desk? I only know it because I sit near you."

Liu Mingyu? Yang Chen thought.

Yang Chen chuckled in his mind. Back then, the lady still said very frankly that there would be no strings attached between them after that night. She would go back to where she belonged, while he would still be himself. It seemed like she would still miss Yang Chen once in a while.

However, he got rather busy recently. Also, to be honest, Yang Chen's heart was that of an ordinary man. It was impossible for him to look after every woman he cared for. She was indeed overlooked.

She was a lady who had kept her chastity for almost thirty years. Very unexpectedly, she found a man that she thought she could cling to. However, this man would go missing out of the blue and wouldn't attempt to contact her. No one would feel happy when they thought about this.

"Are you sure that Sister Mingyu misses me, but you don't?" Yang Chen asked smilingly.

Zhao Hongyan seemed like she was exposed of her deepest secret. Her expression turned increasingly unnatural. She then looked at Yang Chen with her charming eyes before saying, "Yeah. Do you know that I'm a divorced young lady who has been living alone at home every night? I would dream about romance until the sun rises, waiting for a strong man to enter the door of my heart. Do you want to come and try?"

As Yang Chen's sight met Zhao Hongyan's alluring eyes, he suddenly grew numb. In his mind, he suddenly recalled the pleasure produced when he rubbed her private parts back then. Gulping, he said, "If you dare to open the door, I will dare to enter."

Yang Chen wouldn't shrink back for a matter like this. Ignoring everything, he started to scan Zhao Hongyan's body from her tall bosom to her thighs which had minimal fat.

Zhao Hongyan seemed like she couldn't stand Yang Chen's straightforward personality and his aggressive eyesight. Her heart started jumping around. Clenching her teeth, she scolded, "Pervert!" before grasping her mini skirt and running back to her seat.

At this moment, Liu Mingyu who was wearing a full white dress with black-laced stockings and high heels, swung her firm backside as she entered the office smilingly. Her neck was even wrapped in a pale-purple scarf, making her look extraordinarily pleasant and gentle than usual.

Not having seen Liu Mingyu for a few days, Yang Chen felt like this lady had removed a previously sealed shell when he saw her again. It seemed like she had gone through thick and thin and finally turned glamorous.

Liu Mingyu held the same expression when she saw that Yang Chen returned to the office. She simply greeted him and left for her office.

The more she acted coldly, the more issues there were. Yang Chen quickly stood up and walked to her office joyfully before reaching out to the door, blocking Liu Mingyu from locking it.

Liu Mingyu turned around to have a look, only to find Yang Chen looking at her with a weird smile. The light make-up on her face was a thin layer of pink powder. As she avoided looking at Yang Chen in the eyes, she said, "What are you doing?"

"There's something I want to report to Department Head Liu," Yang Chen said with a serious expression.

Only idiots would believe you, she thought. However, while she was struggling, she still allowed Yang Chen to enter the office.

Once the door got closed, Yang Chen instantly locked the door in succession.

When Liu Mingyu put her handbag on her desk, she felt a pair of strong arms hugging her from behind.

"You..."

Shocked, she turned around and wanted to say something. However, her open, tender and delicate lips got covered by Yang Chen's.

"Mmh..." A low-pitched moan resounded. Liu Mingyu couldn't defend herself anymore. She slowly loosened her jaws, allowing Yang Chen's tongue to enter.

As they entangled in the wet kiss, Yang Shen moved one of his arms to Liu Mingyu's busty bosom and started rubbing a snowy summit, while the other arm slid down her curvy hips and grabbed her backside. The feeling of touching soft and exquisite meat heated Yang Chen up.

Liu Mingyu felt that Yang Chen's body and breath became hotter and hotter, but her body was soft like water and didn't have any strength to resist. Her entire body grew numb and seemed like it was going to melt.

“Yang... Yang Chen...” Liu Mingyu said when she barely broke away from Yang Chen’s lips and tongue. She raised her head to allow Yang Chen to kiss her sensitive neck. “Don’t... don’t do it here... We’ll... we’ll be discovered doing this... Mmh...”

“So what if they find out? I don’t mind,” Yang Chen said jokingly.

Liu Mingyu suddenly got pissed and started pushing Yang Chen away with all her strength. “You... you can’t do it! Don’t you have to take me into consideration?” she said angrily.

“Alright, alright...” Yang Chen said smilingly. “I was only joking, don’t take it seriously. If people really find out, won’t they surround us and look at us like monkeys in a zoo?”

Liu Mingyu finally calmed down. She whacked Yang Chen’s chest before complaining, “You men only know how to bully women. You went missing for so many days and the first thing you did was to take advantage of me when you came back.”

Yang Chen looked like he was wronged. He said, “You were the one who said that you disliked too many responsibilities. You asked us to live our own lives. What are you complaining now?”

“I...” Liu Mingyu got speechless but her face looked really miserable. She pouted and turned her head around.

Yang Chen smiled as he lightly hugged her before patting Liu Mingyu’s back. “Alright, alright. You’re a few years older than me but you behave like a little girl. It was really just a joke. It’s my fault that I didn’t take you into account for so many days. Sigh, I said that I wasn’t a good man from the start. So I can’t be blamed for lying. If you took the initiative to contact me, I’ll for sure appear in front of you in no time.”

“Tchh, there’s no way I would want to take the initiative to contact you,” Liu Mingyu said as a smile emerged on her face while she was still in Yang Chen’s hug.

Although this fellow isn’t anything good, he has complete honesty. I can’t be too bothered. Don’t I just want someone to rely on? It’s really simple... she thought.

Yang Chen took a deep breath to take in the body scent of a mature woman, Liu Mingyu’s. As desire appeared in his eyes, he said, “Babe Mingyu, why don’t we play an office game? Although you aren’t dressed very formally today, it’s more than enough already. At least I can enter the main topic by simply lifting...”

As Liu Mingyu wasn’t a virgin anymore, she immediately understood Yang Chen’s evil thinking. She knew very clearly what the so-called ‘office games’ and ‘lifting’ mean. As her face turned red, she violently pinched on Yang Chen’s arm. “Do you want to die? Once the people outside hear our movement, I wouldn’t have the face to see them anymore,” she said angrily.

Confused, Yang Chen said, “Then you’ll bite on something so that you don’t make any noise. Wouldn’t the problem be solved?” He hadn’t experienced having a war of human meat in an office.

Liu Mingyu was really determined in her decision. She wouldn’t put her pride down so easily. She shook her head to deny the request.

Yang Chen felt really helpless. He truly liked this lady in front of him. Although he liked a lot of women, he would never coerce or force any one of them. He still held the principle of a true gentleman.

Although he knew that he could do some simple steps that Liu Mingyu wouldn't be able to necessarily cope with, he still forwent the thought at last.

Looking at the seductive and elegant woman, Yang Chen felt that it was a waste to just leave like that without doing anything. He let out a strange smile.

Holding the back of Liu Mingyu's head to hold her from moving, he used his other hand to seize her jade-like nose, making her unable to breathe through her nose.

Liu Mingyu got shocked as she didn't know what Yang Chen was up to. She wanted to ask Yang Chen to take his hands back. However, the moment she opened her mouth, Yang Chen moved one of his hands from her nose to her lips, before inserting two fingers into her precious mouth.

"Mmh..."

Liu Mingyu could only feel that two agile fingers were naughtily teasing her soft and tender mouth. Her pink tongue got fondled back and forth.

It was a very enjoyable process. Yang Chen could feel that his fingers were moved around by a soft, cute thing in a wet and warm environment.

Liu Mingyu's face turned red as she experienced a type of love training. Feeling shy, she felt an unknown excitement deeply. She looked at Yang Chen with her watery eyes that contained anger, shyness and ignorance.

When Liu Mingyu started breathing rapidly and coughed, Yang Chen finally stopped his finger movements. "Make my fingers dry and I'll take them out," he said with a tone that indicated there was no room for negotiation.

Liu Mingyu obediently sucked Yang Chen's fingers dry before opening her mouth as she stared at him.

Yang Chen retrieved his hand and lightly tapped her face, satisfied. "Babe Mingyu, it seems like you have much potential for training."

"If you dare to do it again, I'll bite your fingers off," Liu Mingyu said as she puffed her mouth.

"You won't, you know that you enjoyed it," Yang Chen said with a naughty smile.

Clenching her teeth and staring at Yang Chen, she lifted her leg and stepped on his toes forcefully. Unexpectedly, Yang Chen moved away long ago.

"Oh?"

Liu Mingyu missed and hurt her foot as she kicked the ground, hurting her heel rather badly.

"Heheh, it's an instinctive reaction," Yang Chen said as he walked forward. He wanted to remove her shoes and massage her feet before wiping oil on the beauty's calves. However, his phone rang at this moment.

As he took his phone out, Yang Chen got shocked but immediately picked up the call. "Manager Tang, why are you free to call me today?"

The person who called over was Tang Wan. After thinking for a while, she said, "I promised to treat you to a meal to thank you. But I got rather busy recently so I had to delay for a bit. Are you free tonight?"

Yang Chen didn't expect Tang Wan to really treat him to a meal. Thinking of the lady who could make his heartbeat race every time they met, Yang Chen wasn't able to reject her request. "Since Manager Tang has time, why won't a small employee like me have time as well? But forget about thanking me, just look at it as simply treating me to a meal," he replied.

"Yang Chen, can you... can you stop calling me Manager Tang? Call me Tang Wan," Tang Wan said gently.

Yang Chen suddenly thought of Cai Yan who asked him to stop calling her Chief Cai as well. It seemed like women didn't usually like their working positions. Casually, he said, "Alright, Miss Tang Wan!"

"I'll call you again when you get off work. I'll end the call now," Tang Wan said happily.

"Bye bye," Yang Chen said before ending the call. As he raised his hand, he noticed that Liu Mingyu was already giving him a death stare.

"Oh, it's yet another woman who got ruined by you," Liu Mingyu said with a cold smile.

Yang Chen lightly scratched the back of his head, saying, "What are you talking about? How am I ruining people? I know that I've always been naive and pure, I would only get ruined by women instead... Hehe..."

Liu Mingyu rolled her eyes before walking to her seat and sitting down angrily. "You can go out now."

Yang Chen knew that it was best to retreat when women got jealous, so he obediently walked out of the room. Before exiting, he made a hand gesture of a phone call. "Babe, remember to call me. I'll appear any time."

When he saw that Liu Mingyu lifted a pen holder and wanted to throw it over, Yang Chen quickly shut the door.

Chapter 233-1: A Passive Date

When the working hours almost ended, Tang Wan called over once again, to ask Yang Chen out to a street in the east of Zhonghai. Although Yang Chen hadn't been there before, he could briefly understand the place by simply searching for a map on the internet, making him end the call excitedly.

Since he wasn't going home for dinner, Yang Chen immediately thought of giving Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma a call. He promised Lin Ruoxi to always inform her if he ever wasn't planning to go home.

After dialling Lin Ruoxi's number, the call got picked up within a few seconds.

"What is it?" Lin Ruoxi asked. She seemed like she was occupied.

"I'm calling to inform my wife that I'm not coming home for dinner. Someone's treating me to a meal," Yang Chen said with a smile.

Lin Ruoxi paused and thought for a few seconds. She said, "Is it Tang Wan?"

Yang Chen got rather shocked. How does she know that? he thought. However, after recalling for a bit, Lin Ruoxi seemed to have heard Tang Wan when she offered to treat him to a meal a while ago. Lin Ruoxi had even asked him to stay away from Tang Wan, to get near any woman in the world except Tang Wan.

Without trying to hide anything, Yang Chen said awkwardly, "Yeah. Since I promised her back then, I need to go today."

Lin Ruoxi sighed before saying, "At the end of the day, you still don't want to listen to me. Is the woman really that attractive to you?"

"Don't say it that way. I really just want to have a simple meal with her. The development of our friendship isn't that advanced yet. Hehe," Yang Chen said as he got more and more guilty. Actually until this day, Yang Chen would still get very heated up whenever he thought of the time where he tried to convince Tang Wan by the river into doing something at night.

On that day, Yang Chen noticed that Tang Wan had a child studying in high school, which made him feel rather disappointed since he indeed had some interest in her, but splitting families apart wouldn't be a good idea in any case. However, Yang Chen concluded that Tang Wan should be a single mother, judging from how she usually reacted.

Ever since Tang Wan took the initiative to express her feelings, Yang Chen had been having more and more thoughts. He didn't think that he was a closed-minded person when it came to matters between a guy and a lady, he was very interested towards the high-quality milf. Actually, the men who wouldn't lay a second thought on Tang Wan were either cowards without a pair, or had an unusual fetish. Yang Chen was a perfectly fine man, and was also courageous when it came to matters like this. He didn't plan to hide anything.

At the other side of the phone call, Lin Ruoxi kept quiet for a while as she contemplated. She said, "Alright, understood. But you don't have to inform me in the future when you're not coming back for dinner."

"Huh? Why?!" Yang Chen got anxious.

"I'd feel disgusted!" Lin Ruoxi shouted before ending the call.

Yang Chen pouted before smiling bitterly. He wasn't the type of man who would give up an entire forest for a single tree. Although he had to get despised by Lin Ruoxi once again, Yang Chen wouldn't put that in his heart. As a matter of fact, this wife of his was indeed decent. If other women found out that their husbands were cheating, they would absolutely cry, make a fuss or hang them up. At the very least, an argument would arise. However, this wasn't the case for Lin Ruoxi, she would just talk sarcastically, or ignore you for a while. The days would still go on!

Lin Ruoxi still hadn't fully accepted the idea that Yang Chen was her husband.

Upon getting off work, Yang Chen drove to the neighborhood that Tang Wan asked him to go to. As he stopped his car, Yang Chen noticed that this old street was from the early days of Zhonghai. It had different kinds of ancient construction designs, including stone bungalows that wielded the breath of

1930s, making the alleged well-developed streets of Zhonghai look much inferior. This place was like another city within a city.

After spending minimal effort to look around, Yang Chen discovered Tang Wan who had been waiting for him since a while ago.

She wore a black collared coat, with a white cotton sweater within. On the lower body, she wore a short skirt with a gray tone, together with extraordinarily charming black-laced stockings and a pair of fresh-red high heels that would reflect light when shone upon. Her untied long hair smoothly scattered on her shoulders, her glossy face exerted the mature feeling of a woman from the east while her skin was white and flawless like that of a baby.

As her alluring eyes gazed around, she suddenly seemed like she blended with the background, the street which was filled with ancient yet delicate construction buildings. She seemed like a beauty slowly walking out of an archaic scroll.

Upon seeing Yang Chen, Tang Wan let out a vivid smile as she waved at his direction.

Yang Chen gulped as his heart started racing. Comparing this to the first time he saw Lin Ruoxi, he didn't get this excited and overjoyed.

The most beautiful part regarding this woman who had gone through countless life experiences wasn't her appearance, but was the aura she exerted the moment she raised her hand. To the young Yang Chen who had seen endless joys and sorrows, this type of woman was an absolute poison!

Sigh, you are the abyss that would tempt people to commit a crime... Yang Chen exclaimed deep down his heart.

"You're late, this doesn't seem like what a gentleman with an attitude would do," Tang Wan said smilingly.

"Do I look like I have an attitude, or a gentleman?" Yang Chen asked.

Tang Wan contemplated for a while before saying, "Oh, I almost forgot. You don't have too good of an attitude, but you're probably wild. You may not be a gentleman, but you're absolutely a pervert."

Yang Chen knew that Tang Wan was referring to the few times they met earlier. Not only did he provoke her, she also witnessed him bringing various women in front of her. It was evident that Yang Chen was disloyal in her eyes.

"Since you know me so well, why do you still dare to treat me to a meal?" Yang Chen asked with a bitter smile.

Shaking her head lightly, she said, "I've also been thinking about it. When I called you earlier, I had been asking myself deep down in my heart, on why I'm offering to treat a perverted and disloyal fellow a meal. Even if he has saved my life, I need not risk my body. However, I've already invited you out when I finished thinking. So as a lady, I decided to do as I promised."

After speaking, Tang Wan pointed at the old-fashioned street behind her. "Let's go, I'll treat you to the meal today. You mustn't have tried something truly delicious," she said.

Yang Chen felt particularly fresh. Comparing Tang Wan to other women, she seemed surprisingly calm. She didn't try to hide her real intentions and Yang Chen could feel that she had a good feeling towards him. Possibly due to her age, Tang Wan didn't care much about a woman's shyness and pride. She wasn't afraid to express her thoughts that she had in mind.

Together with Tang Wan, Yang Chen walked to a street where both sides were filled with mini shops and booths. The pedestrians would look at the two once in a while. Although the guy looked really ordinary, the lady appeared to be extraordinarily stunning.

Tang Wan didn't chat with Yang Chen about other stuff. She was just busy introducing the various kinds of shops on both left and right of the street. She also knew about what historical messages from different places and the family matters that some shop owners had, including what their children were working as.

Curious, Yang Chen asked, "Do you reside here?"

"Nope I don't. But my grandma's house is here. This place is also my mom's hometown. I loved coming here when I was young. This street is the only place in Zhonghai where historical figures are maintained, because some of these stone buildings became relics. Although my grandparents and my mother passed away, I'm really lucky that I can come here often to recall their appearances," Tang Wan replied.

Yang Chen couldn't help but to say, "You don't sound like what a mother with a child in high school would say. Your reasoning makes me think that you're only in your twenties."

Tang Wan covered her mouth as she smiled. "My daughter doesn't like this place. She has always felt that this place is lifeless. I tell her that it's only because she doesn't understand the accumulation of the culture here due to her age."

Tang Wan didn't feel the slightest awkwardness as she talked about her daughter in this situation.

"Then did you possibly think that I would understand, that's why you brought me here?" Yang Chen asked smilingly. "I'm also in my twenties."

"You can, for sure," Tang Wan said confidently.

"Why?"

"On that day when you rescued me in the bank, I saw from your eyes that you held the emotion that someone in his twenties shouldn't have. Although it was only temporary, I unexpectedly felt secure," Tang Wan said as her expression turned unnatural. "You are the first man that I've seen, that gave me the feeling of security. Therefore, you must be able to understand this place."

The first man that... gave her the feeling of security?

Chapter 233-2: A Passive Date

Yang Chen gulped once again. Tang Wan continued introducing the streets to him to change the topic. The corner of Yang Chen's lips raised lightly. It seemed like there would be a show tonight...

As they walked the long pathway that felt like a time passage, the sky started getting dark. They then arrived at the entrance of a seemingly vandalised alley, which was lit up by a few 40-watt light bulbs.

Tang Wan brought Yang Chen to a booth which sold ramen. Facing an old man who was pulling noodles, she shouted, "Uncle Qiao!"

The man referred to as 'Uncle Qiao' raised his head and immediately revealed a smile. "Little Wan, you're finally here! I've missed you. You haven't come here in a while," he said excitedly.

"Yeah, I've been rather busy nowadays. Uncle Qiao, how are you doing recently?" Tang Wan asked as she stepped forward. She seemed to be really familiar with Uncle Qiao.

After chatting with Tang Wan for a short while, Uncle Qiao's facial expression turned odd as he looked at Yang Chen, "Little Wan, aren't you going to introduce him to me?"

Tang Wan replied generously, "This is my friend Yang Chen. I brought him here today just to eat your ramen. I told him that this has to be the most mouth-watering food in the entire Zhonghai. Uncle Qiao, you mustn't make me lose face today."

"Kid, what are you talking about? Do you think my culinary skill can go wrong? But... this person here mustn't just be an ordinary friend. You haven't brought anyone to my stall except your daughter," Uncle Qiao said smilingly.

Tang Wan didn't get shy at all. She said, "Uncle Qiao, he's not my boyfriend. It's just that he did me a major favor not long ago. I just thought that he wasn't too terrible of a person, so I offered to treat him to a meal. Since other restaurants are overly mundane, I decided to bring him here."

Smirking, Uncle Qiao said, "Just because he isn't your boyfriend now, doesn't mean he won't be in the future." He then turned to look at Yang Chen before giving various signals using his brows and eyes. "Kid, try harder! Although Little Wan is slightly older than you, I haven't seen any lady who is more beautiful and kind than her in my entire life. You mustn't miss this opportunity."

Looking at Uncle Qiao trying his best to get Tang Wan and himself together, Yang Chen suddenly felt that he was too heroic, while Tang Wan was just smiling at the side. She looked like she didn't mind Uncle Qiao's action.

Yang Chen and Tang Wan got seated beside an old table while Uncle Qiao started making them noodles. Since it wasn't time for supper yet, the stall was rather deserted. The sides were really empty as well.

As Yang Chen looked at Uncle Qiao make noodles from behind, he said helplessly, "Why didn't you explain to Uncle Qiao earlier? He must've thought that we have something."

Tang Wan minded her own business and poured herself a cup of green tea while saying, "Isn't that what you have been hoping for?"

Speechless, Yang Chen let out a bitter smile. He said, "You don't have to be so straightforward. Why do I feel like I became the prey, and you're the real hunter now?"

"Looking at my age, I'm 38 years old already." Tang Wan lifted the tea cup before taking a sip elegantly. Her every action seamlessly merged with the dilapidated background, looking unexpectedly coordinated.

"What do you mean?" Yang Chen asked, confused. He didn't know why the lady suddenly talked about her age. To most women, age was something they would detest for their entire lives.

“I don’t have much time to mess with uncertainty and obscurity anymore,” she said before finishing her cup of tea. She then turned and looked at Yang Chen coldly. “Yang Chen, do you want to hear how I feel towards you?”

Yang Chen knocked his knuckles of one hand on the table before nodding.

“The first time we met should be by the river. Feeling extremely moody on that day, I met you who was brainless, who asked me for a one night stand. The thing that pissed me the most is that you told me you sell mutton skewers for a living, while you use diamonds as the buttons of your shirt. Although I felt that you were very terrible, I can’t deny that you’re the one who left the deepest impression amongst all the men who asked me for a one night stand. At the same time, you’re also the only one that I didn’t punish after it happened,” Tang Wan said jokingly.

Yang Chen didn’t open his mouth, and only kept quiet while he listened.

“The next time we met was in my daughter’s school. Surprisingly, you were related to a naive and young teacher, and she even went so crazy for you. I thought that you were really horrible... Another time, I met you at my club and saw you together with Mo Qianni. I didn’t expect a woman who was so cautious and rational like her to develop feelings for you. After you finished playing tennis, I understood something. You were indeed a bad guy, but you were rather exceptional. I started to get a little curious about you...”

“After that, you stopped a few robbers for me in the bank. At that moment, I finally understood why Teacher Li and Mo Qianni would choose a bad guy like you,” Tang Wan said. She tilted her head and gave Yang Chen a smile. “Listen, the only reason I’m being this straightforward with you is because I have feelings for you. Otherwise I wouldn’t be saying all these.”

Yang Chen took a deep breath before saying, “Does this count as a love confession?”

“I said it just now. I don’t have much time left. I’ll be 40 years old two years later, even my daughter would be able to get married under the law. After another two years, I might be a grandmother already. Being a grandma, no matter how well I maintain my appearance, I’d still be merely an old lady.” The smile on Tang Wan’s face slowly disappeared. “The most unfortunate thing is, the only guy that I want to get together with, is someone more than ten years younger than me. Tell me, how can I not be anxious?”

Yang Chen didn’t expect Tang Wan to say something like this on their first private meeting. Before he could say something, Uncle Qiao shouted, “The noodles are here!” He carried two large bowls of newly-cooked ramen over.

“You still say that there’s nothing between you two. I saw that you were chatting very happily. What have you been talking about? Don’t you dare talk bad behind my back,” Uncle Qiao said jokingly. He was in a very good mood.

Tang Wan sniffed at the special smell produced by ramen mixing with parsley. She said, “Uncle Qiao, Yang Chen told me that I shouldn’t dream of trying to get him using only a bowl of noodles!”

“Ahem, ahem...” Yang Chen coughed as he took his first bite of the noodles. He said helplessly, “Why did you slander me out of nowhere? And when have you ever tried to get me?”

Uncle Qiao laughed and said, "This ramen absolutely can't get women. Back then, I tried to get Little Wan's mother by relying on noodles. At last, her mother still got married to the rich man. However, Little Wan still liked me more than her stupid father. So I guess I feel a little better about myself."

Yang Chen was stunned. He didn't know that Uncle Qiao had such a past with Tang Wan's elders. However, he felt odd that she preferred her father's love rival over her own father.

As a few customers came, Uncle Qiao went up to serve them. Yang Chen and Tang Wan then started eating their noodles.

Very quickly, Yang Chen finished devouring the huge bowl of noodles together with the soup. He let out a long burp as he looked at Tang Wan who was still slowly chewing away. Feeling emotional, he asked, "Tang Wan, have you checked on my background before?"

Tang Wan drank a mouthful of soup as she shook her head. "Nope. Although I'm very interested in your past and background, I hope that you still tell me about them yourself. I won't check on you," she replied.

"Then aren't you afraid that I'd leave you after taking advantage of you, since you said you had feelings towards me?" Yang Chen asked.

Tang Wan left out a sweet smile before saying, "Then let me ask you a few questions. You need to answer me honestly, either it's a 'yes', or a 'no'. What do you think?"

Yang Chen rubbed his face. This initially romantic and lovely date suddenly turned into an investigation survey. What made Yang Chen uncomfortable was this lady's overly initiative approach. She was so aggressive that she would tease him repeatedly, while looking at him in enjoyment like a proud queen.

"Alright, you may ask," Yang Chen murmured.

Chapter 234: Seawater

Seawater

Tang Wan seemed like she was done eating as well. She withdrew a piece of poor-quality tissue which was roughly rough to wipe the oil around her lips. Under the light, her flourishing red lips looked like rose petals.

Looking at Yang Chen who was waiting for her questions, Tang Wan opened her mouth. She asked, "First question, you have a wife, right?"

The first question was enough to make Yang Chen take a deep breath. Nodding, he said, "Yes."

Tang Wan didn't feel particularly surprised. "I have a daughter. So it cancels out. Second question, do you have more than one lover?"

Clenching his teeth, Yang Chen answered, "Yes."

"Ahh... but I don't have any man. I'm losing out this time. I knew that you were a bad guy. Third one, you came to see me, hoping to bring me to bed," Tang Wan said straightforwardly.

Yang Chen felt that this woman wanted him to feel inferior to an animal. Letting out a bitter smile, he replied, "Yes."

Tang Wan started laughing. She laughed until tears almost dropped out from her eyes. Looking at this beautiful lady laugh, she looked much different from the usually dignified and charming woman of high status. Instead, she was laughing like a teenaged lady getting teased by guys.

"What are you laughing about? You came up with the questions yourself. All I did was answering you honestly. I have never said that I'm any noble or righteous," Yang Chen said before pouting.

"Yang Chen, I notice that you have one good point. I'm wondering why you're always so honest. I wouldn't get angry if you lie to me, or say anything ridiculous," Tang Wan said as she tried her best to hold back laughing. "I'm only doing this for fun, you don't have to be so serious."

Frowning, Yang Chen said, "Back then, I was indeed good at joking with women. However, I don't plan to play games when it comes to relationships between a guy and a lady."

"Is this a testimonial given by a perverted, married man?" Tang Wan asked jokingly.

"I admit that you indeed wield endless glamour towards me. But the previous conversations made me have some wrong impressions. If you're only fooling around, I guess I shall take my leave now," Yang Chen said, dissatisfied. Tang Wan's attitude made him feel that he was looked down on.

Suddenly, Tang Wan grabbed Yang Chen's arm.

The exquisite and warm touch shocked Yang Chen. He turned his body around again to look at Tang Wan with a doubtful expression.

"Follow me to a place," Tang Wan said.

Yang Chen suddenly felt that the arm that Tang Wan used to grab him was trembling. It was an oppressive feeling that would cause trouble.

Yang Chen wanted to ask if she wanted to bring him to a hotel, but eventually forwent the thought. If that was really the case, he would feel awkward since he said that he was going to leave a moment ago, but immediately stayed because he heard of opening a room at the hotel. Just imagine how embarrassing that would be.

After saying goodbye to Uncle Qiao, the two left the ancient street. Because Tang Wan drove her black Land Rover, Yang Chen drove his car and followed behind. After around half an hour, they stopped near a seaside in Zhonghai.

Getting out of the car, Yang Chen looked at somewhere not far away. They were at a beach that stretched out long. The cold sea breeze brushed over their ears. The resounding echo which sea waves and reefs collided could be heard.

The crescent moon hung high up in the sky of the east, lying down on the sea surface together with other stars. Looking at the endless ocean and the moon that was momentarily blocked by the clouds, Yang Chen felt amazed. He had returned to Zhonghai for almost a year already, but he hadn't seen such a scenery before.

“So beautiful,” Tang Wan said as she stared at the night view together.

Yang Chen nodded silently. He was unwilling to open his mouth to spoil the peaceful moment. Following Tang Wan through a meandering ramp, Yang Chen arrived at the beach as they slowly approached the sea.

Since it was nighttime already, there wasn't a lot of people there. There were a few stalls selling barbecued seafood. Except the salty scent of the sea, there was also the smell of barbecued meat.

Tang Wan removed her red high heels and held them in her hands. Her white legs which looked like newly polished jade stepped on the wet and soft sandy beach gracefully. Extending her arms, she raised her head and took a deep breath, to enjoy the fresh air.

Silently, Yang Chen followed her and walked a long way, leaving foot trails behind.

“Yang Chen.” Tang Wan suddenly stopped walking. Under the moonlight, her elegant face let out a smile. “Thank you, I haven't relaxed myself this way for a very long time.”

“I haven't done anything,” Yang Chen replied.

“Do you know why I asked you the questions earlier?” she asked.

Shaking his head, Yang Chen answered, “Is it that you really want to know more about me?”

“Actually... it doesn't matter much to me anymore, regarding who you truly are. Men would like women for their beauty, gentleness, and aura. However, there's often no reason for a woman to like a man. Recognizing one means accepting on. She wouldn't dislike the man just because other people detest him, nor would she change her original intention. Regarding the questions I asked you earlier, instead of saying they were used to test you, you could say that they were to access myself,” Tang Wan said as she looked at the ocean's direction. The sea breeze blew and messed up her hair.

Yang Chen quietly stood at a side. At this moment, the wind blew directly on Tang Wen's clothing, revealing the curvy lines of her chest, making Yang Chen's eyes to slowly heat up. It wasn't important anymore for what Tang Wan was going to say next.

“You're such a terrible man. Having a wife yourself, you're still playing around outside. I didn't just discover you once. For the times we've met, I've seen you with at least three different women. I have been wondering, on why I still have feelings for you when you're so perverted, is it because I'm still not sure on who you really are? So... I decided to ask you and let you answer the questions yourself. If I still dream of you even after you answer them with your own mouth, then... I might've really met the person that I've been waiting for more than thirty years.”

Yang Chen got back to the situation. He asked, “What happened next?”

“Didn't I bring you here?” Tang Wan turned around and looked at him. Smiling, she said, “I grabbed onto you and brought you to my favorite seaside. This is the place where my mom would always bring me to when I was young. I promised her that if I happen to find someone I like, I will bring the man here to see her...”

Taking a deep breath, Tang Wan continued saying, “It happened when I was seventeen. I poured my mom's bone ash into the sea with my own hands.”

Yang Chen got astonished. He didn't expect that Tang Wan's mother was already gone.

"Hug me." Tang Wan suddenly looked at Yang Chen in the eyes. "You like me, don't you?"

Yang Chen's body got stiff. Tang Wan changed too quickly, making him to lack mental preparation.

It was just like a fairy from heaven suddenly came down to the human world, and said, "Hug me," to a farmer. Even if the farmer had the bravery of a tiger, he would still have to stay for a short moment.

When Yang Chen finally decided to step forward and hug Tang Wan, she suddenly leaned forward and fell into Yang Chen's arms!

Tang Wan's soft body rushed into Yang Chen's hug!

Tang Wan used both her hands to hook on Yang Chen's neck. Yang Chen hesitated for a moment before finally wrapping his hands around Tang Wan's slim and fine waist. In front of his chest, he could feel Tang Wan's pair of firmness and delicacy. The fragrance that was exclusive to women filled his nose, fused with the scent of the ocean.

Tang Wan's body was really soft, so soft that Yang Chen could feel fullness, it was like the woman's body could totally melt into his.

The thought of possibly hugging a woman like her into sleep made Yang Chen feel a burst of blood gushing up his head.

"Yang Chen..." Tang Wan murmured as she raised her head. Her alluring cheeks reddened and her eyes looked at Yang Chen as they twinkled.

Yang Chen felt that he was in a dream. It was unexpected that their first date developed to this stage. He got so startled that he couldn't speak a word.

"Yang Chen, have you tried drinking seawater?" Tang Wan asked softly.

Without waiting for his reply, Tang Wan continued speaking, "The feeling of falling in love is just like drinking seawater. The first drink is always tasty and refreshing. However, after drinking the first time, you instantly get thirsty. The more you drink the more thirsty you get. I'm afraid that I.... I'm afraid that I would get more easily thirsty than an ordinary person..."

"What do you hope to know?" Yang Chen asked with a smile. Although this woman was rather mentally strong, she was a bit too farsighted. However, she looked particularly adorable at this moment. She seemed like an ignorant little girl who was too afraid of losing the candy in her hands.

"I want to know if you're afraid... if you're afraid that I'm much thirstier than any other woman," Tang Wan said before biting her lips. Her eyes contained a different kind of fire. "You know it, I don't have much time left."

Yang Chen used his fingers to lightly hook Tang Wan's chin before slowly lifting her head up, making the bright red lips seem like a panting red flower.

Yang Chen let out an evil smile before saying, "Regardless if it's mental support or sex, the things that I want, are far more than your desires."

As soon as he finished speaking, he rushed forward to kiss her.

Being wet and cold while having tender and fragrant breaths, Yang Chen's scalp immediately numbed.

Tang Wan's hands got stiff for a while, before forcefully pressing on Yang Chen's neck from behind as she aggressively leaned forward, like she wanted to force her lips into Yang Chen's mouth, clumsily reacting to the kiss.

Under the echoes of the vigorous sea waves, under the profound sky, no one could hear the struggling and imprisoned heartbeat.

Chapter 235: Making Up for Youth

Making Up for Youth

Yang Chen hugged Tang Wan's soft backside while she felt an intense excitement. Her body was uncontrollably twisting. The more it twisted, the tighter the connection with Yang Chen's body was.

Yang Chen only felt that he was run over by cotton balls. He comfortably let out some breathing sound.

Tang Wan felt that her under portion was drenched in water. After years of defending her private room alone, she would feel lonely sometimes. She knew very clearly what this feeling was—she fell in love. Her tides were bursting frantically.

This late into the night, there was no one to be found around. Even a drunk man wouldn't be this bored to come to a place like this. However, Tang Wan was still afraid, afraid that the absurd and brave would have fun with her at this place.

Although she had confessed her heart out, and she knew that her youth would end really soon, she wouldn't go this far to treat the sky as the blanket and the ground as the bed. She didn't want to be so reckless to conduct the passionate activity here.

"Yang... Yang Chen..." Tang Wan broke away from the kiss that she didn't initiate. She begged, "No, don't do this here... I don't want this..."

"Then what do you want?" Yang Chen bantered.

Tang Wan pointed at a tall building nearby which had bright lights. "Go there, that's my Maple Hotel. I bought it so that I can come here whenever I miss my mom."

Yang Chen got dumbfounded when he looked at the luxurious building. He couldn't resist but to think, why is every woman around me richer than me?

Tang Wan seemed like she knew what Yang Chen was thinking about. "Are you one who cares about money?"

Yang Chen laughed before saying, "Yeah, you're right. It's not like I know how to spend even if I have money."

When Yang Chen happily held Tang Wan's hand as they were happily walking to the hotel, Tang Wan's phone rang.

Tang Wan frowned when she looked at her phone. Her expression turned slightly weird and helpless.

"What is it?" Yang Chen asked.

Tang Wan withdrew her hand from Yang Chen's, saying, "I'm sorry. It seems like our date today will have to end here."

"No..." Yang Chen's heart shook. What is this? You hooked my fire up and want to leave so casually? he thought.

Tang Wan let out a forced smile. "It's a message from my daughter. She came home. She said that she would move out of the house again if I didn't return tonight."

"Move out of the house?!" Yang Chen didn't know if he wanted to smile or cry. "Does she need to be this extreme?" he asked.

Shaking her head, Tang Wan answered, "You don't understand. My daughter is really stubborn. I have never stopped worrying about her since she was young. A while ago, she moved out of the house once because of academics. Recently, she has been staying at someone else's house, to take care of my friend's child. I didn't expect her to return so suddenly. That's why I asked you out today. She must be really tired and want to tell me a lot of stuff. Otherwise she wouldn't say something like that. I can't possibly hurt my daughter's feeling."

"It's appropriate that you care for her. However, aren't you feeling that I'd suffocate to death if you just leave like this?" Yang Chen said, depressed.

Tang Wan smiled as she looked at Yang Chen. "Don't you know that although women are soft and weak, they'd do anything for their children? Although I like you, you're far inferior compared to my daughter!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Tang Wan waved her hands naturally before jogging away. In just a short moment, she turned on her Land Rover before drifting away.

Yang Chen sighed helplessly. As he was contemplating whether he should express his fire on other women, his phone vibrated. It was a message from Tang Wan.

"Hold on, I'll come and collect my interest payments fully in the near future." There was also a heart emoji behind.

Yang Chen almost vomited blood on his phone. Collect your interest payments fully?! I'd choke to death already if I need to wait for your arrival!

However, before he turned his phone off, it vibrated again.

As he looked at the number, he recognized that it was Liu Mingyu's phone call.

"Oh, do you miss me already?" Yang Chen asked.

"Yang Chen... are you free now?" Liu Mingyu said. She sounded really lazy.

“Didn’t I say that I would appear whenever you call?” Yang Chen asked smilingly. He felt that Liu Mingyu should be consuming alcohol.

“Look for me at the bar. I need your help for something...”

“Tell me which bar you’re at. I’ll be there immediately,” Yang Chen answered. Coincidentally, he was looking for someone to put off the fire in his heart. Obviously, Liu Mingyu whom he hadn’t pestered in a while was the best choice as his helper.

Liu Mingyu told her an address. After thinking for a while, Yang Chen couldn’t resist but to laugh. The bar was only a street away from the beach he was at. He only needed to walk for a while to reach there.

After ten minutes, Yang Chen walked into a bar named ‘Red Danube’. Upon entering the place, he could sniff the smell of incense and alcohol mixed together.

After searching with minimal effort, he discovered a person sitting alone in a corner. There were three bottles of whiskey on the table. It was evident that this lonely woman had had a considerable amount of alcohol.

Yang Chen walked towards Liu Mingyu and reached out to touch her red and blurry face. “Why are you drinking so much alone?”

“I do public relations. This small amount of alcohol is nothing to me,” Liu Mingyu said before smiling sweetly. She then poured some amber liquid from a cup into her mouth.

“Did you call me here to carry you back?” Yang Chen asked. He didn’t want to stop her from drinking as Liu Mingyu indeed didn’t seem drunk.

Gloominess and ignorance could be seen on Liu Mingyu’s face. “Do you know that... I have never drink until I’m drunk at a bar because I wanted to wait for that person? I’ve also never truly revelled with my friends. I even didn’t dare to come to a place like this. I was afraid that people would approach me, or bad guys would touch me. If that really happens, no one could help me get out of the situation.”

Liu Mingyu raised her head to look at Yang Chen as she pouted. “I’m very mad about this! Other women have all experienced this. Why is it that I missed the opportunity? So I specially came here to have a try... It’s such an unpleasant experience. I think I’ve really gotten old. I drank so much alcohol and no one was willing to approach me. Why can’t they give me a chance to reminisce my past youth?”

Yang Chen smiled. She wants me to act as the hero now, and let her experience an unprecedented romance of young couples, he thought.

Although both of them weren’t in their thirties yet, and were still considered youngsters, Yang Chen himself would blush if he were to act like lovebirds in high schools.

“Then what should you do? Do you want me to hire someone to put up a show and flirt with you? And do I whack them afterwards?” Yang Chen asked jokingly.

Liu Mingyu shook her head and suddenly let out a cunning smile. “No need, I have prepared another storyline,” she said.

“What?”

“Did you bring any money?” Liu Mingyu asked.

Yang Chen naturally brought some. He took out a card and a few wrinkled bank notes from his pocket. “Didn’t you bring any?” he asked.

Liu Mingyu nodded smilingly as she stood up, before walking to Yang Chen’s side. Hugging his neck, she whispered beside his ear, “Don’t pay any money... Let’s run away...”

After listening to the gentle but gangster-like words, Yang Chen let out a bitter smile. “Babe, this doesn’t look like something you would do. Why are you acting like a rebellious young girl?”

“You’re right. I’m rebellious. I just want to do something that I’ve never done before. Can I have your company?” Liu Mingyu asked as she looked at Yang Chen with high hopes.

Yang Chen felt that this lady in front of her was rather pitiful. She wasted her most precious time period, protecting something that had no result. When she thought of filling the empty space in love, she could only choose this stupid manner in grief, a rebellious manner. Or to her, this was only a way to grieve her lost youth, no matter how crazy it was.

“Hold my hand, and don’t let go,” Yang Chen said resolutely.

Liu Mingyu nodded as her eyes shone bright.

Yang Chen dragged Liu Mingyu to the bar exit. An alerted server immediately blocked them from leaving.

“Sir, this young lady here hasn’t settled the bill,” the server said with an insincere smile.

Yang Chen turned around and winked at Liu Mingyu. She then held his hand tightly.

Yang Chen reached out to pat the shoulder of the server politely. “Brother, are you feeling sore here?”

The server looked at Yang Chen’s hand patting his shoulder. Confused, he asked, “No, it’s not sore. Sir, please don’t cause us any trouble.”

“I’m not causing you any trouble, just want you to feel a bit soreness.”

Yang Chen smiled as he exerted some force using his fingertips. He pinched the joint on the server’s shoulder!”

“Sss!” The server hissed as he took a deep breath. A heart-tearing pain arose, forcing him to take a few steps back.

“Run, now!”

Yang Chen seized the opportunity and ran out of the bar while holding Liu Mingyu’s hand.

When the server turned back, he noticed that the two had rushed off for quite a distance. He tried his very best to chase them but was blocked by the passersby, losing sight of his targets very quickly. As a result, he shouted helplessly, but no one on the street would be so free to help him chase his targets.

When it came to escaping, Yang Chen was really familiar with the steps. Getting rid of someone who was inexperienced in pursuits was a piece of cake. Dragging Liu Mingyu who was heavily panting during the sprint, Yang Chen finally stopped after running across a street.

“My dear Little Yu, how do you feel about this domineering experience?” Yang Chen asked smilingly.

“You... you... you exhausted the heck out of me...” Liu Mingyu said as she panted. When she heard that Yang Chen addressed her this intimately, she couldn’t help but to blush. She continued speaking, “Ahem, ahem... I don’t want to do this anymore. It’s too exhausting. I ran until my heart almost jumped out.”

“Sigh, if you want to make up for your lost youth, why are you getting mad at your stamina? If you don’t try your best to escape, you’d get arrested into a police station.”

“It’s just that I couldn’t think of anything else...” Liu Mingyu said sadly. As she looked around, she noticed that they arrived at the seaside. As her eyes shone, she said, “Yang Chen, I have another idea!”

Chapter 236: Facing the Ocean

After seeing the excitement Liu Mingyu had, Yang Chen got rather nervous. Is she trying to do something more illegal and ridiculous? he thought.

When a person who had constrained their craziness for a very long time, they would be more frightening than a lunatic should they unleash themselves.

“What are you trying to do?” Yang Chen asked, perturbed.

“We’ll watch the sunrise here tomorrow. I’ve never seen sunrise by the beach before,” Liu Mingyu said joyfully.

Yang Chen finally relieved. If they wanted to watch the sunrise next morning, they had to get out of bed really early. However, he didn’t want to disappoint Liu Mingyu’s naive little wish. “Alright, we’ll have to stay at a hotel here then.”

When Yang Chen talked about hotel, it was the exact same one where he couldn’t enter with Tang Wan, Maple Hotel. If Tang Wan knew that this fellow couldn’t go there with her after she left, and brought another woman there, Tang Wan would get so pissed that she’d crush her steering wheel.

At the 23rd floor of the hotel, the balcony of the room faced the ocean.

Upon entering the room, Liu Mingyu quickly opened the glass door and walked to the balcony. She looked at the endless ocean which looked like a black mirror quietly.

Yang Chen hugged her warm and soft waist from behind and laid his head on her shoulder. He said, “Don’t look at it anymore. Why would you want to stare at the ocean at night? We can watch the sunrise tomorrow morning.

As Liu Mingyu felt that Yang Chen’s hands crawled up from her belly to her cleavage, she turned numb and got stimulated. She angrily turned around and rolled her eyes. “Why are you so impatient? I even came here with you. Do you think I won’t give it to you?”

Of course I'm impatient! I didn't just hold myself back for a short while, I have been resisting ever since Tang Wan left! he thought.

"Little Yu, be a good girl. Go and have a bath."

"No, I want to sit here for a while more..."

"You'd catch a cold like this. Be obedient and have a bath..."

"I don't want to. Looking at your perverted and impatient attitude, I'll do the complete opposite and not give it to you."

Looking at the mischievous Liu Mingyu, he finally knew what to do. "Alright, I won't take a bath as well."

"Yes, that's right. Accompany me to watch the ocean," Liu Mingyu said happily.

Yang Chen let out an evil smile. "I said that I won't take a bath, but we still have to do the stuff that we need to do..."

Without waiting for Liu Mingyu to respond, Yang Chen flipped her around. Her hands were holding onto the rails of the balcony. Surprised, she suddenly felt coldness up her backside.

Because she was wearing a dress, and only had black stockings within, Yang Chen instantly lifted her skirt up and exposed the pair of chubby and alluring buttocks through the grids and into the air!

"Yang Chen... You... What are you doing..." Liu Mingyu got so anxious that she almost cried. Does this fellow want to do it at the balcony?! she thought.

"Hehe, we're facing the ocean. I guess we can't do anything when the flowers bloom in spring. Since autumn is here, you may recite the lyrics from the 'Spring Song' while you face the sea. Haha!" Yang Chen said and laughed. He used one hand to press onto Liu Mingyu's body to prevent her from moving, and used the other to remove her last layer of clothing until her knee...

At this moment, there were balconies of different designs on both sides, quite a lot of which were still lit. It wasn't certain when the other people from the hotel would come out to enjoy the seascape.

As wind blew and the sea waves whistled, Liu Mingyu's moans were concealed while Yang Chen's laughter spread out into the air.

Liu Mingyu who had a considerable amount of alcohol at night, felt that a hand was comforting her sensitive position intimately, making her exquisite hips to shake lightly. Her face turned red like she was dripping blood, she felt that her small area instantly soaked. As she tried her best to resist the itch, she felt particularly empty...

Her entire body felt like it collapsed. Deep down her heart, she probably liked a special environment like this, liked Yang Chen's rough movements...

Although she just had a one night stand with Yang Chen not long ago, she had been craving for another experience already. At the age where her sexual desire was at its highest, her pattern slowly became more and more evident as she got teased by Yang Chen, and combated the blow of cold wind.

"Please... Please stop playing around..." Liu Mingyu begged.

As Yang Chen admired the view of the elder woman who was got so soft that she could barely move, he pinched and played with Liu Mingyu's pink, powdery flesh. "What do you think? Is it romantic to do something you love at the balcony, facing the cold wind and watching the broad sky?"

"You're such a naughty boy..." Liu Mingyu held onto the rails of the balcony with both her hands before extending her elegant and thin waist and raising her firm and nicely shaped buttocks. This posture caused her much disgrace. However, under the teasing and touching of Yang Chen, she couldn't help but get impatient as he refused to conduct the practical activity.

Yang Chen felt like it was time. He extended both her arms up her both before groping her sinking and squishy papayas. "Don't soften your legs afterwards..." he said.

"Mmh..." Liu Mingyu couldn't speak anymore, but could only open her bright red lips slightly.

As heat entered her cold and vacant space in her body, Liu Mingyu trembled as she felt that she was running out of breath.

As happiness hit like tides, Liu Mingyu immediately forgot where she was. The alcohol she consumed earlier dazed her. She fully expressed herself as she catered Yang Chen.

The night of lingering passed really quickly.

The next morning, the sky got slightly lit.

When Yang Chen woke up from bed shirtless, Liu Mingyu was inside the white blanket completely, only some of her hair could be seen.

"Wake up, Lazy Pig. It's time to watch the sunrise," Yang Chen said happily as he slapped Liu Mingyu's butt.

Liu Mingyu slowly drilled out of the blanket as she made some weird sounds out of blurriness. At this moment, this mature woman looked like a little girl asking for candies.

"It's all because of you... that I couldn't wake up..." Liu Mingyu complained. She really went all out yesterday night. She could faintly feel that her lower body hadn't recovered from the numbness.

Smiling, Yang Chen inserted both his hands into Liu Mingyu's blanket before exerting upward force to lift her up.

"Ah!" Liu Mingyu shouted out of surprise. Yang Chen carried her up together the blanket.

Yang Chen carried Liu Mingyu who was in the blanket horizontally before kissing her on her tender cheek. "It's cold outside, I'll carry you out like this to enjoy the sunrise," he said.

As soon as he finished speaking, he brought Liu Mingyu to the balcony. Cold wind hit on his solid and firm body, which didn't seem to have the slightest effect.

"Go and wear clothes. You'll catch a cold like this..." Liu Mingyu said, worried. She could feel the chill even when she was in the blanket.

"I know very clearly of how strong my body is. I'll be fine," Yang Chen said before winking.

Liu Mingyu blushed as she blushed. Looking at Yang Chen's eyes which brought gentleness and depth, Liu Mingyu felt a complicated feeling which passed one by one.

As dawn slowly appeared in the sky, Liu Mingyu finally turned her sight away from Yang Chen and looked at the direction of sunrise quietly.

"Yang Chen..."

"Yes?"

"Have you brought any woman to watch sunrise with you before?"

"... No."

"I'm really glad that I can be your first time as well."

Yang Chen got surprised. He lowered his head to look at the incredibly peaceful Liu Mingyu. Her face got shone by the dawn, making her look particularly brilliant.

Guilt suddenly arose in Yang Chen's heart. I'm indeed too greedy. The women around me are all unhappy, he thought.

"Little Yu... I'm sorry. I'm very stubborn when it comes to this... I've always thought that the best way to handle a relationship is to treat everyone I like with sincerity, instead of letting go. This may seem like an excuse for my irresponsibility, but I'll still do it," Yang Chen said as he let out a self-deprecating smile.

"I'll treat you well."

Liu Mingyu kept quiet as she lowered her body before squeezing his head into Yang Chen's chest.

The quiet but romantic time suddenly got cut off by a phone call.

Yang Chen looked at Liu Mingyu apologetically and carried her back to bed before reaching for her phone.

It was a phone call by Rose, which made Yang Chen surprised.

"Babe Rose, why are you calling me this early in the morning?"

Rose didn't sound too relaxed. "Hubby, is it that you weren't home last night?"

"Yeah, I passed my night outside," Yang Chen said. He felt that something bad had happened.

"Sigh, I knew it..." Rose said.

"What happened? Did anything happen at home?" Yang Chen face turned gloomy.

"You asked me to send some people to protect your family members. I sent four highly cautious men there to secretly provide protection, and let them report to me every day. This morning, I suddenly lost contact with them. I sent someone to check on them immediately, only to find out that they... got unconscious as a result of getting poisoned."

"Then how about the situation inside the house?" That was what Yang Chen was most worried about.

"The door of the bungalow was wide open the entire night. There was... no one inside."

“Understood,” Yang Chen said before ending the call. Taking a deep breath, he turned around to look at Liu Mingyu who looked confused. “I have something urgent to deal with. I can’t have breakfast with you anymore. I paid the fee for this room already. You may check out later and get a car to send you to the company.”

Looking at Yang Chen who wanted to leave nervously, Liu Mingyu asked nervously, “Yang Chen, did anything happen? Do you need me to go with you?”

“It’s fine Babe,” Yang Chen said as he smiled relaxedly before quickly exiting the room.

Yang Chen ran all the way to the parking slot. After starting his car, he sped up to the bungalow at Dragon Garden.

During the journey, Yang Chen called Rose once again and asked her to check on the location of Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma through underground networks. Although the success rate was slim, he still had to try.

Being able to poison Rose’s highly skilled men and bring two adults away only proved that the culprit wasn’t an ordinary robber. Yang Chen’s eyes were burning with killing intent.

Fortunately, the other side kidnapped Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma. It seemed like they wanted to have some sort of negotiation with him. If this was the case, the two women should be safe for now. Yang Chen very urgently wanted to know who the culprit was.

Regardless of who the other side was, Yang Chen didn’t plan to leave mercy as they laid their hands on his woman when he wasn’t at home.

When he reached the bungalow at Dragon Garden, the door was indeed wide open.

Yang Chen quickly got out of the car and ran to the hall. It didn’t seem to have any apparent change, not even signs of searching for stuff.

Yang Chen frowned and ran to the second floor into his own room. It had indeed been searched before. His clothes and other stuff got thrown all over the place.

At the same time, there was a piece of white paper with blank writing placed neatly on Yang Chen’s bed!

Yang Chen walked forward and picked up the note.

“Your Mightiness Pluto, the place you stay in is overly huge. Finding God’s Stone isn’t an easy task. We’ll wait for your arrival patiently at Xinglin of South Botanical Garden in Zhonghai. We’ll use the treasured family members of Your Mightiness in exchange for God’s Stone—Tengu.”

The paper got torn into pieces by Yang Chen. After contemplating for a short moment, he made a phone call to Rose.

“Babe Rose, ask your people to stop the search. The enemy this time isn’t someone they can deal with.”

When Rose heard how dull Yang Chen’s voice was, she didn’t say much except, “Be careful,” before ending the call.

Chapter 237: Sacrifice

Yang Chen walked out of his room and proceeded to the underground garage.

After turning the lights on, the garage got lit like it was daytime. Due to regular maintenance, the luxury cars in the garage all shone brightly and were very reflective.

Yang Chen seemed like he had no interest towards these popular cars that could make ordinary people scream. He walked to a corner and reached his hand to touch a green brick.

As he pinched on the green brick, Yang Chen carefully withdrew it out from the wall. One would never expect an seemingly ordinary green brick to be drawn out of the wall.

A small gap was revealed. Yang Chen reached his hand into the empty space and when he drew his hand out, there was an extra black casing which had the size of a palm. It couldn't be seen what the black casing was made of. When it got shone upon, some glossy lines strangely appeared.

This was the exact same casing where Yang Chen broke his broken apartment's wall to retrieve before coming here.

Yang Chen gave the casing a few more looks before smiling bitterly. He said, "This thing causes me a lot of troubles, doesn't it?"

Shaking his head, Yang Chen carefully opened the casing, revealing a similarly black cloth. At the center of the cloth, there was a stone with the size of a thumb which looked like diamond, but was a transparent crystal with black patterns within.

After taking the crystal out and putting it into his pocket in his pants, Yang Chen threw the black casing back to the hole before putting the green brick back into place.

After half an hour, Yang Chen arrived at South Botanical Garden by driving.

Since it was an early morning, most people just started work. In addition to its remote location, no one could be seen there. It could be considered a deserted area.

Yang Chen had never been here before. Since it was the season of autumn-winter, no one was there to collect the entrance fee, allowing Yang Chen to drive directly into the garden.

Driving along the asphalt road, Yang Chen saw a signboard stating 'Xinglin', which was exactly the area Tengu was referring to. Stopping his car at the outside, Yang Chen walked into the woods under low temperature.

Walking along the meandering abandoned cobblestone road, Yang Chen slowly entered the depths of Xinglin.

The ginkgo trees referred to as 'living fossils' made this region extraordinarily dense. The giant fan-shaped leaves fell onto the ground and got crushed the moment they land, forming soil instantly.

When he walked to an empty area of more than 10 square meters, Yang Chen stopped moving and raised his head.

At the peaks of the two ginkgo trees, two male ninjas who were dressed in black, tight uniforms could be seen standing, seemingly as light as feather. One was tall and strong while the other was short and skinny. They were exactly the two of the three great ninjas in Yamata Sect, Tengu and Tanuki.

Behind Yang Chen, Hannya was playing with her flourishing red nails. With her long hair waving to and fro, she walked out from empty space. Her face was covered with a mask with black and red pattern. Her water-like eyes contained various feelings.

“Where are the people?” Yang Chen asked directly.

Tiangou used his rough voice to say, “Your Majesty Pluto, don’t get impatient. If you want to see them, we have to see God’s Stone.”

“God’s Stone is in the pocket of my pants, but I want to ensure the safety of the hostages,” Yang Chen replied.

“Hehe,” Tanuki let out an extremely high-pitched laugh. “The mighty ‘Beheading of Ten Thousand People’ is indeed worthy of its title. The Death God Hades who has slain countless lives unexpectedly came to negotiate for the life of an ordinary woman using God’s Stone.”

Hannya’s charming eyes turned their attention towards Yang Chen’s pocket. “Your Majesty Pluto, I really got a bit jealous as a woman myself,” she said.

Yang Chen frowned and said, “It’s not just one ordinary woman. You guys kidnapped two people.”

Tengu hummed before saying, “Rest assured, as long as you pass God’s Stone to us, we’ll give the old woman back to you. If you allow us to run away for a kilometer without pursuing us, we’ll tell you where your wife is via a special communication method. Of course, if you dare to take action or lie to us, then your pretty-as-a-fairy wife would need to have her skull crushed.”

“Are you guys threatening me?” Yang Chen asked coldly.

Tengu laughed cunningly. “We know that Your Majesty Pluto hates it when people threaten you. However, please think properly. Your woman, your family... are still in our hands. As soon as we make a mistake, they’ll have to go through funeral with us.”

Yang Chen held his fists tightly, but eventually let go slowly.

Taking a deep breath, Yang Chen reached out to his pocket and took out the reflective, black crystal with the size of a fingertip.

As soon as the three great ninjas saw the crystal, all of them started getting excited together.

“It’s indeed in your hands!” Tengu laughed loudly.

Hannya’s eyes also shone as she stared at the crystal in Yang Chen’s hand in focus.

“Your Majesty Pluto, give it to us!” Tanuki exclaimed smilingly.

“Let me ensure Wang Ma’s safety first!” Yang Chen said loudly before keeping the crystal into his palm.

“We swear upon the dignity of the warriors in Japan, as long as you give us God’s Stone, we’ll definitely give the two hostages back to you safely!” Tengu said with a serious expression.

“Your dignity is worth nothing.” Yang Chen shook his head.

“You’re slandering us!” Tengu said angrily. “No matter how you think, we won’t give the hostages back to you if you don’t pass us God’s Stone! If you dare to touch us and they don’t get rescued in time, they’ll both die!”

Yang Chen raised his head before shutting his eyes. He seemed like he was trying to think of a solution.

At this moment, Tengu and Tanuki jumped down from the trees.

Suk! Suk!

Two traces of light flew past the places where the two were standing at.

“Who is it?!”

The two suddenly got attacked by hidden weapons and got furious as they looked at the direction where the hidden weapons flew from.

A tall and graceful woman wearing a white sweater and a pair of pale jeans walked out. She had pink cheeks and her brows looked like a crescent moon. Once in a while, she exerted the aura of loneliness and coldness.

“It’s you again... Flower Rain...”

Hannya recognized who the person was. She was Cai Yan’s elder sister, Cai Ning, one of the Group of Eight, Flower Rain.

Cai Ning’s expression was extremely serious. Her gaze upon Yang Chen was as sharp as a knife. “Yang Chen, General gave an order, you can’t give God’s Stone away!”

After the experience in Tibet, Yang Chen naturally knew who ‘General’ was. He was Lin Ruoxi’s grandfather Lin Zhiguo whom she refused to recognize.

“I think this is my freedom,” Yang Chen said as he shrugged. “God’s Stone is in my hands, not his.”

“That’s right, Miss Flower Rain, you better think it through before trying to stop the deal between us and His Majesty Pluto alone,” Tanuki said smilingly.

Cai Ning glanced at them coldly, saying, “Don’t forget where you are. Not touching you guys doesn’t mean we don’t have the ability to slaughter you all!”

“Humph! Then you shall see if His Majesty Pluto is willing to sacrifice his wife and his family’s lives,” Hannya said with a smile.

Cai Ning ignored them and turned to look at Yang Chen. She said, “Yang Chen, I know that you’re having God’s Stone with you. Our people from Yellow Flame Iron Brigade have known about it all this while. The reason we don’t ask for it from you is because we trust that you won’t join forces with the evil. You’re our ally. We won’t forcefully ask for God’s Stone, but... you can’t give it to Yamata Sect. Do you

know the consequences of handing it to Yamata Sect?! Not only will they pose a threat to China, they'd be a huge danger to the entire world!"

Yang Chen pondered for a moment before saying, "You know Ruoxi's identity. You also know how she's related to the 'General' in your mouth."

Cai Ning got shocked. She said, "I know. That's why I respect General so much for his unbiased attitude."

"Oh, you know about it?" Yang Chen couldn't help but to laugh. ""What do you know? He wants Ruoxi to call him Grandpa, he wants her to give him some attention. However at moments like this, he wants to stop people from saving his own granddaughter for a little stone that doesn't even belong to him?!"

"Can't you differentiate righteousness and personal relationships?! How can these be discussed together?! For the benefits of the billions of citizens, he can sacrifice his own family member. Is this something so disgraceful?! Doesn't he deserve our respect?!" Cai Ning shouted angrily.

"I'm sorry, I don't have such upright qualities. All I know is, I wouldn't give up my own family members, my own women, even if it comes at the cost of the entire world. If you people at Yellow Flame Iron Brigade rely on selling your family members to protect the country, I really wonder how many family members you have left."

"You..." Cai Ning got gloomy. Clenching her teeth, she shouted, "You're being unreasonable!"

"I'm unreasonable?!" Yang Chen smiled coldly. He said, "According to your logic, the soldiers and commanders all want to defend the country, and not themselves? Aren't they trying to protect someone they love in their families so they want to protect China? If there isn't anyone you love left in the world, where would their home be? Without home, where would the country be? How do they protect the country this way? Sacrificing family members is an act of the weak. Giving up on someone you can save is fucking pathetic! A while ago, I couldn't rationalize Abbess Yun Miao's actions. I finally understand now, I understand how Abbess Yun Miao felt when Lin Zhiguo allowed his son and his daughter-in-law to die in the frontline. He shouldn't force it if he's incompetent. I haven't heard of secret agencies from other countries who would sacrifice their own family members to earn respect."

Cai Ning's expression turned dark. "Regardless of what you say, General ordered me to stop you from passing them God's Stone. Our backup is arriving immediately. At that time, it'd be impossible for these three fellows to escape! Before that, you mustn't accept their request. Even if Ruoxi dies, it's her sacrifice to the country!"

"A living entrepreneur is far more useless than a dead person to the country," Yang Chen said as he took out the crystal. "I can't afford to risk Ruoxi's life. I won't complain to trade this broken stone for my wife's life."

As soon as he finished speaking, Yang Chen directly threw the crystal to Tengu's direction.

Tengu got extremely pleased as he made contact with the crystal. "Your Majesty Pluto is indeed a wise man!"

Hannya and Tanuki also felt that they were dreaming. They were overjoyed when they saw the crystal in Tengu's hands.

“Release the people,” Yang Chen said expressionlessly.

When Cai Ning saw that God’s Stone fell into Tengu’s hands, her expression immediately changed. She turned to look at Yang Chen, shouting, “Are you crazy?! Did you really give them God’s Stone?!”

“You people are the ones who are crazy! Don’t try to stop me from saving my wife using a stupid stone!” Yang Chen replied angrily.

“Does Lin Ruoxi really worth your effort?!”

“She does! Every single one of my women are worth more than this rock!”

After numerous deafening shouts by Yang Chen, tears started filling Cai Ning’s eyes.

“Hehe... Your Majesty Pluto is indeed an obsessed man. The people that you are looking for are on the paper. If you go slightly later... I’m afraid time would run out really soon...” Hannya said before lightly kissing the paper and throwing it to Yang Chen’s hands.

Instantly, Hannya, Tengu and Tanuki disappeared in the woods together, leaving no trails behind.

It was a piece of cake for ninjas to hide in the forest. It wouldn’t be easy even if Yang Chen wanted to chase them himself. Furthermore, Yang Chen wouldn’t leave the hostages alone to chase them.

Cai Ning finally got back to the situation and wanted to launch a pursuit. However, it was all too late. She turned around and looked at Yang Chen angrily, saying, “It’s all your fault! General wouldn’t forgive you easily! You’re challenging Yellow Flame Iron Brigade!”

Chapter 238: Credit

Yang Chen ignored Cai Ning completely as he looked at the piece of paper in his hand. A geographical coordinate is written on it. It was assumed that Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma were there.

“Hubby, you finally called me. Is everything settled?”

“Yes... Rose, help me look for a coordinate and send your men over for a rescue mission.”

After telling Rose the coordinate given by Hannya, Yang Chen ended the call and raised his head, only to discover that Cai Ning was standing in front of him without moving. Frowning, he said, “If you want to see me as the criminal, you may arrest me to meet your stupid general. I can tell you directly. Since your sister is Ruoxi’s close friend, I won’t kill you, but I’ll abolish your skills.”

“Such arrogance...” Cai Ning knew that Yang Chen was telling the truth. In fact, she wanted to throw all the darts she had on this man so bad, if she could.

Yang Chen stopped giving her attention and walked towards the direction he came from.

When he got back to his car, he received a call from Rose. Since the entire Zhonghai had men from Red Thorns Society, locating the targets didn’t take long.

“Hubby, luckily we got there early. Otherwise they’d be in trouble,” Rose said.

“Where are they?” Yang Chen asked calmly, but he was trembling deep down his heart.

Rose replied, "My men from the west located them at a pool behind a natural water plant. They were unconscious and tied up in there. Water slowly filled the pool up. If we got there 15 minutes later, it's very likely that they already drowned."

Yang Chen felt really irritated. Obviously, Tengu and the others wouldn't hesitate to kill. If they didn't tell him the coordinate, Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma would've undoubtedly drowned.

"Thanks, Babe Rose. Pass them to the police there," Yang Chen said. At the same time, he added Tengu and the other two to the blacklist in his heart.

After ending the call, Cai Ning appeared behind Yang Chen. She said, "General is very mad. He said he was very disappointed in you."

Yang Chen turned around angrily, with his eyes turning bloodshot. "I want to visit the police station to look for my wife and Wang Ma. You better stop talking about your bullshit general. He's a piece of shit in my eyes. If you dare to remind me of him again, I'll kill him!"

Noticing the incredibly concentrated killing intent, Cai Ning quickly stepped backwards and couldn't speak a word. She felt that tears would flow out immediately but they got stopped forcefully by her.

After getting into the car, Yang Chen started the engine and drifted off to the police station in the west.

He had to witness Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma with his own eyes to truly feel relieved. He didn't want to care about anything else.

Cai Ning looked at Yang Chen's car driving away. After standing at the same place for a while more, she pressed a button on the receiver in her ears.

"General, Yang Chen left."

"Flower Rain, come back to the division. Search the borders of the entire Zhonghai strictly. We mustn't allow the three from Yamata Sect escape to Japan!"

"Yes... But, General, Ruoxi almost got harmed. Do you want to visit her?"

"No need, there are more important tasks."

"Understood..."

"Oh yeah, where is Yang Chen going? Is he tracking the three from Yamata Sect down?"

"He's going to a police station to visit Ruoxi and Wang Ma..."

"..."

At the same time, Tengu and the other two stopped running at a hidden border in the south.

After making sure that they were not followed, the three of them let out a smile.

Tengu opened his palm, revealing the crystal which was reflecting dark light—God's Stone. He couldn't help but laugh loudly.

"We got it... Finally... we got it! We can become gods... become gods!"

Tanuki walked towards Tengu happily and tapped his shoulder. Looking at the stone in his palm, he said, "Lord Tengu, let me take a look. Is this rock really that impressive?"

Tengu immediately put God's Stone back into his shirt. He warned, "Tanuki, I got this thing through my carefully tailored plan. Before God's Stone is handed into Leader, I won't hand it to anyone else."

"Wow, Lord Tengu, do you think that Hannya and I would steal your credit? Why do you insist on holding the rock yourself? Do you possibly want to keep it to yourself?" Tanuki asked with a cunning smile.

"Tanuki! You're insulting my loyalty towards Leader! Don't try to challenge my limit!" Tengu shouted angrily.

After listening to what he said, Hannya let out a cold smile. "Tengu, before we came to this country, Leader said that I would be leading the plan. Although you succeeded, you disobeyed Leader's order to stick with the team. Don't think that you can get away from Leader's punishment."

"Humph! Hannya, although I like you, I only want to hand God's Stone to Leader. Every punishment would be voided at that time. I'll also request Leader to make you my woman!" Tengu said loudly as he grinned.

Hannya stared at him coldly. "I think you should pass God's Stone to Tanuki," she said.

"Why? I was the one who managed to grab God's Stone. Why should I give it to you two useless folks?!" Tengu said angrily.

"Hehe..." Tanuki laughed cunningly. "Why? It's because you're immediately dying."

As soon as he finished speaking, Hannya suddenly disappeared from her original position, leaving smoke behind.

Tengu got dumbfounded. Being a Jinnin himself as well, he immediately knew that Hannya was going to kill him.

"Hannya! Do you really want to die this badly?!"

A sharp light shone in Tengu's eyes. A short blade appeared in his hand out of nowhere. He then landed an attack on his northeast direction.

Strike!

Hannya appeared out of thin air. Her short blade got blocked horizontally.

Tengu laughed coldly as he gathered strength to push Hannya away forcefully. Suddenly, his entire body shocked, his knees couldn't make him stand anymore, making him kneel on the ground!

Puff! Tengu vomited a mouthful of fresh blood as he screamed in agony before falling onto the ground.

Tanuki let out the same cunning smile as he stepped on Tengu's chest. "Tengu, you got so happy when you got God's Stone, that you didn't even notice I poisoned you. Hahah!"

Tengu buzzed and wanted to say something. As the scene when Tanuki tapped on his shoulder replayed, he suddenly got pissed before vomiting blood again.

“Hehe, Hannya, your poison is really effective. This dog is indeed dumb. His body is strong like a cow, I didn’t expect him to fall this soon,” Tanuki said in contempt.

Holding onto her cold expression, Hannya bent down and grabbed God’s Stone from Tengu’s hand relaxedly. “Tengu, you betrayed Leader’s order. Even if you were the one who got the stone first, you’d still be the organization’s betrayer. Tanuki and I will help you pass it to Leader.”

“That’s right, that’s right. Should we bring you as we leave China? Or should you be buried here?” Tanuki said. Rubbing his hand, he turned to Hannya and said smilingly, “Miss Hannya, can you let me take a look at God’s Stone?”

Hannya looked at him with a death stare before tossing God’s Stone to Tanuki.

“You’re indeed Leader’s daughter. You’re not petty like him,” Tanuki commended happily. As he played with God’s Stone, greed could be seen in his eyes.

Hannya said coldly, “Tanuki, you better not do anything funny. Except Leader, no one else knows how to use God’s Stone.”

“I know, I know...” Tanuki said with a smile. “Miss Hannya, I just can’t wait anymore. I hope to transform into a god... Hehe...”

In the completely silent forest, there echoed Tanuki’s evil laughter.

On the other hand, Yang Chen arrived at the police station in the west.

Since it wasn’t Yang Chen’s first time here, the officers here knew that this man seemed to be related to the police chief. No one went forward to stop Yang Chen from entering.

Entering the huge office within, Yang Chen immediately saw Lin Ruoxi and Wang Ma. The two were sitting beside a huge office table, making legal recordings together.

Since the two people got completely drenched, they changed into simple clothing and wore a police coat on the outside.

However, Lin Ruoxi’s hair hadn’t dried yet, it was dripping water. Due to coldness, her lips turned pale while she looked sluggish.

Being a close friend and the police chief, Cai Yan had been beside them from the start, looking worried. Seeing Yang Chen walk into the office, her expression turned slightly cheerful. “Yang Chen, you’re here.”

Wang Ma turned around and called out, “Young Master,” as soon as she saw Yang Chen. She didn’t look too good as she had to go through such a terrible experience at an old age.

Lin Ruoxi seemed like she heard nothing. She just silently sat there.

“Sorry that I came late. You guys must’ve suffered,” Yang Chen said. Seeing the two who looked gloomy, his heart ached as he felt remorse.

Lin Ruoxi raised her head and looked at Yang Chen in trance. A vague smile suddenly appeared on her face. "We don't even know how we got kidnapped and how to returned. What different does it make if you reached earlier? You'd just be destined to get kidnapped with us."

Initially, Yang Chen was mentally prepared to get a scolding from Lin Ruoxi or get a cold treatment from her. However, not only did none of them happen, Lin Ruoxi didn't want Yang Chen to be bothered, making Yang Chen feel surprised.

If I was at home, you guys won't ever get caught, he thought. However, he didn't want to say it out.

"Ruoxi, I promise it won't happen again. I will properly protect you all," Yang Chen said seriously.

Lin Ruoxi lightly shook her head. "Yang Chen, you don't need to do this. Although you often get on my nerves, I'm not an unreasonable woman. This didn't happen because of you. I don't blame you for passing your night outside. Before we got married, I said that you'd have your freedom. Us getting kidnapped has nothing to do with you. You can go back to work."

"Yeah, Young Master, Miss and I don't blame you at all. Those bad guys must've come to our house for money. If you were at home, it'd be more dangerous," Wang Ma said. She didn't want Yang Chen to blame himself either.

Lin Ruoxi was an exceptional businesswoman. Though she got kidnapped and almost drowned, both of which happened for unknown reasons, she could still look at the situation clearly and rationally.

Sigh. Yang Chen could feel what the intentions of the two were. Wang Ma had always been on his side, but even the usually cold Lin Ruoxi asked him to not get upset. Yang Chen only felt a heart-tearing pain on his chest.

Maybe she doesn't like me, but she does care about my feelings. I can't tell them that the true reason they got kidnapped. It was all because the thing in my hands!

Cai Yan who had been silently standing aside walked towards Yang Chen as she felt grief. She said, "Before you came, we collected the information we needed. Ruoxi and Wang Ma must be tired now, you may send them home."

Yang Chen nodded and went forward to support Wang Ma stand up before turning to Lin Ruoxi, saying, "Ruoxi, let's go home."

"Yes..." Lin Ruoxi stood up and followed Yang Chen for a few steps before stopping. Turning around, she said, "Yanyan, we'll attend the dinner next week."

"You guys?" Cai Yan asked in shock. She then looked at Yang Chen who looked confused.

Yang Chen asked, "What dinner?"

"I'll tell you when we get home. Let's go," Lin Ruoxi said. After saying goodbye to Cai Yan, she turned around and left the office.

Chapter 239: Medicine

On the way back to Dragon Garden, Wang Ma had been sneezing in the car repeatedly. She seemed to have caught a cold.

After going back to the hall at home, Lin Ruoxi said worriedly, "Wang Ma, have some medicines and get some rest."

Wang Ma who looked pale waved her hand. "No need. Miss, you should go back to your room and rest. You need to work, you can't get sick like I did. My body and bones are hard, an insignificant cold like this is nothing to me. After the incident, I need to check the house to see if anything valuable is lost."

"Wang Ma, don't check already. Can't you see that the house is fine? The last thing that the house needs is money. Why would we care about those? Listen to Ruoxi, take some medicines and rest," Yang Chen said.

Wang Ma kind of agreed to what Yang Chen said. Looking at the surrounding with minimal changes and feeling her dizziness, she said, "Young Master, there were only the two of us here in this house last time. We don't keep any medicine at home. I still need to trouble you to get some outside."

Yang Chen naturally didn't deny the request. "Then Wang Ma and Ruoxi, you two may go upstairs and bathe. I'll be back with medicines when you're done," he said before rushing out of the house.

Wang Ma smiled as she looked at Lin Ruoxi, saying, "Miss, Young Master must've felt really bad earlier. Looking at his expression at the police station earlier, anyone would feel heartache for him."

"Really...? I wasn't paying attention," Lin Ruoxi said softly. "I said that I didn't blame him. I can't do anything if he still wants to think that way."

"It's because Miss hasn't been treating him enthusiastically. When you suddenly get so understanding, Young Master would feel sorry for you," Wang Ma said and coughed.

Frowning, Lin Ruoxi asked, "If I don't usually treat him nicely, shouldn't he feel happy when I get sympathetic?"

"This is where Young Master is different from other guys. He doesn't keep it in his heart when Miss doesn't treat him well. That's why the situation turned out this way. Sigh," Wang Ma said before walking upstairs slowly.

Lin Ruoxi contemplated as she stood silently, before walking upstairs as well.

At the same time, Yang Chen was thinking what medicines he was supposed to get for the two while driving. Since he would never get sick, he had no knowledge when it came to the effectiveness of different medicines. He reached a private pharmacy. When he wanted to enter the shop, someone called him from behind.

"Young Master, don't get medicines from this place," the voice of an old person resounded.

Yang Chen turned around and saw an old man dressed in a gray robe standing in front of him. His appearance attracted quite a lot of attention from the passersby.

"It's you..." Yang Chen said as he squinted. This guy was the person who followed Lin Zhiguo around, Gray Robe.

Since Gray Robe reached Zhonghai, Lin Zhiguo must've come as well, Yang Chen thought.

God's Stone was indeed impressive. It even made the general of Yellow Flame Iron Brigade to rush over to Zhonghai.

Gray Robe seemed really kind, he looked at Yang Chen like he would look at any junior. "When it comes to medicine, taking Chinese medicine is a better idea. There's a pharmacy nearby, I'll bring Young Master there."

After thinking for a while, Yang Chen nodded. Although he wanted to avoid Lin Zhiguo, it didn't mean that he'd reject this old man's good intention. Furthermore, Yang Chen had limited knowledge when it came to medicines. He knew that taking Chinese medicine would condition the body better.

Following Gray Robe across a street, they stopped at an old Chinese medicine pharmacy located at a crossroad.

Upon entering the shop, Gray Robe told the shop owner a list of medicinal ingredients. After packing them up, the old folk at the pharmacy passed the package to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen took some money out to pay before saying, "Thank you."

"Young Master, you don't need to thank me. This is what I should do," Gray Robe said. "Sigh, it's our responsibility as well that Miss got kidnapped by Yamata Sect. Master asked me to thank you."

"He doesn't hate me for passing God's Stone to the people from Yamata Sect?" Yang Chen asked in a mocking manner.

Shaking his head, Gray Robe answered, "Master indeed got mad. The matter regarding God's Stone is significant. It can influence how energy is divided in the entire world. If it's not handled appropriately, Yellow Flame Iron Brigade and the organizations from other countries would get into a disaster."

"The ninjas from Yamata Sect excel in lurking and escaping. You guys won't necessarily be able to catch them," Yang Chen said smilingly.

"This is also why I came here to see Young Master," Gray Robe said with a serious expression. "We hope that Young Master can help us to track the whereabouts of God's Stone and kill the three people."

"I don't want to be related to God's Stone anymore, and I'm not interested in letting people think that I'm your ally," Yang Chen said as he rejected the request. "God's Stone isn't related to me anymore, not even in the slightest way. If you guys are capable enough to retrieve God's Stone, it's fate you should thank. If it ends up being used by Yamata Sect, I can only say that they're more lucky than you guys."

Gray Robe's eyes shone. He said, "Young Master, do you mean that you won't care where God's Stone ends up at? You won't step in anymore?"

"That's right. I quit," Yang Chen said as he nodded.

"Alright, deal!" Gray Robe said before taking a deep breath. "Actually, Master has his concern as well. He's worried that Young Master would step in to retrieve God's Stone. This way, our large-scale hunt would be wasted. Now that Young Master doesn't want God's Stone back, we can do as we want."

“There’s no use for it to be with me. It’ll only cause trouble to the people around me,” Yang Chen said with a bitter smile. Waving his hand, he said, “You guys may do all you want. I’ll go now. I still need to simmer and serve the medicines.”

Gray Robe nodded smilingly. He said, “Simmer the medicines following the instructions written. A cold can be gotten rid of within a night. Help me greet Miss Ruoxi when you see her.”

Yang Chen nodded before leaving the pharmacy.

After Yang Chen left, Gray Robe took out his contact device. After the connection was up, he reported, “Master, Young Master has promised to step out of the fight for God’s Stone.”

“It’s as expected, since God’s Stone doesn’t hold any meaning to him anymore. I just didn’t think that he’d give up God’s Stone for Ruoxi.”

“Master... what do we do next...”

“You may come back. Since Yang Chen isn’t stepping in, we’ll seize this opportunity. We mustn’t let Hannya and Tanuki go back to Japan.”

“Isn’t Tengu with them as well?”

“Tengu got poisoned by them. His corpse got destroyed into powder. We just got this information after examining the bone ash.”

“Although Tengu was strong, his escape ability was far inferior to Hannya and Tanuki. He’d only form a burden towards them. Now that Tengu was gone, catching the other two would be much more difficult...”

“Yeah... No matter what, whether we can conduct the project ‘God Creation’ depends on this one-day pursuit. If we delay for a while longer, Yamata Sect will send backup for them. Once God’s Stone lands on their hands, it’s very possible that a troublesome enemy would arise. So, we mustn’t get careless this time!”

“Yes... Master!”

On the way back to the bungalow, Yang Chen’s mood was rather good. He was thinking if he should bring other stuff back home, since he felt sorry for the two women at home.

After thinking for a while, Yang Chen turned the car around and proceeded to another street to buy some small gifts.

Regarding God’s Stone, it was a matter between Yellow Flame Iron Brigade and Yamata Sect. It was none of his business. He only wanted to go home to simmer the medicines. It was a fresh experience for him, he had never done something like this before.

As he reached the kitchen, Yang Chen followed the instructions and took a crucible out. He started simmering the medicines as he read the instructions given.

After more than ten minutes, the smell of Chinese medicine filled the entire kitchen, and dispersed to the second floor.

After bathing, Wang Ma and Lin Ruoxi walked downstairs after changing.

Looking at Yang Chen happily pouring medicinal soup into a bowl, Wang Ma got curious while Lin Ruoxi daydreamt.

“Young Master, why did you think of getting Chinese medicine? Did you come up with the recipe as well?” Wang Ma asked.

Yang Chen placed two bowls on the table as he said, “How would I know any recipe? I asked an old man for a recipe to cure cold.”

Yang Chen didn’t mention Gray Robe at all. He was very aware that Lin Ruoxi would never consume the medicine if he did.

“I haven’t had any medicine in a while. I still remember when Old Mistress was still here, she’d buy medicines and boil them herself every time someone got sick in the house,” Wang Ma said. “I still remember Miss was always unwilling to drink the medicine. She had to be consoled before she would agree to consume it.”

Looking at the light brown medicinal soup on the table, Lin Ruoxi said, “Wang Ma, you may drink the medicine yourself. I don’t want it.”

Yang Chen got shocked. “Why don’t you want it? You have to remove the cold from your body,” he said.

“Yeah, Miss, Young Master put in a lot of effort for this. Please drink some,” Wang Ma said.

“I won’t drink it because I say so! I’m afraid of bitterness, okay?!”

Lin Ruoxi suddenly got irritated. She turned around and ran upstairs.

Yang Chen quickly ran into the kitchen to take a small plastic bag out. He shouted, “Wifey, if you obediently drink the medicine, I’ll give you some glutinous rice balls!”

Lin Ruoxi suddenly stopped walking. Her shoulders shivered lightly. Turning around, she shouted, “Gangster!” before running back to her room without looking back. It could be seen that her eyes were wet.

“Erm...”

Yang Chen got stunned like a wooden chicken. Confused, he thought, doesn’t this girl love glutinous rice balls? I purposely made a big turn to get them. Is it really that torturing to drink medicine?

Wang Ma looked apologetic and sad. Looking at the bewildered Yang Chen, she said, “Young Master, Old Mistress used to console Miss with glutinous rice balls as well, to make Miss consume medicine. You did the exact same thing. You must’ve reminded Miss of her grandmother.”

Yang Chen got speechless. He didn’t expect to hook Lin Ruoxi’s sad memories twice intentionally. No wonder she seemed like she was going to cry.

“Then... Wang Ma, please consume the medicine. I can’t do anything if Ruoxi doesn’t want it,” Yang Chen said helplessly. “Sigh, I got hit by a bullet even when I was lying down. I bet Ruoxi will roll her eyes to me for the next few days.”

Wang Ma said, "I don't think that'll happen. I think Miss may like Young Master even more."

"Because I made her think of her grandma?" Yang Chen asked.

"Instead of saying it's because of Old Mistress, Miss may have felt how concerned you are for her. Being able to do something to this extent means that Young Master has truly placed Miss into your heart," Wang Ma said.

Embarrassed, Yang Chen replied, "This sounds rather cringey. Aren't they just a few rice balls? If she likes shark fin or bird's nest, there's no way I'm buying them for her."

However, when Yang Chen brought the bowl to the kitchen as he wanted to pour away the soup, Lin Ruoxi suddenly opened her door from the second floor.

Lin Ruoxi looked down with her wet eyes while she pouted. It was evident that she cried for a while. The usually ice-cold Lin Ruoxi looked particularly cute this way.

"Yang Chen, what are you doing? Are you pouring it away? I haven't had my medicine yet! Do you hope that I never recover?!"

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Listening to what Lin Ruoxi said, she wanted to drink the medicine already!

Yang Chen suddenly got stiff for a while before slowly putting the bowl back on the table. Bitterly, he said, "Of course not. My dear Babe Ruoxi, come over and drink it quickly. You'll be awarded one rice ball for every mouth you drink. This way, it won't taste bitter anymore."

Lin Ruoxi walked down from upstairs and lifted the soup bowl up. The corner of her lips moved. She seemed like she was restraining from smiling. "Are you trying to trick a child? I'm not a three-year-old anymore. What's the big deal of drinking medicine?" she said.

Grinning, Yang Chen said, "You're a child in my eyes. You'll always be a child in this life."

Displeased, Lin Ruoxi said, "What are you talking about? It's not like you're older than me."

"I'll protect you like a child. Isn't that great?" Yang Chen asked.

Lin Ruoxi's cheeks suddenly turned pink. "I don't want to talk to you. Nothing serious comes out from your mouth," she said.

Wang Ma who had finished her medicine was elated when she saw these young people together. Smiling, she returned upstairs.

Lin Ruoxi lowered her head and forced a mouthful of soup down. Before drinking for a second time, she frowned and spit out her tongue as a result of the bitterness.

Yang Chen couldn't help but to laugh. He untied the plastic bag and took out the freshest glutinous rice ball before passing it to Lin Ruoxi.

Lin Ruoxi looked at the rice ball eagerly. She couldn't resist the temptation after all. Receiving it from Yang Chen, she quickly took a bite, but felt like she would lose face. As she chewed, she explained, "It's just that I don't like to waste food. I'll finish these since you bought them."

"I know, I know. We're a thrifty family," Yang Chen said certainly.

Lin Ruoxi mumbled, "It's best that you know," before proceeding to drink the medicine as she ate rice balls.

When she finally finished the medicinal soup, she devoured the entire box of rice balls as well. Yang Chen felt that if there was a competition for eating rice balls, Lin Ruoxi could at least enter quarter finals.

Carrying the empty bowl, Yang Chen walked to the kitchen before starting to wash the pot that he used to simmer the medicine.

Lin Ruoxi stood beside the door of the kitchen, staring at Yang Chen's back while he worked. Suddenly, she felt that her heart was nice and warm. The more she gazed at Yang Chen, the more she wanted the moment to last longer.

When Yang Chen finally finished washing the dishes and turned around, Lin Ruoxi suddenly noticed that she was doing something inappropriate. Quickly, she turned around and acted like nothing happened.

Yang Chen asked, "Babe Ruoxi, aren't you going to rest?"

"Yes... I... I have something to tell you," Lin Ruoxi said. She immediately thought of an excuse she could use.

"What is it?" Yang Chen asked.

"You heard what I told Yanyan earlier. It's a dinner event taking place on next Friday. I want you to go with me," Lin Ruoxi said.

Yang Chen got astonished. According to her understanding towards Lin Ruoxi, she wouldn't participate in events like this often. She didn't even have to entertain her customers.

Lin Ruoxi said, "I know what you're thinking about. Back then, I didn't really attend events like this, but it's different now. Although it doesn't really matter if I show up there, you can get to know a lot of people that are helpful for your future development in Zhonghai if you agree to go."

Shocked, Yang Chen thought, so she's trying to get connections for me, that's why she wants me to go.

"I think there's no need for that. I'm living quite comfortably now. I don't hope to get how high of a wage. It's tiring enough for you to take care of Yu Lei International. If I still go and find more things to do, life would be meaningless," Yang Chen said.

Lin Ruoxi said calmly, "Since you know that I'm tired, why can't you help me shoulder some stress for me? The men from other families are all working hard. Why are you always so free? And how do you feel so at ease doing so?"

Yang Chen didn't know what to say. It was true that he was someone who relies on the woman at home, and do nothing to help out if he was looked by the society. He lived at his wife's house, drove his wife's car and his wife even arranged his job for him—he wouldn't get fired when he did nothing in the company.

Lin Ruoxi felt that her words hurt Yang Chen's dignity. She said apologetically, "I'm not saying how bad you are... I just feel that you certainly are competent enough to achieve more. Why do you only want to rely on your wife? I don't expect you to conquer the world or be much impressive. I just hope that one day, I can pass the company into your hands... I'm not a woman with a strong heart to run an enterprise. If I could, I would've stayed at home all day and lock myself. I don't want to spend so much effort on those people. Just like the gamble I had with my seniors, to be honest, even if I wasn't the CEO of Yu Lei International, I'd still be unwilling to work at Changlin Media. Sitting at my position, I need to take too many people into account, even if my heart wasn't willing to. I hold way too many responsibilities... Do you understand what I mean?"

Yang Chen nodded. Smiling, he said, "Alright, I understand. I'll listen to your arrangements. I'll follow you there."

Inheriting Yu Lei International? Of course, Yang Chen wouldn't do that for sure. However, if he rejected Lin Ruoxi earlier, their relationship which had improved slightly would worsen again.

Elated, Lin Ruoxi said, "You don't have to feel too pressured. Just do it slowly. This event is organized by the second biggest clan in Zhonghai, Liu clan. Their main business is Jade Clouds Corporation. Although they aren't as significant as Yuan clan, they can still be considered a major clan in Zhonghai."

Liu family? Jade Clouds Corporation? Yang Chen suddenly thought of the fiancé of An Xin, the one who argued with him at the police station back then. Isn't he the young master of Liu clan? If I recall correctly, his name should be Liu Yun.

Yang Chen didn't expect Liu clan to be this powerful. He finally understood why An Xin's father wanted to push his daughter to marry Liu Yun so much.

"It's a charity auction dinner. There will first be a prom, then there'll be an auction. It'd held at Jade Clouds Hotel owned by Liu clan. Almost every successful businessman and influential government members will be there. This time, you'll just go there to let people recognize your look. It'll help you substantially," Lin Ruoxi further explained.

Yang Chen nodded. He said, "With you, I think getting to know people wouldn't be tough."

Lin Ruoxi understood what Yang Chen was saying. It was true that she appeared very seldomly in the public. A lot of people had only heard of her name, but hadn't had a chance to meet her in person. Her appearance would undoubtedly welcome lots of interactions with the guests.

"Don't think about it too much. I just want you to do stuff seriously. One day, there'll be people trying to get near you," Lin Ruoxi said.

"It's just that I dislike my woman being displayed in the public," Yang Chen said before winking at Lin Ruoxi.

Lin Ruoxi gave him a death stare. "Can't you get serious for a moment?"

“Where am I not serious at?” Yang Chen asked sadly.

“You aren’t serious everywhere!” Lin Ruoxi said angrily before putting on her rabbit-head slippers and sprinting upstairs.

After tidying up everything, Yang Chen didn’t plan to attend work today. He went up to his own room as well.

After switching his computer on, Yang Chen took a cigarette out and lit it up. Various expressions showed up in his eyes. Finally, he took a deep breath, as if he made a major decision.

Clipping the cigarette with his mouth, Yang Chen’s hand quickly moved on the keyboard. He typed in a random web address which was encrypted.

After pressing the ‘Enter’ key, he got connected to a video call.

The profile of the other side appeared. It had an image of a soaring blue eagle.

System: “Connecting...”

After waiting for around a minute, the image of the blue eagle disappeared when it got replaced by the face of a western white guy which looked handsome and strong.

There was a tattoo on the guy’s face which looked like a code. His pair of green pupils looked like leopards constantly looking for preys. On top of his brown hair, he wore a western officer hat.

“Pluto, reporting from Sauron!” the guy said energetically with a strong British accent while his hand formed an accurate gesture of the noble. He looked at Yang Chen with utmost respect, his eyes looked like they were filled with fire.

Yang Chen involuntarily yearned at the past while he heard the same old voice. Using English, he said, “Sauron, long time no see. Is everybody doing well?”

“Except that all of us are missing Our Majesty Pluto, all of us are having a great time,” Sauron said. He seemed like he was smiling, but his face wasn’t cooperating, as if it was made using metal, looking rather weird.

Yang Chen breathed out some smoke. “Sauron, I told you a lot of times that you’re not my slave nor my servant. You’re my friend. Relax.”

Sauron grinned, revealing teeth that had turned black. “Your Majesty Pluto, I’m already very relaxed. You must understand that I’m giving utmost respect to someone who has helped me significantly. I guess my brothers and your other friends all have the same thought. Please believe that all of us are happy to be friend with someone as strong as you. But... this process is rather difficult. You never gave us time to get used to it.”

“Alright, alright. It seems like you’ve been spending too much time with the old man Constantine. You’re starting to get good at repeating words over and over again,” Yang Chen said.

Smiling, Sauron replied, "Ron is an interesting man, but he's way too stingy. When I came back from Italy last week, he only gave me two bottles of Margaret from 1980s. I clearly saw that he salvaged some champagne from the 19th century."

"Don't you know what Ron's life-long philosophy is?"

"I know. Money comes from savings! Sigh, I hope that even Satan can forgive this stupid old man. I bet even the devils detest his stinginess!"

"He's a Catholic member. You don't need to worry that the person you have faith in would dislike him," Yang Chen said.

Sauron shook his head, saying, "No, no, no. Please believe me, Your Majesty Pluto, the fellow Ron is definitely a fake Catholic member. He's very aware that he can't get into heaven. His clothing can only be used to trick women who only know how to dress themselves up. In my eyes, they are no different from broken cloths. He even wants to earn the money from intercontinental missile. I'm very angry at this!"

Yang Chen couldn't help but to laugh when he saw Sauron who was displeased. "You guys are still this interesting," he said.

"Yeah, Your Majesty Pluto, although we all think that these are serious matters, you see them as interesting shows. Why did you go back to China? I hate countries where I need to get permission from before I play with machine guns," Sauron said.

"Sauron, I don't think any country can satisfy your hobby. So I don't feel like explaining why I came back to China. I actually hope that you can help me. That's why I find you today."

Sauron's eyes shone. "Your Majesty Pluto, are you finally going to draw out your devil claws again? Tell me, is it Middle East? North Africa? Or is it Amazon Rainforest? Damn it! My blood is boiling already! If there's a naval battle, I guess I can send out a few nuclear submarines. These fellows are very powerful after being modified!"

Smiling bitterly, Yang Chen shook his head before saying, "Sauron, the world is really peaceful these years. I don't hope to initiate a war myself."

"Oh... I'm sorry. I forgot that Your Majesty Pluto has reached God Rank and can't step in during times like this. Then may I ask what mission it is? My friends and I will be happy to serve you!"

"Thank you, Sauron. Actually, it's nothing serious. I hope that you can send a team of 'Sea Eagles' to the central ocean of China. I need teammates who excel in disguise. Their power levels don't have to be too high. Also, help me track down someone, but this is absolutely confidential. I'll send the person's information and contact details to you later," Yang Chen said. He listed out all his requests directly.

Sauron greeted with a gesture used in the navy army. "I will accomplish the mission in glory!"

"Thank you," Yang Chen replied before cutting the connection off. He then sent the prepared details over.

After getting this matter done, Yang Chen went back to his bed and wanted to take an afternoon nap. At this moment, his phone vibrated once again.

