

Chapter 841 - The Blonde Gem

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Yang Chen's calm and collected reactions left Liu Minghao on the verge of insanity. If they actually collided with each other, Yang Chen's bones were going to be smashed up into fine powder!

The cargo truck running at lightning speed was brought to a screeching halt at the sight of Yang Chen's abysmal appearance.

It took a couple of seconds for the driver himself to grasp the situation. His eyes immediately widened as he stepped on to the breaks with a tremendous amount of force.

Skkkrrrrrrhhhh!

The frictional force between the tires and the road filled the air with deafening noise as the massive vehicle slid towards Yang Chen!

Liu Minghao kept his eyes shut tight, unable to witness what was about to happen!

Meanwhile, Yang Chen casually lifted his hand and met the truck's momentum head-on.

The insane halt in velocity was too late to act upon the hind wheels, as the back end of the truck lifted itself off the ground, before tumbling back down!

Yang Chen noticed the stationary vehicle before himself, which prompted him to clap in satisfaction. Walking towards the driver's seat, he knocked on the door and jerked it open.

Inside was a pale, horrified truck driver, scared speechless which led Yang Chen to crack a smile. "I'll have to take the wheel from here. Think of this as a robbery. Go ahead and claim that from the insurance company. They should cover more than enough of the cost."

The terror-stricken driver watched as the down-to-earth stranger engaged him, but the only thought he had in mind was how this person had managed to bring the gigantic vehicle to a complete halt with such ease. It eventually became too much for him which caused him to black out.

Yang Chen scratched the back of his head as he dragged the driver out of the vehicle.

Half an hour later, in Gao Yu's private suite, a blonde woman was now completely nude on the lavish couch. Her sleek waist radiated through her fair and supple skin. Her athletic yet alluring pair of legs were now hanging high on Gao Yu's shoulders.

Gao Yu himself was indulging deep into the meeting point of her legs, the most recently removed g-string revealed her tantalizing nether regions.

Across every corner of the room were gorgeous women with exceptional proportions in skin-tight leather suits. Their focus was on the private show on the couch.

Gao Yu's mouth was damp from the release of secreted fluids, while the blond was on cloud nine herself.

After just seconds, Gao Yu was seen huffing and puffing as he lifted his face off the woman's crotch. His lips then curled up into a devilish grin as he said, "Miss Aishapova, other than your exquisite little legs, it turns out you have quite a few fragrant... delicacies on the plate. I guess I have no choice but to spend more time 'researching' tonight."

The blonde gem, Aishapova, giggled before replying in fluent Mandarin, "I actually thought the great Mr Gao Yu wouldn't take that man's words to heart. Who knew you were capable of trying new things?"

Gao Yu stuck his tongue out and gave a quick lick through Aishapova's mesmerizing thighs. "It's not that I care about what that man had to say, but it was you who changed my mind. The truth is, I have a passion for exploring the bodies of my rare beauties."

"Oh my, you must be the most well-spoken gentleman I have ever been with. Far better than the grizzly men from where I'm from. I like you." Aishapova seductively lifted several fingers as she gently tickled his face, before reaching into his mouth.

Gao Yu unhesitantly savored her long, bewitching fingers as if they were an exquisite delicacy.

"Mr Gao Yu," Aishapova added with a sensuous smile. "There's something I don't quite understand."

"Uhm... go ahead," Gao Yu hastily replied as he brought himself back between her legs.

Aishapova meanwhile was hardly fazed by the relatively tame sexual action as she continued, "If you decide to use Liu Minghao's identity to seize a portion of his dead mother's influence in the Green Dragon Society, and systematically dissolve the society from within, why would you instead plot to casually blow him up?"

Gao Yu took a good mouthful of the damp air before him as he explained, "Green Dragon Society... is hardly an equal match for us. That's not to say that Liu Qingshan isn't someone to keep a watchful eye on. But if we were going to make our move, he would not pose much of a threat. Our real enemy is that man Yang Chen."

Aishapova was skeptical as she fondled Gao Yu's face. "And who's that?"

"Him? Well, he's no ordinary man. It was by his hands that the Red Thorns Society of Zhonghai effectively crippled their everlasting mafia opponents in the region to claim the crown. The CEO of the Red Thorns Society herself, Rose, would not have consolidated her throne if it wasn't for the help of the handyman Yang Chen.

"Back in the day when Xu Ying attempted to assassinate Liu Qingshan, he might have had an inkling feeling of what was about to happen, but he would never have slipped away with such ease if it was not for Yang Chen's convenient interference. This man and his gargantuan background are much more powerful than it seems to be. And exactly for that reason alone, killing him would bring about many advantages per our use."

Aishapova seemed to have grasped the situation as she smiled brightly. "My dear Mr Gao Yu, am I to assume that you are planning on swallowing the Green Dragon Society along with the Red Thorns Society as well?"

“And why shouldn’t I? If Yang Chen ceased to exist, those societies would be nothing but failures. When the day comes and I remove him from existence, with the firepower of the Giant Whale Society, alongside the operational support from your side, the government would not be able to lay their hands on us. Zhonghai and Beijing will bow to their overlords of the Giant Whale society!”

“Well, you’re naughty...” Aishapova reactively teased.

“Haha...” Gao Yu let out a sinister grin. “My beloved Aishapova, do you know what ‘Giant Whale’ means in Chinese?”

Aishapova shook her head in anticipation.

“In ancient times, there was once a renowned poet who wrote The Search of Cui Ji and Li Feng on the Brink of a New Month. There was a line about a giant whale swallowing the nine continents whole. The giant whale referred to in this poem was a metaphor for robbers...”

Aishapova might speak the language, but she was rather confused by it.

“Robbers?”

“Not just that.” Gao Yu smirked. “But the worst of the worst, the utterly corrupt and morally deranged.”

Aishapova seemed to be buying into his passionate proclamations. “You truly are the living embodiment of wisdom. I wasn’t expecting an ancient poem. In my opinion, if you were to be a robber, you would be the most elegant among them.”

“I’m not confined to being nothing but a blood-lusting brute, my dear Aishapova. I studied Chinese literature for my PhD. You mustn’t underestimate me dear.”

Aishapova affectionately smooched him on the lips. “If our plan can secure Beijing and Zhonghai under our realm of influence I’m sure the boss will applaud our success. When that happens, Mr Gao Yu and his father will undoubtedly have their fair share of the benefits, I’m sure.”

Gao Yu gave the blonde beauty a tight embrace, as he sunk his face in between her alluring breasts. “You little vixen. But I can guarantee your benefits after I eat you whole!”

With no intention to spend more time with foreplays, he forced Aishapova on the couch with high anticipation for what was about to come next.

But right at that moment, a deafening honk pierced through the mirage of their sexual tension!

A colossal cargo truck of what seemed to appear from within thin air sped through the highway, ramping on the honk to alert everyone else on the road of its inglorious presence!

“Damn it! Which bastard is this?!” Gao Yu lifted his head, his rage knowing no boundaries.

But instantly after were the vulgar shrieks of the bodyguards on the exterior.

“Young Master! Young Master! There seems to be an emergency!”

“What is it?” Gao Yu furiously hopped off the couch. “Is the sky falling? Bloody hell!”

“Not the sky, but the building is!”

“What are you talking about?!” Gao Yu was confused with what the henchmen gave in reply. Leaving behind the erotism in the room, he ordered them in. “Come in and explain yourselves!”

The bodyguards rushed into the room and hurled themselves into submission. “Sir, it’s chaos out there! Everyone from the ballroom has already made their way out! There’s a fanatic behind the wheels of a massive cargo truck heading straight towards our club! Even within the radius of our building, he wouldn’t slow down!”

“A cargo truck?” Gao Yu was anxious, as he snatched his clothes on the ground. “Get some people to stop that shit! I want to see who’s got such balls to mess with the Giant Whale Society!”

If the headquarters were to be decimated, they would instantly relegate themselves to the butt of a joke!

Casually dressed in his traditional attire, along with his paper fan made him seemed as chivalrous as usual. He then led his army of henchmen alongside the merry group of Russian beauties as they hastily made way down the stairs.

As they got down towards the entrance hallway, two blinding rays of high beams shot right towards them!

Beep beep!

The vexing honks left the Giant Whale Society painfully holding their palms over their ears, ranting and cursing at the driver.

Gao Yu noticed the obnoxious Volvo truck and was dumbfounded at its antics until he took a decent look at the driver’s seat and was instantly left shell shocked.

“That’s... Yang Chen! How can it be?!”

In what could have been the perfect scenario, this man would have been buried alongside his car on the freeway with nothing but a ragged corpse to his name. But there Yang Chen was, charging towards him.

Aishapova quickly noticed the anomaly as she hinted the skimpily dressed women behind her before they discreetly made their way out.

Yang Chen on the driver’s seat stamped on both the brake and the accelerator at the same time, leaving the cargo truck screeching as it closed in. The irking howls of the engines kept the petrified Giant Whale Society henchmen at bay.

Noticing his primary target by the entrance hallway, Yang Chen lifted a finger as he signaled before he immediately shifted gears to reverse!

Skrrrh!

The vigorous friction between the braking tires and the ground left the terrified people in a frenzy. It was not heading forward anymore, but instead steered towards the far end of the highway!

The turn of events hardly eased the tensions over at the Giant Whale Society, as they were all left perplexed.

“Young Master, he must have escaped!”

“He must have been humbled by the presence of our great young master. Haha! Do you think he has the guts to pull one on us, the Giant Whale Society? We’ll crush him.”

Gao Yu at that moment was in deep contemplation before he sneered. “Idiots! He’s not escaping, he’s accelerating at maximum speed!”

Like a metal beast with glaring headlights as its intimidating eyes, it charged right towards the flamboyant nightclub entrance hallway!

“Watch out! Secure the young master!”

The bodyguards and henchmen were caught off guard. It wasn’t in their job scope to risk their lives standing in front of a massive cargo truck heading towards them at full speed!

This was a concrete building in the centreplace. Even if he managed to demolish the entirety of the ground floor, how did he expect to make it out alive?

Chapter 842 - You Might Regret It

You Might Regret It

The Volvo truck crashed through the main door of the club causing the people within the vicinity to scream!

The twisted shriek of the metal and the crashing sounds of the wall turned the whole place into an action scene of a movie!

Sparks and rubble flew all around the place.

The wires were torn apart, dangling off the car and causing the lights to go off as sparks danced on the cables.

The Volvo did not stop there. It continued to move through the main door and onto the dance floor. Its body was way beyond repair by the time it skidded across the dance floor.

After a deafening crash, the dance floor was nothing more than a mound of rubble and skid marks.

Everything was damaged except for the light bulbs which were barely hanging by a thread. Even the expensive-looking pillars were crushed into pieces.

But the attack didn’t end there.

The moment the truck dropped on the ground, the electric sparks came in contact with the oil tank. In the next second, the car exploded into a pillar of flames!

BOOM!

Black fumes filled the air, covering the entire dance floor with a thick black smog!

This explosion was the final nail in the coffin for the night club!

Everything had happened in less than a minute.

Gao Yu was pulled over by the guards as he witnessed the whole incident with a dumbfounded expression.

When he felt the scorching heat on his face, he was immediately brought back to the moment!

“Yang Chen! I’m gonna kill you!”

The guards around exchanged looks with each other. They never expected Yang Chen, or anyone for that matter, to have the balls to do this. They were secretly impressed with his ability to face death head-on since this was basically a death wish! But he did manage to humiliate the Giant Whale Society!

The headquarters was taken down by a man with a truck. If people caught wind of this incident, the Giant Whale Society would never hear the end of it.

“Sir, he must have died in the fire.” A guard persuaded him.

Gao Yu clutched onto his fan tightly with shaky hands. “What the heck! Why wasn’t he killed by the explosion?! If he didn’t die, then where is Liu Minghao?!”

Everyone was confused too.

“Now is not the time to fret about this...”

Aishapova butted in and pointed at the blazing fire.

Everyone held their breath as they looked over!

They could see a man walking out of the blazing flames as though it was nothing!

The fire cast a light on his face, showing his wicked smile...

“Yang Chen?!”

Gao Yu screeched out as though face to face with a ghost!

Yang Chen stretched his body and walked towards them while twisting his head. He seemed completely unharmed.

“Sorry to disappoint you but I’m far from dead as you can see.” Yang Chen giggled.

Everyone took a few steps back unconsciously as the fact that Yang Chen was still alive under that fire was too much to bear.

“Hmph, better for me that you’re still alive!”

Gao Yu glared and waved his arm. “Everyone attack! I’ll give a million-dollar reward to anyone who succeeds in killing him!”

The guards’ eyes turned red at the sound of money as they charged forward like a bunch of hungry wolves!

Yang Chen stepped forward and pushed his hands right into a muscular man’s chest.

His right hand came out of the muscular man’s back followed by a weird sound!

A red beating heart was in his hand and in the next second, he clenched his fist and crushed it into pieces.

Everyone's hearts dropped at the sight of that. Some of the girls even fainted after vomiting!

"Those who wish me dead will die in my hands." Yang Chen grinned.

The guards shivered upon seeing his face!

"What are you guys doing!? It's just one guy?! How can you guys not win when there's so many of you against one of him?! I'll give two million dollars to the one who kills him! Two million dollars!" Gao Yu was enraged.

The power of money is unimaginable!

The men of the Giant Whale Society pushed their fears behind and attacked Yang Chen when they heard the prize awaiting them on the other side!

Their fists cut through the air and since they were all highly trained underworld boxers. They knew how to kill but were not well versed with the techniques!

If they were up against a normal person, they might have won. But they were no match for an experienced killer like Yang Chen!

Yang Chen didn't bother to bother using his cultivation since there were so many people and the men were no match for him. Releasing it here would only cause more harm than good.

Plus, when was the last time he enjoyed a good fight with his fists?

His palm moved forward and chopped someone's waist!

POP!

With a crack, the man was cut into two halves!

His internal organs fell to the ground as blood splurged out, staining Yang Chen's face and body. His white shirt was now scarlet.

At the same time, three men aimed at Yang Chen's body, with the intention to pin him down.

But before they could celebrate their victory, they realized that Yang Chen stayed still!

Normally if someone were to get hit, they would fall down. But it was as if a gentle breeze had hit Yang Chen's body!

Yang Chen brushed his shirt and frowned. "Hey... my Versace outfit is ruined. My wife chose it for me, you know?"

His hands kept moving as he said that, aiming towards the nearest target!

Yells were heard everywhere!

"Sir, this guy is crazy. We're clearly no match for him!" A guard conveyed his thoughts, his voice filled with nervousness.

Gao Yu's face darkened as he ordered them with a raspy voice, "Take a weapon. I don't believe that he's able to survive a rain of bullets!"

Aishapova giggled by his side. "There's no need to do so. I've already asked my girls to do so."

At the back of the nightclub, more than ten girls were seen holding Russian light machine guns. They were dressed in leather outfits and wore protective eyewear. The amount of murderous intent coming from them was much more intense than the men who came before them!

"Miss Aishapova, you're so thoughtful!" Gao Yu laughed grimly.

The blonde lady giggled. "He won't be killed so easily if he managed to walk away from two explosions, so we had to prepare for the worst. But, my dear Gao Yu, wouldn't ordering your subordinates to retreat keep me from harming them?"

"Hmph, there's no point keeping them when they're all useless," Gao Yu said cruelly.

Aishapova giggled even more but her eyes were filled with murderous intent as she spoke in Russian...

"Kill all!"

They pulled the trigger under her command!

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

The men were all caught in the crossfire! They all died in disbelief, being killed by their own people!

But Yang Chen had disappeared among them!

He showed up behind the ladies in a blink of an eye!

"Be careful!"

Aishapova gasped. She did not expect this to happen!

Her efforts were futile!

Yang Chen gripped one of the lady's neck and pulled on it!

CRACK!

She died when her head was detached from her spinal cord! Her facial expression remained the same in death!

Yang Chen remained emotionless through it all.

It felt as though he was clearing weeds in his lawn, ignoring all the gunshots as he teleported around, killing the girls one by one!

They gave up on the gun and attacked with rivets gloves when they realized guns didn't work. Although they were faster than normal guys, it was still too slow for Yang Chen, getting killed immediately!

Yang Chen walked towards Aishapova and Gao Yu after the last girl had died.

They never expected to see a gruesome scene like this as they watched Yang Chen numbly, their face filled with horror.

“Don’t... don’t come forward!”

Gao Yu yelped and retreated when he came back to his senses. The remaining men didn’t dare to move forward.

Aishapova grinned after contemplating for a while. “Handsome, you’re the strongest person I’ve ever met. But I think it’s best if you left us alone even though we have misread the situation. Or you might regret it.”

Chapter 843 - Fulfil Your Wish

Fulfil Your Wish

Yang Chen glanced over, disinterested, despite her being a beauty.

He had seen his fair share of women overseas, let alone western beauties like Jane and Catherine. She was no match for them. Plus, one look was all it took for him to realize that she lived a messy lifestyle. Only a foolish person like Gao Yu would treat her like a treasure.

“If you fail to convince me, you will suffer a fate worse than your subordinates,” Yang Chen said emotionlessly.

Aishapova snickered. “I bet you saved Liu Minghao from the explosion if you managed to get out of it. Wouldn’t it be a wild goose chase for you if he died so soon, since you came all the way from Zhonghai?”

“What are you saying?” Yang Chen frowned.

“You know, he was doing it with my subordinate before he left, right?” Aishapova winked suggestively.

Yang Chen suspected something.

Aishapova giggled. “My subordinate might be pretty, but... her lips speak of death...”

Yang Chen understood her words now!

“You drugged him?!”

Damn it! They drugged Liu Minghao through a human body!

“No.” Aishapova shook her head. “Technically, it’s our new genetic weapon and he’s our first experimental subject.”

Yang Chen’s face darkened, he had heard of the term ‘genetic weapon’.

Only mad scientists and underworld laboratories would create weapons like this since they were banned!

These weapons were created to attack the genes. Although it might not cause much physical damage, it could cause the victims to lose reproductive abilities! They would lose the ability to heal! Worse yet, the victims would die if their cells failed to undergo mitosis!

High tech weapons like these were of the future. Even advanced countries like the USA and Germany did not dare to produce weapons like these, because any mistakes would lead to the destruction of the country!

If she really was dabbling in this territory of the underworld, her background might not be as simple as it seemed.

Yang Chen wouldn't be worried if it was an ordinary toxin since he could just push it out with the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture. A layman like him was in no position to deal with genetic damage. Help from professionals would be required.

Aishapova showed a victorious smile when she saw Yang Chen's dark expression. "It seems like you are quite familiar with this. You must know that it can't be treated in a hospital. If you can't find the specific genetic code, he will die. If you want him alive then you better be careful of what you choose to do."

Gao Yu stepped forward triumphantly, seeing that Aishapova managed to control Yang Chen.

"Yang Chen, I know you're no ordinary man. But our Giant Whale Society and the organization that Aishapova belongs to are not that easy to deal with. If you agree to leave, no harm would be done. I'll even have the antidote sent to you so that Liu Minghao can recover. Then we'll go our own ways undisturbed, how about that?"

Yang Chen sneered. "So you were planning to control that dumb kid?"

"I'm not denying that since you figured it out. That's right, I did want to use him but he showed up himself," Gao Yu said.

"You bastard! I'm gonna kill you!"

A loud roar came from a nearby alley.

Liu Minghao came out from hiding as he ran forward filled with rage. He threw his fist forward, right at Gao Yu!

Yang Chen made him wait at a dark corner so that he wouldn't be harmed. He could no longer restrain himself when he heard that Gao Yu wanted to turn him into a puppet.

Gao Yu might not be a skilled fighter but he wasn't completely helpless. He sneered as he avoided Liu Minghao's attack. "Liu Minghao, you wouldn't live even if you killed me!"

Liu Minghao froze in his tracks. He shuddered as he touched his chest before asking Yang Chen, "Brother-in-law, they were lying right? I only kissed the girl, plus I feel okay now."

Yang Chen dragged him aside. "Don't hit where you can't aim, you're embarrassing me."

Liu Minghao felt wronged. "That's so mean, how can you say that I'm an embarrassment when someone tried to use me!"

"Did you finally realize how dumb you are?"

Liu Minghao nodded his head as he continued to glare at Gao Yu.

Yang Chen contemplated for a while and said, "Prepare a car for me, mine was bombed."

Gao Yu and Aishapova smiled victoriously when they heard him.

"No problem! No problem! Someone get the Audi R8 out!"

Gao Yu was generous in providing him with a car which cost two million yuan.

Yang Chen waved his hands. "I'm sick of those cars, give me something with higher ground clearance."

Gao Yu was startled. He wasn't expecting Yang Chen to have requests for a car but he went along with it, "Then give the BMW X6 to Mr Yang, the newest one!"

For the son of the head of a smuggling group, a million-dollar car was nothing to him. Smuggling it into the country would only cost him several hundred thousand.

Liu Minghao was utterly confused. "Brother-in-law, why should we leave? Finish them off! I'm really okay, they must be lying!"

Aishapova giggled. "You idiotic boy, if you truly believe we were lying, how else would we control you once you got back to the Green Dragon Society? Did you think we would follow you back there?"

Liu Minghao's heart dropped as he paled at her words.

Aishapova continued, "Don't worry, you will be fine for now. But if you don't receive proper treatment in three days, you will die."

Liu Minghao felt better when he heard that but he still broke out in cold sweat.

Yang Chen said nothing and pulled Liu Minghao into the car when the guards drove the new BMW X6 over.

Gao Yu and Aishapova gave a meaningful smile when they saw that Yang Chen was carrying out the deal.

Yang Chen started the engine and drove out slowly. He turned around and asked Liu Minghao, "Kid, do you want to kill Gao Yu?"

Liu Minghao nodded hard. "Yes! But brother-in-law, they said I'll die without the antidote!"

"Do you believe in me?" Yang Chen asked again.

Liu Minghao continued to nod. "Of course! If it wasn't for you, I would've been dead!"

"Alright, that's good enough for me."

Yang Chen stepped on the brakes and turned the car a hundred and eighty degrees around with screeching tires!

The outstanding specifications of the imported BMW X6 made it super easy to speed the car up to a hundred kilometers per hour in just a few seconds!

Yang Chen stepped on the gas pedal and the car took off, going straight back to the nightclub!

Gao Yu and Aishapova could barely react as the car neared them!

“Ah!”

The shout did not come from the Giant Whale Society but by Liu Minghao instead!

Yang Chen had turned the car around to kill Gao Yu!

Gao Yu’s long robe became a hindrance to his escape as he tried to run!

His fan was thrown away but he couldn’t make it far when the car came behind him!

“No!”

The car drove past him as he fell on the ground, terrified.

But the X6 turned around again without hesitation!

Yang Chen was not finished as he stepped on the gas pedal again, going straight towards Gao Yu!

A deafening cry was heard as the tires ran over his legs!

Everyone paled from the cry, unable to comprehend why Yang Chen had decided to return!

But they were absolutely sure of one thing. Yang Chen specifically requested for a car with higher clearance not because he was sick of the other car, but wanted one to run people over with!

Yang Chen didn’t stop there!

He reversed and ran over Gao Yu’s legs again!

Gao Yu was in so much agony but he couldn’t faint! Blood flowed from his legs like a river on the road!

Liu Minghao was stupefied, he had never seen someone as vicious as Yang Chen even though he had grown up in the underworld! Yang Chen was not treating Gao Yu like a human!

Liu Minghao almost peed himself when he was reminded that there was a pair of legs underneath the car!

Finally, Yang Chen was satisfied after squashing Gao Yu’s legs for the seventh time. He stepped on the break and told Liu Minghao while smiling, “Come, get out of the car so that I can fulfill your wish.”

Chapter 844 - Challenging Wife

Challenging Wife

Liu Minghao nodded his head blankly, unable to think straight as he followed Yang Chen’s command.

Yang Chen picked up a light machine gun from the ground after getting out of the car. He weighed it in his hands and walked towards Gao Yu after ensuring that it had bullets loaded inside it.

Gao Yu’s bloodstained face was empty and hollow.

Even though he was on the brink of death, his guards did not move a muscle to help him.

They didn’t even dare to run away! It wasn’t because they were cowards, it was because they knew that their opponent was no human!

Aishapova hid behind them, looking for a chance to escape. The death of her subordinate and the destruction of the Giant Whale Society's headquarters did not bode well for her.

They were the only ones left on the street. Everyone else fled from the scene. Even the police were reluctant and hesitant to intervene knowing full well that this was the Giant Whale Society's territory. So Aishapova couldn't just escape by blending in with the crowd.

Yang Chen knew what she was planning to do but he wasn't bothered by it. He tossed the light machine gun towards Liu Minghao.

Liu Minghao caught the gun in confusion.

"Do you know how to use it?"

"Ye—yes," Liu Minghao stuttered.

Yang Chen nodded and pointed towards Gao Yu who was gasping for air. "Aim for his head and only his head! Unload all the remaining bullets!"

"What?!" Liu Minghao yelled. "But... but Brother-In-Law, he's almost dead already!"

Liu Minghao didn't dare to look at Gao Yu. Even though he knew Gao Yu was an evil man, his current state made him look worse than a beggar!

It was painful to think about.

Gao Yu's eyes were filled with despair and fear.

Yang Chen snickered. "Didn't you say you wanted to defeat your dad? Your dad was able to kill your mom. Here you are with a gun in your hand and your enemy at your feet and you're not able to? Don't bother avenging your mother."

Liu Minghao silenced himself at his words. Seconds later, he took a deep breath and looked towards Gao Yu.

He lifted the gun, aimed at him, and pulled the trigger.

Everyone felt a sense of fear pooling in their chest as the gunshots rang across the street!

This fear wasn't aimed towards Liu Minghao's gunshots but towards Yang Chen for his indifference!

Liu Minghao couldn't feel anything as he watched the skull crack open from the bullets.

Blood and brains sputtered out. Liu Minghao could even see pieces of bone start to fly out.

"Ah!"

Liu Minghao started crying uncontrollably while shooting!

The moment the bullets ran out, he threw the gun away and vomited with his back facing Yang Chen!

Yang Chen came forward and patted his back emotionlessly when Liu Minghao was done vomiting.

"Feeling better yet?"

Liu Minghao stood up and nodded. “Bet—better...”

Yang Chen smiled. “Still want to kill your dad?”

Liu Minghao shuddered and shook his head.

“Why?” Yang Chen asked calmly.

Liu Minghao gulped and answered with a low voice, “I... can’t do it... I’m still too weak...”

“Looks like there’s hope for you after all.” Yang Chen wrapped his arms around Liu Minghao’s neck and said sternly, “You have to remember one thing. The underworld isn’t a playground for you to play a gangster in. Drugs are not the thing most people are afraid of. It’s the dehumanizing acts that have to be performed daily. Your father isn’t a nice person but he tried his best to keep you safe from people who are trying to kill you.”

“Don’t question him for being in the underworld, it’s essentially the same as questioning your own family. All you need to worry about is who takes care of you and who doesn’t. If you don’t want to be killed like him, learn from your father and stop trying to pretend that you know everything. You’re no one without the protection of the Green Dragon Society!”

Liu Minghao looked up and shuddered when he saw Yang Chen’s calm expression. “Brother-In-Law... you’re a demon...”

“Hah.” Yang Chen grinned. “Those who said that in the past had died by my hands. But I’ll give you a pass because of your sister...”

Liu Minghao couldn’t help but smile.

He seemed to have grown up quite a bit because of this incident.

Yang Chen patted his shoulder and nudged him into the car, signaling that it was time to go back.

Liu Minghao asked when they got into the car, “Brother-in-law, what about Aishapova? Are you going to let her go?”

“I’m more interested in her organization. Genetic weapons are not developed for fun, they are developed with purpose. The Giant Whale Society might have been a pawn of theirs. They must not be happy with me destroying it. Isn’t it better for her to relay the news to them then?” Yang Chen said.

Liu Minghao was still troubled about something else. “Brother-in-law, what about the genetic mutation in my body?”

Yang Chen started the engine and stepped on the gas pedal while saying, “There’s someone who can treat you. Besides you still have three more days so what are you afraid of?”

Liu Minghao was confused but he decided not to probe further because Yang Chen had never lied to him.

It was almost midnight when they reached Zhonghai. Yang Chen dialed Jane’s phone number and asked if she could make it to the laboratory after telling her about the genetic weapon that infected Liu Minghao’s body.

Jane was naturally sensitive towards the topic of 'genetic weapons' since it was a leading field in science. A genius scientist like her was naturally interested in it and since Yang Chen was the one who asked, she left for the laboratory immediately.

When Yang Chen brought Liu Minghao to the laboratory, Jane was already waiting for them there in a lab coat and glasses.

Although she was a renowned lecturer, she didn't have a lot of time to dabble in the field of research. Her greatest trait was her efficiency so she didn't have any problems with her eyesight. She only wore glasses to look more intelligent.

Liu Minghao was stunned by her beauty, silently worried for his sister.

"Dear Yang Chen, you really do know how to keep me occupied. I've only been here for two days and there's already an interesting research subject for me." Jane joked around, not surprised with the blood on Yang Chen.

Yang Chen replied, "I hope it doesn't interfere with your work for Yu Lei, lest Ruoxi kill me with her glare."

"That's impossible." Jane laughed mischievously. "Let me tell you a secret. I already figured out how to synthesize the new material after looking through the data. Only my dumb students need so much money just to synthesize a sample. I can provide a better way whenever I choose to. I'm here to ask for your help because I don't want to be treated like a trade item by Catherine and the Rothschild."

Yang Chen smiled bitterly. "I knew it. Even though I don't mind it too much, your arrival has been the source of several issues in my home."

"Oh ya, speaking of Boss Lin..." Jane looked at him pitifully. "She was so pissed at you that her aura had scared everyone in the hall. I've never met someone as cold as her. No one dared to approach her during the event. Honestly, it was my first time thinking of her as a challenging wife."

Yang Chen shuddered at the thought of it. "Hah... I'll stay out of her way as long as I can. Take his blood sample so that I can send him home, his family members are all up in my case."

Jane said no more and brought Yang Chen into the laboratory. It was quite hectic for her since she had to do everything herself.

Jane suddenly asked when she was making preparations, "Genetic toxins aren't like any ordinary toxins. I might not succeed in analyzing and cracking the code, let alone in producing the antidote. Are you really fine with letting me do it within three days? What if I fail?"

Yang Chen leaned on the door and shrugged. "Nothing, I believe in you like how you believed that I could help you."

Jane froze for a second. She lifted her head and beamed at Yang Chen with a nod.

After collecting Liu Minghao's blood sample in a sterilized room, Jane signaled for them to leave.

Liu Minghao was confused since she had only collected his blood sample. "Brother-in-law, is that it?"

“You want to stay overnight?” Yang Chen looked at the time. “It’s almost 2 o’clock.”

Liu Minghao shook his head hurriedly. “I... won’t die right?”

“How would I know?” Yang Chen replied nonchalantly.

Liu Minghao sucked in a breath as he wailed, “Brother-in-law, are you playing with me?!”

“What’s with the noise? You would’ve been dead ages ago if it wasn’t for me. I’ll throw you into the river and feed you to the fish if you tell your family about the toxin!” Yang Chen hit his head mercilessly.

Chapter 845 - Keep Your Hands to Yourself

Keep Your Hands to Yourself

Liu Minghao might be a sore loser, but he knew that when it came to instilling fear, his brother-in-law would even put the worst terrorists to shame.

After a little more than twenty minutes, Liu Minghao under Yang Chen’s escort arrived at the flamboyant beachside villa that Liu Qingshan recently bought. The Green Dragon Society’s members quickly noticed Yang Chen’s return and hastily went to report it.

Not long after, Liu Mingyu alongside her mother came barging out the front door.

Even though he was not related to the woman he called ‘mom’, and the other person was just his half-sister, he was still a son and a brother to both of them. He was a part of their family nonetheless.

Noticing Liu Minghao stained with patches of blood, Mrs Liu shrieked in horror even after realizing that it was someone else’s blood. She then lovingly held Liu Minghao by the ear.

“Haven’t I told you not to mess with the Giant Whale Society?! Are you crazy?! Do you know what sort of place that is you little rascal! If it wasn’t for how capable your brother-in-law was, your father and I might have had to bid farewell to our son before each other! Think about what your mother would have wanted for you?!”

Liu Mingyu was teary-eyed by the corner where she stood, resisting the urge to smack her brother silly.

Liu Minghao stared blankly at Yang Chen, hoping he would come to his defense.

Yang Chen cleared his throat before he stated, “Oh come on Mother-In-Law, Minghao proved to be just as capable as me. When I found him, he was rolling in the sheets with a Russian babe. What a man!”

“What?!”

Mrs Liu’s tone shot up an octave!

“You... How dare you mess around behind my back! You were never the brightest student but I did not expect you to do such nasty things! Couldn’t you have found yourself a decent woman? She might have had AIDS and you wouldn’t have known.” Mrs Liu’s fury exploded to the point her voice cracked as she spanked on his buttocks away.

Watching the tenacious woman before himself yelling and screaming at himself, he took a glance at Yang Chen. *Should've known this wanker wouldn't bother to help me, but how dare you stab me in the back!* Liu Minghao thought.

Liu Mingyu meanwhile was red as a tomato as she soul-piercingly glared at Yang Chen. "Why did you have to say all that in front of my mom?"

"He's not a kid anymore. He's a man now." Yang Chen casually brushed it off.

After all, he lost his virginity way younger than Li Minghao with Seventeen in the tropical rainforest.

Eventually, the ruckus came to a close, and everything went back to its tranquil ways.

The group entered the house. Inside, the living room was brightly lit.

Even though it was only a couple of hours till dawn, anxiety and adrenaline were keeping the occupants of the house awake.

Liu Qingshan sat on the couch in silk pajamas. Next to him was a metal stand with an IV drip pack attached to it.

It was all the by-product of Liu Minghao's little excursion away from home, of which his years of chronic diseases instantly took a sudden toll on him. It was only after midnight did his well-being turn for the better.

Liu Qingshan was overwhelmed by the complexity of his emotions.

"Look at what you did! It's all because of you that father fell ill. When are you ever going to grow up?" Liu Mingyu was done keeping her silence.

Liu Minghao sneaked a peek of his father. Noticing that Liu Qingshan was silently judging him, his head sank even lower.

But in that glance over, he managed to screen through Liu Qingshan's pale appearance, chapped lips, patches of white hair on his head, alongside the lifeless IV bottle hanging high on the metal stand.

It was just a day, but dad seemed to have aged a decade... he thought.

"Oh, you're back."

His tone was solemn but forgiving.

"Um-hmm..." Liu Minghao nodded.

Liu Qingshan took a long pause before he continued, "Injured?"

Liu Minghao shook his head as he clenched his teeth, his face threatening to explode with emotions.

Liu Qingshan seemed to be in much relief as he turned towards Yang Chen with a smile. "My gratitude to you Yang Chen. If it wasn't for you, we might not have found him this quickly. And even if we did, there was no telling how soon we could retrieve him."

"It's nothing. Maybe this could help prove that I'm a legitimate gentleman. I can't just suck your daughter dry and not help her family in a time of crisis right?" Yang Chen giggled.

Liu Mingyu jabbed Yang Chen in the waist from embarrassment. "What are you saying to my parents?!"

Mr and Mrs Liu happily laughed at the sight.

"You little brat. You better be grateful for your brother-in-law. If he didn't show up in time, this mess would have cost you your life!" Liu Qingshan was not holding onto his punches.

Liu Minghao vigorously nodded. "I'm aware of that now..."

He seemed to ultimately bear his eyes over the truth as he wholeheartedly accepted his father's point of view while radiating a sense of gratitude towards Yang Chen.

Nonetheless, what left him most emotional was the gifted virtue of benevolence from his father.

Liu Qingshan seemed to be reading his mind as he added, "Don't you find it peculiar that I haven't scolded you or raised my voice for what you've done?"

"I was thinking about it..." Liu Minghao stutteringly replied.

"Back then I yelled and lectured you because I never saw you as a mature man. But right now, I can see that you've finally grown up. I'm sure you've learned a lot from your brother-in-law. But I was certain that when a boy goes through his journey to manhood, he will seek to make the right choices."

Liu Minghao's pupils soaked in tears as they came rolling down his cheeks before he sympathetically nodded.

Yang Chen lovingly patted him on the back. "Go take a warm shower and change into clean clothes. Look at you, you're weeping like a little girl."

All of a sudden, Liu Minghao fell onto the wooden floor and kowtowed before Liu Qingshan!

He then rose as abrupt as he went down before marching towards the stairs.

After Liu Minghao made his swift exit, Liu Mingyu couldn't help but ask, "Hubby, how did you get Hao to grow so much as a person in one day? I was half-expecting a temper tantrum."

He quickly noticed that the casual inquiry had drawn the attraction of both elders, as he contemplated ever so slightly before he explained himself. "Nothing much. I made him pick up a gun, point it right at Gao Yu, the young master of the Giant Whale Society, and told him to blow that bastard's head up."

"What?!" Liu Qingshan howled, nearly jumping out of the couch from shock.

Yang Chen shrugged as he casually narrated the entire flow of events, but deliberately left out the fact that Liu Minghao was poisoned. He was sure that it was an unnecessary scare for the Liu family if they were to find out.

Liu Qingshan followed his narration closely, before he mumbled, "You sure are a brash young fellow. The Giant Whale Society is notorious for its allegiances with many international arms dealers and

underground societies. Their influence spans across several nations. Many are willing to support the society to seek revenge in hopes of a great reward.

Gao Yu's father, Gao Zhong, would not let this slide so easily. If and when he decides to strike back, our society will have to be ready."

Yang Chen however unamusingly brushed it off as usual as he declared, "I know what I'm doing. I'll send reinforcements to back y'all up, I assure you. As for the outreach of the Giant Whale Society, we'll just have to wait and see what they do. If ten people show up, I can guarantee you ten dead bodies. If a million people show up, I will guarantee you a million dead bodies."

"Wow, bold claims from a young man. You have my admiration!" Liu Qingshan broke out into laughter.

Mrs Liu voiced in vain, "All you guys deal with are dead bodies day in day out. Is one moment of peace too much to ask for?"

"That's where you're wrong. There are many things in this world which cannot be avoided simply by running away."

Yang Chen nodded in unison. *Ain't that the truth! Back then my only goal was to be a decent mutton-skewer chef. Who would have thought that this was my destiny??* he thought.

Liu Mingyu wasn't too concerned with the big talk. After all, she knew exactly what Yang Chen was capable of. She then affectionately pointed out, "It's getting pretty late. It's about three-thirty in the morning now. Shouldn't you be heading home?"

Yang Chen relatively cracked a cunning grin as he wrapped his arm around her cotton soft waist and gave a loving pinch. "It's only a few hours till dawn, I guess I'll just have to sleepover at your place. Babe, where's your room?"

Right before her parents, Yang Chen's actions were a secret no more!

Liu Mingyu's face sank deep from embarrassment as she felt her ears burn. "You... keep your hands to yourself. Mom and Dad are watching."

"So what? It just proves how intimate we are as a couple." Yang Chen was upfront with his motives.

Mrs Liu chuckled lovingly as she declared, "Mingyu, stop acting like you're new to these things. Take Yang Chen upstairs, it's been a long night."

Liu Qingshan, on the other hand, was not having any of it. Watching his beloved daughter's heart get taken away by another man right before his eyes was not something any father would like to have witnessed. He sneered as he turned his head away.

Liu Mingyu had chills ran through her spine as she hovered into Yang Chen's embrace.

"It's... on the west side of the second floor..."

Yang Chen couldn't wait any longer as he scooped up his lover, who was now red as a tomato, as he excitedly ran towards the indicated direction.

Chapter 846 - For My Own Good

For My Own Good

Although Liu Mingyu did not usually stay here because she had her own apartment, her mother still had her room cleaned out in the event she did stay the night.

Yang Chen ran straight into the bathroom to clear off the bloodstains from his body. Hygiene was still more important than his earthly urges.

Liu Mingyu walked in and her eyes widened in shock. "Why did you bring me along if you were going to shower?"

"That's why I call you silly. This is a great opportunity for us to shower together."

Yang Chen took off her clothes as he explained it to her. He placed her into the bathtub and joined her after filling it up a little.

The bathtub wasn't big enough so he sat Liu Mingyu on his lap. Their bodies were very close because of their positions.

Liu Mingyu's smooth skin appeared silky under the white light.

She could feel the warmth from Yang Chen's body, especially the bulge that was stroking her inner thighs.

"You're so mean. Aren't you tired from driving and doing all that stuff? I'm sleepy you know," Liu Mingyu grumbled.

Yang Chen was caressing her slim waist with one hand and cupping her busty chest with the other. He pinched her nipples as he teased her.

Unknowingly, something wet started flowing out from between her legs...

"Tsk tsk, dear Mingyu, the water's gonna turn cold if you keep this up," teased Yang Chen.

Liu Mingyu puffed her cheeks and turned around. "Hurry up and do it, stop talking nonsense!"

"Hmm, you're getting hasty. We haven't done it in a while so you must be feeling dry, right?" Yang Chen poked her cheeks.

Liu Mingyu wriggled around, rubbing Yang Chen's body. Their body temperature rose with the water.

"You're always bullying me. It's getting more itchy...If you're not gonna move, I'll get it myself!" Liu Mingyu pouted.

Although she had been tired and stressed the last few hours, all of it seemed to melt away as arousal took over.

Yang Chen stopped teasing her and pushed in when he found the entrance...

Liu Mingyu's body felt much better, probably because she had been training her body according to Yang Chen's guidance.

Yang Chen felt at that moment that everything was right with the world and he sighed with contentment.

Liu Mingyu moaned lightly. She felt as though she was melting under his blazing passion.

They enjoyed their lovemaking session in the water for almost an hour.

Liu Mingyu was starting to feel tired from her multiple orgasms, but it was much better compared to before.

She melted into Yang Chen's chest. "Hubby, my body feels so much stronger now after training for a while."

Yang Chen caressed her smooth back with one hand and the other hand was playing with her chest.

"You have to keep it up. I'll be teaching you guys the art of cultivation in two months. Trust me, it'll get much faster then," Yang Chen said leisurely.

Yang Chen regretted not having a more formal education about cultivation. Back then, he had been unaware that virgin women could practise cultivation much faster than those who were not. He was the culprit for all of his lovers on this aspect. Now his only option would be letting them train harder.

Liu Mingyu asked, "But running every day is so boring. Is there any other way that's faster?"

Yang Chen giggled. "Running trains your body as a whole. If you want, you could get some equipment to isolate your training. If you can maintain a high-intensity work out every single day for a month, I believe it would be sufficient. Or you could get some electronic devices like a media player to distract you from your running. The most important thing for you to train is your stamina. This would help in your cultivation."

Liu Mingyu beamed. "Oh yeah. Hubby, Why don't you go with me to the mall and choose some sports equipment for me?"

Yang Chen was startled at her request. "Today? You're skipping work?"

"Boss Lin wouldn't fire me for missing one day. Plus, there aren't any important meetings for me to attend today. Also, you haven't been spending time with me," Liu Mingyu said sadly.

Yang Chen smiled awkwardly. "Why don't you just ask for a day off? I ditched Ruoxi at the ball for your brother. I'll go back when she's not angry anymore."

Liu Mingyu stuck her tongue out and chuckled. "I feel bad for her but I'm happy that you did. What should I do? Am I too mean?"

"You ladies only seem generous but are actually very mindful of everything. You think I wouldn't notice?" Yang Chen laughed.

Liu Mingyu glared at him but didn't rebut.

They laid back down on the comfy bed after drying themselves.

They decided to sleep since the mall would only be open after nine o'clock.

Liu Mingyu leaned in his arms and asked softly, "Hubby, can I ask you something..."

"Sure," Yang Chen replied softly.

"Hao's mother, my stepmother... Was she really... killed by my father?"

Yang Chen remained silent for a while before saying, "No, she died from an illness."

"Oh..."

Yang Chen opened his eyes slightly and looked at her. "Babe, why did you believe me so easily?"

Liu Mingyu smiled, drawing circles on his chest. "Because if you tell me it's right, it must be right. I'll believe whatever you say. It doesn't matter what you say or how she died. I believe that everything you say is for my own good and that's enough for me."

Yang Chen took a deep breath and smiled. "Has anyone told you before that you're very cute?"

Liu Mingyu contemplated for a while. "I don't think so, I look mature right?"

"Then now you do, you're really cute." Yang Chen rubbed her shoulders.

Liu Mingyu pouted. "Alright, let's sleep."

"I don't want to sleep anymore," Yang Chen said abruptly.

"Hmm?"

"I want to fight 300 more rounds with the cute Miss Liu Mingyu again..."

"You... Ahh!"

Yang Chen flipped her over and straddled her again!

He penetrated her easily since they were both naked...

They went on and on until Yang Chen was satisfied before he laid his head down on her lap to sleep.

They only woke up when the sunlight streamed through the room.

Liu Mingyu's body was in pain due to the intense night she had.

Her parents were already done with breakfast when they got downstairs. They left some food on the table for them.

Liu Qingshan couldn't help but frown when he saw Yang Chen come down so late with his daughter. "Yu, you're not going to work? Why did you come down so late?"

Liu Mingyu blushed. "I'm not going today, I'm going out with Yang Chen later."

Her mom was excited and dragged her to a corner, whispering to her, "Yu, you didn't use any protection, did you?"

"Ah?" Liu Mingyu was confused.

“Eh, you silly child, did you use birth control?” Her mom asked in curiosity.

Liu Mingyu was embarrassed at her mother's words. “Mom, why are you asking?”

“What?” Her mom said nonchalantly. “Don’t use protection. You’re not young anymore, so there’s nothing wrong with having a kid. Plus, I heard from your dad that you might not have a wedding with Yang Chen so what’s wrong with getting pregnant early? We could take care of your kid for you so we wouldn’t be so bored at home.”

Liu Mingyu felt bitter, now that her mom had brought it up. She was destined to be one of Yang Chen’s lovers. She was alright with it in the beginning. But now that they were getting closer, it was starting to become more and more uncomfortable for her.

Chapter 847 - Don’t Go In Now

Don’t Go In Now

“Why? Do you regret your decision?”

“No...” Liu Mingyu mumbled.

Her mom nagged, “I warned you about this before and you didn’t listen. You insisted on being with him. We might not be a normal family, but I am a woman who knows how you feel. Lucky for you, Yang Chen is a responsible man and is capable of providing and protecting you. Yu, listen to me, give birth as soon as possible. I heard that Boss Lin isn’t pregnant yet so wouldn’t you be able to one up her if you gave birth to a child first?”

Liu Mingyu sighed. She knew that due to Yang Chen’s unique physique, it was difficult for him to bear a child with normal women. It was almost impossible for her to get pregnant within the next few years. But there was no way she could let her parents know

“Mom, don’t worry. I know what I’m doing. Also, if you think Yang Chen would care more for me just because of a baby, he would not have married Boss Lin. I’m not sure why but I bet she holds a special place in his heart. But I also know that I hold a place in his heart since he ditched her on an event for me. And that’s good enough for me.”

Her mom agreed and patted her shoulders, nudging to have her breakfast. She was not a narrow-minded person. She would have never allowed Liu Qingshan to have a lover in Beijing if she was.

Yang Chen had been asking Liu Qingshan about the underworld and didn’t hear what the mother and daughter were talking about.

The police must have been investigating the incident due to the mess in the Giant Whale Society and the explosion on the highway.

But the police department didn’t dare to probe too deeply into the investigation as the parties involved were not ones they were willing to go toe to toe with in the near future. Plus, Liu Qingshan had ties with the media and officials so he was able to silence them.

Even if someone really found out that Yang Chen was the culprit for the mass murder, they would’ve held back from taking action from the sheer complexity of his background.

Although Yang Chen didn't really care about his identity as a member of the Yang clan, it was undeniable that this identity came with benefits.

Yang Chen drove off towards the mall with Liu Mingyu in the new BMW X6.

Yang Chen was still contemplating on how he should explain the situation to Lin Ruoxi. He felt even more guilty for not returning home last night when he should have.

Liu Mingyu was able to discern his internal struggle. "Boss Lin is training too, right? So why don't you get her a small gift? It's not like you can hide from her forever."

Yang Chen nodded in agreement.

They both walked around the aisles with sporting goods and sports equipment when they reached the retailer.

Normally, they would only go to the mall to buy clothes, so coming to the sporting goods retailer was a new experience for them.

Yang Chen walked into a shop that was selling gadgets for running. He took down an armband for mp3's from the shelves. "This is it. Wear this when you run so you can listen to music to take your mind off things. It's not heavy at all."

Liu Mingyu took over and looked at it closely. She frowned as she stared at the black thing. "This is so ugly, isn't there anything better?"

"What's the point of using a nice one? Do you want other people to stare at you?" Yang Chen asked in displeasure.

Liu Mingyu couldn't help but laugh. "Why would you be jealous of this? There's no one at my apartment. Who's gonna watch me run early in the morning?"

A shop assistant walked over to them, smiling while saying, "Madam, is everything okay?"

Liu Mingyu waved her arms hurriedly, as she said awkwardly, "Yeah..."

The shop assistant was startled and said apologetically, "I thought you guys were a couple, I'm sorry."

"What are you talking about? She's my wife." Yang Chen butt in and held Liu Mingyu's hand.

Liu Mingyu looked at him in shock. When did she go from 'lover' to 'wife'?

The shop assistant was confused but didn't say anything else as she continued her job. She introduced to them some sporting equipment, including a couple colourful ones for women.

Liu Mingyu was still in a state of shock when they left the shop. She asked Yang Chen nervously. "Hubby... why did you say that? You'll be chased out if Boss Lin found out."

"It's just you and me here. If you don't tell, she wouldn't know. I certainly wouldn't tell her." Yang Chen grimaced. "I know it's being slightly mean to her but how could I be afraid to call you my wife if you always call me 'hubby'?"

“I call you that because I think it’s sweet and that I will never have a real husband for the rest of my life.” Liu Mingyu smiled, filled with jealousy.

Yang Chen caressed her cheeks. “I know you all have given up a lot to be with me. I’ve had sleepless nights thinking about my animalistic actions. I ripped you guys off your true paths in life to make you my women. There are things that can’t be simply forgiven just by buying you guys branded things or offering protection.

“Although I can’t treat each of you guys like a real husband, I’ll do my best. If I have to be a bad person, the least I could do is prove my heart in sincere right?”

Liu Mingyu looked at him deeply as she tiptoed and pecked his lips.

“So you do have some form of self awareness. I thought I was being kidnapped and enslaved. But then there’s no one else better than you. Even the nicest of men have hurt me before. For someone who’s been hurt before, it makes sense to simply choose someone who’s strong and can protect me.”

Yang Chen’s jaw dropped. “What? Simply choose? Am... am I really that unattractive?”

“No, you’re an outstanding man other than the fact that you come with many, many lovers.” Liu Mingyu continued, “Plus your height and looks.”

Yang Chen wanted to spank her but he couldn’t, remembering his height of 176 centimeters and his ordinary looks.

[176cm in Imperial: 16 rulers]

They chatted while shopping and sat down in a restaurant for lunch after they were done.

They were planning to find somewhere else and spend time together in the afternoon but a call came from the company. Liu Mingyu’s presence was requested at the company because the public relations department had to welcome an important group of people from overseas.

Liu Mingyu felt bad but work was work. She pouted at Yang Chen asking him to send her back.

Yang Chen didn’t want to force her so he decided to tag along, bringing the stuff he had bought for Lin Ruoxi to the company.

He wanted to apologize to her in her office and explain what happened. Better here than at home with his mother and Wang Ma.

They returned to the Yu Lei International office building around two in the afternoon. Liu Mingyu ran back to the public relations department for work while Yang Chen carried the bag of sports equipment and went up to the CEO’s office.

He bumped into Zhao Hongyan who was going down when he came out of the lift.

She was finally able to put that embarrassing night behind her and move on from it.

Zhao Hongyan beamed at him, but immediately asked worriedly, “Yang Chen, are you here for Boss Lin?”

“Of course,” Yang Chen replied.

“Not for me?” Zhao Hongyan hummed.

Yang Chen was startled to hear that.

Zhao Hongyan blushed and said, “I think it’s better if you don’t go in now. Boss Lin was very upset at you last night. I don’t even dare to speak loudly. It was like standing in an ice cellar.”

Fear was evident in his eyes.

Chapter 848 - You Deserve It

You Deserve It

Yang Chen digested her words, falling into deep contemplation. “If we live in the same house, it’s only a matter of time before I will have to cross this bridge. I can’t run away from it any longer...”

Zhao Hongyan ultimately decided that it was a lost cause as she gave Yang Chen an empowering glance, before she hugged the documents tight and hurried away.

Yang Chen strolled towards the CEO’s office door, hesitated for a long while, before he finally gave it a knock.

“Come in.” Lin Ruoxi’s voice was visibly shaken.

Yang Chen cautiously pushed the door open, keeping his smile as natural as possible as he went back to his bootlicking demeanor. “Oh my, it doesn’t matter how many times I see the CEO at her seat. Her remarkable beauty truly is a sight for sore eyes.

“Oh Ruoxi, it’s such a waste for a woman of your calibre to be sitting behind a desk. The world needs your breathtaking beauty in its life. Which is why you would make the perfect ambassador for our global cosmetics brand, don’t you think?”

Women were the most susceptible to compliments about their looks, despite its authenticity.

But to Yang Chen, his slick bootlicking skills seemed to have fallen from grace, as his wife was hardly fazed by his over the top remarks.

Lin Ruoxi sat still at her seat, flipping through the documents by her chest.

“What is it?” Lin Ruoxi dropped a toneless reply.

That nonetheless left him with a grin of excitement. At least she was willing to respond to him.

It prompted him to comment, “Oh, you’ve been working out every morning these days, haven’t you? I went to the mall and got you something to help out with it.”

Lin Ruoxi ploddingly lifted her head. “I say Director Yang, if you don’t have pressing matters in hand, please leave my office.”

Yang Chen held the bag away as he awkwardly grinned. "Oh, well then let's not talk about this for now. Ruoxi, I know you must be furious at me, but there's a reason for what happened last night. I had to make a decision involving someone's life or their eventual demise."

"Well great to hear that, Mr Superhero. Aren't you just the most selfless and heroic among us all? It must be a dream to have a lover like you. But I'm sure that has nothing to do with me, so you can save your explanation for someone else that was actually affected."

Lin Ruoxi then added with a soul-piercing tone, "Besides, isn't it just part of your charismatic personality to answer to no one? I personally think once you start explaining and pleading your image would take a huge toll, wouldn't that be a pity?"

Yang Chen cracked his mouth half-open, uncertain of what was left to say in his attempt to save his relationship. "C'mon now. I know I did not go about it in the best way last night but you have to understand..."

"Mingyu's own brother ran away from home. That silly woman was too afraid to ask for help, which was why she dragged on until the middle of the night. With those circumstances stacked up together it's of course I'd be furious and anxious."

"Oh, by the way, I was there to rescue Liu Minghao, that little brat who was after our Zhenxiu, I'm sure you know, don't you?"

As he played all his cards, he could only notice the complete indifference from Lin Ruoxi towards his explanation.

"Go on, I'm listening." Lin Ruoxi asserted.

Yang Chen choked on himself as he added, "I... I'm done, haha... That's it."

"Great, now that it's done, please kindly exit the room." Lin Ruoxi proclaimed with her teeth clenched.

Yang Chen sighed as he nodded frustratingly.

Right as he trotted towards the door, he turned to his back, lifted the grocery bag before he asked in all smiles, "Ruoxi, what about these things that I handpicked..."

"Screw off!"

"..."

Yang Chen was tongue-tied, he was now certain that his wife was in a frenzy but there was absolutely nothing he could have done to soothe the tension.

This nonetheless was directly connected to Lin Ruoxi's personal experience of the preceding night.

It all tied back to the time when Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi attended as a power couple, but just before the main event started, he left her behind alone. Furthermore, what he had said on the phone was what piqued the interest of the guests in attendance as it was obvious that he was speaking to a woman.

And by piecing the puzzle together, Lin Ruoxi's situation became unbearably awkward, with rumours of her husband cheating spreading like wildfire.

It was hardly a fresh occurrence amongst the elites. But for her to stand lonesomely before a hostile crowd, with murmurs and slurs behind her back, whispers were loud as screams, every word was like a dagger piercing through her heart!

What Lin Ruoxi couldn't comprehend was, that bastard even had the guts to stay out the entire night, abandoning her like a toddler with a new toy!

And after many excruciating hours he finally showed himself before her in the office, yet he had the tenacity to seek forgiveness with not delicious treats or exquisite gifts, but worthless training equipment!

Lin Ruoxi at that moment considered herself sane to not toss the monitor right at his damn face!

Stepping out of Lin Ruoxi's office, Yang Chen had basically lost all interest to stay there. He made several quick calls to ensure that everything was running smoothly before he made his way out of the building.

Back home, Guo Xuehua was busy arranging modest rows of bean sprouts across the garden. The bean sprouts she planted would be ready for harvesting within the week. Given how there was nothing the both of them could do in the house, tending the garden had since been their favourite pastime.

Yang Chen's absence from home since last night has been duly noted through Lin Ruoxi to the two elders, that he was off due to an emergency.

Watching as Yang Chen entered the estate, Guo Xuehua instantly left her hobby behind and came running towards him. "Son, what happened last night? Why's Ruoxi so grim this morning? She hasn't been like that in a while. Wait, did you find a new woman you brat?"

Yang Chen felt so lost as he replied, "Mom, what makes you think I hook up with every single woman I come into contact with?"

"Then why is Ruoxi so mad at you?" Guo Xuehua blurted in frustration.

Yang Chen was equally dispirited as he narrated the summary of last night's events.

"And for that you chose to stay out the entire night?"

Yang Chen awkwardly clutched his hair as a reaction from her remark. "Well I returned to Zhonghai at two in the morning and thought that it was better if I just stayed the night at Mingyu's house. I made it my priority today to apologize for my actions, but when I went to the office today bearing gifts, Ruoxi was not having any of it."

Guo Xuehua was infuriated, but wasn't quite sure what was there to add. "You little rascal, do you want to give me a heart attack? Why do you always have to be in the centre of all the issues in this house? Gifts? Well let me have a look at it. It better be her favourite glutinous rice balls!"

As for the fact that her daughter-in-law was particularly prone towards the attraction of glutinous rice balls, Guo Xuehua would be left in awe every time she noticed her love towards the sweet treat.

Yang Chen reactively shook his head in reply. "Oh-ho, nope, this time I went one-up. I bought her the latest work out equipment. I told her to exercise more didn't I, so these would fit right in place..."

Whilst speaking, Yang Chen cracked open his shopping bag and proudly shoved it before his mother.

Guo Xuehua held up the sling bag and a packaged ipod that Yang Chen had deliberately chosen, took a good long look, before she sighed, "Now that I think about it, I guess it's absolutely right that Ruoxi told you to scurry off from her office! You deserve it. If I was furious and the root of the problem decided to bring some dumb gadgets in hopes of cheering me up, I would've tossed it right into his face!"

Yang Chen felt a chilling touch through his heart. *But Liu Mingyu was rather impressed by the gift, why wouldn't it work on Ruoxi?*

Guo Xuehua seemed to have given up on Yang Chen tactlessness, as she dropped the bag of gifts and returned to mend her bean sprouts, leaving Yang Chen alone in a daze.

Subsequently after, Yang Chen locked himself in his room, passively strolling through the internet while taking occasional pauses to carefully select and arrange a playlist into the MP3 that he bought for her.

Nonetheless, it went without saying that his thoughts were wholly occupied by ideas on how to tame the spouting flames from his wife.

Just when it was about time for dinner, Yang Chen hurriedly made his way downstairs with anticipation of Lin Ruoxi's return, only to be greeted with the revelation that she was preoccupied with an international business function organised by the government.

Yang Chen was prepared with a headful of soothing phrases that went to waste.

Making himself comfortable by the dinner table, Yang Chen quickly took to notice that even Zhenxiu, his biggest supporter was nowhere to be seen.

"Mom, Wang Ma, where's Zhenxiu? I haven't seen her for the past few days now. There's no way she's still volunteering at the orphanages at night would she?"

Wang Ma came about with a claypot filled with steaming noodles as she chuckled, "Young Master, just go on and dig in. Zhenxiu has been working part-time at the beach these few days so she would be taking the night bus back."

Chapter 849 - Court Me

Court Me

Yang Chen didn't know about it and wasn't surprised either, knowing how stubborn Zhenxiu was.

She still hoped to be independent, despite being under someone else's care, even if she no longer regarded herself as an outsider.

Also, Starmoon Group hadn't been in touch since Park Jonghyun left, so there was no way of knowing what had happened with the former president. Perhaps they had given up on trying to reclaim her.

Guo Xuehua said, "Yang Chen, why don't you pick up Zhenxiu later since you're free? It's not safe for a girl to be taking the bus so late in the night."

"It's fine, no guys would win against her." Yang Chen giggled.

Guo Xuehua glared at him. "Would it kill you to pick her up? Ruoxi would've gone if she was free."

Yang Chen couldn't find a reason not to so he nodded. It didn't make sense to him however. If she wanted to work and had it all planned out, there was no reason for him to drive over.

Yang Chen drove off an hour after dinner to the restaurant that Guo Xuehua mentioned.

The crowd was no joke since it was peak season. During the day, the beach was packed. Then at night people would be having seafood at hawker stalls while enjoying the sea breeze.

Palm trees swayed along the wind under the night light. The golden sand looked especially soft, illuminated by the moonlight.

Yang Chen hummed as he enjoyed the sea breeze after parking his car. The air was filled with the smell of smoke along the hawker stalls.

Some moments later, he found the hawker stall where Zhenxiu was working at near south side of the beach.

She was wearing an old yellow dress with a greasy apron around her waist. Her hair was tied up into a ponytail. She did not notice him approaching in the distance as she was busy wiping down tables.

She was drenched in sweat even though it was a windy night.

After cleaning the last table, she looked up and saw Yang Chen. Her hands shot up and she waved at him after being startled for a while. "Brother Yang, why are you here?"

Yang Chen walked into the booth and looked around. "Mom asked me to come and pick you up. She's worried about you taking the bus yourself. Why are you alone, where's your boss?"

Zhenxiu laughed weirdly. "Boss and the other workers went out for a drink. I can leave when I'm done cleaning and wait for them to come back."

Yang Chen's face darkened when he understood the underlying message. "Are you being bullied? Did they purposely leave you with the hardest task?"

"It's fine, I'm here to work anyway." Zhenxiu smiled.

Yang Chen frowned and took the cloth away from her. "Quit your job and follow me home. We treat you like a princess but you still suffer by their hands? If Wang Ma and Mom found out about this, they would be so upset."

Zhenxiu picked up the cloth hastily and pouted. "Brother Yang, how can you do this? I'm only a student and not the boss. There's nothing wrong with doing a little more work. Besides, I came to work to gain experience."

"I... you... you mean, I'm wrong? And that it's a good thing that they're bullying you?" Yang Chen asked gloomily.

Zhenxiu puffed her cheeks. "Of course! I'm not happy that they bully me but I have to face the reality! Brother Yang, do you really think that everyone is like you? That no one should challenge you nor

command you? We aren't that special. It's good enough that my boss allows me to work and wouldn't deduct my pay. You think I came here to play?"

Yang Chen grimaced, overwhelmed by the sudden lecture. "Hey, when is it your turn to lecture me?"

Zhenxiu was like a loose water tap, unable to stop words from leaving her mouth. "So what? You're not much older than me and yet you keep calling me a girl! I'm already a university student! In the ancient times I would've been a mom by now! How can you call me a kid when I have more experience than you on the street! I was already selling rice cakes way earlier than you and your lamb skewers! So don't lecture me!"

Yang Chen felt as though his head was exploding.

"What, cat got your tongue?" Zhenxiu snickered. "No wonder Sister Ruoxi was always pissed at you. If it were me, I wouldn't be able to stand you at all. You're too self-centred, thinking that you're always right and others are always talking crap? Others don't mind because they're generous but when they start to mind, it's all because of your arrogance!"

Yang Chen's eyes widened and pointed at her with shaky hands. "Y—you... Are you really Zhenxiu?"

Zhenxiu placed her palms on both sides of her waist. "I didn't want to voice out my opinions too much in the past but last night was the last straw! Did you know how long she waited for you last night?! She waited until two in the morning! If I didn't go down for water and wake her up, she would've fallen sick! She wasn't even covered with a blanket on the sofa, how could you let her suffer and not call her at all?"

"You're a man and I get it that you might be busy. But if you have the guts to flirt with so many women, then why can't you take care of your wife?! Only a useless and self-centred guy like you would do that! It would be better for Sister Ruoxi to divorce you! There are plenty of men in the world who would be willing to care for her ten times better than you ever have!"

Yang Chen looked at her blankly. His emotions went up and down like a rollercoaster, shifting from confusion and anger to guilt and regret...

He contemplated for a while and sighed. "Did Ruoxi... really wait for me till two?"

"Why would I lie about it?! I wouldn't have known that you weren't around if Sister Ruoxi hadn't told me! Even if you had something urgent to do, is it really that difficult to make a phone call?" Zhenxiu lowered her voice when she realised that she was speaking too harshly.

Lin Ruoxi's cold face showed up in his head, and his heart churned at the words she said in anger, but in between the pain there was warmth.

Yang Chen sighed and laughed bitterly. "You're right, I am dumb."

Zhenxiu felt bad seeing him filled with guilt, she gripped onto her apron with her head lowered.

"Actually... you don't have to be so upset, Brother Yang. I know that you love Sister Ruoxi but your past is the reason for your actions. Sister Ruoxi grew up in a very serious environment. Her attitude is bound to conflict with your carefree one. But the both of you have been through so much together that you still care for each other through it all. If not Sister Ruoxi wouldn't have waited for you and you wouldn't be so sad now."

Yang Chen's gaze was deep as he kept quiet. A while later he walked over to Zhenxiu.

Zhenxiu raised her head, not understanding his gaze.

Suddenly, he reached out and patted her head.

"Xu Zhenxiu, this will be my last time patting your head as your brother. I won't do this anymore," Yang Chen said gently as he smiled.

Zhenxiu was dumbfounded. She couldn't understand what was happening.

"From tonight onwards, you have transformed into Miss Xu Zhenxiu. A woman who so happens to be younger than me," Yang Chen spoke with a tender voice.

Zhenxiu looked at him dumbly and grinned at him after some time. Her face was beaming.

"Are you saying this because you want to court me?"

"What?!" Yang Chen yelled. "Don't get too excited little girl!"

"You... you just said I'm not a little girl anymore!" Zhenxiu shouted at him.

Yang Chen covered his mouth immediately and said awkwardly, "Hehe, it slipped out of my mouth. Sister Zhenxiu, hurry up and clean up so that we can leave early."

Zhenxiu scrunched her face and turned around to continue her work.

Yang Chen held a blank stare, looking at her bouncing ponytail and her slim legs under the dress.

Chapter 850 - Heavy Taste

Heavy Taste

Just as Zhenxiu had finished her job, her boss returned in what was best described as a very drunk state. He was quite generous with her pay, giving her forty dollars for half a day of work.

Yang Chen wanted to punch his cocky face so badly but eventually decided against, remembering Zhenxiu's previous lecture.

She's right. The people around me might look like me, but they are not like me. Normal human beings have their own ways of dealing with things. I need to realize that and stop acting like a tyrant. Looks like I really have to organize my thoughts. Shouldn't my cultivations provide me with a more carefree life? Why am I still so troubled?? he thought.

Yang Chen still couldn't understand the source of his cultivation even after reading loads of books from the Tower of Scrolls.

The cultivation he had gotten from the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture was unlike any other type of cultivation he had seen.

They walked in silence to the car.

Yang Chen was still contemplating how he should apologize to Lin Ruoxi whereas Zhenxiu didn't want to break the atmosphere.

She chose not to question Yang Chen's change of car. She assumed it was one of Lin Ruoxi's cars and he selected it at random.

Yang Chen felt frustrated and when he saw that Zhenxiu wasn't talking. It made him want to ask for her opinion.

Just when he was about to start talking, he heard a weird noise coming from beside him...

Zhenxiu covered her belly while blushing.

Yang Chen was confused at the noise. "Zhenxiu, you haven't had your dinner, have you?"

Zhenxiu nodded awkwardly and said, "I was too busy so I forgot to eat..."

Yang Chen frowned. "What do you want to eat? I'll buy it for you. Think of it as the fee for your lecture."

Zhenxiu rolled her eyes at him. "What are you talking about, fees and whatnot..."

"That's not the point, just tell me where you want to eat." Yang Chen smiled.

Zhenxiu bit her lip and answered, "Turn right in front to the late-night supermarket there. It has Korean instant noodles and seaweed wrapped rice, let's eat there."

"What? Instant noodles? Seaweed wrapped rice?" Yang Chen's lips twitched. But he gave anyways upon seeing Zhenxiu's serious face.

It seemed that her background had more of an influence on her choices than he thought.

After deciding to eat at the supermarket, Yang Chen accompanied her to get her favorite kimchi flavored instant noodles and a box of seaweed wrapped rice.

They sat outside the supermarket while waiting for the instant noodles to be cooked.

It looked rather silly of them to wait for a bowl of instant noodles to be cooked late at night, but Zhenxiu looked rather excited at the thought of it.

Yang Chen couldn't help but ask, "Zhenxiu, what should I say to Ruoxi so that she will forgive me?"

She was licking her lips hungrily and she frowned at his question. "Why should you have to explain anything?"

"I shouldn't? So I should pretend as if nothing had happened?"

Zhenxiu replied, "What I meant to say is there is no point in you trying to explain yourself. Brother Yang, do you really think Sister Ruoxi really wants to listen to your long-winded explanations?"

Yang Chen was confused. "Then what does she want to hear?"

Zhenxiu looked at him hopelessly and sighed. "She's furious at you right now. Any explanations you make will come across as you trying to tell her that she has no reason to be mad. It would only sound like she was asking for it. All you can do now is apologize to her and hope to be forgiven."

Yang Chen contemplated for a while and said hesitantly, "So I should beg her?"

“You’re the one who didn’t settle things right so what’s wrong with that? I thought guys had a big heart?” Zhenxiu said, “Girls don’t respond well to reason when they are upset. If I were you I wouldn’t have walked out of the office. I would have begged and kept apologizing until she forgives me! If she scolds you, you should listen. Better yet, you should reprimand yourself. If she hits you, stay still. She wouldn’t hit you too hard anyway. If she kicks you out, stay no matter what. Don’t care about others, she’s your wife so why care about what other people think?”

Yang Chen gulped. “Zhenxiu, where did you learn all this from?”

Zhenxiu rolled her eyes. “Brother Yang, you really are simple-minded. Look at all the Taiwanese and Korean dramas. The male lead actors might act all macho in the beginning but would throw their egos aside in front of their women. You can be strong in front of everyone else but why would you do that in front of your wife?”

Yang Chen nodded numbly. It felt like he had been out of touch for years. Generation gap? It couldn’t be. He wasn’t even 25 yet!

But those dramas all sound very exaggerated. Yang Chen thought, scratching his head.

The instant noodles were served after a while and Zhenxiu opened up the seaweed wrapped rice. She counted them and said, “Brother Yang, there are five pieces in here and each of us gets two pieces. What should we do with the last piece?”

Yang Chen answered nonchalantly, “You can just eat it, why bother asking me?”

“How could we do that? It’s like I made you give it to me. You said we were friends so why should you let me have it?” Zhenxiu pouted and complained.

Yang Chen smiled bitterly. “Alright if you’re bothered then I’ll have it.”

“No!” Zhenxiu shook her head. “Why don’t we play rock, paper, scissors? The winner gets to eat.”

Yang Chen was caught off guard. “You want me to play a child’s game with you for it?”

“Why? Are you scared?” Zhenxiu taunted him.

Yang Chen had already been called a simple-minded person, he couldn’t let go after being taunted like this.

“Alright I’ll play but the loser has to be flicked on the forehead!” Yang Chen said.

Zhenxiu pounded the table. “Okay! But let me tell you now, I was dubbed the ‘King of Foreheads’ in the orphanage!”

Yang Chen rolled up his sleeves. “Stop talking and let’s start!”

Others would have thought they were idiots if they saw them but they were very serious about it.

“Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!”

Yang Chen showed rock and Zhenxiu showed scissors.

Zhenxiu's face went green as she pouted. "Hmph, you got lucky. I guess God took pity on you for getting scolded by Sister Ruoxi. Come!"

Yang Chen didn't hesitate and flicked her forehead while wearing a proud smile.

"Ouch!" Zhenxiu covered her forehead and pouted. "Brother Yang, I'm a pretty girl. How can you hit me so hard? It hurts!"

It was incredibly painful even though he didn't use a lot of strength.

"Which pretty girl on earth would call themselves one? Let me tell you, we don't cheat in this house and bluffing isn't allowed either." Yang Chen laughed wickedly.

Zhenxiu cursed under her breath. "No way, let's play two more rounds!"

"Again?" Yang Chen was dumbfounded, "Do we really have to do this for a piece of seaweed wrapped rice?"

"This will affect my honor as the 'King of Foreheads'! How can I treat it lightly?" Zhenxiu huffed.

Yang Chen didn't really care. "Alright..."

And so they played another round.

Yang Chen showed paper and it was cut by Zhenxiu's scissors.

"Yay!" Zhenxiu jumped off her chair and ran to Yang Chen. "Okay, don't move, it's my turn!"

Yang Chen felt more relaxed seeing her happy face. *She really is still a little girl,* he thought.

So he closed his eyes and waited for it.

Zhenxiu licked her lips and blew air towards his forehead...

Yang Chen opened his eyes in curiosity. "Zhenxiu, what are you doing? Why are you blowing air?"

Zhenxiu caught his head. "Don't move, don't move! It hurts more after doing this! You should lower your guard since I'm a girl."

Yang Chen was dumbfounded as he thought it wouldn't hurt no matter how she hit him. But he chose to keep that little bit of information to himself.

So he closed his eyes again and let Zhenxiu do her thing.

Zhenxiu went closer to Yang Chen and was going to blow air, but it felt weird after being interrupted.

Her lips were so near to his face and if she leaned closer, she could kiss his face...

Zhenxiu couldn't help but think what would happen if she kissed him. Could she have played it off as a reward for picking her up? But he wasn't her lover so wouldn't it be weird to kiss him so randomly?

No no no, Sister Ruoxi treats you so well. How could you even think about it?? she told herself.

Zhenxiu blushed from her thoughts, her mind jumbled with thoughts as she struggled to decide...

She stood still and even forgot to breathe.

Yang Chen waited for a while but he couldn't sense anything from Zhenxiu, so he opened his eyes and asked in confusion, "Zhenxiu, what's wrong? Why's your face so red?"

Zhenxiu was surprised and she stuttered, "Oh... I'm doing it now."

After saying that she didn't care if Yang Chen closed his eyes and immediately flicked his forehead.

She kept quiet as she ran back to her seat and ate her instant noodles without uttering a single word.

Yang Chen asked, "I thought we were playing three rounds? So who's eating the food if we both scored one?"

"Who cares! We're not kids so why care about it!" Zhenxiu looked up and grumbled.

Yang Chen's lips twitched. *This girl has such a fickle mind. One moment it was super important to her, the next moment, I'm being called a kid for caring at all.*

Yang Chen shook his head and didn't say anything else. He had to find a chance to apologize to Lin Ruoxi when they got home after eating.

Chapter 851 - Shameless

Shameless

Zhenxiu was silent for the most part and upon arriving home, she ran up to her room and locked the door. Yang Chen assumed she was just tired after a long day of work and chose not to think twice about it.

He originally planned to talk to Lin Ruoxi but she too locked her door, preventing him from getting the opportunity.

Yang Chen had no choice but to wait till tomorrow morning.

The next morning, the sun rose from under the horizon and lit up the sky. The residents of Zhonghai were beginning to wake and start their day.

In comparison to the bustling city, Xijiao Villa was rather quiet due to its geographical location.

Because it was mostly inhabited by rich people. Those who exercised in the morning were all old people.

The wide area surrounding the lake was equipped with all kinds of sports equipment for the people living in the villas and condominiums nearby.

A slender figure jogged along the road covered by tall trees.

It was Lin Ruoxi wearing a white sports shirt with light grey pants jogging from home.

Everyone else was already familiar with her but her beautiful features still garnered the attention of strangers. The elderly within the area were busy gossiping about which family she might be from.

During the first few days, some of the younger men in the community would hit on her. They were all of the elite class statuses with handsome looks to boot but were rejected by Lin Ruoxi.

They were dissatisfied by the way she treated them so they ran a background check on her. The moment they realized that this beauty was the CEO of Yu Lei International, they didn't dare to go any closer.

She was already married. And even if she wasn't, they wouldn't have stood a chance. It was better to be friendly with her in hopes of a future collaboration.

Lin Ruoxi didn't plan to exercise here, but it was tough finding a secluded space for just herself. Yang Chen also mentioned that she had to train at a place with fresh air, so she had no choice but to let them stare.

Lin Ruoxi felt tired after running for ten minutes so she slowed down to walk with her hands on her waist.

It felt especially tiring for her today, as though something was bothering her which caused her to run out of breath easily.

She kept thinking of the day when Yang Chen left her behind and the worst thing was his insincere apology.

"Damn you, Yang Chen, you suck. You asked me to train but only assist Rose with her training. Do you even care about me?" Lin Ruoxi grumbled to herself and got even angrier.

Suddenly someone's hand appeared in front of her vision, holding a bottle of mineral water.

"What are you talking about? What do you mean I only care about Rose? I only went like twice."

Lin Ruoxi was shocked to hear a familiar voice. She turned around and saw it was Yang Chen. She hadn't realized that he was standing right next to her.

Yang Chen giggled. "Dear, drink some water. This weather sucks, it's already so hot in the morning."

Lin Ruoxi's face darkened. She didn't take the bottle and opted for staring at the floor instead.

Yang Chen was riding a bicycle that looked similar to a grocery bike. It was a mustard-colored bicycle and god knows where he got it from.

"How's the bicycle, cool right?" Yang Chen said excitedly. "I got it yesterday at the mall. The salesman recommended me a bicycle and I said I want one that I can use to fetch my wife so I got this. Babe, why don't you sit? I got this for you!"

Yang Chen tapped on the seat behind him as he spoke.

He wasn't lying. Yang Chen was thinking of using this to please Lin Ruoxi but he didn't have the chance to do so.

Sit on the bicycle?? Lin Ruoxi thought it was a crazy idea.

So she ignored him and continued running.

Yang Chen knew she wouldn't have given in so easily. He rode the bicycle slowly and kept a distance between himself and Lin Ruoxi.

“Ruoxi, I know it’s my fault. Please forgive me this time. I know it’s not my first time but the circumstances are different this time. I’ll bring you along next time. I won’t leave you alone anymore, alright?”

Lin Ruoxi pretended not to hear him as she maintained her pace.

Yang Chen kept talking. “Dear, if you won’t forgive me, I’ll have to shout it out.”

Shout out what?

At this time, his appearance started to catch everyone’s attention. They were wondering what the man was trying to do on an ugly bicycle. Why would anyone court a woman like this?

Lin Ruoxi glared at him, warning him to not do anything stupid.

Yang Chen showed a pitiful face. “Ruoxi, don’t be angry anymore. I can beg on my knees if you want. Don’t ignore me.”

Lin Ruoxi looked away but she was secretly happy. Yang Chen had never shown her his weak side even when he was trying to please her. She maintained her steely exterior to see where this would go.

Lin Ruoxi knew it was impossible to ignore him forever. It had been a day and she wasn’t really upset anymore. She just couldn’t accept the way he apologized to her, as though she wasn’t worth it.

Yang Chen pursed his lips when he saw that Lin Ruoxi wasn’t going to turn back. “Dear, if you’re gonna be like this then I’ll have to be shameless.”

Lin Ruoxi heard that and thought, *Why does it feel like something will go wrong?*

Before she could think about it, Yang Chen’s loud voice entered her ears, “My dear Lin Ruoxi! I’m sorry! Please forgive me!”

His voice echoed far and wide throughout the neighborhood.

Everyone turned around at looked at them.

Lin Ruoxi stood there with eyes wide in shock.

Yang Chen wasn’t done and continued to shout, “Darling! I’m a pig—”

Lin Ruoxi covered his mouth before he could continue his sentence!

She wanted to stay angry but it was too funny. Her cheeks were flushed as she scolded him, “Are you crazy?! How can you yell something like this here?!”

Yang Chen gave a silly laugh and kissed her hands. “Why should I care? If it works, it works.”

Lin Ruoxi sighed. “You win, you really have thick skin huh.”

Everyone was pointing at them while laughing, obviously talking about them.

She wanted a hole to open up and swallow her whole.

Yang Chen held her hands and said sincerely, "It doesn't matter, Ruoxi. I'm really sorry. I can't focus on anything if you keep ignoring me. I swear this won't happen again so please forgive me."

Lin Ruoxi retracted her hand and mumbled, "Why do you need to hold my hand to say this? I wasn't angry anyways."

"You mean you've forgiven me?" Yang Chen's face brightened up.

Lin Ruoxi sighed. "How can I still be angry when you are so shameless? But I swear if you embarrass me in front of other people again, you'll regret it for the rest of your life!"

Yang Chen shuddered. It didn't sound like a joke judging from her cold gaze.

He grinned at her. "Ruoxi, don't make it sound so scary. I will never do that again... never..."

Lin Ruoxi huffed and wanted to continue jogging. But she couldn't do so as everyone else was staring at her. So she turned around.

Yang Chen followed and took out the mp3 that he got for her. "Ruoxi, try this. I got this for you. Wear this on your arm. Listening to music would help pass the time."

Lin Ruoxi wasn't interested in music but she allowed him to put it on for her since Yang Chen kept nagging.

Yang Chen treated her like his master. He was happy to do anything for her since she had forgiven her.

Lin Ruoxi wore earphones and started listening to music.

Yang Chen told her, "Dear, why don't you get on the bicycle and let me give you a ride home?"

Lin Ruoxi continued to listen to music as though she didn't hear him.

Yang Chen took off her earphones and said, "Is it too loud? I said let me send you home. Let's use this bicycle for its intended purpose just this once."

Lin Ruoxi thought he looked like a kid who found a new toy and he was asking her to play it with him. She nodded, not wanting to disappoint him and placed her earphones back in.

Chapter 852 - Hug Me

Hug Me

It was kind of fascinating for Lin Ruoxi since it was her first time listening to music with an mp3.

Yang Chen was excited to see his plan unfold perfectly when she agreed to do so.

When Lin Ruoxi got on, he started to cycle back in the direction of their home.

The morning breeze caressed their faces, bringing about a relaxing atmosphere.

Yang Chen looked behind and saw that Lin Ruoxi was listening to music with her hands on the backseat. "Ruoxi, you have to hug my waist. It's dangerous."

Lin Ruoxi couldn't hear him due to the music. She was nodding her head along with the beat.

Yang Chen sped up suddenly with a smirk!

He stopped abruptly after cycling for a short distance!

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help but lunge forward and hug Yang Chen's waist because of inertia!

She was only wearing a thin cotton t-shirt so when she moved forward, her chest touched his back.

Yang Chen didn't look like it, but his muscles were carved and well defined. It was much like a sculpture.

Lin Ruoxi knew immediately that Yang Chen was doing it on purpose but she didn't want to let go after touching his warm body and firm muscles.

It was tempting for her so she hugged him nervously while feeling shy.

Hmph, he's my husband. I deserve to hug him, Lin Ruoxi told herself.

But she knew Yang Chen did it on purpose. She didn't want him to feel too proud so she took off her earphones, planning to scold him.

Yang Chen was feeling elated that his plan had worked out. He felt as though he was floating on air when he felt the soft sensation through his back.

Weirdly enough, he wasn't aroused by it. He was thinking about the person behind him, someone whom he had stayed with for more than a year. They were riding against the wind on the same bicycle, going back towards their home. A home filled with family members waiting for their arrival.

This wasn't something he thought would have been possible for him given his past.

There wasn't any woman before who could make him feel so at peace.

He muttered unconsciously, "Thank you."

Lin Ruoxi heard it the moment she took off her earphones. She was surprised at first but she realized it was meant for her immediately.

"Lin Ruoxi, do you know that I've met all kinds of women all around the world from a young age? At first, you struck me as just a pretty face. If it wasn't for the fact that you were very much like her, I wouldn't have cared about you and I wouldn't have married you..."

"You really suck. You rarely smile and always put up a cold demeanor to those around you. Even if you did, it was for someone else or for something else. You suck at house chores and your cooking doesn't taste good, but I still pretend to enjoy it."

"When you don't work, you are always watching Korean drama while ignoring me. You don't know how to apply makeup yet you pretend you don't need to. You don't know how to be affectionate and it scares me every time when you are."

"You suck at singing and dancing. Also, you're always afraid others would steal your glutinous rice balls like it's manna from heaven. I can never guess what you are thinking behind that scheming mind of yours even though we have been married for more than a year."

“Other than your looks, there wasn’t really any reason for me to marry you. You’re hard to deal with. Honestly, I could think of so many other women who would’ve made better wives for me...”

Yang Chen kept talking, occasionally grinning foolishly.

Lin Ruoxi gritted her teeth behind him. Tears pooled in her eyes, threatening to roll down her cheeks!

She felt wronged by his words but didn’t know what to say.

Do I really suck so badly? Plus, it’s not that I don’t know how to apply makeup! I really don’t need it!

Yang Chen laughed for a while and then sighed. “But... you are the same person who pulled me out of my past and set me on a new road in life. Now that I think about it, I feel dumb to have followed you like that... I don’t know what happened to me. It’s like I’ve been intoxicated by a drug called Lin Ruoxi and can’t seem to shake it. Dear, hug me like this for the rest of our lives. I know I always upset you, but even when we’re not looking at each other, you should know that I’ll always be behind you when you look back. Thank you for giving me a second chance at life.”

Tears rolled down Lin Ruoxi’s cheek after hearing his words.

She let go of her hand to rub her eye as she muttered, “Why do you keep making me upset when I’m so important to you, hmm?”

Yang Chen stiffened up and his hands trembled, causing the bicycle to shake.

“Hey! What are you doing?!” Lin Ruoxi held onto him tightly.

Yang Chen braked abruptly and turned around stiffly with a pale face. “Ruoxi! I thought you couldn’t hear me!”

Lin Ruoxi stifled her laughter as she picked up her earphones and waved it. “The songs weren’t all that nice.”

Yang Chen’s lips twitched. “Then... what... what did you hear?”

Lin Ruoxi said nonchalantly, “I heard everything... you said I’m cold, I suck at doing things, that I’m not gentle and I’m childish... Guess you know me so well huh.”

Yang Chen felt as though he was punched in the gut. “Babe, I didn’t mean any of it! Just listen to the good things I said! The conclusion was you’re great!”

Lin Ruoxi’s face turned cold. “Stop talking and cycle! Are we not going home?”

Yang Chen gulped and nodded.

He scrunched up his face and continued cycling. How did he let it happen?

Lin Ruoxi was all smiles as she looked at him with affection. She took a deep breath and thought the air smelled much fresher.

This time, her arms wrapped around his waist voluntarily.

Yang Chen stiffened up but relaxed seconds later, his eyes filled with warmth.

Just when they were almost home, Yang Chen could see an Audi A8 and a Mercedes Benz SL550 inside, in addition to Lin Ruoxi's Bentley and his own BMW X6.

Yang Chen frowned. *Why do we have guests so early in the morning?*

They should be none other than the Yuan couple.

Lin Ruoxi realized that too as they got nearer. She asked in confusion when they saw the cars, "Hubby, X6 is yours, right? I saw it when I left the house."

"Yeah." Yang Chen nodded. "The other cars are someone else's though. Do you recognize them?"

Lin Ruoxi shook her head. She was confused too and asked him, "What happened to your M3? I have better ones if you want to change. Why drive a BMW?"

Yang Chen shrugged. "I took it from someone else. The M3 exploded, I forgot to tell you."

Lin Ruoxi frowned at his words and grumbled, "Don't shrug it off like it was nothing. I know you're strong but an explosion isn't something small. You always put yourself at risk and we're worried because of that."

Yang Chen smiled awkwardly and was about to apologize when Wang Ma got out of the house with a serious facial expression. "Master, Miss, we have guests. Please come in quickly."

Chapter 853 - No One Can

No One Can

Lin Ruoxi asked, "Wang Ma, who's here?"

Wang Ma sounded slightly nervous. "He said he's from the government. A foreigner also came with him. They wanted to talk about something."

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi looked at each other and nodded before going in together.

The first person they saw sitting on the couch was Tang Tang's father, Fang Zhongping. He was the secretary of Zhonghai's committee.

They hadn't seen him since their last run-in at the nursing home.

So their sudden visit was rather surprising to both Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi.

Other than the two bodyguards and Fang Zhongping's assistant, there was another Caucasian man standing in the room.

He was around two meters tall, wearing a white suit over a pink shirt. He had curly blond hair with mesmerizing green eyes. All in all, he looked like the perfect gentleman.

Wang Ma had served them tea and they were both sitting on the couch waiting for the couple to arrive.

"You have returned. We apologize for our sudden visit," Fang Zhongping spoke cautiously, being aware of Yang Chen's identity.

Lin Ruoxi was surprised when she saw the Caucasian.

“Mr Maksim? Why are you here?” Lin Ruoxi asked in English.

Yang Chen frowned. “*Maksim*?” He had never heard of him, so he asked, “Ruoxi, you know this guy?”

Maksim greeted them before Lin Ruoxi could answer. “Hello, I’m Maksim from the Klyuchevsky family in Russia. It’s an honor to visit your home. I met President Lin at the international business and economics meeting yesterday.”

Yang Chen remembered that Lin Ruoxi attended a meeting so she couldn’t come home for dinner. He thought the Klyuchevsky family name sounded familiar but he couldn’t quite place where he had heard it from.

Fang Zhongping said, “Mr Maksim wished to personally discuss with the both of you about an important collaboration involving the diplomatic relations between China and Russia. I was tasked as the middleman to escort Mr Maksim.”

Yang Chen giggled. “Isn’t that a little over the top? Discussing diplomatic relations in our house that is.”

“It’s not.” Fang Zhongping smiled. “Whether or not it goes smoothly depends on both of you.”

They all sat down on the couch to start the discussion. Wang Ma and Guo Xuehua went upstairs in order to not disturb them.

Maksim introduced himself and talked briefly about his family business, also how much he admired Lin Ruoxi’s ability on the international market.

He only told Yang Chen that he had heard a lot about him.

Yang Chen was sure that he definitely knew about his background. Else he would have ignored Yang Chen altogether.

Fang Zhongping continued, “You might not know of this but his family is the biggest contributor to the Russian economy. His family has funded election campaigns for multiple prime ministers of the country. They have also invested in nearly half of the nuclear energy market, petroleum, and natural gas in Russia. However, they operate under a shroud of secrecy so not many know of their influence.”

Lin Ruoxi was surprised to hear this. She did not know that the man she had just met yesterday, had such an extensive background.

Russia was filled with a variety of energy sources. A collaboration with the family who held the controlling interest would drive other international companies insane.

Plus a business oligarch in a capitalist country would definitely have the power to make a decision that would influence the diplomatic relations.

“Mr Maksim didn’t mention anything about a collaboration with Yu Lei at yesterday’s meeting. Why the sudden interest?” Lin Ruoxi asked with curiosity.

She was always pleased to talk about business.

Maksim smiled, slightly embarrassed. “President Lin, my proposal ties in with my background. I do not wish to reveal it to the general public right now.”

Lin Ruoxi was surprised to hear that and she waited quietly for his next words.

Maksim drank his tea and said, "I hope that Yu Lei International would terminate the contract with Princess Jane."

Yang Chen's hands shook at his words.

Maksim continued, "I came to Zhonghai for Jane. Jane is my fiancée and our marriage was established by a decision made by the Rothschild's and the Klyuchevsky family. But due to a misunderstanding, she took up the offer from Yu Lei and came to Zhonghai to escape our marriage. This is an embarrassment towards our family and the royal family of Wales. I have to stop her and bring her back to Russia so that we can continue our marriage ceremony."

Yang Chen's face was emotionless but he was annoyed to hear that. He didn't ask Catherine what kind of family Jane was marrying into but he certainly wasn't expecting a business oligarch from Russia.

He could understand why the Rothschild family had chosen the Klyuchevsky family if they were really in control of the nuclear energy source and petroleum since the Rothschild's only cared about money.

Plus, the Klyuchevsky family was the one behind Russia's ruling party.

Lin Ruoxi had only just realized now that Jane came here as a means of escape from her marriage!

It was more like a threat than a proposal!

Lin Ruoxi's mind was spinning. Her first thought was to let Jane go. It would be a huge loss for Yu Lei given the amount invested and the amount lost. She would be showing others their weakness which wouldn't be in sync with her tough personality. They weren't of the same level, so going against them would be a bad idea and Lin Ruoxi wasn't a hasty person. But if she had to let her go, the Klyuchevsky family might compensate her generously for the termination of the contract. It may help her to open up the market in Eastern Europe.

The other choice was to not let her go. This would make her their enemy. The upside of this choice was that Jane would be indebted to them, helping them further in the future. At the same time, a businesswoman like herself couldn't possibly stand up against the Russian government!

Lin Ruoxi turned around and looked at Yang Chen who was silent.

If she were to choose not to let Jane go, the only person who could help her was Yang Chen.

But do I really want to go against their will just for my reputation? Is it wise to keep Jane in Zhonghai?? she thought.

Lin Ruoxi was secretly worried if Jane kept staying in Zhonghai, something might happen between her and Yang Chen...

After all, she had grown up with Yang Chen!

Yang Chen noticed that Lin Ruoxi was looking at him so he turned to her and asked smilingly, "What do you think?"

Lin Ruoxi hesitated for a while before asking, “Mr Maksim, let’s talk about the terms first. If I agree to terminate the contract, we would suffer other losses and not to mention the penalty. How do you plan to compensate for that?”

At times like this Lin Ruoxi decided to cool down and use her business mindset to make decisions.

Maksim held three fingers up as though he already knew she would ask that. “First, the Europe branch of Yu Lei will receive a direct sale passage to Eastern Europe which I know you’ve been stressing over recently. Second, we will replace Jane with researchers of our own. They might not be as fast as Princess Jane but I guarantee results within two years. Third, other than paying the full amount of the penalty fees on your behalf, we also promise to give Yu Lei priority for the raw materials obtained from the petroleum extraction project that we’re collaborating with China!”

His first offer was already enough to tempt Lin Ruoxi to accept his terms!

The barrier created by the country as a form of protection towards their own businesses was hard to break by a single company, but Maksim guaranteed that easily! The second and third offers were too good to be true!

Priority for the raw materials? That would lower their cost of production by the hundred folds!

Lin Ruoxi knew she was rich enough but it was still hard to reject a deal like this!

Plus, Jane’s absence would also benefit her family!

Maksim drank his tea quietly as he waited for Lin Ruoxi’s reply.

Fang Zhongping continued to convince them, “President Lin, the terms laid out by the Klyuchevsky family are a testament to their sincerity. The government also hopes that Yu Lei International would agree to that for the sake of diplomatic relations. As for Princess Jane, the Welsh royal family has already passed the message to her so she won’t blame you for terminating the contract.”

Lin Ruoxi took a deep breath and pursed her lips. She didn’t dare to look at Yang Chen because she couldn’t bear to reject the offer.

“If the offers are true, I can—”

“No!”

Yang Chen cut her off before she could finish her sentence!

His rejection made everyone freeze in their seats.

Lin Ruoxi paled, his declaration could mean more than just denying her decision...

Maksim and Fang Zhongping stopped smiling as they stared at Yang Chen.

“This has to go through Jane and if she doesn’t agree to do it, no one can bring her back.” Yang Chen looked up and spoke with a commanding voice.

Maksim grinned. “Mr Yang Chen, I know of your background that even the Rothschild clan fears. But this doesn’t mean that you can make decisions that will affect world politics and diplomatic relations. You’re

powerful but you're not invincible. A rash decision would bring unnecessary conflict towards China, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the major clans..."

Chapter 854 - Is That Really What You Think

Is That Really What You Think

Maksim's face darkened. Although his expressions did not change that much, the air around him turned cold and dark.

Yang Chen snickered while rubbing his fingers together. "Are you threatening me?"

Maksim shook his head with a smug expression. "I was informing you, not threatening. From what I know, Mr Yang is the descendant of the Yang clan in Beijing. So shouldn't you check back with your clan for matters regarding diplomatic relations?"

"You seem to be mistaken about something." Yang Chen's face darkened. "No one can stop me if I set my mind to do something. Even if it means another world war."

Maksim's face dawned in realization. He laughed as he stood up. "Since Mr Yang disagrees with the proposal, I'll have the Ministry of Foreign Affairs intervene and I can guarantee it won't go down so easily. Plus... this won't bode well for Princess Jane's reputation."

Fang Zhongping was starting to twitch in his seat. He was in charge of this VIP guest so he couldn't possibly let this escalate to an international war.

"Yang Chen, what are you doing?! Let's cool things off and have a proper discussion!"

Yang Chen looked down as though he heard nothing.

Lin Ruoxi felt like interjecting but ultimately chose not to. Yang Chen was like a time bomb that could explode anytime soon!

Maksim turned around and smiled. "Oh yea, President Lin, from what I could gather, you have full authority in regards to Yu Lei International. Why do you need your husband's approval for my offer? That is very unwise of you, far from what I imagined you as a strong and independent businesswoman."

He shook a finger and laughed as he walked out.

Suddenly, Yang Chen flashed from his position!

He dashed out of the door and stopped in front of Maksim, blocking his path!

Maksim was still laughing and his face froze at Yang Chen's sudden movement!

"You..."

He was shocked by Yang Chen's appearance. Yang Chen's stature was completely different than before. He was like a bloodthirsty beast threatening to swallow him while in the next second!

Maksim felt small in front of Yang Chen although he was much taller than him!

He stepped back instinctively, trying to avoid him!

But Yang Chen's hand gripped his neck before he could move!

Maksim whimpered and tried to run but he was caught and dragged back to the front!

"Don't think too highly of yourself. You're not worth my time." Yang Chen's voice was cold and emotionless.

In the next second, his hands went straight from his stomach!

"Oof!"

The cruel sound made the likes of Fang Zhongping and Lin Ruoxi freeze in their spots!

Yang Chen's hand emerged from his back!

It was even twisted from the inside out!

Maksim's intestine and backbone were visible for everyone to see!

Maksim groaned in pain, unable to withstand the agony!

Yang Chen nonchalantly threw him several meters out the door!

Yang Chen looked towards Fang Zhongping who was trembling and said, "You can report everything that happens here. Come back to me if you run into any trouble."

Lin Ruoxi was retching from behind. The proposal was the last thing from her mind right now. The scene before her seemed too cruel for anyone to endure despite having seen similar things before.

Fang Zhongping was about to say something but he froze as though he saw something peculiar.

Yang Chen sensed it too and he turned around to look at Maksim!

Something peculiar was happening!

His wound had healed, including his skin, flesh, and organs. Some of the remnant from his organ was removed from his body and new ones were made. Maksim stood up breathing heavily. His eyes were red and when he opened his mouth, fangs could be seen!

"Your strength really is unbelievable, Pluto..." Maksim smiled wickedly.

Something flashed through Yang Chen's mind when he saw Maksim's healing power and fangs different from a vampire!

Yes!

"I remember now... wolverines, the descendants of White Wolf! Your family is the royal family of the wolverines! You're a wolverine?!" Yang Chen was surprised.

Maksim cackled. "So what? We're not living in the middle ages anymore! We have been assisting past rulers in Russia, starting from Catherine the Great. We're the kings of Eastern Europe! China will suffer the consequences of your actions!"

Having said so, Maksim disappeared in a flash!

Yang Chen decided not to chase after him even though he could've done so easily.

The self-healing ability of wolverines in addition to their extraordinary physical capabilities and combat skills were the reason why they were on par with vampires for centuries. Wolverines can regenerate their bodies as long as their hearts remained intact. Plus, wolverines weren't afraid of sunlight, unlike the vampires.

Neither side could win even after centuries which caused the wolverines to not give a damn to the Dark Council led by the vampires.

Of course, Yang Chen could have killed him easily but doing so would only cause more trouble than good.

The whole incident was too much to bear for a normal person like Fang Zhongping. His legs had given up as he sat on the floor, his eyes filled with confusion.

Yang Chen walked over and said, "Don't worry, they wouldn't blame you for this. Just report it exactly as you saw."

Fang Zhongping stayed still for a while and left with his bodyguards after sighing and shaking his head at Yang Chen. He had to report this incident to his superiors immediately.

Yang Chen walked into the kitchen and washed the blood stain on his hands before returning to the living room.

Lin Ruoxi sat on the couch with a dazed expression.

Yang Chen walked over and sat next to her. "You saw what he did. Even though I cannot understand her family's reasoning behind having her marry a wolverine, I couldn't just sit by and let that happen."

Lin Ruoxi turned around. "Is that really what you think?"

Yang Chen was silent, not knowing how to answer her.

Lin Ruoxi let out a bitter smile. "I knew it. I knew you wouldn't let Jane go when you rejected the offer. Do you know how cruel you're being, doing that in front of me?"

"I'm sorry," Yang Chen said helplessly. "I know that whatever I say won't change anything but I promised Jane that no one would force her to do anything she doesn't want to."

At the same time, Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma walked down when they realized the commotion had ceased.

They were shocked to see the pool of blood by the door and got worried when they saw the heavy atmosphere between Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi.

Just when Guo Xuehua was about to ask what happened, she heard noises from a car outside.

She could recognize the person since the door was open. "Eh, isn't that Miss Jane? Why is she here?"

Chapter 855 - I Did Nothing Wrong

I Did Nothing Wrong

Jane was wearing her lab coat when she got out of the car. One would assume that she had come straight from her laboratory.

She looked towards Lin Ruoxi who was seated on the couch before greeting Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma with a friendly smile.

Lin Ruoxi stood up and greeted her after rubbing her eyes.

“Why have you come?” Yang Chen asked.

Jane took out a vial from her pocket and shook it. It was filled with a weird purple liquid.

“It’s the antidote. I was afraid that I would be too late so I decided to personally deliver it to you. Just have him drink it,” Jane said as she tossed the vial over.

Yang Chen took it and stuffed it into his pocket. “How did you manage to finish it so quickly?”

Jane let out a breath and brushed her bangs. “This is a genetic weapon called Tribute to Maria which had just undergone its testing phase in Nicene laboratory. I have a student who works there and they had asked me several questions not too long ago regarding the synthesis process. I looked through and told them not to experiment with it since it was extremely lethal but it seems like they still went ahead with it.”

The others couldn’t understand what they were saying, so they all kept quiet.

Yang Chen frowned. “Nicene laboratory? What’s that?”

Jane explained, “It originated from the Nicene Creed, a Christian belief from the Eastern Orthodox churches. But this laboratory was founded by the believers in Russian Eastern Orthodox churches. Their aim was to cleanse people of their sins using unorthodox methods. It’s safe to assume that they are insane for their cause.

“The Eastern Orthodox Church reveres St. Maria with high regard so this weapon was called Tribute to Maria. It spreads through the air or through human fluid and blood. Those infected would be overcome with bloodthirst and rage. But in the end, their organs would slowly fail and they would die.”

Yang Chen asked in a low voice, “How did this sickening stuff come to China?”

“That’s what I want to know too.” Jane pursed her lips. “If I hadn’t known about the synthesis process, I wouldn’t have been able to find the antidote within the next month. Having me take a look at it was a stroke of luck.”

Yang Chen contemplated for a while and asked, “Jane, the Nicene laboratory is in Russia right? Who’s the one funding them?”

Jane shook her head. “I believe that information is classified. You should ask your friend Makedon. But I estimate it would require roughly three billion pounds to synthesize this weapon so you can assume that their sponsor is not an ordinary one. Oh yeah, the Russian government would never take part in it. The moral despicableness of this goes beyond anything the Russian government has done. It’s inhuman.”

“Alright, I’ll have Makedon look into it.” Yang Chen had an inkling that this event was linked to the Russian woman and Maksim from the Klyuchevsky family. But everything was up in the air as he had no conclusive proof.

Yang Chen couldn’t help but laugh. “Jane, why did your students join them? Shouldn’t you intervene as their mentor?”

Jane beamed and said, “Isn’t there a saying that goes, ‘education should be given freely and equally’? I’m a teacher not a judge. I teach whoever wishes to learn and is respectful to me. So whatever my students do have nothing to do with me.”

“Aren’t you afraid that one of them would harm you?”

Jane blinked. “You know what Yang Chen, I actually find Yan Buwen’s achievements impressive. If there was anyone that could pique my interest in research, it’s him. Everyone else including my students aren’t capable of intellectually challenging me.”

Yang Chen thought she looked the least adorable whenever she talked about her scientific achievements.

Lin Ruoxi couldn’t understand a word that they said. She felt like an awkward third wheel. She couldn’t help but feel bitter and threatened.

Jane walked over to Lin Ruoxi suddenly and lowered her head down in embarrassment. “Miss Lin, I’m so sorry...”

Lin Ruoxi was startled, not understanding why Jane said this.

Jane looked up and spoke with a hollow voice. “I saw the Mercedes-Benz outside. I recognized it. He came looking for me yesterday. If he came and left his car here, I could already guess that Yang Chen chased him away because of the promise he made to me, right?”

Jane didn’t have to think twice to come up with this conclusion.

Lin Ruoxi didn’t expect her to figure it out without witnessing the incident.

Lin Ruoxi would’ve held a grudge against Jane had she not brought up the topic, but when she saw the pain in those blue eyes, Lin Ruoxi couldn’t help but feel bad for her...

She felt bad when she realized that Jane was being forced to marry into a monster’s family by her own family.

Jane let out a forced smile. “I know that whatever Yang Chen had done must have caused a lot of misunderstandings. But please don’t be worried. I have no intention to infringe on your relationship. Yang Chen saved my mom and my life when I was young. He’s just my... savior. If you can’t stand having me here, just tell me and I wouldn’t be offended. I can complete the research project elsewhere. I hope that you and Yang Chen will be happy and not divorce because of the trouble that I’ve caused—”

“Enough!”

Yang Chen cut her off and said in a stern voice. "Jane, there's nothing wrong with us. If you knew about this, that means that you knew about the Klyuchevsky family's heritage. Damn it... I wouldn't be so upset if it was the vampires. But the wolverines? Are they planning to have you marry Maksim and give birth to a monster?! Has Catherine gone crazy? How could she agree to this?!"

Jane shook her head. "Don't blame her... This marriage was brought up by the Rothschild clan. The Klyuchevsky family had supplied plenty of oilfield and bulk amount of armory at a low price to us. Plus, I never had a lover so they couldn't wait any longer. My mother didn't have a say in it as our royal status is dependent on the Rothschild clan."

"Nonsense! They never planned to inform me about your marriage! They were planning to settle it behind my back! Did they really think they could fool me?" Yang Chen's face darkened.

Jane smiled. "It's no big deal. Nothing has been set in stone as of late. Plus even if I do marry Maksim, it would just be for show. I have no obligations to him."

Yang Chen frowned at her words. "What do you mean, are you saying that you plan to marry him?!"

Lin Ruoxi understood what she was implying and she looked at Jane in shock.

Jane bit her lip and said, "He had already come to Zhonghai for me. This means that the situation would not be resolved lightly. The least I could do is date him for a start."

Her words pricked his heart!

Yang Chen was about to say something but Lin Ruoxi caught his hands!

Lin Ruoxi gripped onto his hand strongly, causing Yang Chen to look back.

"What's wrong, Ruoxi?" Yang Chen asked in confusion.

Lin Ruoxi told Jane with a smile on her face. "That sounds nice. Mr Maksim is quite the gentleman. He might be different from us but who's to say he is not sincere right?"

Yang Chen froze. He put two and two together and realized that she wanted Jane to leave Zhonghai for good!

Jane obviously understood the underlying meaning of her words as she nodded her head awkwardly. "Yeah, if there isn't anything else I'll leave first. Goodbye."

Jane ran out of the villa and they could hear her drive off.

Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma shook their heads in confusion, having witnessed the whole scenario. They thought it would be best to let the young ones handle things themselves and so they went back into the kitchen.

Lin Ruoxi let go of Yang Chen's hands and let out a breath.

Yang Chen snapped back to his senses and walked towards the stairs without uttering a single word.

Lin Ruoxi felt bitter as she watched him from behind but her gaze was firm. Her voice shook as she yelled, "I did nothing wrong! There's nothing wrong with wanting the best for my family!"

Yang Chen paused and nodded slightly before continuing his way up.

Chapter 856 - On Behalf of Jane

On Behalf of Jane

Maksim had changed into some fresh clothes given that his previous ones were stained with blood. He stood in the royal suite of Zhonghai International Hotel and stared out the window with a blank expression on his face.

A blonde woman kneeled behind him in a respectful manner. "Master, the Giant Whale Society has placed the missiles containing the Tribute to Maria at the border between Zhonghai and Su Province. The old man has started his negotiations with the marine corps in the East China Sea. He has been putting considerable pressure on the government."

Maksim nodded. "As expected. How did he react to the death of his son?"

"He was very upset but he knew better than to act out." The blonde woman snickered.

If Yang Chen was here, he would've recognized that this woman was the one he had let go on purpose. The woman who manipulated Gao Yu, Aishapova!

Maksim asked, "How's Jane?"

Aishapova replied, "Princess Jane went to Yang Chen's house and has now returned to her laboratory. Nothing out of the ordinary."

Maksim gave her a few orders. "Keep an eye on her and be prepared to abduct her anytime soon."

"Master," Aishapova asked in confusion, "I don't get it. Why are you so fixated on marrying Princess Jane? She disobeyed you and doesn't deserve to be a part of the Klyuchevsky family!"

Maksim snorted. "What do you know about deserving people.... Well I suppose there's no harm in telling you this. I'm not marrying her because I want her. I'm marrying her for her intelligence."

"Intelligence?"

"We spent so much time and effort trying to synthesize the Tribute to Maria. If things go according to plan, the Americans wouldn't even be able to synthesize an antidote within a year. The only risk factor lies in Jane!" Maksim explained, "The person who synthesized this genetic weapon was Jane's student. So if there is anyone who can outwit us, it would be Jane."

"So... Master, you're trying to control her?" Aishapova realized his ulterior motive.

"Correct." Maksim snickered. "The reason why the Rothschild clan agreed to marry Jane off was that she refused to synthesize any kind of inhuman weapons for them. They thought that even if Jane married me, she would still maintain her belief and not produce any weapons. But they are fools to think that way. We, the descendants of the noble White Wolf have our own ways to control Jane and make her work for us..."

Aishapova's eyes shined brightly. "Master, are you talking about the Totem of Hypnotism?"

“Uh-huh,” Maksim said. “It would be best if she followed me back willingly. But should she resist us, I would have no choice but to use it. Even if it would deteriorate our relationship with the United Kingdom.”

Aishapova asked worriedly, “What about Yang Chen? His abilities were not taken into account.”

Maksim said in disdain, “Don’t worry, he wouldn’t dare to risk the lives of millions for the life of one! Even if he dared to attack, the Central Committee of Zhonghai wouldn’t agree. Also don’t forget, Yang Chen has another identity as the grandson of the Yang clan. His elders wouldn’t let him do as he wishes.

“Plus, we only ordered the Giant Whale Society to infiltrate China and take down the underworld in Zhonghai, Beijing, and Su Province.

“Soon the richest part of the underworld will be under the control of the Klyuchevsky family. The petroleum we provided to the Rothschild clan is insignificant compared to this. Plus, with the Giant Whale Society as our fodder, no one would suspect us.” Maksim smirked.

Aishapova was filled with excitement. “Congratulations Master. Once this plan succeeds, Southeast Asia will become our gold mine! We can overthrow the stupid vampires of the Dark World!”

Maksim said in displeasure, “Vampires? Those rotten creatures deserve to be overthrown. We, the wolverines will rule the world!”

Aishapova’s eyes were filled with admiration, but her face turned stiff and she yelled suddenly as though as she remembered something important. “Oh no! Master! I forgot to report something!”

“Spill,” Maksim said casually.

Aishapova said with a trembling voice, “Gao Yu might have given a slight dose of the Tribute to Maria to a young man in an attempt to take down the Green Dragon Society and the Red Thorn Society. Yang Chen took him away... Do you think... Yang Chen took him to Jane?”

“What?!”

Maksim turned around abruptly and kicked her chest!

Aishapova flew back and hit the wall with a loud thud!

“Go! Investigate this! If he really brought him to Jane, send her off now! Use all the resources you need! Don’t ever give her the chance to synthesize the antidote!” Maksim growled.

Aishapova coughed out blood as she crawled out of the room.

On the other hand, Yang Chen was in his room unaware of the plot against him and his friends.

He took some time to organize his thoughts. He wasn’t angry or dissatisfied with Lin Ruoxi’s choice. She only did what she thought was appropriate.

After all, he was the root of the problem.

Yang Chen summoned the Sea Eagles to pass the antidote to Liu Minghao before anything went wrong.

After that, Yang Chen contacted Makedon and had him investigate the sponsor of Nicene laboratory. At the same time, he had Hannya from the Yamata Sect investigate the relationship between the Giant Whale Society and the Klyuchevsky family.

Yang Chen felt like he missed an important part. He smacked his forehead when he realized what it was—he forgot about Jane’s safety!

If Maksim could come to Zhonghai for her, he could take her away forcefully too.

So Yang Chen sent another two agents from the Sea Eagles to protect Jane.

Half an hour later, Yang Chen received a reply from Makedon.

The bald man was drinking wine while reading the report. “Your Majesty Pluto, our people searched for the background info on Nicene laboratory through the KGB system. The founder was a scientist who was fired from the KGB. He was part of the inhuman genetic weapon research project and the Russian government was afraid of getting caught by other countries and fired him to cover their tracks.

“But the Klyuchevsky family saved him and offered protection. The KGB thought that this wouldn’t place the country at risk and they weren’t willing to go against the descendants of the White Wolf. So the KGB chose to take a step back and the Nicene laboratory was founded. Two of them are Princess Jane’s students.”

“So you’re saying that the Klyuchevsky family is the sponsor?” Yang Chen grinned.

Makedon rubbed his belly and burped, “Yes, but because the laboratory is under the surveillance of the Klyuchevsky family, no one really knows what goes on in there. If they are really developing genetically enhanced weapons, we would be left defenceless... unless...”

“Unless Jane made the antidote before they could release it, right?” Yang Chen realized.

Makedon nodded. “Damn it! Your Majesty Pluto, it looks like the Klyuchevsky family isn’t sincere about their marriage. They were worried that Princess Jane would ruin their plans!”

Makedon was furious.

Yang Chen’s face darkened. “You did well. Now, I need you to locate their base of operations and pass the information to Sauron.”

Makedon beamed. “Your Majesty Pluto, are you initiating an attack? How could you let that ginger head man carry out this interesting task?! Objection!”

Yang Chen said, “Your subordinates wouldn’t stand a chance against the wolverines. They’re no match for their combat and regeneration abilities.”

“But the Sea Eagles might not win too. Even the elites from the vampire’s family don’t stand a chance against the royal descendants of the White Wolf.” Makedon grumbled.

Yang Chen chuckled. “If they can’t make it then I’ll go myself. As for the stragglers, let the Expendable unit of Zero take care of them. Send this gift to them on behalf of Jane.”

Chapter 857 - Sly Foxes

Sly Foxes

Makedon shivered when he heard the name 'Expendable'. He smiled stiffly and said, "Your Majesty Pluto, you must be angrier than I imagined. I thought that you wouldn't go that far."

"They should have prepared for the worst the moment they decided that Jane was just a chess piece in their game of war."

Makedon asked out of curiosity, "Your Majesty Pluto, what's your final goal?"

Yang Chen hummed in response. "That Maksim guy, he seems quite intent on marrying Jane. But how will he do that with no family?"

Cold sweat dripped down Makedon's forehead as he nodded...

A round wooden table stood in the middle of the meeting room in the Central Committee located in Beijing.

Four people were seated around it. They were Ning Guangyao, Li Moshen, Yang Gongming, and Tang Zhechen respectively.

Ning Guangyao was the youngest amongst them with Yang Gongming and Tang Zhechen being the eldest ones.

Each clan leader had their subordinates sit directly behind them. On any other given day, they were forced to be reckoned with. But today, they were absolutely powerless in the presence of these four men.

Ning Guangyao kept his silence for three minutes while touching the side of the porcelain teacup before turning around to look at Yang Gongming. "Mr Yang, the marines at the East China Sea are under your command. Perhaps you would like to provide some input on the matter."

Yang Gongming kept a straight face. "Why bother stationing marines there if we are just going to allow pirates to come ashore regardless?"

Ning Guangyao frowned as he glanced towards Li Moshen and Tang Zhechen. They kept their heads lowered as if they did not hear anything.

Ning Guangyao sighed. "Mr Yang, I know your clan has been courageous and fearless for years. But the Giant Whale Society has received a huge number of missiles containing genetic weapons from the Klyuchevsky family. The lives of millions are at stake here. Giving them access for a short while would be nothing compared to the lives we would lose."

"If they went through so much trouble to synthesize a genetic weapon, they must have developed an antidote for it as well. What's stopping us from making the antidote ourselves?" Yang Gongming rebuked.

Ning Guangyao replied, "But our problem is that we do not have much time. Who knows how long it would take to create the antidote? Are you willing to risk the lives of millions on the hope that we can find an antidote?!"

Yang Gongming closed his eyes. "Premier Ning, I've conveyed my point. The final decision does not rest in my hands. Should you wish to continue, I am powerless to stop you."

Ning Guangyao tried to persuade him. "Mr Yang, I have no choice. Actually, the other reason I invited you is because of Yang Chen..."

"Oh?"

"From what I know, Yang Chen had interfered with the marriage between the Klyuchevsky and Rothschild clans. Maksim from the Klyuchevsky family plans to bring Princess Jane back and it's best that Yang Chen doesn't interfere with that."

"He might not listen to me." Yang Gongming sounded unbothered.

Ning Guangyao wanted to say something else but was interrupted by Li Moshen.

"Stop." Li Moshen held onto his earphones and told everyone, "It's too late."

"What do you mean?"

Li Moshen let out a vague smile. "The MSS received a report saying that one of Zero's units called Expendable had started an attack on the Klyuchevsky family in Eastern Europe. The Russian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs is starting to condemn us for his actions. Also, Yang Chen's Sea Eagles have started a fight with the agents of the Klyuchevsky family who were sent to look for Princess Jane."

Everyone else was shocked to hear this.

They knew that Yang Chen was incredibly unpredictable. But no one had expected him to act this quickly without hesitation!

Ning Guangyao tightened his fist as he said in annoyance, "Expendable? What kind of force is that?"

Li Moshen lowered his voice and explained, "According to the report, this unit has ties with Princess Jane. Princess Jane had announced ages ago that she would never create any inhuman weapons but she did make a medicine for the world's best assassin unit. It's used to cure heavily injured assassins. But it came with a price.

"These assassins were mutated in the process. Their physical capabilities became off the charts. They were known as the assassins from Hell and were called the Expendable. They've become the most mysterious and strongest unit under zero."

BANG!

Ning Guangyao punched the table. "This will only make matters worse! If our relationship with Russia is harmed, we will be losing our only reliable ally against the USA! Our trading at the borders will be affected too! Yang Chen... he's ruining this country!"

Yang Gongming smiled. "Premier, you're wrong. There has never been an alliance between our countries."

"Mr Yang, what are you saying?"

Yang Gongming replied, "What I meant was that, if we want to have an ally, there can only be one."

"What?" Ning Guangyao prompted.

Yang Gongming straightened his back and said in a proud manner, "Army!"

Tang Zhechen laughed at the side. "Mr Yang, you're really daring."

Li Moshen nodded in agreement while smiling.

Yang Gongming continued on, "They already planned to start a war by placing missiles. What's the point of having soldiers if we aren't going to utilize them to fight back? Yang Chen might've acted hastily but his actions are directed towards the Russians. Why should we be nervous?"

Ning Guangyao was slightly annoyed by the way things were going. "Our main focus should be the wellbeing of our citizens. Are we really going to face them head-on!?"

Li Moshen shook his head. "The fact that these missiles were able to enter China undetected was already a puzzle in itself. It must've been an inside job. I've sent people to investigate this and we found out that there are moles in the customs of Su Province."

Ning Guangyao was startled. "You mean it was done by the people in the Su Province?"

"That's right," Li Moshen said. "By working with the Giant Whale Society, they were able to use those weapons to threaten us. Once Zhonghai and Su Province are in a mess, they would proceed to get funds from the government to settle down the mess. Plus, upgrading the equipment in the customs would be another expense. There was a lot they could gain from this."

Ning Guangyao was shocked but he didn't show it. *This sly fox, he knew about all this yet he never informed me,* he thought.

The four major clans appeared to be on friendly terms but that was all for show. The Li and Yang clans were the closest whereas the Tang clan remained neutral.

"So what should we do then?" Ning Guangyao asked earnestly.

Li Moshen replied, "We only need to get rid of the Giant Whale Society who are situated in the sea. We should act now when they think they are the safest. As for the missiles in between Zhonghai and Su Province, nothing will happen under Yang Chen's watch."

Ning Guangyao questioned, "Do you really trust him?"

"Haha." Li Moshen giggled. "He's smart. If he dared to attack, it means that he would have any number of countermeasures in place. Wouldn't he be worried about his lovers in Zhonghai if he wasn't sure?"

In the meantime, Yang Chen was in the royal suite of the Zhonghai International Hotel.

Under his feet was a body. It was Maksim! Yang Chen had crushed his heart into pieces!

Maksim's eyes were wide open in anger. He couldn't understand why Yang Chen had killed him and why he was unafraid of the consequences.

At the corner of the room, there was a blonde woman with hair growing in her face. Aishapova was stabbed in the heart by an unknown force before she could transform into a wolverine.

Yang Chen retracted his legs and told Molin, "Take care of this. I have some business in Russia I have to attend to..."

Chapter 858 Those Who Object

The historic city of Keswick was built during the Victorian era. On the top of one of its towering hills was a castle. It was built appropriately for the era with large flags hanging from its walls.

Delicate pieces of art were displayed in the hall and lit up by the iridescent chandelier which hung from the ceiling.

And on the couch in the hall, was a man yawning and occasionally looking at the clock on the wall.

It was a pretty normal scene disregarding the fact that his clothes were blood red.

Suddenly, the doors of the hall were flung open from the outside as people piled into the room.

The man in the front was an old one. He was wearing a suit with a pocket watch on his chest.

Next to him was a young blonde man who looked rather nervous.

The old man's eyes couldn't help but twitch when he saw the sack on the rug. Blood was seeping out of it.

He regained his composure quickly as he walked to the front with a smile on his face. "How rare for you to visit us, Your Majesty Pluto. You haven't visited us Rothschild's in years."

The person lying on the couch was Yang Chen.

Yang Chen scratched his ears with a smug smile. "Why does it feel like I am not welcomed here?"

"You must be joking, Your Majesty. The Rothschild family welcome you at all times," the elder said with a gentle voice.

Yang Chen had no interest in talking to a family who was only interested in doing business. He pointed to the sack and said, "Have a look at this, it's a gift from me."

The elder took a deep breath and beckoned the bodyguards to open the sack.

They came forward and opened the sack while holding their breath...

A pungent smell came out of the sack which almost made them puke!

The sack was filled with werewolves' heads!

Their facial expressions were filled with terror as if they were face to face with death itself!

"Wer—werewolves?"

Yang Chen stood up and threw his shirt onto the ground. He placed his hands on his waist and continued, "It took me half a day to kill all of the core members of the Klyuchevsky family. They're all here in this sack."

The old man trembled as he asked, "Your Majesty Pluto, why did you do this?"

"Didn't you plan to marry Jane off to the Klyuchevsky family?" Yang Chen snickered. "Now that the family's destroyed, I assume that the marriage will have to be annulled?"

The old man's legs turned wobbly so the blonde man supported him and looked at Yang Chen with an exasperated gaze.

"Your Majesty Pluto, I recall the agreement for beings of your stature not to intervene in international matters. Aren't you afraid of the consequences?" The man tried and failed to speak in a composed voice.

"And it still holds true. I'm not interested in international matters. But this involves the people around me." Yang Chen continued, "Jane is the sole conductor of her own life. I will turn a blind eye to the things you do for money. But I will not sit and tolerate it when it breaches my personal affairs."

Yang Chen then added, "Consequences? If anyone has a problem with it, they can take it up with me! I'll kill all those who stand in my way! Words have no effect on me. The strong will take what they want and the weak will have to follow. Oh ya...the werewolves from the Klyuchevsky family were able to keep me occupied for half a day. I wonder how long a mere human could last?"

The elder couldn't help but step back with his head lowered.

Yang Chen glanced over and told Edward who was standing beside quietly, "Edward, you should persuade your family members to reconsider their actions. You might be my friend but your family ain't."

Edward smiled bitterly. "I thought the days of you doing this are behind you. Clearly I was wrong. The Russian government had already initiated their defenses because of you. They are afraid that you will go berserk and kill their leader."

Yang Chen was unbothered by it. "Let them be. I'm going to take a shower. In the meantime, prepare an aeroplane for me. I'm going home."

The sun was already shining brightly in Zhonghai although it was still early in the morning.

Lin Ruoxi was wearing a gray dress as she stood in front of the villa, her hair moving along the breeze.

It wasn't hard to tell that she didn't have enough sleep by looking at her bloodshot eyes.

Yang Chen never sent her any messages ever since he told her that he was going overseas to settle some business yesterday afternoon.

Lin Ruoxi was worried, especially since Yang Chen didn't seem angry about the incident regarding Jane.

Around this time, a white Cadillac stopped at the road in front of her.

A woman dressed in black got down from the car, followed by a gentleman.

They were Yuan Hewei and Yang Jieyu.

Yang Jieyu was surprised to see her as he walked over and hugged her. "Ruoxi, were you waiting for me?"

Lin Ruoxi was feeling a bit shy as she smiled awkwardly and nodded. She skipped her training and opted for waiting for the couple when she heard that they were on their way.

"You're so thoughtful greeting us at the door. Ruoxi, your husband is so thoughtless. How could he let you come out alone?" Yang Jieyu chided.

Lin Ruoxi's eyes dimmed, "He... he's not back yet."

Yang Jieyu laughed as though she expected this answer. "He'll be back soon. Let's go in first. We can talk later when he's back."

Lin Ruoxi was curious to know how she was sure that Yang Chen would be back soon, but she didn't ask and brought the couple into the house.

Guo Xuehua was happy when she found out her sister and her sister's husband would be visiting. Although they both lived in Zhonghai, it wasn't often that they were free to meet. She wondered what was the urgent matter that made them visit early in the morning.

It was merry in the house as they sat down to eat the leftover rice dumplings from the Dragon Boat Festival and congee for breakfast while waiting for Yang Chen to return.

"Jieyu, you said that Yang Chen was coming back soon. How did you know that?" Guo Xuehua asked.

Yang Jieyu smiled. "Dad told us. He wanted to ask Secretary Fang to tell you but he seemed to be afraid of Yang Chen so he sent us over."

Guo Xuehua prompted on, wanting to know more about what happened to her son. "Stop being so cryptic and tell us. Did Yang Chen cause trouble again?"

Yuan Hewei chuckled. "Sister-in-law, if it was bad news we wouldn't be eating breakfast so casually. It's good news, Yang Chen helped a lot. Today, he has saved the lives of millions."

"Technically he was the bridge. If it wasn't for Yang Chen, Miss Jane wouldn't have helped out," Yang Jieyu said.

Lin Ruoxi was quiet the whole time and she only voiced out when she heard Jane's name, "Aunt, can you tell us what did Jane do?"

Yang Jieyu's heart melted when she heard Lin Ruoxi call her aunt because it was rare for Lin Ruoxi to address her like that!

"There's nothing to hide since we're all family. The government and the military were trying to suppress this but Zhonghai and the Su Province were being targeted by missiles containing a special genetic toxin. But now with the help of Miss Jane, we no longer have to worry about it. The Central Committee is grateful for her help and they wish to invite her to Beijing through Yang Chen. They plan to express their gratitude to her and also discuss future projects," Yang Jieyu explained.

Lin Ruoxi was surprised to hear this whereas Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma were scared to have found out. Yang Jieyu shared the story with them since she was already talking about it.

Yang Chen had Jane provide the formula for the antidote to Tribute to Maria to the MSS before he left China. The hard part of synthesizing the antidote was already taken care of. Now all they had to do was reproduce it.

The Tribute to Maria might seem strong but it had one flawed weakness. It required three days to take effect which meant that the government would need two days to mass-produce the antidote.

All this meant that the Giant Whale Society had lost their trump card.

“Oh yeah,” Yang Jieyu added on. “Ruoxi, did you know about this? The guy you met, Maksim, his family had been reported to be conducting inhumane experiments. The government had confiscated all of their businesses. After all, they were the ones to threaten the government using this weapon. Luckily Yang Chen realized in time and had Jane prepare the antidote.”

Lin Ruoxi was baffled at first but she understood everything that happened immediately.

Maksim was obsessed with Jane because of the evil scheme and not because he really wanted to marry her.

How could I ask Yang Chen to let Jane go and have Maksim take her away for my own good! If Yang Chen hadn't realized sooner, it would've been disastrous! Lin Ruoxi thought.

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help but blame herself. Why was I so selfish in my thinking? When did I become so shallow and selfish?

As she finished her thought, the roar of a car's engine was heard outside the gate. Guo Xuehua exclaimed excitedly, “It's Yang Chen's car. He's back!”

Chapter 859 - Unworthy

Unworthy

It took Yang Chen several hours to return to Zhonghai.

He thought it was going to be a normal morning beginning with breakfast but he did not expect to see guests so early in the morning.

“Why are you here?” Yang Chen asked.

Guo Xuehua frowned and chided him. “You should greet them as your aunt and uncle.”

Yang Chen pursed his lips. “Force of habit.”

Guo Xuehua wanted to pinch his ears but chose not to when she remembered his past.

Yuan Hwei and Yang Jieyu didn't mind. In fact, they wouldn't have come if he wasn't a relative.

They heard from the Yang clan that Yang Chen had wiped out the Klyuchevsky family in less than a day!

They couldn't help but shiver when they saw Yang Chen walk in like it was an ordinary day.

Nonetheless, it was reassuring to know that he was part of their family.

Yang Chen saw Lin Ruoxi looking at him with a weird gaze so he walked over and asked cautiously, "Dear, what's wrong? Why are you staring like that? Hehe, happy to see me, aren't you?"

Lin Ruoxi couldn't see any form of resentment in his eyes.

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help but loathe herself for the choices that she made. She lowered her head and said with a hollow voice, "It's nothing, I didn't sleep well."

Yang Chen knew there was something wrong but chose to focus his attention instead on Yang Jieyu. "You still haven't told me the reason for your surprise visit."

Yang Jieyu smiled. "Your grandfather asked us to come over. We wanted to praise you for what you did and talk about Miss Jane..."

Yang Jieyu repeated what she told the others earlier and then looked at Yang Chen in expectance.

Yang Chen sat down and opened up a rice dumpling. He took a bite before speaking. "What a great plan. They lost their maniac Yan Buwen and now they want Jane to take his place. Even the UK military failed to convince Jane to produce weapons. What makes you think China will fare any better? I bet they are trying to use my relationship with her to make her stay right?"

"We are only here to relay the message. But no country would give up on Jane," Yang Jieyu said.

Yang Chen shook his head. "Tell the old man and others that Jane will stay for reasons only she approves of. She won't be going to Beijing to help the military."

Yang Jieyu tried to persuade him. "Are you sure there's no other way? Are you really not going to change your mind?"

"Don't make me repeat myself," Yang Chen said.

Yuan Hwei stopped his wife before she could say anything more. "That's enough. We did not come here to convince him. We are only here to relay a message."

Yang Jieyu sighed and smiled at him. "Alright, I'll convey your message to them in Beijing. But Yang Chen, didn't you say you want to visit Beijing, why haven't you gone?"

Lin Ruoxi looked up, curious to know what he would say.

Yang Chen swallowed the rice dumpling and said in a nonchalant manner, "I like to settle my issues all in one go. Once everything is complete, I'll visit."

Yang Jieyu and Yuan Hwei had nothing left to say. Although he looked and acted friendly, it was always best to stay on his good side.

Finally, Yang Jieyu said to him, "Yang Chen, Yuan Ye is throwing a party for Tang Tang to celebrate her acceptance into Zhonghai University. It would be great if you and your family could attend. Plus Zhenxiu has also gotten her results right? What university did she get into?"

Guo Xuehua exclaimed in shock. "The results are out?"

Yuan Hewei replied, "It's already July so of course the results are already out. You can check it through your phone, didn't you know that?"

Guo Xuehua felt awkward despite having two sons. Both her sons did not attend college, so she did not know what was standard protocol regarding that.

Lin Ruoxi was excited too. "Let's check back with Zhenxiu when she returns."

They continued to chat and Yang Jieyu kept telling Yang Chen to attend the party. She assured him that only close friends would be there.

Yang Chen accepted her invitation after being overwhelmed by her requests.

After the couple left, Lin Ruoxi helped Wang Ma clean the table quietly.

She was about to leave for work but was stopped by Yang Chen. He caught her hand and asked gently, "Ruoxi, is everything alright? Did I do anything that upset you? Why haven't you looked at me ever since I returned?"

Lin Ruoxi bit her lip and turned around. "No, it's not your fault. It's mine."

"Why?"

Yang Chen got even more confused. "Did anyone bully you? Damn it, I only left for a day. I'll kill the person who bullied you."

Lin Ruoxi looked up at him. "All you talk about is killing. Is it really that fun?"

Yang Chen's face fell and he said awkwardly, "It—it's just an example... An example..."

"Example?" Lin Ruoxi looked at him with a complex gaze. "Do you really think I can't tell? Aunt and Uncle were afraid of you. Even your own family live in fear of your presence. Did you go out and kill again?"

Yang Chen was startled. He didn't expect Lin Ruoxi to find out. But he had forgotten that she was a businesswoman. Reading facial cues was her forte.

"I'm sorry..." Yang Chen sighed. "I didn't know that it would upset you so much."

"You're apologizing again." Lin Ruoxi gave a pained smile. "What do you even apologize for? You did nothing wrong to me!"

Yang Chen was puzzled to see Lin Ruoxi get all agitated again.

Lin Ruoxi cupped her face helplessly and started to sob while squatting on the floor.

Yang Chen didn't know what to do as he squatted down and tried to touch her shoulder. But he was afraid it would upset her even more.

"Dear..."

"Don't call me that!" Lin Ruoxi's eyes were red with tears. "I don't deserve to be your wife. We're from two different worlds."

Yang Chen's mind went blank!

"For you, killing and breathing are the same thing. Money and power come to those who are willing to kill. Even if you killed a thousand people, you wouldn't bat an eye. But if I saw one dead person, I would get nightmares for weeks."

"Your enemies aren't even human. To them, I'm not your wife. I'm just a hostage waiting to be captured. I can't help you at all and I know nothing. Other than fighting with you about women, I have nothing left to offer. My dignity, my pride, and my beliefs are just a piece of fragile paper in front of you. Yet I value you so much, don't you think I'm a foolish woman? Huh! Am I?!"

Yang Chen looked at her numbly. It wasn't his first time witnessing her meltdown. But it was her first time that she showed her insecurities.

Tears splattered on the floor.

"Sometimes I wonder... if your lovers are happier than I am, your own wife? They don't have to feel unworthy to be by your side, worry about other women or wonder if you are coming home. If I was your lover, I wouldn't be in so much pain."

"Ruoxi, don't do this..." Yang Chen squeezed the words out of his throat.

Lin Ruoxi shook her head. "Yang Chen, you made the right choice. Jane should stay beside you. Only she has the intelligence to help you and is worthy to be your woman. She's pretty and she comes from a royal family. She's smart and can be there for you to rely on. She loves you so much that she would sacrifice herself to marry a monster. She wouldn't have nightmares just because you killed someone or be threatened by your lovers. Because no one else can be on her level..."

"Lin Ruoxi!" Yang Chen's eyes widened in anger. "What are you talking about?!"

Chapter 860 - In My Heart

In My Heart

Lin Ruoxi was unaffected by Yang Chen's anger.

She wiped her tears and stood up with a forced smile. "You have every right to be angry at me. I know it sounds dumb but I feel a lot better now that you know."

Yang Chen's heart dropped when he saw a huge relief on her face.

"Don't overthink it. I told you yesterday that you have given me a new life. How could you still think that you were unworthy?"

Lin Ruoxi laughed. "Maybe... maybe it's because I still lack self-esteem. I'm leaving for work. I'm sorry that I upset you once again."

Having said that, Lin Ruoxi turned around and walked to her car as though nothing had happened.

Yang Chen looked at her in a daze.

Sorry? Yang Chen couldn't remember the last time she had uttered that word to him. In fact, he couldn't remember a time when she uttered it at all.

Even though she was smiling, he felt worse now than when she was angry at him. Yang Chen's chest felt stuffy as though there was something caught between his throat but he couldn't let it out!

He stood still for a long moment before walking towards a nearby villa.

He walked up to the door of the villa and rang the doorbell.

An Xin showed up on the intercom shortly with a sleepy face.

An Xin had already moved in to this villa after the clone showed up at her mansion. She wanted to be closer to Yang Chen so that she could spend more time with him, but was unable to move as she had no solid reason to.

In a way, the incident gave her a perfect excuse to move in.

"Hubby, why are you here so early in the morning?" An Xin asked gently. "I thought you were overseas?"

Yang Chen let out a strained smile. "I just came back, open the door."

An Xin smiled sweetly and ran out to open the door.

She was still wearing her white sleeping gown. Her wavy hair wrapped around her face which made her look sweet and innocent.

Yang Chen was able to catch a whiff of her scent as she neared him. It was a refreshing milky scent as though she was a baby who just got out of the shower.

He looked at An Xin's sparkling eyes in a daze before extending his hand to caress her cheek.

An Xin could tell that something wasn't right and wondered what it was.

"You lazy pig. How could you be a chairman and still be sleeping this late into the day?" Yang Chen giggled and rubbed the side of her eye softly.

An Xin realized just then! Damn it! I didn't wash my face!

Yang Chen said to her jokingly, "My darling An Xin. This is the first time I've seen boogers in your eyes."

"Ah?!" An Xin wanted to cry from her silliness!

She lowered her head and rubbed her eyes. "Don't look! You're so mean!"

Yang Chen wasn't in the best frame of mind when he arrived. But seeing her act so silly made him smile a little. "I didn't know that girls could look so beautiful even with eye boogers. My little vixen, did you train for this?"

"Ew! You're so disgusting!" An Xin chided, secretly happy with his comment.

Even after cleaning it An Xin still wasn't satisfied. "Hubby, have a seat. There's food in the fridge. I'm going to wash my face first."

Yang Chen caught her by her waist when she was about to run upstairs.

An Xin was pulled into his arms before she could run away, her chest pressed against his thin shirt. Her sleeping gown was thin enough for him to feel the tenderness of her chest.

“Don’t go,” Yang Chen whispered while hugging her.

An Xin nodded. She was pained to see him so down.

She wrapped her arms around his neck and took the initiative to kiss him.

Yang Chen started to breathe deeply. His resolve was completely broken right there and then!

He growled and pushed her against the wall with one hand and placed the other one behind her head. He then reached down into her gown and began to grope her chest.

An Xin could barely breathe under the feeling of his touch. Her brain could no longer think rationally so she just let go of everything and allowed Yang Chen to take control of her.

Yang Chen lifted her and placed her onto the sofa after an intense makeout session.

Her loose sleeping gown made things easier for him. All he needed to do was lift it up and her curvy body was already presented to him before his eyes. Her pink panties were already moist and he could smell her sweet fragrance.

Yang Chen tore it down hastily and took off his own clothes. His eyes turned red as he gazed upon An Xin who was still trying to catch her breath.

He gripped her legs and wrapped it around his waist. Her soft flesh pressed up against him which only served to heighten his passion.

Yang Chen growled and leaned forward as though he was going to devour her completely!

“Hmph!”

The whole room was filled with moans. Yang Chen was so aggressive that An Xin had climaxed way earlier than she would normally have!

And soon, they lost themselves within the steamy lovemaking session...

It lasted for an hour until An Xin heard Yang Chen exhale in content. Her whole body felt like it was on fire as she sank down the sofa.

Normally, she would have been out cold. But her constant training had strengthened her substantially.

Yang Chen pulled her up onto his chest and caressed her silky back.

He felt bad for draining her without so much as a warning.

“Darling, I’m sorry for doing this to you at this hour. Did I hurt you?” Yang Chen apologized.

Her heart was still pounding as she replied breathlessly, “My mind was blank for the most part. I’m just tired. Hubby, are you upset?”

“I don’t know, I can’t explain it. I just wanted to find someone and vent to release my stress. But I couldn’t hold back when I saw you.” Yang Chen smiled bitterly.

An Xin pressed her cheeks against his chest and grinned. “Actually... I’m happy that you came to me. At least it means that I have a place in your heart, right?”

Yang Chen pinched her cheeks. “What are you saying? You’re always in my heart. But, why aren’t you asking me what happened?”

“You wouldn’t be happy if I asked... so I don’t want to know. Everything is fine as long as you are with me,” An Xin muttered.

Yang Chen sighed. Lin Ruoxi wasn’t the only one he had to worry about. The others were relying on him too.