

## Chapter 901

### Guilty

The concert had been in the works for half a month and pretty much everything was settled. There was a slight change to the itinerary as they had a special guest performing, The Cranberries. The public was only too happy to have this change.

The whole city was filled with posters and neon lights, showcasing Hui Lin's influence in the industry.

The critics complimented her to no end, saying that she was a refreshing change in a sea of too many familiar singers. Her pure and clean singing technique outshone the other artists who had used their power to receive fame.

The more distinct it was from the world, the more it stood out and was welcomed by the public.

On the day of the concert, Yang Chen arrived early. He was the director of Yu Lei's entertainment branch after all. It didn't matter if he just stood there and did nothing, he had to be there to show his presence.

Wang Ma came along with Zhenxiu, Yuan Hwei and Yang Jieyu, and Tang Tang. Even Cai Yan, Mo Qianni, Rose and the other ladies had come too. They weren't exactly close to Hui Lin but they were going as fans.

Yang Chen was satisfied to see that everything was almost ready, including the stage setup and the lighting.

He looked around and saw his family members were already seated in the VIP zone. He even saw some of the fans start to get ushered into the venue but no sign of Lin Ruoxi anywhere.

Why wasn't she there yet? Wasn't she Hui Lin's biggest supporter?

Yang Chen frowned and took out his phone to call her.

The call went out but no one answered the phone.

Having no choice, Yang Chen dialed Zhao Hongyan's phone number and she picked up seconds later. She sounded confused as she asked, "Yang Chen, why did you call me at this time?"

Yang Chen asked, "Is Ruoxi with you?"

Zhao Hongyan replied, "President Lin left for the concert an hour ago, why?"

"What?!" Yang Chen's heart dropped. "But why isn't she here yet?"

Zhao Hongyan couldn't give him a solid answer. "How could that be... She should have reached there by now even if the traffic was terrible."

Yang Chen didn't have a good feeling about it. But he remembered that he ordered the Sea Eagles to watch over Lin Ruoxi so if anything bad had happened to her, he would've known immediately.

Yang Chen let out a frustrated sigh and was about to call Molin when Lin Ruoxi called him back.

"Ruoxi, the concert's about to start. Where are you?" Yang Chen was relieved to hear from her.

Lin Ruoxi sounded very tired. "I...I got into a car accident..."

"Car accident?!" Yang Chen was about to lose his mind.

"Are you alright?!"

"I'm fine... but I did hit someone..." Lin Ruoxi confessed sheepishly.

Yang Chen was puzzled to know how this could have happened. Lin Ruoxi wasn't particularly fast or reckless as a driver.

No wonder the Sea Eagles never informed him about it. They wouldn't interfere unless her life was at risk.

Yang Chen didn't want the ladies to feel that they were being monitored, which was why he gave that order.

"Is it serious?"

Lin Ruoxi replied, "I'm at the hospital now. I wasn't able to pick up your call because I was talking to the doctor. I hit the girl by accident when I was about to turn into a corner and I hurt her leg so I had to send her to the hospital. I don't think I can make it to the concert."

Yang Chen sighed. "Which hospital are you in? I'll accompany you."

"No need... Hui Lin will be sad to know if you and I aren't there to watch her." Lin Ruoxi hesitated.

Yang Chen smiled bitterly. "You got into an accident. How could I just do nothing and continue watching the concert? I'll talk to Hui Lin and we can watch the next show. This isn't her last concert."

Lin Ruoxi didn't try to reject him again. It was hard to face this alone. She really hurt someone and if the girl didn't manage to avoid her car in time, it would've been much more serious.

"You have to let Hui Lin know that you are leaving so that she wouldn't get upset. Tell her we'll watch the next show. I'll call her and ask her to not worry so that she can perform well," Lin Ruoxi said.

She hung up and Yang Chen hurried back to find Hui Lin.

Hui Lin just received Lin Ruoxi's phone call and when she heard that Lin Ruoxi got into a car accident, she blamed Lin Ruoxi for not hiring a driver.

For someone with a net worth as high as hers, she would have been kidnapped several times over if it weren't for Yang Chen.

Over the phone, Lin Ruoxi sounded like a little girl who did something wrong. She felt really bad for hurting someone.

"I just wanted to reach earlier." Lin Ruoxi felt wronged.

Hui Lin glanced towards Yang Chen and she blushed. "Anyhow, you have to come to my next concert, if not I won't be performing!"

Yang Chen giggled. "No can do. We earn around a hundred million from one concert, how could you not sing?"

Lin Ruoxi chided at him when she heard Yang Chen over the phone. "How dare you laugh?!"

Yang Chen sighed and bid Hui Lin goodbye after she hung up the phone. Hui Lin didn't want him to leave but she had no choice.

An hour later, Yang Chen reached the hospital that Lin Ruoxi mentioned at the same time the concert was posed to begin.

He directly went up to the premium ward that Lin Ruoxi had arranged for the girl.

She was the CEO of a multinational corporate after all. She shouldn't hold back on compensating for her mistake.

Lin Ruoxi arranged for the girl to undergo a series of checkups and even sent her to a premium ward for her to rest for a few days.

Lin Ruoxi walked out of the room and was shocked to see Yang Chen.

"How did you walk in so quietly?" Lin Ruoxi held her chest.

Yang Chen softened his footsteps because he was in a hospital. But he must have accidentally made himself seem like an assassin.

"Is she alright?" Yang Chen smiled.

"Yeah." Lin Ruoxi nodded and smiled in reply. "The doctor said it was just a minor wound. She bled quite a bit but it did not reach her bone. Once the doctors verify that there's no infection, she will be able to leave."

"What about her family, did you manage to contact them?" Yang Chen asked.

Lin Ruoxi's face fell. "She doesn't have a family..."

"What do you mean?" Yang Chen was confused.

Lin Ruoxi's eyes were filled with pity. "She's an orphan who has just returned from abroad. She's also a graduate student majoring in computer science and a teaching assistant in Zhonghai University. I didn't want to leave her alone since she doesn't have any relatives."

Yang Chen sighed. She was completely fine with destroying her competitors' lives yet she felt so guilty this time, also because the victim was an orphan.

"How did you bump into her, did you not look at the traffic light?" Yang Chen changed the topic.

Lin Ruoxi said sheepishly, "The traffic was bad and you know what happens during peak hours. There were a lot of people. She was walking out from a corner and was checking her bag. She didn't realize that she had already walked out onto the street when I saw her. I hit the emergency brake but I couldn't stop in time."

Although Lin Ruoxi did not make it clear, Yang Chen was able to picture it. It wasn't Lin Ruoxi's fault actually since she didn't drive past a red light. The girl was the one at fault for not looking before she crossed.

But then again, drivers were usually more at risk than pedestrians. It was natural for the driver to compensate them which was why people would actually risk getting hit just to con money.

But since the girl was a graduate student and a teaching assistant in Zhonghai University, she couldn't be that kind of person. It must have been a coincidence.

### **Chapter 902 Did That**

"I'm going to call Hongyan and have her cancel tomorrow morning's plans. You may head in first. We'll accompany her tonight since she has no family. Plus, she's leaving tomorrow morning. Be nice to her. I don't want to hear her complain about us," Lin Ruoxi told him.

Yang Chen agreed to her conditions and was about to step in when Lin Ruoxi blocked his path. "Don't you dare to flirt with her! She might be pretty but that is none of your concern!"

Yang Chen staggered and almost fell. He probably had no credibility for Lin Ruoxi to remind him of that in a situation like this.

He took a deep breath and entered the room after Lin Ruoxi walked to the end of the corridor.

The ward was brightly lit with pink walls and he could see the girl sitting on the bed, dressed in pajamas covered with blue and white stripes.

She covered herself with a white blanket. Her silky black hair cascaded around her shoulders, obstructing her face.

But Yang Chen could still tell that she was a beauty by looking at her slender white neck.

She was focused on the book provided by the hospital and didn't seem to realize that Yang Chen was there.

Yang Chen was about to greet her but stopped himself. She seemed awfully familiar.

At the exact moment, she lifted her head and looked at Yang Chen with a teasing smile.

"Long time no see, my dear Yang Chen."

Her voice was soft and seductive. It was the same girl he had seen on the streets several days ago, Xiao Zhiqing!

Yang Chen's mind went blank and he stood still by the door as things started to make sense to him.

"You did this on purpose?" Yang Chen frowned.

Xiao Zhiqing feigned innocence. "What are you talking about? We haven't met in some time and as a man who has shared an intimate night with me, shouldn't you greet me with a 'I miss you'?"

Yang Chen wasn't in the mood to play along. "Spill, why are you here? I hardly believe that my wife is capable of crashing into someone given her driving tendencies."

“Why not? My calves still hurt now,” Xiao Zhiqing said pitifully.

“What do you want?” Yang Chen was not beating around the bush.

She shrugged and said, “Nothing. The doctor told me to rest here for one night and he will discharge me tomorrow..”

“I recall mentioning to you that we were even. Don’t play games with me.” Yang Chen’s face turned cold.

Xiao Zhiqing’s eyes became moist. “Do you really hate me so much? Do you not feel the slightest bit happy to see me?”

“Not at all,” Yang Chen said bluntly.

He was well aware that she was planning to trap him with her words. Yang Chen didn’t know how she had found him but he knew things weren’t going to end well.

He couldn’t possibly get rid of her now that Lin Ruoxi knew of her existence.

Xiao Zhiqing was not only a cruel woman, but had an unusual family background. Getting involved with her was basically asking for trouble.

Plus, his wedding with Lin Ruoxi was almost near and if anything went wrong, when would he finally be able to hold his wedding?!

Xiao Zhiqing was surprised to hear his response but that emotion quickly changed to hate and anguish. Her facial expression changed from teary-eyed to an emotionless one.

“I suppose you leave me no choice but to ruin you now,” she said.

Just when Yang Chen was wondering what she wanted to do, Lin Ruoxi walked in after ending the phone call.

His heart dropped as he tried to think of a way to explain his situation, but Xiao Zhiqing beat him to it!

“Dear, how could you be so cold-hearted and leave me like that?!”

Xiao Zhiqing revealed a heartbroken face as she wailed on the bed!

Lin Ruoxi froze the moment she got into the ward!

She looked towards Xiao Zhiqing and Yang Chen in a daze, her eyes filled with disbelief.

“Damn it, what are you playing at?!” Yang Chen couldn’t help but curse.

Xiao Zhiqing sobbed. “You said you would take responsibility when we were in L.A... It took me so long to find you. And now that I’ve found you, you don’t want me anymore and you even cursed at me. I gave everything to you... why do you have to be so cruel?”

Her acting was worthy of an Oscar. Her tears and grief-stricken face was something not many actors and actresses could match on demand.

Yang Chen's head was pounding. It was his mistake not asking the Sea Eagles to track her down and diffuse the situation!

There was nothing he could do to save himself now that Lin Ruoxi was here!

Lin Ruoxi's face turned red and her body trembled in anger. She glared at Yang Chen and questioned him with a cold voice, "L.A? What is she saying?"

"Ruoxi, she's fooled you. She pretended to be hit by you so that she could get near me," Yang Chen explained to her.

Lin Ruoxi sneered. "Get near you? Do you know her?"

"Yes... listen to me, she's a liar!" Yang Chen defended himself.

Lin Ruoxi's smile was cold as ice. "Liar? I didn't know anyone was capable of deceiving you."

"Listen to me..."

"I don't want to!"

Lin Ruoxi cut him off and glared at Xiao Zhiqing. "I don't care if you did it on purpose or not. I just want to know your relationship with this man."

She was obviously furious, pointing at Yang Chen and calling him 'this man'.

Xiao Zhiqing seemed scared and she hid into her blanket with an innocent face.

"I... We... we met in L.A." Xiao Zhiqing shivered as tears fell down her cheeks.

"When was it?" Lin Ruoxi pressed on.

Xiao Zhiqing replied, "It was... during the beginning of June..."

Lin Ruoxi's face stiffened as she took a deep breath and sneered at Yang Chen. "Beginning of June. I remember you told me that you went there to help Christine. Seems like you were busy doing other things there as well."

Yang Chen held his forehead. This was becoming a complete mess!

Lin Ruoxi's heart clenched when Yang Chen stayed silent. She turned around and ask Xiao Zhiqing. "Miss Xiao, tell me. What did you guys do in L.A.?"

Xiao Zhiqing said shyly, "We... we... did that..."

"That?"

"Yeah... that..." she muttered and lowered her head with her chin almost touching her chest.

Lin Ruoxi finally understood what she meant. She thought that they had only flirted but it turned out to be way worse than imagined!

Xiao Zhiqing added hurriedly, "Miss Lin, I'm telling the truth... I really love Yang Chen... We even took photos together in bed. I can show them to you!"

Having said that, she took out her phone which was next to her pillow and showed the photos to Lin Ruoxi!

Lin Ruoxi was barely able to form coherent thoughts when she saw the pictures of a man she was so familiar with. He was fully naked while lying down on the bed comfortably!

This was obviously taken in a hotel room!

Yang Chen wanted to knock himself out upon seeing those pictures!

He had neglected to delete the photos thinking that it was the last time they would ever meet!

There was no denying it anymore! He couldn't do anything about it even though he was aware that Xiao Zhiqing was doing this on purpose!

Lin Ruoxi staggered and took a few steps back. Her body was trembling with anger and her lips were ghastly pale.

She lifted her head. Tears fell from her cheeks silently as she looked at Yang Chen in despair.

### **Chapter 903 Dishonest**

"Yang Chen, since you managed to pull off such an act, why don't you dare to admit it? You've brought many different women before me and told me that they were your lovers. So what about her? She's so pretty, why aren't you telling me that she's your lover? Shouldn't you know that I am used to it by now? Or is it because there's too many of them that you lost count?" Lin Ruoxi questioned coldly, looking rather pale.

Yang Chen closed his eyes and kept quiet for a while. He opened his eyes and said, "Yes, I did have a one night stand with her but I swear I don't have feelings for her. It was an accident at best. I was disloyal to you but she's not my lover... She framed me..."

"Enough!"

Lin Ruoxi cut him off and looked at him with watery eyes. "She's just a normal lady. How could she have framed you? Do you think I'm a foolish three-year-old? I know your abilities. How could she possibly have done that?"

"I..."

Yang Chen didn't know what to say. In the end, it was his greed that got the better of him.

"I'm sorry." That was the only thing he could say.

"You're sorry?"

Lin Ruoxi snorted. "And what is an apology supposed to fix? If this happened in the past, I wouldn't have said a single word. But if you plan to continue this behavior, why hold a wedding? Why bother marrying me at all?! Since you're having so much fun sleeping around!"

Yang Chen kept quiet. There was nothing left that he could say.

Xiao Zhiqing sat on the bed, her eyes glistening with excitement.

Lin Ruoxi felt even worse when she realized that Yang Chen had nothing left to say. Her voice trembled as she lashed out, "I can choose to ignore your ex-lovers. I can try my best to get over the fact that you have other women whom you love so deeply. I even accepted your lovers. But I cannot accept the fact that you lied to me! You lied to me that you were going to L.A to help someone but you were actually sleeping around!"

"Ruoxi...I know you're very upset but she's not an ordinary woman. She's very dangerous." Yang Chen tried to calm her down.

Lin Ruoxi shook her head and took two steps back.

"To me, you're the most dangerous person in this room. You always seem so frank and open all the time that we were together, but you've changed..."

Having said that, she turned around and dashed out of the door!

Yang Chen called after her but it only made her run faster.

He stood by the door in a trance. Minutes later, Yang Chen turned around and looked at Xiao Zhiqing with a somber facial expression.

She no longer had a pitiful look on her face. In fact, she was more relaxed than ever.

"Are you satisfied now? Is this what you wanted?"

"It's alright I guess. You didn't want me so I had to make sure you were miserable too." Xiao Zhiqing twirled her hair.

Yang Chen growled. "What will you get out of this?"

"Nothing."

"You're crazy. You're a crazy woman..." Yang Chen gritted his teeth.

Xiao Zhiqing's gaze turned cold as she glanced at him sideways. "You're right, I am crazy! So what?!"

"Aren't you afraid that I'll kill you right now?!"

"I gave you my virginity, what's wrong with giving you my life?" Xiao Zhiqing chuckled.

"Don't laugh!"

Yang Chen growled and clutched her neck!

If he clutched any tighter, her neck would have snapped in two!

Xiao Zhiqing gasped for breath with her eyes wide opened.

It was filled with hopelessness and it surprised Yang Chen so much that he loosened his grip.

What happened?!

Her eyes were like a desert, void of life and energy, with no sign of hope in it.

How could a young woman like her show such emotions?!



“Why... why didn't you kill me...”

She let out an elegant yet pathetic smile.

“I said, don't smile.”

“I want to... Why can't I smile?”

“You can cry but you shouldn't smile.” Yang Chen's mind suddenly became at ease.

A single drop of tear rolled down her cheek.

“Kill me. I can't smile if I'm dead.” Her smile was still bright.

“You're not afraid of death?” Yang Chen frowned.

“Afraid?” Xiao Zhiqing laughed harder and the grip on her neck made her cough.

It took her a minute to stop coughing before she looked at him with her teary eyes. “I've died more than a thousand times. What makes you think I would be afraid of one more?”

Yang Chen could tell that death was something that she wished to have so badly.

He remembered the time they had first met. The fact that she was even alive was already a miracle since her body was filled with Nine Yin Meridian and lethal toxins, so why would she be afraid of death?

Yang Chen let out a deep breath and let go of her neck.

“You're not going to kill me?”

Xiao Zhiqing looked at him with curious eyes.

Yang Chen walked to the door and didn't look back. “I don't know why you're doing this but I don't wish to see you any longer. Life is more of a punishment for you than death is.”

Xiao Zhiqing watched him walk out of the door in a trance until his footsteps disappeared from the corridor.

She gripped her blanket as tears dripped down her face.

“You said you want to kill me, yet you couldn't. You said you have no feelings for me, yet your heart softened at my gaze... Men... They are all so dishonest.”

She rubbed the tears off her eyes. She then let out a gentle smile.

At the same time, Yang Chen walked out of the hospital with a heavy heart.

To be honest, he didn't really care about what Xiao Zhiqing wanted to do. To him, it was just a one night stand. At the end of the day, it was still his fault for not resisting her.

Lin Ruoxi had every reason to be mad at him.

That was why he did not know what to do or think.

Lin Ruoxi's car was already gone. She was obviously not in the mood to listen to him.

Yang Chen ordered the Sea Eagles to watch over her. He didn't want to make matters worse.

Yang Chen felt so frustrated that he was tempted to bring the hospital to its foundation!

He contemplated for a while and decided that he couldn't go home or go back to the concert in this condition.

Suddenly, he was reminded of someone. Yang Chen slapped his forehead, maybe she could give him some ideas.

He quickly drove off to Zhonghai University.

Yang Chen was looking for Jane.

After all, they didn't have a romantic relationship and they could talk about anything. Jane's intelligence might even be of some assistance.

About half an hour later, Yang Chen arrived at the university. He called her and found out that she had already gone home.

He then made his way to her villa.

Yang Chen was about to knock on the door when he realized that the door was open. Jane must have opened it for him before he arrived.

He wasn't worried if someone would rob Jane. She was a princess. She had learned self-defense as a child and was fairly competent at it. Plus, she was close friends with Sauron. While she was no prodigy in the field, she was at least on par if not better than most elite soldiers.

The floor was covered with a Persian rug and a huge chandelier hung above his head. One sniff and his nose were filled with a lavender scent. Jane might be a committed scientist but she knew how to live a luxurious life.

The only weird thing was that the living room was empty.

Just when Yang Chen was wondering where Jane was, he heard a series of noises coming from the room to his right!

Chapter 904 - The Princess' Craft

### **The Princess' Craft**

Yang Chen's heart dropped. Did something happen to Jane?

With a flash, he appeared before her!

And what he saw had left him in a daze. He didn't know if he should have laughed or cried.

There were stacks of books sprawled out all across the floor next to oddly shaped equipment.

In the middle of it, was Jane in a white nightgown, surrounded by three wooden shelves and a tall chair.

Jane must have tripped over the shelves by accident and pulled everything down with it!

He was more surprised to see Jane wearing a pair of black-framed glasses. She looked more like an ordinary homegirl than a highly regarded princess.

But she was still stunning nonetheless.

Yang Chen tried to stifle his laughter and Jane looked at him in exasperation.

“Stop laughing and help me rearrange the books,” Jane said helplessly.

“Why did you even mess it up in the first place?” Yang Chen teased her.

Jane was annoyed but replied, “I didn’t. I was just going through some books when I heard you enter. I wanted to greet you but I tripped over some books. Then I pulled the shelves for support but I forgot that they ain’t as stable as the ones back home...”

Yang Chen laughed out loud. “So you can be this embarrassing too. It looks like even the genius scientist isn’t perfect.”

Jane looked at him playfully. “Well, my mistake must pale in comparison to what you have done since you’re here looking for my help.”

Yang Chen coughed at her rebuttal and squatted down to help her.

Jane smirked when she saw that she won.

“Why do you still need so many books now that technology is so advanced? These are quite heavy,” Yang Chen asked.

Jane replied, “These are the results of my research. It comprises most of the formulas and blueprints. What we have now isn’t accurate enough to quantify my data. I could create a better system but before that happens, I’ll have to stick to the old pen and paper. But don’t look down on these books. I created them to be fire and waterproof. Plus, this paper can maintain its structural integrity for over two centuries.”

It was Yang Chen’s first time hearing of this. There was a lot more than meets the eye with this princess turned scientist.

There were also several units of machinery that Yang Chen did not know of.

So he asked out of curiosity, “What are these? How come I’ve never seen them before?”

Jane placed a black ball onto a shelf. Her eyes sparkled with excitement. “Of course you’ve never seen them, these are my babies!”

“Babies?” Yang Chen quickly asked.

“These are my most recent inventions. It has never been released to the public as of late. You are the only one who has seen them to date!”

Jane bounced up and down like a little girl. She was always this excited when it came to her work.

Yang Chen giggled and looked towards the floor and saw a pair of pink headphones with crystals on them. It didn’t look like much.

“Did you invent these headphones too? It doesn’t look all that special to me.”

Jane smiled mysteriously. “Put them on.”

Yang Chen shrugged and wore it. “Alright, now what?”

Jane bit her lip and contemplated for a while before speaking in Kikongo. “These headphones have an awesome feature.”

Yang Chen was curious as to why she had switched over to Kikongo. But, he understood her perfectly well.

To his surprise, he heard a voice coming out of the headphones. It was translating her words into English!

Yang Chen took the headphones off and asked in utter amazement, “Is it a real-time translation device?!”

Jane nodded her head proudly. “That’s right. It can accurately translate over a hundred different languages and output different languages based on the chip installed. Isn’t it awesome?”

Yang Chen nodded his head vigorously. It was a major breakthrough, considering the fact that even a normal real-time translation device had not yet been created. The ones available now were limited in functionality and extremely bulky. Plus, those devices required manual input, not voice prompts.

“This would break the language barrier all across the world. Why haven’t you mass-produced it?”

Jane shook her head and smiled. “I invented them two years ago. I thought about it but ultimately kept it for myself.”

“Hmm? Why?” Yang Chen couldn’t understand why she wouldn’t share such an amazing device.

Jane sighed. “The cost to produce these headphones are similar to that of a smartphone. This means that at its launch, fifty percent of people in the world will be able to afford it. However, you have to note that there are millions of people in this world who rely on translating languages as their job. If this product were to become a reality, millions of people would lose their jobs. Millions would suffer because of a product that was supposed to be ‘beneficial’. Plus, learning a new language involves learning more about the culture in question. I would rather have people learn it that way instead of ‘cheating’.”

Yang Chen was surprised to hear that. He didn’t know that she had already thought it through.

She placed the headphones back on the shelf and introduced her other inventions to Yang Chen.

In other words, these weird but powerful inventions were made by a girl who was not even in her twenties. She made it for fun when she was free and to her, these were mere hobbies.

Slowly, Yang Chen’s impression of her had started to change and he looked at Jane with a complex gaze.

Jane couldn’t help but ask when she was almost done with introducing her inventions. “Yang Chen, why are you looking at me like that? Do you think they are boring? In that case, I’ll stop talking. I made them when I was bored and I couldn’t help but share it since I haven’t really had the chance to do it.”

Yang Chen shook his head and sighed. "I was just thinking. I realized that I don't know you as well as I thought. I have a newfound respect for you..."

"I really thought that you would call me a crazy woman..." Jane stuck her tongue out sheepishly and blushed.

Yang Chen muttered, "Crazy woman... How are you considered crazy?"

Jane saw his expression and asked, "Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Didn't you have something to talk about? I totally got distracted by my inventions. You wanna tell me now?"

Yang Chen smiled. "It's nice to hear you rant about your inventions. I get to distract myself for a while and feel better."

"You still have to tell me." Jane pushed her glasses up and looked at him expectantly. "A girl craves gossip, even more so when it is about the man they like."

#### Chapter 905 Overflowing Maternal Love

The streets of East of Zhonghai were bustling with life. Music filled the air, attracting customers into the various shops which flanked the streets.

Couples walked along the streets hand in hand as they whispered sweet nothings to one another.

Among the crowd was a lady in a purple dress who was sitting quietly on a bench.

Her face was covered by a pair of sunglasses but her beauty was undeniable. Her slender white neck and proportionate body figure caught the attention of many passersby.

Some men tried to approach her but she gave no response no matter what they did.

This woman was Lin Ruoxi.

She was at a loss when it came to dealing with her new negative emotions. Her heart quaked in pain and anger as she wiped the tears from her eyes. After driving away from the hospital, she exited the highway and did not know where she was headed to.

She didn't want to go home. She did not want her family to see her like this!

Lin Ruoxi wanted to erase all the negative emotions from her mind. The best thing she could think of was drowning the noise in her head with the noise from the streets.

The silence was really getting to her.

Normally, she would prefer not to be in such crowded areas as her exceptional looks would attract a lot of unwanted attention.

Men would hit on her and women would glare at her with jealousy.

She would feel bad about it. She was born with her looks. It wasn't her choice.

But as she grew up, she realized that it didn't matter.

So because of that, she preferred to live her life in the shadows. Other than going to bookshops to read books, she only went to malls and buildings that belonged to her.

She never appeared in crowded places, but today was an exception.

To avoid being bothered by people and have them stare at her swollen eyes, she decided to wear sunglasses.

But she did not take into account the fact that it was night time and sunglasses would only attract more attention.

Lin Ruoxi let out a breath in frustration.

Why was she still so caught up about what had happened in the hospital earlier when there was so much noise surrounding her?

Why did that man keep appearing in her mind?!

Was she destined to forever be bullied by him? Would it stay that way for the rest of her life?

It couldn't be. There must be a way to forget about him. She couldn't live inside his lies forever, no matter how much she loved him!

Just as she began to convince herself and curse Yang Chen in the process, a small silhouette appeared in front of her.

It was a little girl dressed in a blue Garfield t-shirt and white cotton shorts. She had her hair tied up into a ponytail which made her look extra chubby and adorable.

People started to stare even more at both of them.

She cocked her head and stared at Lin Ruoxi closely with jewel-like eyes.

Seconds later, she giggled gleefully. "The sister who looks like my mom! Lanlan recognized you!"

Lin Ruoxi was surprised. She thought the voice was quite familiar. She lifted her head and was surprised at first, but her lips curled into a bright smile.

"It's you, little girl."

Lin Ruoxi scooted over and gestured for her to sit down.

"Come, sit down next to me."

Although she had witnessed Lanlan's frightening abilities, she was not afraid of her.

Perhaps she had gotten too used to watching Yang Chen kill people.

Lanlan nodded and sat down. "Sister, why are you wearing sunglasses? Lanlan almost wasn't able to recognize you. I wouldn't have known it was you if it wasn't for your shape!" Lanlan asked curiously.

Shape? Did she mean my figure? Lin Ruoxi thought.

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help but smile. Lanlan might act mature, but she was still a little girl. Forming proper coherent sentences was probably not her forte.

Lin Ruoxi took off her sunglasses. After placing it back in her bag, she took another good long look at Lanlan.

Lanlan was much more cheerful as compared to their last meeting. Her arms were so round that she felt like biting on them.

Well, not in a disgusting way. To Lin Ruoxi, they resembled big fluffy marshmallows.

"Your name is Lanlan right?" Lin Ruoxi stroked her hair and asked.

Lanlan pouted. "Sister is so dumb. I just mentioned my name!"

Lin Ruoxi rolled her eyes.

It seemed like talking to her normally was not going to work.

"Are you alone? Oh ya, where's your grandfather?" Lin Ruoxi was starting to get concerned as Lanlan had a record of running away from home.

Lanlan sounded slightly upset. "Grandpa went somewhere far to take care of something. He said I couldn't tag along so I have to stay at home with my nanny."

Lin Ruoxi felt bad for her, knowing that her parents weren't around. "Then where's your nanny?"

Lanlan pointed at the McDonald's across the street. "She's buying me McDonald's. We came out to play and we haven't eaten dinner yet!"

"McDonald's?" Lin Ruoxi frowned.

Around this time, a woman walked out of the fast-food store, holding two bags of food and two cups of drinks. She looked around frantically before sighing after noticing Lanlan on the bench.

She ran towards the bench and nagged her. "My lady, you scared me. Why did you leave without telling me?! Mister would've killed me with a slap if I lost you!"

It was obvious that she cared for Lanlan, but hearing the phrase 'kill me with a slap' was still an odd one.

Lanlan stuck out her tongue and chuckled. She jumped off the bench and said, "Nanny, this the sister I was talking about! Isn't she pretty?"

The nanny didn't realize someone else was here. She was surprised to see Lin Ruoxi.

"Ah... so you are the one Lanlan has been talking about. Lanlan kept telling she met someone who looked like her mom. Turns out she wasn't kidding, you two look very alike!" the nanny said in wonder.

Lin Ruoxi blushed. She was happy to hear that for some unknown reason. Was it because of her overflowing maternal love for children?

Now that the nanny had mentioned it, Lin Ruoxi took another close look at Lanlan. She then noticed that Lanlan shared many similarities to herself when she was that age. Was their meeting fated to be?

## Chapter 906 - Never Say

### Never Say

The nanny was actually just playing along. Lanlan might be cute and chubby but there was no real way to tell if they were alike.

Lanlan thought Lin Ruoxi looked like her mom and Lin Ruoxi was fond of Lanlan.

The nanny squatted down and smiled at Lanlan. "Lanlan, I bought some hamburgers and fries. Do you want to eat outside or inside?"

Lin Ruoxi cut her off before Lanlan could decide. "Don't eat this."

Both the nanny and Lanlan were startled. Why shouldn't they eat their meal?

Lin Ruoxi frowned. "Aunty, may I know your name?"

The nanny was surprised at her question but replied regardless.

"My... my name is Shao Minjuan. You may call me Minjuan."

Lin Ruoxi nodded. "My name is Lin Ruoxi and you can call me Ruoxi. Minjuan, I think it would be best for you to stop feeding her junk food. It would be bad for her in the future. Eating all this would only make her gain more weight. There are many children who overeat while they were young and suffer for it in the future."

Minjuan was shocked to hear that. She did not consider that possibility. She was hired to cater to Lanlan so she just bought her whatever she wanted. "Miss Lin, Lanlan wanted this. I couldn't reject her.."

Lin Ruoxi sighed and looked at Lanlan.

Lanlan had her eyes wide open as if she was deep in thought.

"You're an adult. How could you just listen to the words of a kid? Eating it once in a while is fine, but you bought enough to feed a whole family. There have to be four portions of food in there. Don't do this anymore, if this continues, something will go wrong," Lin Ruoxi told Minjuan.

Minjuan smiled awkwardly. "Lanlan... has a big appetite. Any less and she wouldn't be full. This is already considered rather little. Master said I shouldn't let her eat any more than this."

Lin Ruoxi was dumbfounded, how much could this little girl eat?

Lanlan tugged on her skirt and pouted. "Sister, I won't eat McDonald's anymore. Don't be angry..."

Lin Ruoxi smiled. "I'm not angry. Lanlan be good and don't eat this anymore, alright? How about following me for some noodles? I haven't eaten my dinner as well."

Lanlan beamed and nodded her head. "Okay!"

Minjuan watched them as they walked away hand-in-hand. They really did look like mother and daughter.



Meanwhile, on the other side of Zhonghai, the atmosphere was a little different in Jane's villa.

Yang Chen sat on the lawn by the door. He had a blank stare and was gazing into the night sky.

A pale hand held out a can of beer for him.

"Thanks."

Yang Chen took the beer from Jane.

She walked next to him and sat down with her own can of beer in hand.

"You still drink beer? Aren't you afraid of getting a beer belly?"

Yang Chen took a sip and was immediately refreshed.

Jane chuckled. Her hair swayed in the breeze, making her look more attractive under the moonlight.

"I don't drink it every day. I'm only drinking this because whiskey or wine might not suit the occasion."

Yang Chen nodded and sighed. "I knew coming to you was the right choice. I haven't even opened up yet you already know what kind of drink I want."

Jane looked over and asked, "Care to let me know now?"

Yang Chen hummed and smiled bitterly. He nodded and confessed everything that had happened today, including what had happened between him and Xiao Zhiqing in L.A.

Jane listened to him very intently. Her face was stoic for the most part and she kept her opinions to herself until the end.

"Jane, I really despise myself so much now. Is my brain turning to mush? She's just a lady slightly prettier and sexier than the rest. It's not like I have no woman. Why couldn't I control myself?" Yang Chen asked in frustration.

Jane snorted. "I'd rather you can't control yourself. I've been wondering why you never touch me. Is Xiao Zhiqing prettier than me?"

Yang Chen looked at her in surprise and smiled bitterly. "Why are you still teasing me? I've told you before, you're different."

"There's your answer. The truth is, you didn't want to control yourself when it came to Xiao Zhiqing," Jane said.

Yang Chen was confused. "What do you mean by that?"

Jane elaborated, "I don't know about other men. But I do know you and your self-control. In the past, you might not have been able to control yourself due to the divine light clouding your judgment. But even then you were picky. There's only one explanation as to why you did it with her and not me. You didn't see her as someone important. Someone whom you should treat with care. Much like the time you were in Zero, did you care for any of the women assassins fighting for survival?"

Yang Chen was puzzled for a second and he shook his head stiffly. "They weren't women, they were my enemies."

"That's right." Jane smiled. "Before you treated Xiao Zhiqing as a true woman, she was just a toy whom you could discard of. You had no feelings for her so you just let go and let your instincts take over. What happened afterward was probably because of your carelessness or because she was smarter than you thought. Technically, what you did to Miss Lin was physical infidelity, not emotional infidelity."

Yang Chen listened to her numbly and smiled bitterly. "Only you can come up with this explanation. Ruoxi would never think of it like that. But the fact still remains that I hurt her."

Jane pursed her lips. "Of course you cannot explain it to her like that. In the past, sure. But not now."

"Why not?"

"Because," Jane smiled mischievously, "I can tell that your feelings for Xiao Zhiqing are quite complicated. I don't know what caused you to change but you no longer treat her as a toy. If you did, you would have killed her for provoking you."

Yang Chen felt exposed under her gaze.

"So basically... I'm trash." Yang Chen belittled himself.

Jane shrugged. "Not everyone would see it the same way. I myself would prefer for you to be worse so you might accept me. Marriage and remaining loyal are for the sheeple of society. Women always fall for you because of your strength. Look at Sauron and Makedon, those pedophiles have more lovers than you. You're still considered loyal to me."

"Is this how you see me?" Yang Chen didn't know if he should laugh or cry. It was his first time hearing what she thought of him.

Jane smiled brightly. "Do you think I'm the only one who thinks that way? I bet your other lovers, Miss Mo, Miss Rose, and Miss Anxin share similar thoughts to me. Of course, I'm not saying they only love your power, but you can't deny the fact that nothing would have happened if you were just an ordinary worker at Yu Lei."

Yang Chen let out a breath he was holding in. "Is this your way of cleansing me of my sins?"

"Hmm, of course not." Jane shook her head. "I'm just letting you know how I view it. Miss Lin Ruoxi might not share the same sentiment."

Yang Chen frowned. "How so?"

Jane sighed. "Because she has a different identity. She is your wife. In other words, your lover took away her right to have a perfect lover and marriage. You're not a perfect husband but she's a perfect wife. That's why only she gets hurt. But she can't bear to lose you so she's holding in her temper. You're very cruel to her. I like you as a man but what you are doing to her is cruel."

Yang Chen's face fell. "Sigh, I feel so too. That's why I'm disgusted with myself."

“Then dear Mister Disgusting, do you know which three words a man should never say to his wife?” Jane winked.

Yang Chen shook his head helplessly.

“Which three words?”

“I. Am. Sorry.”

### **Chapter 907: One Word**

Yang Chen felt that he and Lin Ruoxi were both very unlucky to have met each other because most of the time, he was always apologizing to Lin Ruoxi!

“Why didn’t you tell me earlier?” Yang Chen looked at Jane in exasperation.

Jane took a sip of her beer and scrunched her nose in response to the unpleasant taste.

“Why should I? Honestly, I think that the reason you refused to accept me is because of Miss Lin. I might be a genius but I am human. And my human side tells me that your divorce would greatly benefit me.”

Yang Chen almost tripped, amazed at her bluntness.

“Can’t you just help me? I’m still planning to hold a wedding with Ruoxi next month once the weather cools down.”

“Can’t you just get a divorce?” Jane pursed her lips.

“Stop bullshitting with me!” Yang Chen raised his voice subconsciously. “I’ll never divorce her unless Lin Ruoxi herself asks for it! We’ve been through so much together from the quarreling to the cold wars! I’ll never agree to divorce her just because of a woman who appeared out of nowhere! If I didn’t love her, I wouldn’t have lived with her till now!”

“But that’s not what she thinks. Love is like a spring. Hurting her is like pulling on the spring. Sooner or later, it would lose its original form and never be the same again.”

Yang Chen ruffled his hair. “Then I’ll just push it back into its original form!”

Jane was speechless at his reply. She chuckled and said, “This is my first time seeing you so agitated.”

“It looks like you really love her. I guess there’s no hope for me then.’

Yang Chen realized he might have been too harsh on her. “I’m not mad at you. It’s just the self-realization of how much I suck getting to me.”

“It’s fine, I understand.”

“Then... what can I do to save this?” Yang Chen croaked out.

Jane contemplated for a while and replied, “You’re asking me, someone who’s never dated before, to give advice to a married man like you? I can only think of one thing now. But it’s pretty dumb.”

“It doesn’t matter if it’s dumb or smart, as long as it works!”

Jane lifted a finger.

“What?” Yang Chen was confused.

“One word.”

“Yeah?”

“Wait.”

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In a noodle restaurant located at the shopping district, Lin Ruoxi, Lanlan, and Minjuan sat at a small table by the corner.

The air was filled with the smell of delicious noodle broth.

There wasn't much of a crowd since dinner time had passed.

Lin Ruoxi sat on a chair, facing Lanlan and her nanny with an odd expression on her face.

To be more accurate, it was more shock and awe.

Minjuan felt embarrassed and smiled at Lin Ruoxi apologetically.

Lanlan was blissfully unaware as she continued to slurp up her noodles.

It was hard for her to sit down while eating noodles since she was too small.

So she had to stand on a chair with a big bowl of noodles in her arms as she ate.

It would've been hard for any ordinary child to hold a bowl that was more than twenty centimeters wide, but it was no big deal for Lanlan.

What shocked Lin Ruoxi was the fact that there were already three empty bowls in front of Lanlan as she ate out of the fourth one.

“Ahhh!” Lanlan exhaled satisfyingly.

Lanlan leaned back to finish the soup before stacking it on top of the others.

She placed down her chopsticks and grabbed her handkerchief from Minjuan to wipe her mouth.

Right after that, she burped and rubbed her belly. “I'm full!”

Lin Ruoxi snapped back to reality and looked down at her own bowl. There was still half of it left.

Everything felt so surreal! She was already full from half a bowl and the kid in front of her finished four large bowls of noodles!

If Minjuan hadn't asked for an extra serving, the chef might not have been able to make enough in time!

Even though she knew Lanlan was no ordinary child, this was beyond her wildest imagination!

How did the noodles even physically fit in her belly?

“Sister, don’t leave leftovers! Grandpa said we can’t waste food!” Lanlan nagged her when she saw that Lin Ruoxi wasn’t eating her food.

Lin Ruoxi couldn’t help but blush. She was already full but couldn’t stop lest she get looked down on by a kid. Having no choice, she tried her best to stuff the noodles into her mouth.

Minjuan carried Lanlan onto her lap. “Miss Lin, I’m sorry that you have to witness this. Lanlan has always had this appetite. I was surprised at first too, but then I got used to it.”

Lin Ruoxi smiled forcefully. “Minjuan, is Lanlan’s grandpa her only relative?”

She had been wanting to ask this for a long time but it felt weird to ask Lanlan.

Minjuan sighed. “I... I’m not very sure myself.”

Lin Ruoxi felt slightly dejected for asking. “I’m sorry for asking this.”

Minjuan shook her head. “It’s not that, Miss Lin. I myself am not too sure of her past. Master has never brought it up before.”

“Lanlan has a mom and dad! Grandpa said my dad is in Zhonghai and he’ll bring me to meet him soon.” Lanlan interrupted them.

Lin Ruoxi was startled. “In Zhonghai?”

“Yes!” Lanlan nodded. “But Grandpa said Daddy is very busy and we can only meet him some time later.”

Lin Ruoxi thought to herself, how could a father be too busy for his own daughter?

She looked at Minjuan in confusion.

“Miss Lin, I’ll be honest. I don’t know very much. When I first met Lanlan, she was brought to my village to find a nanny. My husband died very early and we didn’t have any kids. My in-laws weren’t good to me and thought I was a burden. I was saved from the abuse from my mother-in-law and given this job to feed myself. It’s been almost a year since I started this job. Lanlan’s past was just one of the things that we did not discuss and I did not dare to bring it up. Lanlan said her mom told her that she will come back to find her but I don’t know how much of that is true. Sometimes I wonder to myself too. What kind of parents can be so cruel that they would abandon a cute daughter like Lanlan?”

Lin Ruoxi’s eyes reddened as she looked at Lanlan pitifully.

Lanlan had already jumped down from the chair and was leaning against the window, looking down at the crowd.

Lin Ruoxi wiped her tears and asked, “Minjuan, how old is Lanlan? She should be about four years old now right?”

Her question startled Minjuan and her expression changed abruptly. Seconds later, she recovered and smiled stiffly. “Miss Lin, one may assume that.”

“Hmm? What do you mean by ‘assume’?” Lin Ruoxi frowned. “Is she three years old then? It doesn’t matter. She has a good appetite, so it’s no wonder she’s bigger than the other kids.”

Minjuan smiled and nodded her head in agreement.

Lin Ruoxi could tell that something felt wrong but she didn’t want to pry. “Will Lanlan be staying in Zhonghai permanently? If so, I can help you guys look for a good kindergarten, because it isn’t easy to enroll kids nowadays. I have invested in several kindergartens. They would be more than willing to take her in.”

Chapter 908

Mama

Hearing that, Minjuan’s expression turned bitter. “Honestly, I’m not sure if Master plans to stay in Zhonghai any longer. We’ve traveled through the whole of China in half a year and I’ve been asking him about settling down so that Lanlan could get into a good kindergarten. He mentioned that he would arrange matters appropriately. After that, I didn’t press on.”

“Not having a stable environment to grow up in might harm her mental development. She’s just a child. Is it alright if I talk to her grandfather when he comes back?” Lin Ruoxi asked.

Minjuan was surprised. She then asked a question which she probably should have asked a lot earlier. “Miss Lin, pardon me for my straightforwardness but why do you care so much about Lanlan? I remember Lanlan telling me that you chased and rescued her from some human traffickers.”

Lin Ruoxi wasn’t expecting that. She then questioned herself. Why do I care so much? she thought.

It felt as if it was her duty.

The feeling put Lin Ruoxi a little on edge, pumping a bit of fear into her.

“Maybe... our fates are intertwined.” She let out a meek smile.

Minjuan was starting to become suspicious but let out a sigh of relief. “Take this with a grain of salt but if you were Lanlan’s mother, she would be the happiest child in the world...”

Ba-dump! Ba-dump!

Lin Ruoxi’s heart hammered against her chest.

The impact was so violent that she felt that it nearly jumped out of her chest!

She couldn’t help but let out a low groan, clenching her chest as she turned pale.

“Miss Lin?!”

Minjuan screamed for help for she did not know what was going on.

Lin Ruoxi felt her heart palpitations intensify. The throbbing in her head became too much for her to bear!

Countless images flashed before her eyes. They were blurry but somehow still recognizable.

She couldn't tell what happened in each of them but she felt every single one of them!

"Elder Sister! What's wrong?!"

Lanlan noticed that something was wrong with Lin Ruoxi. She quickly hugged her waist and pressed her cheeks against her abdomen.

When their eyes met, an odd flash gleamed Lin Ruoxi's dark eyes, filling her with complicated feelings.

A diamond-like ray shot out of her eyes, reflecting off different colors as it hits Lanlan's face!

Gazing at Lanlan's innocent face, her heart palpitations, headaches and tension eased miraculously.

"Lan—Lanlan..." mumbled Lin Ruoxi in a daze.

As Ruoxi calmed down, Lanlan became increasingly moved.

"Mama... Mama..."

That brought the woman back to reality.

But Lanlan had no plans to stop. She kept repeating herself over and over again.

"Mama... Mama... Elder Sister, you are my mama."

The nanny was shocked. She quickly stepped in and attempted to correct her. "Lanlan, don't do that. Miss Lin is not your mama. You need to call her Elder Sister."

Lanlan vehemently denied. "No! Elder Sister is my mama! I recognize Mama!"

Lin Ruoxi was confused. She wasn't sure why her head was overflowing with memories that weren't hers and why she couldn't recall any of them properly. The only thing she had remembered was that her heart pounded painfully twice.

Glancing down at the child who desperately insisted that she was her mother, her heart clenched tightly. It was painful.

Seemingly by reflex, she bent down to hold Lanlan's face gently between her palms. "You can call me Mama if you want to. I'll be your mama from now on, alright?"

It was Minjuan's turn to look surprised.

She couldn't, for the life of her, fathom why Lin Ruoxi would accept Lanlan just like that. How could she just allow Lanlan to call her mother without any reason?!

The indication behind that was severe. It was bound to attract misunderstandings. It'd be a possible threat to Lin Ruoxi's reputation!

But Lin Ruoxi showed no signs of regret.

Seeing Lanlan wrap her chubby little arms around her neck, then calling her 'mama' in that sweet innocent voice of hers filled the elder woman with delight.

Lin Ruoxi took a big sniff of the child's light milky scent and was comforted for a second before having some thoughts. If Lanlan's parents were not around anymore, would that permit her to adopt her? How would she explain this to Yang Chen?

Could her man accept a stranger's child as their own when she had not birthed a child or two for their own family? Lin Ruoxi felt her heart sink as she thought about the incoming storm.

Well, why would that matter? Anything she had decided is none of his concern. The man had no position to comment on this for Lanlan was now her daughter and no one else's!

Deciding not to dwell on her thoughts at the moment, Lin Ruoxi broke into a genuine smile.

"Mama, I knew you would come back for me."

Lin Ruoxi was saddened, but she quickly nodded. "Yeah, Mama will never leave you again. I'll always be here for you."

"Promise?"

"Promise," answered Lin Ruoxi firmly.

Lanlan's lips were pressed into a tight line. She was holding back her tears. And without warning, she placed a firm kiss on Lin Ruoxi's cheek. With that, the new mother-daughter pair gazed at each other deeply, as if enjoying their touching reunion after centuries.

"Lanlan, let me bring you to the mall. You should exercise more after eating so much." Lin Ruoxi was already in-character.

Lanlan nodded but went silent for a bit before requesting. "Mama, I want a giant panda!"

"A giant panda?" Lin Ruoxi was puzzled.

Minjuan, who was still confused about the whole ordeal, spoke up through her daze. "Lanlan was intrigued by a giant panda plushie and begged Master to buy it for her. However, the stuffed animal was imported from Germany and was ridiculously huge. It was the only one of its kind in Zhonghai and cost fifty thousand! That's why Master was reluctant to get it for her. Miss Lin, please don't take this to heart, Lanlan is still a child."

Lin Ruoxi beamed at that. "That's alright! I'll get it for you!"

The little girl cheered, giggling as she snuggled into the crook of Lin Ruoxi's neck.

Minjuan was left without words. Was it her? Or was it the world that had gone crazy?

Helplessly, Minjuan started praying for her Master's return. This situation was spiraling out of control. If this continued, who knows what might happen?

After Lin Ruoxi settled the bill, she took Lanlan's hand in hers and exited the premise. The panda bear Lanlan wanted was in another shopping complex quite a distance away from here. Unsure of what to do, Minjuan tagged along. She was tasked to look after Lanlan after all.



Lanlan's safety was the least of Minjuan's concern. Minjuan was the one who would require her protection.

It wasn't long until the three were in the empty car park basement that Lanlan noticed something. As Lin Ruoxi unlocked the car for the girl to enter, she noticed Lanlan staring at a thick water pipe not far from them with a tilted head.

"Lanlan, what's wrong?" she asked with concern.

Lanlan replied, "Mama, are the uncle and sister over there your friend?"

"Uncle and sister?" Lin Ruoxi looked around her in confusion. "Where are they?"

Lanlan seemed to understand something from her reaction, quickly transporting herself to the side of the water pipe that was twenty meters away in a second!

Lanlan pointed to the two Caucasians dressed in shorts and a singlet. She threatened the two in that childish voice of hers. "Speak! Why are you following Mama?! If you're bad guys, I'll kill you!"

The two were members of the Sea Eagles, tasked by Yang Chen to protect Lin Ruoxi.

Captain Molin did mention something about this scarily powerful child named Lanlan but the two weren't expecting her to be this intimidating!

Before they knew it, Lanlan had exposed them. It happened so fast that they barely had the time to respond!

Chapter 909

Graceless

The two fell silent. "Hmph, it looks like you are bad people! Grandpa isn't here today so you're going to die!" screamed Lanlan.

The child raised her hand, ready to kill them. Lin Ruoxi, who thankfully snapped her out of her daze, stopped her. "Lanlan! Stop!"

The Sea Eagles let out a breath of relief. If it wasn't for her, based on the little girl's speed, they might have really been killed!

They felt really unfair, being mere mortals.

Lin Ruoxi approached the two slowly, ushering Lanlan to her side. The girl wrapped her arms around her thigh and peeked from behind.

She gently caressed Lanlan's soft hair as she reprimanded the Sea Eagles sternly. "I don't need your protection! Go back and tell him that I don't ever want to see him again! Just leave me alone already!"

The Sea Eagles widened their eyes in surprise.

"Madam! You shouldn't say that! His Majesty Pluto never wished for that to happen!"

"Yeah, if something had happened to you, His Majesty Pluto would not spare us!"

Lin Ruoxi's brows furrowed. "If it wasn't for me, you'd be dead."

The male member gritted his teeth. "Madam, death will not deter us from fulfilling our responsibility!"

Their stubbornness made Lanlan angry. She started to whine. "If Mama tells you to go you must go! If you don't go now, the shopping mall will close and I won't get my giant panda! And if I don't get my panda, I will kill you both!"

To an adult, it was completely unreasonable. To a child, it was completely justifiable.

Lin Ruoxi was taken aback by Lanlan's mindset.

It looks like she would have to fix her daughter's mindset on life, lest she grow up like a certain someone!

At that very moment, Lin Ruoxi felt a wave of Deja Vu. Maybe Yang Chen and Lanlan were more alike than she thought. It seemed to her that they were more family than herself!

They were similar. They both had big appetites, didn't value lives, and shared a crooked morality. Even their temper was the same!

He would definitely warm up to her very quickly, wouldn't he?

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help but daydream about all the possibilities, forgetting that she had just loudly exclaimed about not wanting to see him again.

The female Sea Eagles member frowned. She pulled on her partner's clothes and muttered to him in Italian, "We should go. Madam would be fine with Lanlan here. The child is obviously more powerful than both of us combined."

"But..."

"We'll head back and report to Captain Molin. From there, we will await further orders," she continued.

Her partner agreed with a slight nod and soon, they both quickly sprinted out from the basement parking.

Lanlan giggled. She gleefully squealed, "Mama, they're gone! Let's go buy my giant panda!"

Lin Ruoxi let out a little laugh, rubbing her daughter's nose teasingly. "My, my, impatient are we? Hop on, let's go!"

Minjuan, who was standing in the background, was rendered completely speechless. After all that, she was only able to let out a weak smile.

Five minutes later, Yang Chen, who had been drinking beer alongside Jane on a grass patch, had received word from Molin.

After hearing what had gone on, Yang Chen pondered for a bit. "Is it possible to run a background check on Lanlan?"

"Uh... I'm terribly sorry, Your Majesty Pluto. We couldn't find anything on her nor her grandfather. The nanny, Minjuan, has been confirmed to be nothing more than an ordinary civilian."

Yang Chen stared up into the sky in deep thought.

Truthfully, he had already met the child once. After the whole human trafficking episode, his interest in the child had sky-rocketed but he never felt the need to investigate her. She was not his enemy after all.

But everything was different now. This child was calling Lin Ruoxi 'Mama'!

Lin Ruoxi was very fond of children. But letting one call her mother brought this to a whole other level! That would mean Ruoxi really really adored the child!

Knowing her, Lin Ruoxi wouldn't simply allow a child to call her mother. The woman had a conservative family mindset and she wouldn't go as far as to anger him.

From what President Cha from the orphanage told him, Lanlan had lost her parents and was no older than ten years of age. Hence, that could only mean one thing. Lin Ruoxi wanted to adopt the girl!

Yang Chen wasn't against the idea of adoption. In fact, he found Lanlan adorable. He had an exceptional physique but that was also the reason for his inability to impregnate women.

Adopting Lanlan would be perfect as Guo Xuehua desperately wanted a grandchild!

But the only thing holding him back now was the lack of information on Lanlan's background. They were talking about a child who could kill an elite mercenary without batting an eye.

Yang Chen felt the urge to meet Lanlan even if his presence was unwelcomed by Lin Ruoxi. This involved her safety and there was no way Yang Chen would let this slip.

He ended the call.

He then got up and stretched a bit before dusting off some grass.

"You're leaving?" asked Jane from the side.

Yang Chen nodded with a helpless smile. "Yeah. Thanks to you, I feel much better now."

"What are your plans now?"

"Well, you told me to wait it out so I will. I've done everything I could for her. I can't neglect my other lovers so the only thing I can do now is to just do my best." Yang Chen sighed.

"Here, take this." Jane passed him her half-empty beer can.

"What for?"

"A princess is not allowed to drink beer. It's graceless."

Yang Chen didn't know if it was more appropriate to laugh or to cry. "And yet, it is half-finished."

Jane replied, "Yeah, I was just keeping you company. I have no use for it once you are gone."

Yang Chen was speechless at her nonchalant reply. He quickly replied, "Maybe... if I hadn't married her, I would've fallen in love with you too."

Jane shuddered a little. "Nah, being Jane suits me more than being Lin Ruoxi."

“Understandable,” agreed Yang Chen with a small nod. He waved her farewell then walked away.

As Yang Chen started his car and began to pull away, Jane remained seated on the grass. A smile pulled at her lips as she gazed up into the dark night sky.

She mumbled, “Idiot, I wasn’t done talking. If I had the chance to be your lover, it would be way better than just being Jane...”

Half an hour later, Minjuan found herself in a fifty-story mega shopping complex located in the West District of Zhonghai.

It was where the upper class of society shopped. The mall was filled to the brim with luxury brands from all around the globe, only selling authentic goods at ridiculous prices.

Germany’s most renowned toy manufacturer, Steve, also had their shop there. The company had a century-old history and the last time they celebrated their anniversary, they made golden teddy bears that were sold at a whopping seven hundred thousand yuan.

Soon, the mother-daughter pair made their way into the mall.

Numerous promoters quickly made their way over to serve their customers. They clearly weren’t expecting such a high profile customer this late at night.

Lanlan’s cheeks were red due to the overwhelming happiness of getting her dream toy! The little girl squealed in utmost delight.

The giant panda was displayed proudly in that shop. It stood over one hundred and fifty centimeters tall as it was modeled after a real panda. It was covered in dense fur made from natural materials, embellished with a pair of sapphire as its eyes.

Priced at fifty-thousand yuan, the panda was not a big deal to the rich but spending that much on a stuffed animal was almost unheard of!

The size of the panda was ridiculously big next to Lanlan’s tiny frame. But she was able to lift it with no issue, something no ordinary child her age could accomplish.

Minjuan tailed the girl who was nuzzling and kissing her panda non-stop. Ordinarily, this sight would have brought a smile to her face, but...

Fifty-thousand dollars?!

It had been years since Minjuan had left her village to work for her master and look after Lanlan. Though her salary and allowance were more than that, fifty thousand was still a lot of money.

Back home, that amount would have been enough to start a family!

But here, Lin Ruoxi had used that same amount to buy a plush toy for a child she had self-proclaimed adopted on a whim!

Were the filthy rich in Zhonghai really that rich? Or were they just plain stupid? Minjuan secretly pondered and took care not to make a face.

Lin Ruoxi's heart hummed in happiness as she watched her daughter nuzzle her new toy. No amount of money could make up for the scene before her.

"Since you like pandas so much, I'll bring you somewhere to see them next time," suggested Lin Ruoxi.

Lanlan's head emerged from beneath the bear's tummy. "Lanlan has seen many pandas before! But I don't see them in the city so I want a panda toy to sleep with Lanlan!"

"Really? Did you see them at the zoo?" questioned Lin Ruoxi.

Lanlan shook her head. "No. I saw them in the mountains."

Minjuan quickly stepped in to provide some context. "Miss Lin, when we were in the Chuan Province with Master, he would frequently bring Lanlan into the mountains to look at animals. Lanlan especially fancied the pandas in Wolong."

That perked Lin Ruoxi's curiosity towards Lanlan's grandfather. Who was that man? But more importantly, why did he bring Lanlan into the mountains to look at animals of all things?

Chapter 910

Human Weapon

"Lanlan, would you stay with mama from this day on?" Lin Ruoxi couldn't hide her nervousness but was extremely eager for an answer.

Thankfully, Lanlan did not hesitate to answer. "Of course! Lanlan wants to live with Mama from now on! It took me a long time to find you. I promise to never leave Mama again! "

"Really?"

"Yeah! I can't wait to tell Grandpa that I found mama when he gets back. Then Grandpa can bring me to Papa and we can all live together!" Lanlan beamed at the thought.

Lin Ruoxi furrowed her brows slightly. She had completely forgotten that Lanlan was here for her father. If her father was really here in Zhonghai, what should she do?

She really liked Lanlan but that didn't include her father in the picture.

For now, all she could do was wait for her grandfather to return and proceed.

All of a sudden, something clicked in the girl's mind. She hugged Lin Ruoxi's thigh once again with her panda in tow and asked, "Why isn't Mama together with Papa? Don't Papas and Mamas sleep together?"

Lin Ruoxi's face turned pink. How did she know that?

"I... don't know where Papa is..." Lin Ruoxi muttered in response.

Lanlan's eyes widened with confusion but left the question alone, opting to stare at her panda.

Exiting the complex, the three females took the lift to the parking basement. Yang Chen was already leaning against Lin Ruoxi's Bentley with a cigarette between his lips and his hands in his pockets.

He had been waiting for a while now.

When was the last time he smoked? In all honesty, Yang Chen couldn't recall. He felt that his smoking habits were harmful to the women at home so he refrained from doing so. It wasn't an addiction for him so he did not mind stopping.

However, the situation Yang Chen found himself in tonight had driven him to a small booth, prompting him to spend a measly two dollars on some low-quality cigarettes.

The overwhelming smell of smoke was familiar and helped clear his mind. Suddenly, all of his issues didn't feel too overwhelming anymore.

He dropped the butt onto the floor before giving it a good squash under his foot.

Feeling her icy glare, Yang Chen looked up to smile at his wife. Lin Ruoxi was livid to see him here.

"Oh, you're done so soon? I thought you'd take longer." Yang Chen shifted his gaze to the little girl beside her.

Lanlan was equally interested in the man standing in front of them. Her giant panda plush was practically encompassing her entire frame to the point where it was starting to become ridiculous.

Lin Ruoxi jeered at him. "Go away, I don't want to see you."

Yang Chen anticipated the reaction and kept a straight face. He decided to ignore her to step forward and crouch down to meet Lanlan's eye. He asked, "Lanlan, I am her husband and if you call her Mama, you'd have to call me Papa, don't you?"

Lanlan's eyes widened at his words. Bewildered, she looked to Lin Ruoxi. "Mama, is this uncle my papa?"

"No." The woman quickly denied it. "He's a bad guy, a man eviler than the two we saw before. Ignore him!"

She swiftly pulled Lanlan along to her car.

Minjuan just stood there in silence. Her experience indicated to her that they were indeed husband and wife.

However, she was very bothered by how Yang Chen chose to ignore the fact that Lin Ruoxi had adopted a child hours ago without anyone's consent. The man was even pestering Lanlan to call him papa!

Were they that desperate for a daughter?

"I don't care if you want to adopt a child or two but you really should've discussed with me first. Tantrums are tantrums but adoption is no joke. Matters like these have to be discussed!" Yang Chen reprimanded Lin Ruoxi and blocked her path with his body.

Lin Ruoxi saw red. "It's none of your business! Who said I couldn't decide on my own? I adopted the child and she is mine, not yours!"

"Are you insane? Or have you really finally snapped? Lanlan is no ordinary kid. Do you think she comes from an ordinary family?" argued Yang Chen. "How are you so sure that her grandfather would permit you to adopt her? How are you sure she doesn't have parents?"

“You...”

Biting back her words, Lin Ruoxi's eyes turned red.

Her heart was in pieces. Lanlan's smile had healed it a while ago but now this bastard decided to show up and anger her again!

Minjuan heaved a sigh of relief. At least Lin Ruoxi's husband was being sensible! He was absolutely right! You couldn't just adopt a child on a whim like that!

Yang Chen furrowed his brows. “I'm just telling you the truth! If Lanlan was just a normal girl, I wouldn't even care if you came home with a hundred of them. But that's not the case here. She is not normal and I need to ensure your safety.”

“Bad guy!”

Lanlan shrieked out of the blue. Her face was flushed with anger. “You made Mama cry! You are a very bad guy!”

The child was too young to understand their argument. However, Lin Ruoxi's tears were visible and that was bad news!

That was it! Lanlan had enough!

Yang Chen was surprised at her fury. He could feel the murderous intent spilling from her. Had Lin Ruoxi established such importance to her already?!

Lanlan pulled her panda away, holding it towards Lin Ruoxi. “Mama, hold this for me!”

Puzzled, she took the plush away from Lanlan.

“How dare you bully my mama?! I'm going to kill you!”

As soon as she uttered those words, she took a step forward and flew towards Yang Chen like a speeding bullet.

Yang Chen was shocked. This speed, this strength, this agility and this unmistakeable murderous intent.

All from a four-year-old girl?!

Just from her figure alone, Yang Chen could tell that even eight members from the Sea Eagles would not be able to withstand one attack from her.

If she was sent for intense training plus some further mentoring, this girl had the potential to become a lethal human weapon!

Though she was powerful, Lanlan was still no match for Yang Chen at the moment.

He gently raised his arms forward to catch Lanlan's little fist before immediately twirling her around to catch her in his arms.

The amount of pressure Lanlan exerted was enough to pulverize stones. But it wasn't strong enough to harm Yang Chen.

Lanlan struggled against him, unable to escape. The man was ridiculously strong!

“Wah!”

Lanlan burst into tears as she realized her efforts to break free was futile.

“Mama... he’s bullying me!”

Lin Ruoxi was on the verge of going insane. “Yang Chen! What the hell are you doing to her?! How dare you attack a child! You god damn degenerate!”

Yang Chen was extremely irritated at the accusation. She called this thing a child?! he thought.

If it was a Sea Eagles in his shoes, that impact would’ve pierced their hearts!

But as they said, all men cower before their wife and children. Yang Chen was at his core, still a man. Though his wife was still giving him the cold treatment and the child wasn’t his.

“Fine. I’ll just put you down, okay? Stop crying.”

Yang Chen sighed as he placed Lanlan’s feet on the ground.

Minjuan quickly came forward to hug Lanlan. “Miss Lanlan, are you alright? Didn’t your grandpa tell you not to attack anyone so recklessly? This ought to be a lesson for you. Don’t ever do that again. Shhh... don’t cry...”

As Minjuan comforted the child, she stared at Yang Chen using her peripheral vision. She was still reeling in the sheer horror that she had witnessed.

Minjuan was aware of how powerful Lanlan was but this was the first time someone other than her master was able to stop her!

“Hmph!”

Lanlan wiped her cheeks dry. She pouted and faced Yang Chen before screaming, “This is not over yet, bad guy! If you dare to bully Mama and me again, Grandpa will beat you up once he’s back! Grandpa loves me the most! Grandpa’s the strongest in the world!”

This kid.

Yang Chen was beyond pissed. He was on the verge of breaking into insane laughter. First, he met a crazy girl named Luo Xiaoxiao who dubbed her father to be the ‘second strongest in the world’. Now he had to face off against Lanlan’s grandfather, supposedly the strongest in the world? Jeez, what luck.

He had already made two new enemies before ever meeting them.

Lin Ruoxi recalled her last encounter with Lanlan’s grandpa. The man was indeed very powerful. The thought made her worry about Yang Chen. All hell would break loose if there really was a fight. She bent down to wrap her arms around Lanlan. “Lanlan, it’s alright. Let’s just ignore this bad guy and go home, alright?”

Lanlan beamed. She clapped her hands and giggled. “Yay! I’m going to Mama’s house! I get to sleep with Mama!”



## Chapter 911 - Not at All

### **Not at All**

Once she understood that Lin Ruoxi wanted to bring Lanlan home, Minjuan quickly interjected. "Miss Lin, I believe it would be best if you brought us back to our place. Even if Miss likes Lanlan a lot, we still have to wait for Master to get back before proceeding any further."

Lanlan's tiny head shook vigorously. "No! No! Lanlan wants to sleep with Mama!"

Minjuan looked at Lin Ruoxi helplessly, begging her with her eyes. She was a mere babysitter and this was the precious princess of the family! Taking care of her alone was enough of a challenge.

Although Lin Ruoxi knew she was making Minjuan's job more difficult, she couldn't bear to be apart from this girl she just adopted. They didn't know when Lanlan's grandpa was coming back anyway. She just wanted to be selfish for once.

"Minjuan, I have many rooms in my place. You can live with us. I will have someone drive you to your place to retrieve your necessities. It won't take long."

Minjuan's face fell. How did she misinterpret it so badly!

Lin Ruoxi had no plans to listen to Minjuan's protests. She brought Lanlan back and placed her in the car.

Yang Chen saw everything. He knew Lin Ruoxi's heart was already set on keeping this girl. Even if her 'world's strongest' grandpa came back, Lin Ruoxi might even be willing to lay her life down for her.

Keeping Lanlan for the moment wouldn't be a problem so far though. Although the girl was a little violent, she was adorable.

Yang Chen decided it was best to just agree for now to avoid any disputes.

"Yeah, our house is pretty big. We wouldn't mind two more guests," he chimed in cooperatively.

Lin Ruoxi snapped her head back and coldly said, "That isn't your house! You should leave immediately! I don't want to see you!"

Yang Chen pretended not to hear her. Scratching the back of his head, he went to start his BMW.

Minjuan was speechless. How stubborn could this couple be? To 'force' her and Lanlan to move in like that?

Despite Lin Ruoxi's harsh words, Yang Chen decided to trudge through and head to Xijiao Villa.

When they got off the car, Lanlan clapped her tiny hands excitedly once she saw the gigantic mansion. "Mama, will I be living here now?"

"Yeah, do you like it?" Lin Ruoxi smiled, bending over to talk to her.

She nodded her head vigorously then ran to take her panda from Minjuan. With a solemn expression, she asked, "Big Bear, do you like it?"

The panda didn't respond but Lanlan replied to herself, "There isn't any bamboo to eat? You're already so fat, you shouldn't eat so much!"

Minjuan didn't know if she should laugh or cry at Lanlan's innocence. Miss Lin definitely wasn't an ordinary person. If Lanlan were to come into this family, she would live a very luxurious and comfortable life.

After parking his car, Yang Chin grinned. "It's late, let's get some rest."

"Why are you still here?" questioned Lin Ruoxi sharply.

Yang Chen smiled sheepishly. "Uh... Ruoxi, you can't possibly chase me out of the house, could you?"

"You're a meanie! Lanlan will not stay with a mean person!"

Lanlan was already pouting before Lin Ruoxi could speak.

Yang Chen sighed. "Hey kid, it's your first day here and you're already chasing me out. The man of the house? You're more shameless than me!"

Lanlan stuck out her tongue and made a face! "The meanie's a shameless dog if he doesn't leave!"

Yang Chen was furious. It was very frustrating because she was just a kid and he couldn't vent.

"You can go wherever you want. You have so many lovers out there anyway. Plus you still have Xiao Zhiqing in the hospital. I don't care what you do. This isn't your home. It once was but the people inside are no longer related to you anymore. If you still refuse to leave, I'll leave with Lanlan!"

Lin Ruoxi showed no signs of backing down, deliberately mentioning Xiao Zhiqing's name. She was obviously very angry.

He stood stunned for a moment then sighed. "Is there any room for negotiation?"

"Not at all!"

Yang Chen rubbed his forehead in exasperation and let out a bitter smile. "I know. You're still angry. I can wait until you're willing to forgive me. But what happened between Xiao Zhiqing and I was a one-time thing. Believe me, I have no idea why she decided to drag me into this but I will get to the bottom of things.. Xiao Zhiqing is no ordinary woman, she's dangerous and I don't want to see her hurt you."

"The one who hurt me isn't Xiao Zhiqing. It was you," blurted Lin Ruoxi.

He smiled awkwardly then nodded silently. "Then I shall leave. I'll come back when you've calmed down."

Once he finished, he immediately returned to his car and drove away.

Lin Ruoxi stared as the car's tail lights disappear into the night.

She didn't expect Yang Chen to leave without trying to explain himself. She told him to leave and he did.

Lin Ruoxi wasn't used to this. She was angry and she missed him. It felt awful.

However, all these emotions were clouded by the anger she had towards him. She couldn't believe he had a relationship with Xiao Zhiqing behind her back. She felt more betrayed and wrong than she'd ever felt, her heart ached so bad.

"Mama, don't cry..."

Lanlan squeezed Lin Ruoxi's thigh.

Lin Ruoxi realized her eyes were wet so she quickly wiped them. She looked down with a smile and said, "Mama's not crying. Let's go inside."

Minjuan watched quietly without a word. She only came back to her senses when she saw Lin Ruoxi hold Lanlan's hand and brought her into the house.

Minjuan couldn't help but sigh in her heart. Who said being rich meant that you were happy? Every household had their own problems.

I'll wait for Master's return and listen to his orders, thought the nanny.

The living room was bright and there were three people waiting there.

Wang Ma, Zhenxiu, and Hui Lin.

Hui Lin's concert had been done for hours. She attended the after-party and returned home only to find that Lin Ruoxi and Yang Chen were not back yet.

Due to her cultivation, Hui Lin didn't feel tired like a regular singer would even after singing for three hours. She sat and waited patiently for them to return.

"Sister, why are you back so late? The hospital said you left a long time ago," Hui Lin asked worriedly.

She stepped forward and then noticed Lin Ruoxi was holding a girl who looked like a porcelain doll. The girl was also hugging an abnormally huge panda plushy!

Then, a thirty-plus-year-old lady in very simple clothing followed them in and smiled shyly at everyone in the house.

"They are..." Hui Lin was puzzled.

Wang Ma and Zhenxiu ran to the door, equally confused when they saw Lin Ruoxi, the kid, but no Yang Chen.

They almost fainted in shock when they heard what the girl said next. "Mama, who are they?"

Ma... Mama?!

Lin Ruoxi's daughter?!

Wang Ma took a step backward in shock, her face rapidly paling.

"Mi—Miss... This kid..."

Zhenxiu and Hui Lin looked at each other with panic in their eyes.

Lin Ruoxi knew Wang Ma was getting the wrong idea and quickly corrected her. "Wang Ma! What are you thinking! Lanlan is..."

Lin Ruoxi wanted to say Lanlan was a girl she planned on adopting, but Lanlan treated her as if she was her birth mother. It didn't seem right to burst that bubble of hers. So she opted for saying, "Let's all take a seat, I'll explain."

With that, everyone sat down while Minjuan carried Lanlan around for a tour of the house. Lanlan was very curious about everything.

After fifteen minutes, Wang Ma heaved a sigh of relief. Thank god she wasn't a biological daughter or it would be a disaster!

However, she wasn't so sure about Lin Ruoxi suddenly wanting to adopt a daughter. Especially not one with powers beyond imagination from a background shrouded in mystery.

## Chapter 912

### Conditions For Keeping Her

"Elder Sister, wouldn't Brother Yang object to this?" Hui Lin asked carefully.

Lin Ruoxi's face turned cold. "Would he dare?"

The three of them had heard about Yang Chen and Xiao Zhiqing so they knew how angry Lin Ruoxi must be at this moment. They decided to shake their heads in cooperation.

"Yeah, he's done so many things he needs to apologize for. For once in his life. Also, don't you think Lanlan's just adorable? I think both of us are fated to be together. I love her more than a daughter." Lin Ruoxi's eyes were filled with a mother's warmth.

Wang Ma chuckled. "You silly child... You haven't given birth to your own daughter yet. How would you know the love for your own daughter?"

"Wang Ma! Don't laugh!" whined Lin Ruoxi.

Wang Ma waved it off. "Alright, alright. Since you've made your decision, there's no reason for us to say no. We don't mind having a child in the house. Plus, Minjuan seems like an honest person. I think it'll be good for her to help out around the house. Xuehua has gone back to Beijing, Zhenxiu's working, I don't have enough time to do all the housework in this huge place. Perhaps it's for the best."

"Then we'll have to trouble you to help Minjuan with her luggage for a bit. She only needs to bring the necessities, we can buy the rest later," said Lin Ruoxi.

Minjuan carried Lanlan down from the second floor. Lanlan was as excited as ever. It didn't matter if it was late, that little girl seemed to have a boundless amount of energy.

Even Zhenxiu was impressed. "Sister Ruoxi, if you really have a daughter in the future, would she be as pretty as Lanlan?"

Without waiting for Lin Ruoxi's reply, Lanlan shouted from the stairs. "Mama, don't get me a sister! I want a brother!"

Everyone was stunned for a moment. How did Lanlan hear her from so far away? Zhenxiu was sure that she was whispering!

Lin Ruoxi didn't know how to respond. Having children was not part of her considerations.

Hui Lin furrowed her brows. She was a cultivator so she knew what that meant. "Sister, I think you should talk to Brother Yang about this. Lanlan is extraordinary..."

"Don't speak his name if you don't want to anger me," warned Lin Ruoxi.

Hui Lin could only smile, shaking her head.

Ding dong! Ding dong!

The doorbell rang.

It was already one in the morning. The women of the house all looked at each other, wondering who would come at such an hour.

"Do you think it might be Master?" said Wang Ma happily.

"It's Grandpa!"

Lanlan suddenly shrieked with glee, jumping out from Minjuan's arms. Her tiny legs sprinted to the door in a second. She then stood on her toes and pulled on the handle!

A middle-aged man clad in a blue-and-white striped shirt with a short haircut stood at the door, looking at Lanlan with a huge smile on his face.

The man was filled with grace. Although he wasn't conventionally handsome, he didn't lack the elegance of masculinity. He had a Buddhist bead bracelet on one wrist, making him look like a devout Buddhist.

"It really is Master?!" yelled Minjuan in surprise.

Although Lin Ruoxi had come across this man once before, this was the first time she saw his face. She couldn't help but stare. What grandfather would look this young? she thought.

Lanlan was already stuck to his leg and giggling. "Grandpa, you're awesome! You found me!"

The man stroked the girl's hair lovingly. "You're always running away. If I can't find you, wouldn't I have lost you a long, long time ago?"

"Lanlan is a good girl. I would never run around," the girl said with a straight face as she lied through her teeth. "Grandpa, you're done with your work?"

The man neither confirmed nor denied the statement. "Sort of."

Lanlan didn't press further. She then went on to tell him her exciting news. "Grandpa, Lanlan found Mama!"

Minjuan quickly rushed forward in a deep bow to try to explain the situation. "Master, what happened was..."

“You don’t have to explain. I think I can figure it out.” The man cut Minjuan off. He then turned his body to Lin Ruoxi. “You’re President Lin of Yu Lei, correct?”

Lin Ruoxi finally came to her senses. She nodded. “You’re... Uh... Lanlan’s grandpa, you know me?”

“I have my ways. I sort of know what goes on.” He smiled sheepishly. “I’m so thankful that you like my granddaughter, President Lin.”

Lin Ruoxi relaxed a little after seeing the man be so jovial. She knew he wasn’t an ordinary man. He was probably closer to Yang Chen than he was to her. A person with no prominent identity but had an underlying current of great power.

“Lanlan’s grandpa, I wanted to talk to you about something...”

“You don’t have to.” He raised a hand to stop her. “I know what you want but I cannot allow it for now.”

She stood in stunned silence. She hadn’t expected the man to reject her!

“Wh—why?” Lin Ruoxi’s expression hardened. She then fired off a series of questions. “What do you mean by ‘for now’? Are there any conditions we have to meet?”

This upset Lanlan. She started to whine, “Grandpa! Grandpa! Lanlan wants Mama!”

The man rubbed her head lovingly. After he did, Lanlan went limp and fell into a deep sleep.

“Lanlan!” shouted Lin Ruoxi in terror.

The man picked Lanlan up and passed her to Minjuan.

“You don’t have to panic. Lanlan is too energetic. She often goes days without sleep. I just quickened the process a little. Plus, I wouldn’t have let her live here no matter how much she begged,” explained the man slowly.

Hui Lin, who was also in shock, stepped forward to hold Lin Ruoxi’s hand.

“Big sister, don’t do anything rash. This elder’s cultivation is stronger than he lets on...”

Hui Lin couldn’t tell what this man specialized in, but she could feel he had already broken free from the Xiantian realm.

Lin Ruoxi felt her heart ache. Of course, he had to be a man that she couldn’t fight.

She felt so wronged. She suddenly wished that asshole Yang Chen was here...

Although he was a mess of a man, if it wasn’t for his strengths, she wouldn’t have been able to do many things.

“Don’t worry, I don’t mean any harm.” He smiled warmly. “As I said, I’m very grateful that you like Lanlan. However, unless you are willing to divorce your husband Yang Chen and cut off all contact with him, I would never put Lanlan under your care and she will never be part of your family.”

The man’s words shocked them once again.

This meant... The problem was Yang Chen himself?

Was this man Yang Chen's enemy?

If they were enemies, why was he so nice to them?

The man had no indication of wanting to explain further either. Smiling, he asked, "What do you think? President Lin, are you willing to divorce your husband for Lanlan? From what I know, Yang Chen isn't a very faithful man. Consider my offer."

After a moment of silence, Lin Ruoxi's eyes flashed coldly. "Even if my husband is awful, no one else can call him names! No one can force me to leave him. I alone will decide on it."

Her strong tone surprised Wang Ma, Zhenxiu and Hui Lin. Wasn't she just cursing him a second ago?

The man laughed. "President Lin, please don't misunderstand my intentions. I'm not here to break up a marriage. I just wanted to let you know."

Lin Ruoxi realized that her words contradicted her actions a second ago. Why was she protecting the jerk now? She would never make this mistake again!

The man continued emotionally, "Since you're not ready to let Yang Chen go, then I can't let you adopt Lanlan. One day, if I really have no other choice, I would let you keep her. Assuming that you still like her."

When he finished, the man turned around and gestured for Minjuan to leave with him.

Lin Ruoxi was left frozen like a statue. She watched Lanlan slowly leave in the distance but couldn't do anything to stop them physically. She was very close to banging her head on the wall!

Once the man disappeared into the night with Minjuan and Lanlan, Lin Ruoxi came to her senses and stomped her foot. Very bitter, she cried, "Damn! I forgot to ask where they lived! What if Lanlan wakes and cries for me?"

Wang Ma let out a long sigh. She patted Lin Ruoxi's shoulder. "Miss, let it be. Lanlan is a very positive girl. She will allow it to pass. We should leave this matter first. Why not wait for Young Master to be back and ask him? There's nothing we can do."

"Don't mention him!" Lin Ruoxi bit her lip, her face full of resentment. "This is all because of him! It's not enough for him to piss me off, now they took my daughter away because of him?! He should just die out there! He doesn't need to come home!"

When she was done, Lin Ruoxi stomped her foot and rushed into the house in fury. She saw the panda plush next to the steps that Minjuan had left it by, picked it up, then brought it upstairs.

Wang Ma, Hui Lin, and Zhenxiu looked at each other and sighed.

At the same time, Yang Chen, who'd been chased out by Lin Ruoxi, went to the hospital where it all began.

Yang Chen had to know how this woman found him and why she dragged him into this.

However, when he stepped into the ward, Xiao Zhiqing was nowhere to be found!

## Chapter 913

### Take Responsibility

It was still a couple more hours before the sun would rise over the horizon. The corridors of the hospital were silent and void of people. Although the hospital was huge and well-staffed, no one generally entered this part of the hospital unless they had to.

Yang Chen was on the hunt for a certain someone. Wasn't her calf injured? Her tendons were spared from the injury but that didn't mean she should be running around in the dark.

As he wandered down the corridor, a loud crash resonated from the bathroom in the VIP section.

"Ahh!" rang a familiar feminine voice.

Oh, she's using the washroom, Yang Chen thought.

It sounded as if something had hit the ground! Yang Chen quickly rushed over the bathroom door and opened it.

"What are you doing this late at night..."

A loud shriek interrupted him.

"Ah! Don't look!"

Yang Chen was greeted with a pair of soft and slender legs. He stared for a second before noticing that she was bare from the waist down.

The only thing that covered the lady's upper-body was a cream-colored camisole bra. Her chest was full and on display for him.

Xiao Zhiqing's lower body was sprawled over the tile floor ungracefully. What had happened was an obvious guess.

Xiao Zhiqing placed her hands in front of her private part in a sad attempt to salvage her remaining pride.

Unfortunately, it did nothing for her as the bareness left nothing to the imagination. Her breasts were squeezed by her arms, making them pour out of her already tight camisole!

What a devil... He bit back a groan as he gulped.

"Hey... I told you to look away!"

Her face flushed red with embarrassment. Yang Chen's audible gulp did nothing to help the situation.

Yang Chen flashed back to a month ago in L.A, to the very afternoon they spent together entangled in bed.

Seeing her pale skin and plump flesh, he couldn't help but be reminded of her flexibility in bed.

A grin pulled at Yang Chen's lips. "What do you think you're doing with such a posture? Are you trying to seduce me?"



“That’s not it!” denied Xiao Zhiqing frantically. “I was just here to wash up a little before going back to sleep. I’m going to scream for help if you don’t leave!”

Yang Chen tilted his head in confusion. “Help? Why would you scream for help? Have you forgotten that you told me to take responsibility for you?”

“Well... that’s because...” stuttered the lady. She felt her face heat up from the intense gaze he had on her. Her courage was slowly slipping by the minute.

Yang Chen sighed softly. She might have been cruel but she was still a young, inexperienced soul. Her walls were built to mask her pain.

When she seduced him back then, everything was evidently well-planned for she was composed. But when tossed into a compromising situation, her true colors started to bleed out from inside.

If it wasn’t for Yang Chen who deemed the girl still capable of kindness, there was no way she would still be breathing right now. He had chosen the path of forgiveness.

With that, Yang Chen approached Xiao Zhiqing slowly.

Xiao Zhiqing moved her body back involuntarily, but the sudden motion had pulled her injured calf muscle.

“Mmph...”

She groaned and turned pale.

Although she had planned her crash deliberately, the injuries that she sustained were still real.

“Don’t... come any closer!”

Beads of cold sweat began to form between her dark hair. She was panicking heavily at this point.

Yang Chen said nothing as he kneeled to her level to put his palms on her waist to pull her up.

It all happened so fast that Xiao Zhiqing was unable to deliver a response. Her soft body was now placed on Yang Chen’s shoulder blade.

“Ah! What are you doing?! Put me down!”

She whined as she squirmed around but was ultimately only able to do just that.

Smack!

Yang Chen landed a loud spank on her bare bottom. It didn’t take long for a pink palm mark to develop on her pale buttocks.

“You...”

How dare he spank me?! My butt is almost as swollen as that time in America!

“What? You should’ve called for a nurse! What if you slip again and injure yourself?” scolded Yang Chen.

“That’s none of your business! Put me down!” There was no way Xiao Zhiqing would admit her shyness. She did not want someone supervising her toilet usages.

Yang Chen feigned ignorance and walked back to her room after grabbing a towel on the way.

“You better stay still. You’re still naked from the waist down. If you’re planning on seducing me into doing something else, I won’t hesitate to spread your legs,” laughed Yang Chen.

Xiao Zhiqing shut her eyes tightly. She chose to become limp and stay completely still.

Just as she expected Yang Chen to place her on the bed, she found herself lying horizontally in his lap. The man sat on the edge of her bed instead.

Xiao Zhiqing panicked, quickly shutting her legs tightly. Her buttocks were tensed up and all she wanted was to dig a hole and hide forever!

“Come on, there’s nothing to be shy about. I’ve seen every inch of your body.”

Xiao Zhiqing gritted her teeth and retorted, “Hmph, I’ve seen your body too!”

“Nice, We’re even. That’s why I’m not getting anything out of this.”

“You...” Xiao Zhiqing was so overwhelmed with anger that she was starting to feel light-headed. If she wasn’t afraid of angering Yang Chen, she would’ve bitten his thigh!

Xiao Zhiqing found herself questioning his motives. Why was he so ruthless even when she was injured? Was it because she had come in between his marriage and this was his idea of revenge?”

As she spiralled deeper, she felt something soft on her thighs. Yang Chen was wiping her down.

He wasn’t all that gentle but it was simple enough to absorb whatever remaining water there was on her body.

Her eyes widened at the realization. She thought, Is this real? Is he really cleaning me up?

After he was done with her legs, he moved on to wipe between her toes. Her toes were soft and pudgy, enticing him to pinch it a little.

She moaned.

The stimulation of the act caused her to close her eyes and get lost in the pleasure.

That caught Yang Chen by surprise. “Ah, I didn’t know your toes were so sensitive. Too bad I don’t have a foot fetish.”

“That’s... none of... your... concern...” panted the lady.

Seeing her reduced to a mess brought a smile to his face. “Where are your panties? Or do you go commando?”

“You pervert!” yelled Xiao Zhiqing. She huffed before pointing at a door. “They’re behind the door.”

Yang Chen nodded, placing her on the bed before he walked over to retrieve a pair of white laced underwear. “Quick, put them back on so I can treat your leg.” He tossed it to her.

She glanced down to the article briefly, making a small hum of acknowledgment.

Covering herself with her blanket, she quickly put on her panties. "Are you really going to treat me?" She pouted from beneath the cover.

"Of course." Yang Chen peeled the blanket away, placing her leg on his thigh.

Her calf was littered with large angry bruises from the car crash.

"Impressive. I can't believe you got injured from faking a crash. You should treat yourself better," said Yang Chen. It didn't sound like sarcasm nor a compliment.

Xiao Zhiqing looked away. "Well, it's no big deal. I've been tortured with countless poisons in my body for more than a decade"

Yang Chen huffed, gently placing his palm over her bruise.

The Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture was converted into the Heaven and Earth Restoration Energy, which allowed amplified healing.

The muscle and skin injury Xiao Zhiqing sustained would probably require half a month to recover, but the energy had quickly patched her up.

Xiao Zhiqing was surprised to see her bruises and cuts disappear in a few minutes. Her eyes went wide with astonishment and she started gawking at him. All in all, it was extremely adorable.

Yang Chen released her leg from his lap after he was done. "Here, give it a feel and tell me if there's anything wrong with it."

Xiao Zhiqing obediently stood up on the mattress and took a few cautious steps before giving him an affirmative nod. "Yeah, it's good as new. What cultivation method do you practise? How come I've never heard of any skill with such powers," commented Zhiqing.

"You were even able to suppress my Nine Yin Meridian. It doesn't make sense for such a good cultivation method to go unnoticed, unless you're a descendant of some ancient immortal?"

Yang Chen was taken aback by the remark. He did not expect her to know about the ancient immortals. He only got to know their presence during his recent journey to the Tang Sect.

"That's impossible..." muttered Xiao Zhiqing in a volume only audible to herself. "If you really were their descendent, you wouldn't have gotten married with a regular person nor gotten a job..."

Yang Chen furrowed his brows. Could Xiao Zhiqing be from an elusive clan? How was that even possible? She possessed virtually no cultivation and had a body full of toxins. There was no way she could have been from one.

Xiao Zhiqing paid no mind to Yang Chen's internal turmoil. "Yang Chen... can I ask you something?" requested Zhiqing meekly.

Yang Chen broke out into laughter. "You've asked so many to the point where you've started to answer them yourself."

Embarrassed, Xiao Zhiqing smiled. Her eyes filled with complexity, she asked, "Don't you... hate me?"

### **Chapter 914: Sun That Never Sets**

"Hate you? Why would I?" Yang Chen asked.

Xiao Zhiqing said softly, "Because I purposely made you quarrel with your wife about our past..."

"Oh," Yang Chen said and he asked again, "Did I make love to you in L.A.?"

Xiao Zhiqing immediately went red. She felt the anger and humiliation rise every time she thought of it.

"Are you trying to humiliate me? Yes! That's right! We did do it! For the entire afternoon!"

"Then that's settled. You didn't make up the story. Sure, I'm not happy about what you did, but I don't hate you for it," Yang Chen said.

Xiao Zhiqing was stunned at first and then became teary-eyed. "Yang Chen... you're so nice to me..."

"I'm nice to you?" Yang Chen asked in bewilderment.

She nodded earnestly. "You are the nicest person I've ever met in my whole life."

It was Yang Chen's turn to be speechless. She didn't sound like she was lying.

But why?

"You don't believe me? You treated and cured the toxins in my body. Now you're curing my wound. I made you quarrel with your wife and yet you don't hate me. You even went so far as to wipe me down..." Xiao Zhiqing's heart warmed when she thought of it.

This man might not admit it but deep down, he cared about her.

"Stop joking around. With your looks, it wouldn't be hard to find a guy who would treat you the same if not better," Yang Chen said.

Xiao Zhiqing lowered her head. "I went to the States immediately after leaving home. I didn't get the chance to meet many people and those whom I did meet were either perverts or pedophiles. They only wanted my body. They didn't say it but I could tell."

"The world isn't as dark as you think. Nice people still exist." Yang Chen tried convincing her.

"No! That's because you're lucky! Everyone around me is mean!" Xiao Zhiqing yelled suddenly.

Yang Chen didn't know how to reply, so he shifted the topic to something else. "You kept asking me questions so now it's my turn. Who are you and how did you find me? And, why did you want to find me?"

Xiao Zhiqing kept quiet for a while and mumbled, "After running away, I picked up the basics of hacking. I had a photo of you, so I hacked into the airline company for your information. Then I went to the police station in Zhonghai for more details..."

Yang Chen's jaw dropped. Was it really that easy?

"Then who are you, why did you come for me?"

Xiao Zhiqing hesitated for a while and frowned in determination as if she had made up her mind. "If I told you my identity, can you promise me one thing?"

"What thing?" Yang Chen frowned.

"Take revenge for me."

"Huh?"

"I said to take revenge for me." Xiao Zhiqing looked at him expectantly. "I'll do anything for you as long as you agree to take revenge for me."

Yang Chen was stupefied. "What are you talking about?"

"You have to agree first, only then will I tell you where I'm from," Xiao Zhiqing said stubbornly.

Yang Chen laughed. "Woman, know your place. You have no right to force me. If I wanted you, I would've taken you right here right now and you won't be able to resist. Plus, you've seen my wife. Do you think just anyone would be able to seduce me?"

A flash of sorrow shone through her eyes. "You... Just as it thought, you won't agree to help me."

"Duh. I told you back then that we should never meet again because I wanted to avoid trouble. I don't owe you anything and yet you're here stirring up all kinds of problems for me."

Xiao Zhiqing's face fell. "I... I don't want to be captured..."

Yang Chen contemplated for a bit. "You mean someone's trying to kill you?"

"I would have preferred death. These men won't kill me, they only want to torture me..." Her face turned ghastly pale.

Yang Chen was confused. Her whole existence made him confused. "I won't ask you anymore if you're unwilling to tell me. My patience is limited. Please leave by tomorrow morning."

Anger crept up her face when she heard that. "How could you be so cruel?!"

"Exactly how am I being cruel to you?"

"You took care of me and cured me. I'm sure you have feelings for me since you said you don't hate me!" Xiao Zhiqing said firmly.

Yang Chen waved his hands and smiled. "Forget about it. My wife paid for your hospital fees and her money is my money. I didn't want her to waste her money on something I could fix in an instant. I wiped your body so that I could feel you up and if I wasn't in a bad mood I would've taken you. Be grateful."

"You... bastard!"

Xiao Zhiqing trembled in anger. She wanted nothing more than biting his head off!

"Alright, there's no point in talking anymore since you won't tell me what I want to know. Continue living as you wish. I'll have the nurses clear your bed in the morning." Yang Chen walked out of the door

and turned around, "Oh right, the next time you come across me and my family, you can be sure that I will not let you go so easily ."

Xiao Zhiqing glared at him with red eyes.

Yang Chen couldn't stand her gaze—despaired yet persevered. But there was nothing he could do. He was just a man, albeit stronger than your average person.

Honestly, Yang Chen thought that he had done enough for Xiao Zhiqing. Why would he agree to something he didn't even know was the truth?

What if she asked him to do something that would get himself killed? He couldn't agree to something that lightly.

Yang Chen didn't dare to cause any trouble when he was still waiting for Lin Ruoxi to forgive him.

Tears fell down her face as Yang Chen walked out of her sight. "You cowardly man! The more you try to get rid of me, the harder it will be!"

Xiao Zhiqing slapped the bed and threw a pillow on the floor in frustration.

Moonlight and starlight shone through the night sky as Yang Chen walked out of the hospital.

He lit a cigarette. He couldn't go home until Lin Ruoxi felt better. He was sure he could beg for her forgiveness by showing his sincerity but that wasn't his best course of action.

Knowing how smart Lin Ruoxi was, once she calmed down, she would've realized by then that Xiao Zhiqing was doing it on purpose.

Xiao Zhiqing was nothing compared to Mo Qianni, Rose, and his other ladies.

He was confident Lin Ruoxi would realize it once she thought things through.

Lin Ruoxi didn't want to let him off the hook so easily for a 'small matter' like this because of her stubbornness. Well, it was considered 'small' compared to the things he had done.

All he could do now was avoid her and feign being afraid to let her feel more superior in this situation.

The only problem now was that he had no place to spend the night. He couldn't go home and he couldn't possibly sleep at the office either.

Rose and Mo Qianni were out of the question. Wang Ma always met with Ma Guifang and if either one knew that he was there, Lin Ruoxi would know too. Tang Wan and An Xin weren't an option as well. It was already difficult to locate them when he wanted to.

The only choice he had left was Liu Mingyu and Cai Yan.

He could also use it as an excuse to check up on their cultivation progress. So he dialed Liu Mingyu's phone number.

When it came to emotional support, Liu Mingyu was a more suitable choice compared to Cai Yan. Liu Mingyu had a gentle and soft personality whereas Cai Yan was a hotheaded person.

It took eight rings for Liu Mingyu to pick up the phone.

He could hear loud noises blasting through the phone.

“Hello...” Liu Mingyu’s voice was a bit muffled but gentle as always.

Yang Chen frowned. “Mingyu dear, where are you? Are you drunk?”

Liu Mingyu hummed. “I’m at the karaoke with my schoolmates. We came here after the concert... Hubby... come and fetch me... I’m drunk...”

“Why are you still drinking at this hour?”

Yang Chen was speechless. He couldn’t possibly ask the Sea Eagles to escort her home since she was with her schoolmates.

Yang Chen drove towards the karaoke place that Liu Mingyu was at after confirming the location.

Meanwhile, on the upper side of the planet, something else was going on.

The sun never set in the North Pole which caused the temperature to stay around negative ten degrees Celsius.

In the past, the polar bears might have been the only residence here, but now, it would seem that the north pole had made way for their new residents.

Suddenly, the surface of the ice opened up.

With a closer look, one could see that there was something beneath the ice. There was an underground laboratory made out of alloy!

How could someone build a laboratory underneath the ice?! This was impossible! No amount of money and technology would have permitted the construction of this laboratory!

Chapter 915 - Deviation

## **Deviation**

In order to construct a laboratory of this magnitude, it would have to overcome obstacles such as generating electricity from the seawater around it and finding a reliable long-term source of food. Normally, issues like these weren’t an issue, but they were in the North Pole!

These problems, however, were of no concern to Yan Buwen.

He jumped out onto the ice from the laboratory, wearing a dirty white robe.

In his hand was a bottle of strong liquor with an alcohol content exceeding 90% which he was guzzling down hard on.

Ever since he confirmed that it was too risky to build a laboratory anywhere on earth, he had been on the hunt for a new location.

No one would've thought that the clones produced by Yan Buwen had cooperatively utilized space laws to move his laboratory to underneath the ice of the North Pole!

No matter how great Yang Chen was and no matter how hard the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade and the Li clan tried to look for him, it would be years before they would realize that he was beneath the ice!

This was perfect. He would be able to carry out his plans undisturbed!

Yan Buwen could feel himself getting more excited as his experiments to defeat Yang Chen started to yield positive results.

When that finally happened, he would be able to tear down both Hongmeng and the Twelve Olympians alike!

Soon his dream woman would submit to him!

Yan Buwen was still reeling in the alcohol but he tensed up suddenly when he felt something behind him!

He turned around slowly and looked at the person that appeared behind him without him realizing it...

It was a lady dressed in a black silk dress that hugged her body and flaunted her curves. She looked like a blooming black lotus, contrasting greatly with the snow around her.

Her hair danced along the wind and her flawless face seemed almost transparent under the sunlight.

She was breathtaking.

"You... you're here..." Yan Buwen's lip trembled in excitement. "I knew it... I knew you wouldn't give up on me. You care about me!"

Her face was expressionless. She didn't even look at Yan Buwen.

She looked at him and said, "I told you not to act rashly. How does it feel to be beaten by Yang Chen? It sucks, doesn't it?"

Yan Buwen turned pale. "It's fine... Once I'm done with the modification, he'll be dead the next time we meet!"

The lady snorted but her smirk caused Yan Buwen's heart to race.

"You are far weaker than him... I have already persuaded you to see the error of your ways but you are stubborn."

"No! I'll be better than him! Now that I know what level he's at, I can definitely kill him next time!" Yan Buwen yelled out.

She snorted and said, "I won't stop you anymore if you still insist on dying. You have already fulfilled your purpose for me. I came here to warn you that your remaining divinity is running low. Your dumb plan has wasted much of the divinity I worked so hard to accumulate.

"If you continue to expose the reincarnated gods to Yang Chen and let him kill them, I'll finish you off before he does!"



A hint of hatred flashed through Yan Buwen's eyes. "I've done so much for you, how could you do this to me?! Am I worth nothing to you?"

Her gaze was cold and indifferent. "What do you think?"

Yan Buwen didn't answer but his gaze said it all. It was filled with hatred and venom.

"Why do you still let your gods stay with me if you don't trust me?"

The lady said nonchalantly, "I'm waiting for the right time. Don't get confused. You were able to escape because of those gods. You didn't move the lab here on your own. Make no mistake. I can finish what I have started on my own. You are nothing more than a laborer to me."

Yan Buwen tightened his fist, making the bottle tremble under his grip.

"You still haven't gotten rid of the Heaven and Earth Restoration Energy that Yang Chen injected into your body. I can only imagine the suffering it has been causing," she continued.

Yan Buwen quickly spoke up, "I will definitely be able to get rid of it in a week!"

Having said that, he let out a groan and his face turned a sickly shade of red. He then turned his head sideways and started to cough out clumps of blood!

The lady smirked. "I suppose I should help you given how hard you have worked."

Having said so, she waved her arms elegantly.

Yan Buwen trembled vigorously under the laboratory coat.

"Ah!"

A strong gust of energy exploded next to him and blasted a hole in the ice!

Yan Buwen coughed out more blood but his face was no longer sickly.

The lady snorted. "Alright, I've gotten rid of all the Heaven and Earth Restoration Energy in your body. I'm aware that you plan to use God's Stone to defeat Yang Chen. Do as you please since it is bound to happen."

Yan Buwen's eyes burned with passion. "If you say the future has already been set, what happens if I win?!"

"That's impossible," she said simply. "The future is set and I won't allow it to change."

After saying this, she disappeared from his sight with a leap.

Yan Buwen took a deep breath to inhale the fleeting fragrance of her body.

"The future? Hmph... Haven't you already changed it the moment you appeared before me?"

In the meantime, not too far away on the North Pole, a man appeared on top of a piece of ice floating.

He was handsome but pale. Arranging his collar, he seemed rather helpless.

“You still caught me no matter how careful I tried to hide. Tsk... It’s been a few thousand years and I’ve never had to reincarnate. Yet somehow, I still can’t close the gap between us.” The man sighed.

The lady in black dress landed in front of him gracefully and looked at him playfully.

“Hermes, you are smart enough to know not to spy on me. You are a vampire prince. Act like it,” she said with a cold voice.

The man in a suit was the leader of the Tzimisce clan, Raphael, who was also known as the God of Shepherd, Hermes.

“My dear Athena, I see you’re still as cold as ever. But you’re still so incredibly beautiful that very few people can resist...

“I’d get sad if you don’t welcome my visit. I might not have helped a lot in the revival of gods but I still care about it.” Raphael let out a polite smile.

“Athena...”

She muttered her own name.

“I haven’t heard this name in over five hundred years...”

Athena seemed to be deep in thought.

Raphael’s eyes glistened in excitement as though he saw an opportunity.

Caduceus appeared in his hand. It was a golden staff entwined by two serpents and surmounted by wings!

At this moment, the serpents’ ruby eyes started to flash!

Soon, the sky turned dark!

All around her, the ice started to melt. She was about to drown into an abyss but snapped out of it before she reached the bottom!

She stared right into Raphael’s eyes. “How ludicrous.”

And with those words, the dark space collapsed in on itself!

Raphael was blown away and tossed twenty meters from her!

He had also kept away his caduceus before she saw it.

“Hermes, don’t try to pull a trick on me. A dream? That’ll only work on kids... You might be able to defeat Apollo and Poseidon with your space laws, having trained incessantly for a few thousand years without reincarnating. But you should never try to challenge someone that you will never be on the same level with,” Athena said in disdain.

“What’s between us isn’t a gap. It’s deviation, which can’t be overcome with hard work...”

Raphael lowered his head, his eyes red with anger as he bared his fangs.

But Athena wasn't planning on playing games.

"I'm going back now. I don't care what you want to do but you better be careful. My plan must not fail. If I find out that you have messed with it, your divinity is as good as gone..."

Having said so, Athena disappeared from the Arctic Ocean.

Chapter 916

Unimportant

It was already two in the morning when Yang Chen arrived at the nightclub, but it was still bustling with energy.

He could hear people singing their hearts out as he walked past the rooms.

But the more he listened, the more it sounded like they were screaming and venting out frustrations from work, which made sense given the stressful conditions in the corporate world. He was probably the only person who thought work was fun, though he barely showed up for it.

When he reached the room where Liu Mingyu was in, he pushed it opened and was welcomed by a cloud of cigarette smoke and alcohol.

Yang Chen frowned. It was far worse than even the illegal bars he had frequented in Europe back then.

The TV was playing a music video on one side of the room and a wine red sofa right opposite it.

About seven to eight people were seated on the sofa and they turned around when Yang Chen opened the door.

Yang Chen saw Liu Mingyu the moment he stepped into the room. She was sandwiched between two women, her university friend Zhao Haili, and a stranger.

Liu Mingyu was still dressed in the outfit that she wore to the concert, a greyish blue one-shoulder dress that flaunted her curves. She wore a platinum necklace around her slender neck, embedded with dazzling diamonds.

She sounded drunk when they talked over the phone but now that Yang Chen saw her, she looked nowhere near drunk.

Liu Mingyu smiled mischievously when she saw him. "Dear, you are finally here."

Yang Chen rubbed his forehead and greeted her schoolmates politely before turning to Liu Mingyu. "Didn't you say you were drunk?"

"I sobered up before you came." She winked at him.

There wasn't anything else he could do. It was obviously a test for him to see if he cared for her.

"Then let's go back?"

Liu Mingyu nodded and put down her glass. "Wait."

Having said that, she extended her hands towards her schoolmates. "Pay up."

The rest of the occupants in the room took out a stack of money from their wallets unwillingly and passed it to her.

Yang Chen was stunned. What was going on? Protection fees? Did she adopt some of Liu Qingshan's teachings?

"Haili, how could you lie to us? Mingyu's boyfriend is super nice." One of the schoolmates grumbled.

Zhao Haili looked at Yang Chen in embarrassment and she mumbled to herself, "He was so fierce the last time we met..."

The others grumbled too, expressing their dissatisfaction with Zhao Haili.

Liu Mingyu waved the money around proudly and put it into her wallet before jumping next to Yang Chen.

She wrapped her arms around him excitedly. "Hubby, let's go have supper! I just won a lot of money!"

Yang Chen frowned slightly. He said nothing and nodded slowly. Yang Chen bid her friends goodbye before leaving with Liu Mingyu.

He was silent throughout the walk to his car but the moment they reached the car park, he immediately took her hands off him.

Liu Mingyu was confused by this.

"Hubby... what's wrong..."

Her body was flushed red because of alcohol and it made her look like a peach that was oozing out pheromones.

The passerby couldn't help but stare at her and looked at Yang Chen with jealousy when they walked through the corridors.

However, Yang Chen wasn't in a good mood. "You can drive back yourself since you're not drunk. I'm leaving."

Yang Chen shot a gaze at her and turned around to leave.

Her face turned red in anger.

She walked up to Yang Chen and questioned him, "Yang Chen! Are you angry at me?! What did I do to deserve this?! Why bother coming if you aren't willing to pick me up? If I recall correctly, it was you who called me first!"

Yang Chen took a deep breath and tried to talk to her calmly. "If a man rushes over to pick up a woman whom he cares for deeply, but finds out that she lied to get his attention, what do you think he's going to feel coming out from it? But that's not the worst part. You made a bet with your friends to see if I would get mad for being lied to. What do you expect me to feel?"

Liu Mingyu looked at him in a daze, unable to utter a single word.

Yang Chen's voice deepened. "I could understand if you want me to pick you up at midnight from a gathering after drinking heavily. I could understand you getting drunk. I could understand if you wanted to test me. But, how could you use my feelings as a bet,? What am I? A clown for you guys to watch? Or an obedient dog that will play fetch with you?"

Regret flashed through her eyes and she lowered her head in guilt.

Yang Chen let out a breath and walked towards his car.

Liu Mingyu was stunned but she quickly ran behind him and hugged his waist from behind. "Hubby, don't be angry. I know it's my fault... I... I won't do it again."

Yang Chen kept quiet.

Liu Mingyu started to worry. "They said I was lying about having a boyfriend since they'd never seen you before. I wasn't happy to hear that, plus I was drunk so we made a bet. It was a rash decision. You know I've never dated anyone before so I admit I'm still unfamiliar with some things."

Yang Chen sighed and pulled her arms away. He turned around to face her. "It's really late, you should go back. I'm not in a good mood now but I'll be fine by tomorrow."

"I don't want to!"

Her eyes were red and she said angrily, "Why must you do this to me?! I've already apologized to you! Being a woman doesn't exempt me from making mistakes. I'm not a saint! Why are you being so petty?! Just because I hurt your pride?"

This time it was Yang Chen's turn to be confused. He did not know where this was coming from.

"I know why," she croaked out. "It's because I'm just an unimportant lover right? I'm not allowed to upset you. That's why you won't forgive me right? I bet you were never as strict with President Lin as you are to me now!"

Yang Chen's head was pounding with every word. "I'm not strict towards you, plus..."

"You are!"

He fell speechless.

"Every time she gets upset, you'll get upset too. But you always try to make her happy. Are you confident in saying that she has never hurt you? What about that incident in Hong Kong, the one with Chang Lin Media and the stolen confidential document? Didn't she fool everyone? You were worried about her yet she never told you a thing! She's your wife and what she did was much worse!"

Yang Chen was speechless.

He hadn't realized that it was a problem until Liu Mingyu reminded him of it. He couldn't help but feel troubled.

Chapter 917

Lesson

Was he really in the wrong? Had he been blinded by his pride?

All he had hoped for was to come off as fair and just among all of his women but it would seem that he was only deluding himself...

Liu Mingyu began to vent out her frustration. "Have you ever given her the cold shoulder? She has lied to you, treated you coldly, manipulated you, and never does anything for you. But still, do you get upset? No! But I come along and hurt your pride slightly and I get all this crap. Is it because I'm just a lover? It's two in the morning and you are making me drive back on my own? How could you treat me like this?!"

Liu Mingyu hit Yang Chen's chest with her handbag repeatedly!

Yang Chen's heart twisted at the sight of her tears. He gripped onto her arms and started to blame himself. "Mingyu, don't do this... It's not what you think."

Liu Mingyu tried to escape his grip but she couldn't get out no matter how hard she tried.

"Let me go! I'm driving home myself!"

"You can't drive home in this state," Yang Chen said firmly.

Liu Mingyu grunted. "Why should you care? I'm just an unimportant lover to you. I finally realize the position I have in your heart. In there, it's only you and your wife. Other women are just playthings who are not allowed to upset you. You never treated us as your equal and you're only using us to fulfill your possessive desires!"

"I'm not! Why are you overthinking this?!" Yang Chen panicked a little. Things were spiraling way out of proportion.

"You are!" Liu Mingyu finally managed to pull her arms out.

She wiped her tears. Her voice had already turned hoarse from all the shouting. "I'll stay away from you and your precious heart. I wouldn't want to hurt your pride! It will only make me blame myself further to have you forgive me unwillingly! I don't care if I'm not your lover anymore. At least I wouldn't have to keep looking up to you! Find someone else to satisfy your desires, I'm through with this!"

She ran off to her car after dropping the bomb.

Yang Chen couldn't let her go just like that. He wanted to slap himself for making this mistake. It was almost as if he had set off a bomb!

He already had Lin Ruoxi to take care of. A pissed off Liu Mingyu was not what he had planned for the night!

He ran up to her and hugged her waist, begging for her forgiveness. "Dear, it was my fault for exaggerating things. I didn't think it through... Can we just rewind things for a bit?"

"You... Let go of me." Liu Mingyu tried to twist her body out of his grasp, but it only made him pull her closer.

Her body rubbed against his crotch and he couldn't help but feel aroused.

Liu Mingyu stopped moving when she realized what had happened.

“You pervert...” Liu Mingyu cried out.

Yang Chen smirked. “I’ve always been a pervert. Say, why don’t you forgive me this time? I promise to watch my tone and never throw a tantrum in front of you again. You might just be an ordinary woman, but I too am just an ordinary man with some abilities. I make mistakes just like anyone else, but at least we could use it to get better, right?”

“Hmph, I don’t believe you. You only say nice things to woo me. I won’t forget how you treated me earlier!” Liu Mingyu grunted.

Yang Chen smiled nervously. “Then what should I do to make you forgive me?”

“I won’t forgive you!”

“Really?”

“As real as the sun rising in the east!”

“Then you leave me with no choice.” Yang Chen’s eyes were filled with determination.

Liu Mingyu realized something was about to happen but before she could do anything, Yang Chen swept her off her feet!

“Ah!”

She gasped and by the time she realized what had happened, she was already lying on top of Yang Chen’s shoulders!

“What... what are you doing?! Let me down!” Liu Mingyu exclaimed.

Yang Chen smirked and ran towards the nightclub.

Liu Mingyu felt embarrassed and she closed her eyes tightly, avoiding the eyes of the occupants.

Yang Chen placed her down on the staircase near the main entrance into the nightclub.

The passerby looked over curiously and giggled while pointing at them.

Liu Mingyu wanted to hide so badly, not knowing what Yang Chen was trying to do.

Yang Chen took a few steps back and got down on one knee in front of her.

Liu Mingyu stared at him in disbelief, her eyes filled with shock and confusion.

The passersby quieted down too, noticing that they were being very serious.

Yang Chen said to her with a sincere smile, “Dear Mingyu, I’m sorry. It was my fault. Please accept my sincere apology. If you still won’t forgive me then I’ll have to get down on both knees.”

Liu Mingyu looked at him with a void expression on her face. Never would she have expected him to kneel on the ground for her.

Although he was only on one knee, it was impossible for a man to lower his pride any further for a woman. It wasn't even for a proposal, it was for an apology!

Yang Chen was a bit frustrated when Liu Mingyu remained silent. He must have hurt her deeply. Well, the feelings might have accumulated over time and were kept bottled inside of her until she couldn't take it anymore.

Yang Chen gritted his teeth and said, "I've never gotten down on both knees for anyone but I don't think it's shameful to do it for my lover. Let me prove my utmost sincerity for you..."

Liu Mingyu finally snapped out of it when Yang Chen was about to kneel down completely!

"No!"

Liu Mingyu pulled him up hurriedly and chided, "Why did you do an embarrassing act like this! People are watching us, why did you kneel before me?! If they didn't know better they would've thought I'm bullying you!"

The passerby smiled at them warmly, some even applauded Yang Chen.

Yang Chen smiled proudly. "Does this mean that you forgive me?"

"How can I not forgive you after that?" Liu Mingyu rolled her eyes, but her voice was coated with honey.

Nothing felt better than receiving affection from a lover.

Yang Chen grabbed her hand and said, "Let's go. I'm actually quite embarrassed."

Liu Mingyu giggled and nodded before running to the car together with Yang Chen.

As soon as they got into the car, Yang Chen started the car and left the parking lot straightaway.

As for Liu Mingyu's car, the Green Dragon Society would take care of it. Liu Mingyu might not be used to bringing bodyguards out, but ordering them around was something that she was getting used to.

Yang Chen drove towards the highway steadily and let out a breath before saying, "Dear, you really taught me a harsh lesson today. How should I reward you?"

Liu Mingyu was reminiscing over his confession and she looked towards him in confusion when she heard that. "What lesson?"

Yang Chen was embarrassed to voice it out. "I might have been acting too proud. I didn't realize it then but I now think that I've been placing myself above all of you. I always thought that it didn't matter as long as my feelings for you guys were genuine. But a relationship doesn't work like that. You're right, we should stand on equal platforms."

Liu Mingyu looked at him with a gentle gaze and nodded. "You can't be mad at me and the others if we joked about you. Do you think it's easy to be a mistress? Marriage is protected by law. But all we have is a promise from you. Besides, we have to withstand peer pressure from society and it sucks." Liu Mingyu grumbled.



Yang Chen joked around. "If it sucks I could always let you go. Then you can be someone else's rich wife."

"Don't you dare!" Liu Mingyu frowned. "You were the one who courted me, not the other way around. If you leave me, I'll kill myself in front of your house!"

Yang Chen laughed. Liu Mingyu puffed but she laughed along eventually.

Yang Chen sighed after that. "Do you think Qianni, An Xin, and the others... would feel that I'm being unfair too? They must have thought that I was being very biased towards Ruoxi. I'm willing to bet that they kept those thoughts to themselves too."

## **Chapter 918 Doll**

The pain of guilt and shame was written all over his face.

"Just be careful of how you act in the future. If you love and care for us equally, no one would blame you for not making us your wife." Liu Mingyu smiled.

"You mean to say that they hold certain gripes with me as well?" Yang Chen smiled bitterly.

Liu Mingyu shrugged but her expressions held all the answers he needed.

Yang Chen smiled faintly and grabbed her hand. "Thank you, for your honesty and bravery. If it wasn't for this, I might have continued hurting the ones I love without noticing it."

She smiled cheekily. "Why not take me as your wife then? If you claim that I'm so good."

Yang Chen whipped his head up and stared at her with wide eyes.

She burst out laughing. "I'm just joking..."

Yang Chen squeezed her hand apologetically, not knowing what to say.

Liu Mingyu looked at him with a soft gaze. "I do get jealous sometimes when you treat Ruoxi better than us. But I also know that you have your reasons. To me, it doesn't matter how you treat her. As long as you still treat me well, I would not question you. Plus, it's not like there are other men out there who could provide me with a long life and maintain my youth."

Yang Chen was taken aback. "So that's why you chose me?"

"Women are like animals. We only want the strongest companions. Well, he might have more than one female companion but since the pros outweigh the cons, a little sacrifice wouldn't hurt."

"You're making me feel sad. My feelings for you are completely genuine."

"Hubby, didn't you say you like my honesty? I'm telling you this from the depths of my heart. I didn't become your lover out of pure love. It'll take another decade for you to win me over completely," Liu Mingyu said playfully.

Yang Chen felt helpless looking at her proud face.

At the next intersection, he turned into an empty road.

Liu Mingyu asked curiously, "Dear, why did you stop here? I thought we were going to my house?"  
"I think you're being rather cocky right now. I believe some punishment is in order." Yang Chen smirked.

"Punishment?"

"We haven't done it in a car before..."

"Ah!" Liu Mingyu's face turned red at his insinuation. "You..."

Yang Chen couldn't contain himself any longer. Her scent was driving him insane.

Submitting to his desires, Yang Chen extended his arms and carried Liu Mingyu onto his lap!

He reclined his seat so that there was more place for both of them.

Liu Mingyu started to get more excited knowing that it was really happening.

Her body was as soft as a marshmallow.

Liu Mingyu leaned closer and wrapped her arms around his waist, pressing her body against Yang Chen's.

At that moment, Yang Chen could feel his throat getting dry and he cupped her face, leaning for a kiss.

Liu Mingyu responded passionately and pushed her tongue into his mouth.

Even though it wasn't the first or the tenth time they had done it, their passion was at an all-time high due to the sentimental bonding moment they shared before this.

Women were like that. They would do anything for the man they had accepted in their lives.

Although Liu Mingyu was taking the initiative, the alcohol coupled with her inexperience made her rather slow in progressing along.

On the other hand, Yang Chen had plenty of experience under his belt but it wasn't doing him any good.

It was impossible to remain calm when a beauty like Liu Mingyu was on top of him.

One of his hands snuck under her dress from the side and caressed her smooth skin.

Liu Mingyu shivered under his touch. She panted heavily and her tongue slowed down from the stimulation.

Yang Chen took that as his cue to deepen things further.

Liu Mingyu's bra was clasped tightly since she was big breasted. If she didn't clasp it tight, it would've bounced around whenever she walked.

Yang Chen couldn't push his hands in, hence Liu Mingyu raised her body and tried to make space between her bra.

It worked as Yang Chen managed to push his hands in.

He took a deep breath and inhaled her scent and relished in it.

“Dear.” Yang Chen panted and smiled. “Did you grow bigger again...”

“Um...” Liu Mingyu mumbled in embarrassment. “I don’t know. But I had to change a lot of my lingerie.”

Yang Chen’s hands weren’t small but he couldn’t cup them completely.

Her nipples were already erected under his touch.

It was hard for him to move his hand around her chest, so he pulled her bra up to free her breasts.

Liu Mingyu had softened under his touch. She fell limp against his body as her hands circled around his neck.

Her panting and moaning were only encouraging Yang Chen further.

Time went by and just when things were about to escalate, Yang Chen had to stop himself when he saw a bunch of people pushing their carts towards them.

They were here to start their night market business. It was quite difficult for these hawkers to obtain business licenses so operating at night was their only option.

Liu Mingyu was already in a trance and was completely unaware of her surroundings. But when Yang Chen had stopped fondling her, she quickly snapped out of it.

“What’s wrong?” she questioned as her eyes started gleaming with lust.

Yang Chen replied in a regretful tone. “Let’s go somewhere else.”

She quickly raised her head and giggled. “I didn’t know you’d get shy. I thought your face was thicker than a brick wall.”

“Shy?” Yang Chen laughed. “Dear are you suggesting putting on a live performance for them?”

He pointed towards the hawkers.

Liu Mingyu turned her head to the direction he was pointing at and blushed.

“Why didn’t you tell me earlier? My back was facing them.”

“Then let’s go to the nearest hotel. We can’t be sure if the crowd would disperse and your house is too far.”

Liu Mingyu nodded.

It was already three in the morning when they arrived at the hotel. They quickly booked a room and rushed to enter.

Yang Chen pushed her down onto the bed the moment they entered into the room.

Her adrenaline-inducing figure was pumping passion into his veins like there was no tomorrow.

He groped her buttocks and pulled up her dress while laying on top of her!

She was wearing a lace pantyhose and Yang Chen was about to tear it off when Liu Mingyu stopped him.

“Don’t tear it!”

Liu Mingyu escaped from his grasp and pouted while facing him. “Why are you in such a rush? Can’t we take a shower first? It’s not like I’m going to reject you if we wait.”

Yang Chen was on the verge of crying. “Dear, I can’t hold it in anymore. Can’t we skip all the waiting and get right to it?”

“No!” Liu Mingyu replied with dissatisfaction. “You’re always in a rush. I’m not some kind of prostitute who lets you do as you please. Sometimes you make me feel like an object to release your desires upon. It might excite you but have you considered the consequences? We might get infected with an unknown virus.”

Yang Chen sat there in embarrassment. After everything that happened, she was still schooling him about women.

“Dear, is it really that serious?”

Liu Mingyu nodded with a serious look. “Of course! Did you think being treated like a sex doll was fun for a woman? Sure, she might feel excited while doing it but the shame that comes after it is immeasurable.”

Chapter 919 - When They Mean It

### **When They Mean It**

Yang Chen started to calm down. It would seem that he had caused her more suffering than he originally thought.

“Why haven’t you said anything?” Yang Chen’s words were filled with regret.

“I never had the opportunity to. But, it’s not too late to rectify that.” Liu Mingyu smiled and slowly undressed.

“Hubby, I’m doing this for you. I’ve been out the whole day and am in desperate need of a shower. After that, I’ll let you do whatever you want. Granting me this small request wouldn’t hurt right?”

Yang Chen sighed and gave in. “Alright then. But I’m getting in with you.”

“Then you have to carry me in.” She wrapped her arms around his neck.

Yang Chen gladly obliged and carried her to the bathroom.

Fifteen minutes later, Liu Mingyu emerged from the bathroom wrapped in a towel and cradled in Yang Chen’s arms. Her hair was still wet but that was the last thing from Yang Chen’s mind.

His hormones were raging and about to burst out of him.

Liu Mingyu’s face was red from arousal. She was more willing to participate now that she had a new level of respect with Yang Chen.

Yang Chen bent down and kissed her cheek. She couldn't help but smile.

Her eyes closed instinctively as she enjoyed his trailing kisses. Yang Chen's lips slowly made their way down her face and onto her lips.

Liu Mingyu opened her eyes and saw Yang Chen leaning down for another kiss.

Her mind was getting numb from the alcohol and her body was heating up under the pleasure.

Her desires weren't any different when compared to other women. She was just able to control it better.

But now that she was being handled by the man she loved, there was nothing holding her back from acting out her desires.

She was already lost in a pool of desire as her heart thumped against her chest.

She reached her breaking point when Yang Chen started to fondle her breasts. His hands were big but they were only able to cup half of them.

Liu Mingyu placed her hands on his body and started to work around it. This time she submitted herself to his passion and drowned herself in lust.

The dim lights and the smoky atmosphere really helped set the mood

Her eyes were filled with lust and she whispered to him, "Hurry up... I want it..."

Yang Chen took a deep breath and tried to suppress his excitement. She wouldn't blame him for being too hasty, would she? He did initiate a lengthy foreplay before this.

And so he spread out her backside and penetrated her!

Liu Mingyu moaned in response which only fueled his arousal.

Soon, the sounds of passionate lovemaking filled the room.

Liu Mingyu closed her eyes and panted, her face flushed in pleasure.

She was too shy to admit it, but she herself realized that choosing a man who could fill her was more important than she had imagined.

Her heart was quivering with excitement and pleasure!

She couldn't help but shudder when Yang Chen entered her completely. It sent waves all over her body, drowning her in pleasure.

At the same time, Yang Chen felt as though he was in heaven!

It was as though the comfiest of comforters were wrapped around him as he felt her walls tighten against him.

He felt another surge of liquid flow from within her to aid his movements.

Looking down at her, he could see her breasts bouncing around and he couldn't help but wrapped his fingers around them.

In the end, Liu Mingyu had lasted for more than an hour, which was probably due to her training.

Their lovemaking session finally came to an end as the sun began to rise from the east.

The entire room was filled with the smell from their lovemaking session. Liu Mingyu took a deep breath and blushed at the scent. After all this time, she was still amazed by Yang Chen.

*How did he manage to last for more than two hours??* she thought.

Her friends would've been jealous of her if they knew how exciting her nightlife was. But then again, they probably wouldn't be able to last as long.

Finally, Yang Chen growled and released the built-up tension in his body.

Things started to simmer down when they cuddled in bed. Their breaths were labored and heavy as a consequence of the intensity of their actions.

Liu Mingyu closed her eyes and sighed deeply.

Her face was flushed, still recovering from her orgasm.

"Dear, I didn't disappoint you right?" Yang Chen whispered into her ear.

Liu Mingyu trembled and glared at him. "You almost killed me. I'm deducting marks for over-aggression!"

Yang Chen smiled bitterly and touched her nose. "Shall I be softer later?"

"Later? Morning is well on its way!" Liu Mingyu started to get scared of his suggestion.

Yang Chen squinted his eyes and laughed. "I'm only joking. Any more of this and I would have to use my cultivations to repair your swollen body parts."

Liu Mingyu pouted and bit one of his nipples!

"Hey! Who does that?!" Yang Chen exclaimed loudly.

Liu Mingyu giggled. "You always bite me. Why can't I do the same?"

Yang Chen scrunched up his face. "Alright alright. I'll respect your feelings next time. Be a good girl and sleep. You need your rest."

Liu Mingyu caressed his cheek. "Hubby, can you promise me something..."

"Anything." Yang Chen agreed immediately.

"Really?" Liu Mingyu puffed her cheeks. "You don't even know what I'm going to say."

"It's not like you're going to ask for the impossible."

Liu Mingyu buried herself into Yang Chen's chest, relishing in his warmth.

“You have to promise me that you will not stop liking me until I have stopped liking you...”

Yang Chen was surprised at her request. “Where is this coming from?”

“I’m afraid that one day, you will give up on me because of the things I have said and might say to you. Promise me...”

“Alright. I promise to not stop liking you before you do. In fact, I promise to never stop liking you ever.” Yang Chen laughed.

“Really?” Liu Mingyu sounded unconvinced.

“Why are women so hard to convince?” Yang Chen smiled bitterly. He started to stroke her hair in an effort to calm her down.

Liu Mingyu was silent for a while and then said, “It’s because of men. Men are so fickle-minded and really hurt us when they mean it. Basically, it sounds too good to be true.”

Yang Chen looked at her silently. His heart twisted at her response. So he smiled and said, “Let me rephrase. I’ll still love you tomorrow. I will continue the day after tomorrow, and into the next week, month, and year. Is that better?”

“That’s much better,” Liu Mingyu said earnestly.

“Alright then. I’ll like you for a month. But what happens after that depends on how you behave.”

“Hmm... okay.” Liu Mingyu finally smiled.

She fell into a deep slumber after their little talk. Every last bit of her energy had been sapped from her body.

Yang Chen kissed her forehead and fell asleep while spooning her.

He too was tired both physically and mentally from an exhausting day.

It was around twelve in the afternoon when he heard his phone ring on the bedside table where he left it.

Chapter 920 - Break The Oath

### **Break The Oath**

Yang Chen slowly opened his eyes. He hadn’t slept properly in a while, though like most cultivators, he did not need to.

He pulled his arm which was under Liu Mingyu’s body to pick up his phone and realized it was Zhao Hongyan who had called him.

It must have been something urgent or serious as there was still quite a bit of awkward tension between them from their last encounter.

Yang Chen answered the call and asked, “Hongyan? What’s wrong?”

“Yang Chen, is President Lin with you?” she asked with a slightly worried tone.

Yang Chen was puzzled. “Ruoxi? She’s not with me. Shouldn’t she be at work?”

Zhao Hongyan started to get anxious. “She didn’t come to work this morning and she’s not answering my calls. I figured she might be with you...”

Yang Chen immediately got up when he realized something was wrong. But if something really was wrong, why didn’t the Sea Eagles notify him of anything?

He frowned and contemplated for a while before replying. “Don’t panic. Make sure this stays between us. If anyone asks, say she’s with me. I’ll take care of this.”

Zhao Hongyan was worried but she knew that there was nothing she could do.

Liu Mingyu woke up from Yang Chen’s not so quiet conversation. “Hubby, what’s wrong?”

Yang Chen explained the situation to her and she too became worried.

“Could it be her competitors?”

“I’m not too sure. I have already sent someone ahead to protect her. Anyhow, go back to the office first. Let me figure out what’s going on.”

Liu Mingyu didn’t hesitate. She beckoned for Yang Chen to leave first and that she would get to work herself.

Yang Chen dialed Molin’s number as he walked out of the room after getting dressed.

“Your Majesty Pluto, what are your orders for me today?” Molin’s voice was steady as usual.

Yang Chen questioned him, “Where is Ruoxi? She did not turn up to work and I can’t seem to reach her.”

Molin was stunned to hear this. “I wasn’t informed. Is she missing?”

“That’s what I’m asking you!” Yang Chen’s tone was harsh. He wasn’t in his usual jovial mood.

Molin quickly contacted the members who were in charge of Lin Ruoxi’s safety. Seconds later, he replied with a trembling voice, “Your Majesty Pluto... it was my mistake. They did not reply but their communication devices appear to be functional. They must’ve been assassinated.”

“Damn it!” Yang Chen cursed.

He wanted to crush his phone but stopped himself from being too hasty. If the person killed the Sea Eagles members before kidnapping Lin Ruoxi, it meant that they wanted her alive. They were probably stalling for time.

This confirmed the fact that whoever did this was not after Lin Ruoxi but himself!

Yang Chen went back to the call. “I won’t hold you accountable this time for I believe the enemy must be proficient enough to take them out without warning. Take care of their bodies and if they have families, compensate them with five million euros. But you better learn from this mistake! Hand out life sensors to everyone to keep track of their vitals.”



Molin obliged, afraid to face his wrath. He asked carefully, "But... Your Majesty Pluto, what should we do about Madam Persephone's disappearance?"

Yang Chen smiled. "Have you forgotten about the device I gave her? If I'm guessing correctly, it's not taken away from her yet."

Molin was startled. "How is it possible? Doesn't that mean we could track her down now?"

"That's right," Yang Chen answered. "Whoever did this probably wants an audience with me. That's why she's still alive and the tracer is still working."

Molin didn't understand it. To him, no one would stand a chance going against Yang Chen.

Yang Chen then ended the call and pulled up her location. All his women carried around the device. Despite how angry Lin Ruoxi was at him, she wouldn't have thrown away the device ensuring her safety.

The moment the map loaded, he saw a red dot quite far away from Zhonghai.

He looked closely and confirmed it was Lin Ruoxi's code!

Yang Chen estimated the distance and came to the conclusion that she was around two hundred kilometers away in the next province.

Without hesitation, Yang Chen teleported to the area after confirming that the coast was clear.

There were quite a number of tourist destinations surrounding this area but it was mostly mountains and hills where she was.

But because of the steep mountains, it was difficult for anyone to exploit the resources present.

And thus, there was no one around, save a few villages in the valley.

In the midst of it was an ancient temple located about a thousand feet above sea level. It was dilapidated and had weeds and vines covering its entire exterior.

The ceiling was filled with holes and the tiles were basically loose slabs of cement at that point.

Lin Ruoxi trembled as she sat in the corner of the temple with a disheveled look.

Her face was pale and her eyes followed the path of her scruffy-looking kidnapper, teary and filled with fear.

The scruffy man didn't stand out very much. He was a man in his mid-forties wearing a robe which revealed a well-maintained body underneath. His hair was long and unkempt which gave him a grizzly look.

She saw a bronze medal hanging from his waist with the word 'Huang' written on it.

Lin Ruoxi bit her lip and tried to hold in her tears.

She had always been a strong one, but what happened today had surpassed anything that she experienced before!

She was on her way to work when a man suddenly appeared in her car. He forced her to stop the car before she was knocked out cold!

When she woke up, she found herself in the middle of nowhere!

She tried to run away but when she got to the cliff, she realized that her only way out was a bridge which had collapsed years ago!

It was a deadend!

It dawned on her that this man had brought her up the mountain by flying!

She deduced that he must be after Yang Chen. Why else would a powerful being like him attack an average woman like her?

Lin Ruoxi felt extremely wronged in this situation. Why did she have to suffer for the man who had hurt her time and time again?

The man stopped his pacing and grinned at Lin Ruoxi.

“Young lady, your lover don’t seem to care about you. It’s been a while, why isn’t he here yet?” The scruffy cultivator grinned, revealing his rotten teeth, looking perverted.

Lin Ruoxi couldn’t bring herself to respond. Everything she did hurt. Breathing was painful, her body hurt from the rocks, and worst of all, there was a persistent ache in her chest.

*He’s right, it has been hours. Why isn’t he here yet? Is he having fun with other women??*she thought.

Lin Ruoxi would rather die under the kidnapper’s hands when she thought about this.

*Why should I suffer?!?*she thought.

The scruffy cultivator sneered. “Now that I have a chance to take a good long look at you, I see that you are very pretty. I haven’t seen anyone as pretty as you in years. If I didn’t need you to serve as my tool today, I might be willing to break my oath hehe.”

Lin Ruoxi was terrified. She would rather die than get stained by that monster, even if she could make it out alive!

Just when she hopelessly thought she was falling into a bottomless pit, she heard a familiar voice which caused her to look up in joy!

“Hmph, you must’ve gotten tired of life!”

All of a sudden, Lin Ruoxi could see a silhouette descending from the sky trying to land a blow on her kidnapper!

The scruffy cultivator was shocked to see him but he was already well prepared!

“Big Dipper in the Sky!”

The scruffy cultivator flung his hands, causing the platinum-colored bracelet on his hand to shine with a blinding light!

A golden shield rose from it and formed a bubble around him!

BOOM!

The impact caused the walls of the temple to collapse!

The silhouette was obviously Yang Chen. He had already known that the kidnapper was well within the Soul Forming stage.

Although he only used twenty percent of his strength, it should have been enough to kill him. But what baffled Yang Chen was that he stood there unaffected by it!

*What's going on?! Why can't I break-in? Could this be some cultivator's treasure that Christen mentioned?!*

Yang Chen didn't have time to think things through when he saw the man retaliate.

The man guffawed and summoned a hammer behind him.

"Take this!"

The hammer spun mid-air and was headed right for Yang Chen's chest!

Yang Chen gasped silently. This hammer was so full of energy that one hit from it might actually kill him!

Yang Chen avoided the hammer quickly and summoned the Heaven and Earth Restoration Energy to throw the hammer back to the man!

The hammer rebounded against Yang Chen's energy and returned back to the kidnapper. But with a flick of his wrist, it slowed down mid-air and stabilized itself before once again heading towards Yang Chen's chest!