

Chapter 181 - Betrayal

Xia Luna glanced at him like he was a fool. Ignoring his words, she swatted his hand away and made to leave.

He grabbed her hand again before she could make the second step. "You said we would be together! Is this what you meant?" He complained, looking at her like she was a jerk.

"I said we would be together once all this is settled—and it's far from that." Xia Luna countered coldly.

"Don't be so hard on me." He daringly wrapped his arms around her to coax. "I miss spending time with you, just like in the past. Do you remember how happy we were when we first met in Summer village?"

Xia Luna pushed his hands off and rolled her eyes. "That was the second time, you dunce. The first time we met was in Scarlet Bar. You were so annoying that I could never forget it in a million years."

Jiang Xingyu smiled, proud of himself. "You actually remember our first meeting. Was it significant to you too?"

"Of course. How can my worst day not be significant?" She huffed, and Jiang Xingyu grinned. Was it so difficult to admit that she liked the time they spent together in the past?

"You love me, don't you?" He taunted, mischievously circling her. "You're just like your sister—denying the feelings you know you feel deep down in your heart."

The second part was meant to be his own thoughts but he said it out aloud and as expected, she glared daggers at him. "I'm not my sister, Jiang Xingyu!"

"Sorry, I..." he realized that she didn't even seem to be listening to him.

Intending to poke fun, he pulled off the baseball cap and scarf that were covering her head and face.

"You!"

Before she could explode, he leaned over and pressed a kiss on her cheek. When she tilted her head in shock, he took the opportunity to press another kiss but this time on her lips.

Xia Luna was inarticulate. It took her a while to take in the fact that he had just kissed her. "What are you..."

He was about to grab her and hug her while she was still confused when a sudden force pulled him away, then a punch landed on his face before he could realize what was happening.

"What the...!"

A series of punches intending to kill assaulted his face and chest before he could make head or tail of the situation. Caught offguard, Jiang Xingyu was only able to fight back several punches later. He tacked the incomer to the ground and only then was he able to see their face. "You?"

"Jiang Xingyu! How dare you!"

"What's going on?" Xia Luna was startled witless too, not expecting to suddenly become a witness to such a vicious fight. The men kept pushing each other to the ground and fighting like the world was coming to an end. "Somebody stop them!" Xia Luna shouted, unable to separate them on her own.

"What's going on here? What's wrong with both of you?" Madam Jiang rushed out after hearing the vicious punches fill the air and Xia Luna's shout. "Stop! Both of you!"

As though a switch had been pressed on them, Jiang Xingyu and Lin Jian stopped fighting and pulled away from each other but still glared at each other angrily.

"Is this how you came to say hello? Wow, hello to you too!" Jiang Xingyu huffed in anger, straightening up his clothes and wiping the drops of blood at the corner of his mouth.

"Because you are a freaking traitor, you shameless man!" Lin Jian cursed, resisting the urge to run over and punch his guts out.

"Calm down, both of you." Madam Jiang held Lin Jian's hand. These two were friends since their childhood. Why the hell were they suddenly fighting? She turned to Lin Jian to ask, "What did Xingyu do?"

Lin Jian had calmed down a little but he was still angry, glaring at Jiang Xingyu as he explained. "Aunty, I only came over to say hello to you, then I was greeted with such a shameless and disgusting scene."

"What disgusting? You are the one who is disgusting!"

"You shut up!" Madam Jiang glared at Jiang Xingyu before turning back to Lin Jian. "What disgusting scene did you see?"

Xia Luna felt something bad coming...

"What the hell is he doing with Xiehan's girlfriend? I saw him even... urgh! It's too awful to be talked about."

Xia Luna clenched her fists while Lin Jian pointed at Jiang Xingyu with a shaky finger. "Xiehan takes you as his best friend. Is this what friends do to each other? He even saved your life. Is this how you repay the man who treats you better than a biological brother would?"

Seeing Madam Jiang's and Jiang Xingyu's pale expressions, he thought the former was shocked while the latter was guilty so he continued. "Aunty, I'm not lying to you. She is Xiehan's woman. If you ever read online gossip you would know." He then pointed at the equally pale Xia Luna. "And you! I don't even know what to say to you. Xiehan loves you so much. How dare you betray him? Would you be so happy to come in between two friends?"

It was only when he was done rambling that he realized something wasn't right. A cheating couple might be too embarrassed to say a word when they were caught in the act but why was Madam Jiang not saying anything? Instead of shock, she looked anxious instead.

"What's wrong, aunty?"

"Well..." Madam Jiang snuck a glance at Xia Luna then smiled back at Lin Jian. "I'm sure that's not what it is. Xingyu would never betray Xiehan. Come in, let's get you some ice for your face."

"No way! Why are you defending him? He was kissing her!" Lin Jian blurted out.

"That..." Madam Jiang didn't know what to say anymore.

"There's nothing wrong with that." Xia Luna spoke up at the side, stunning everyone.

"He can kiss me if he likes. After all, we have dated before. We wouldn't be betraying anyone."

"What nonsense are you spouting?" Lin Jian exploded.

"I'm not Li Lanni. I'm her sister. Now, if you would apologize to my man."

Madam Jiang's eyes went wide at the same time as Jiang Xingyu's. What did Xia Luna just call him?

Lin Jian was shocked too, but with a different reason. This was not Li Lanni, but her sister instead? How was that even possible? There was such a thing as twins in this but how come he had never heard of Li Lanni's twin?

And the main point was, "Is she the girl you said you were dating a year ago—the one that disappeared mysteriously?" He asked Jiang Xingyu in shock.

Realizing that Xia Luna was glaring at him, he coughed and flashed her a smile. "Sorry I beat up your man. I seriously thought you were Lanni and Seriously, how can there be two of you? Shouldn't there be three—one for Xingyu, one for Xiehan and one for me?"

"And the blabbermouth Lin Jian is back." Jiang Xingyu sighed in defeat.

"Wait. I'll just confirm something." Lin Jian grabbed his phone and dialed Ji Xiehan's number.

"Why is his phone off? Is it because he is so upset with the two of you that he switched his phone off so he can sulk on his own?"

"Can you get him to shut up?" Xia Luna massaged her temples. She was sleepy and Lin Jian's endless chatter was driving her nuts.

"Can you please shut your trap! My woman wants you to be quiet." Jiang Xingyu gladly took up his role as the protective boyfriend. When Xia Luna glared at him, he shrugged like he had done nothing wrong. "You just called me your man. Doesn't that make you my woman?"

"Whatever Jiang Xingyu. I'm too..." before she could finish her statement, she fainted.

"Luna!"

"Luna!"

Jiang Xingyu held her before she could hit the ground as Madam Jiang sprinted over in alarm. "What did you do to her?"

"I didn't do anything." Jiang Xingyu protested and carried her into the house. He gently lay her on the couch in the living room. "Call the family doctor."

"Don't!" Xia Luna suddenly woke up with a start.

"Luna, you're awake! I was so worried." Madam Jiang touched Xia Luna's forehead worriedly.

"I'm just exhausted, I guess." Xia Luna tried to sit up. Her head hurt.

"Does your head hurt? Are you sure we shouldn't call a doctor?" Madam Jiang rattled off and grabbed her phone.

"I'm really okay aunty." Xia Luna insisted. "Besides, it's already enough that one more person now knows about me."

"Him?" Jiang Xingyu glanced at Lin Jian who had followed them in. "Don't worry about him. He may be a blabbermouth but he knows that if he rattles about that, I will kick his guts."

"I hope you are right."

Xia Luna glanced back at Lin Jian who pinched his thumb and forefinger together and pulled them over his lips like a zipper. She clenched her lips into a line and averted her gaze to Jiang Xingyu. "It's still a bad thing. The more people know about me, the harder it is for me to remain in hiding."

Jiang Xingyu couldn't agree more. This was about her safety and her life — and her freedom too.

"Xingyu, can we not meet anymore?" She suddenly said solemnly. "Ever since I met you again, things that shouldn't be happening have been happening one after another and..." she didn't know what else to say and just sighed.

"Okay." Jiang Xingyu said.

"Okay?" Xia Luna was just as surprised as Madam Jiang and Lin Jian. The latter was quick to catch up and he had already understood that this was the girl Jiang Xingyu dated before. He had been blue for ages after she left and now that she asked to disappear again, he was saying yes without needing to be convinced?

"You don't want me to say that it's okay?" Jiang Xingyu caressed her hair tenderly.

This time, she didn't slap it away. "I did want you to agree but... I'm just surprised you did."

"I know. I'm surprised too." Jiang Xingyu said honestly, taking advantage of the fact that she was not pushing him away to lean over and press a soft kiss onto her forehead. "But Xia, this is not just about my feelings. It's about your safety and you're right ever since we met again, we have had to explain your identity to more people. Who knows, there might be other people who saw you but didn't ask."

This was for the best, so Jiang Xingyu knew that he would be acting unreasonably if he insisted on continuing to meet up and spend time together. "We can exchange text messages or make phone calls. We can even have video calls once in a while. We would just have to ensure no one hacks into our phones and it will be alright. Besides, you promised that once all this is over, we would be together."

"Xia Luna's eyes turned to crescents as she smiled. She did not expect Jiang Xingyu to suddenly utter such understanding words, considering his stubbornness streak recently. "Thank you for understanding, Xingyu."

He held her hand in his, rubbing it for the comfort of them both. "Anything for you, my love."

"What about we, the audience who have to be force-fed a round of this dog food that you are shoving at us?" The blabbermouth was at it again.

Madam Jiang slapped his shoulder and glared daggers at him. "Shush!"

"Aunty, why did you slap me?" Lin Jian complained. Having watched him grow up, Madam Jiang treated Lin Jian just like her son, and that included scolded or hitting him when he did wrong or was just being irritating like in this case.

"Can't you see, they are making some progress in their relationship? We are happy for them so we should not interrupt them." Madam Jiang said, happy to watch her son display his affection for her future daughter-in-law.

Xia Luna felt embarrassed to have lost herself. "Can I go home and sleep now?" She would kill anyone who said no.

No one was able to answer her on time. She fell into a slumber, this time a deep one and did not start even when Lin Jian's phone rang in a loud volume.

"Take her to your room for a rest. She must have been so tired." Madam Jiang said to Jiang Xingyu. "I will go to the kitchen and prepare food for her to eat when she wakes up."

"For me too."

"And me!"



Jiang Xingyu and Lin Jian said at the same time like kids excitedly asking for candy.

"Nonsense! I'm only cooking for my daughter-in-law. You punks can go to your mothers-in-law and let them cook for you." Madam Jiang huffed her way to the kitchen.

"Make Li Yuming cook for me?" Jiang Xingyu muttered as he scooped Xia Luna in his arms. That thought was scary.

◆◆Eer... which mother-in-law exactly?" Lin Jian stared in a daze. He should get rid of some of his innumerable girlfriends already.

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Jiang Xingyu rolled his body over and swung his naked body out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked lazily, tired from the activity they had just done.

"Get out."

Xia Luna blinked her eyes and stared into Jiang Xingyu's angry ones. Why exactly was he mad at her? She stretched her limbs with a subtle smile. "What happened? You look scary."

"Didn't you hear me? I said get out." He snarled coldly.

Xia Luna sat up on the bed with her eyes squinted. So she had heard right the first time. He had asked her to get out. "I heard you but why?" she couldn't help asking.

"Why else Xia Luna? Because we are done." He looked like he was getting angrier by the second.

"Done? Just like that? Done and dusted?"

"That's what you wanted Xia Luna, now stop wasting my time and get the heck out!"

Xia Luna fluttered her eyelids and raised a hand to shield her eyes from the glaring sunlight. As soon as she was fully awake, her stomach grumbled. She was so hungry! She didn't even remember when she fell asleep and was too lazy to get out of bed.

She was about to ask whether Cheng Yu had already left when she remembered where she was. She had fallen asleep in the Old Jiang Mansion. So this must be Jiang Xingyu's room in the old mansion.

"You're awake." Jiang Xingyu walked in with a change of clothes, asking her to wash up and go downstairs for breakfast.

Xia Luna remembered something, her cheeks flushing immediately.

"What happened?" Jiang Xingyu stared at her curiously. Since when was Xia Luna capable of blushing?"

"Nothing." She was almost unable to look at him. What kind of dream was that?

Out of everything she could dream of, how could she dream about her and Jiang Xingyu having sex? As if that wasn't embarrassing enough, how could she dream that he had dumped her after the act?"

Xia Luna had slept all evening and all night. She didn't even wake up when Madam Jiang finished cooking and tried to wake her up for dinner. She was famished.

Taking the clothes that Jiang Xingyu had prepared for her, she freshened up and went downstairs for breakfast. Lin Jian had rushed over for breakfast too under the guise of missing Madam Jiang's delicious dishes. Obviously, Jiang Xingyu knew Lin Jian's real reason but only laughed and did not expose him. When he was done, he snuck a glance at Xia Luna and rushed out.

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B City airport.

As soon as Ji Xiehan and Li Lanni arrived, Lin Jian was waiting for them.

"Why are you here?" Ji Xiehan asked him in surprise.

Lin Jian took a long, scrutinizing look at Li Lanni and tried to find the differences between her and Xia Luna.

'Oh, even with identical eyes, Lanni's gaze is more on the gentle side while her sister is kinda unfriendly and fierce.' Lin Jian thought. Besides, there was no way Xia Luna would have disappeared from the Jiang old Mansion and appeared with Ji Xiehan at the airport. So there were really two of them. They had not told him why not many people about Li Lanni's twin so he had only half-believed their tale.

"Is something the matter?" Lanni was uncomfortable under his gaze.

'The sister looks like one who would have beaten me up instead of asking if anything is wrong.'

"Nothing is wrong. I just wanted to pick you up." Lin Jian rambled.

Lanni said nothing more but gave Ji Xiehan a look that said, 'I think he met my sister too.'

Ji Xiehan nodded slightly, understanding her suspicions.

Li Lanni swallowed. Luna would have to be more careful if she actually wanted to hide. More importantly, it was better to prove her innocence before the whole world knew about her.

Li Lanni went back home as Ji Xiehan rushed over to the company.

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When she arrived home, Li Yuming was watching a movie in the living room.

"You're back?" Li Yuming was surprised to see Li Lanni.

"Yes." She tiredly flopped onto the sofa. "The vacation had to end prematurely."

"You should have told me. I would have come to pick you up." Li Yuming hugged her daughter before understanding the situation. "Did you come back because of what happened in Feng Ji International? It must be pretty serious then."

"You heard about it too? What happened?" Li Lanni was curious as to what would have been too difficult for Old Master Ji to handle on his own.

"I don't know much. There was suddenly news about Tragedy befalling Feng Ji International but it only lasted a few minutes. I guess Lin Media Group took it down."

Li Lanni nodded in understanding. No wonder there was no news. At least none that she read about or watched anywhere. It turned out Lin Media Group drowned it.

"Anyway, the news was briefly about how Feng Ji International's CEO might change soon." Li Yuming said as she recalled what she had read before the news got pulled down.

"But what's wrong with that? The CEO was bound to change soon, right?" And logically, Ji Xiehan would be the new CEO.

"Yes, but come to think of it. If the next CEO was going to be Ji Xiehan, it wouldn't be termed as a tragedy."

"That seems unfortunately right." Lanni swallowed. Such things usually happened in companies. It was common and hard to deal with. "I hope the Ji family can handle it."

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It was only much later that Li Lanni was able to find out what exactly had happened. As soon as Ji Xiehan had a little time, he went to talk to her knowing that she would be worried about him.

"You look tired." Lanni poured him a glass of water. Even his shirt was a little wrinkled at the collar. He must have rushed to the company right from the airport and after understanding what was going on, he must have rushed over to her without having time to freshen up and change his clothes.

"I'm no longer so tired after seeing you." He put the glass back onto the table, then grabbed her hand and pulled her to sit on his lap, hugging her like a soft toy.

"Hey, this is my mother's house." She reminded softly. How could he be so shameless?

"Then let's go to mine instead." He nuzzled against her neck with no intention to let go.

"Don't mess around. Tell me, what's going on?"

Ji Xiehan sighed at that. It was more stressful than it sounded. "Our second largest shareholder suddenly sold his shares to a mysterious buyer."

"How could that be?"

"Heaven knows. The man didn't give any reason and he doesn't have to — there is no rule that major shareholders have to explain their decisions regarding the shares."

"So what are you going to do now?" Li Lanni tousled his hair soothingly.

Her soft fingers in his hair and scalp made him relax a little more as he heaved a sigh. "I don't know honey. The thing is, it would have been nothing if that kind of news didn't break out. But the fact that it did makes us believe that another major shareholder must be behind it. Either that, or someone who is confident that they can obtain more shares than the Ji family?"

"Who can that be?" Lanni asked. It was not easy to achieve such a feat. "Is it the Feng family?"

"I think so too. But my parents are still blinded by the fact that the Feng and Ji families are 'friends' and don't think the Feng family could do this behind our backs."

"They really need someone to talk to them."

"That will only work when the Feng family actually takes over the company. The only option now is to get more shares."

The Ji family currently had forty five percent. They only needed a little over five percent they would still be the biggest shareholders no matter what. Old Master Ji had fifteen, Madam Ji ten, Ji Xiehan ten and Ji Feifei...

"Right, Ji Feifei!"

Ji Xiehan held a hand over his forehead and cursed.. Damn it.

## Chapter 184 - A Third Eye

How could he forget about her? Ji Feifei had been thrown into jail and his parents neither did anything to stop that from happening nor to lighten the sentence. She wouldn't throw a fit by agreeing to sell her shares to the Ji family, would she?

Li Lanni understood his concern and pondered over it a little. "Why don't you go and talk to her? Coax her a little. I don't think she would sell out the Ji family if she knew you still cared about her—it's her family too, after all."

"That's the thing. I don't still care about her, Lanni. I didn't even care to begin with." Ji Xiehan dismissed the idea.

"Can't you just pretend for a bit?" Would that hurt?

"I can't." He said firmly. There was no way he was going to humor a woman who clearly wanted something different from being his sister — something that clear-headed women would never want from their brothers.

Li Lanni sighed with a slight shrug. "Then what are you going to do?"

"I don't know if my parents are planning to humor her if they haven't been doing so already. If they are, I have nothing against it. But if they haven't and she decides to sell her shares as a way of revenging, there's nothing I can do about it."

Li Lanni wanted to talk some sense into him. Did he realize that if Ji Feifei gave away her shares, that would be a whole ten percent less for the Ji family? They would have thirty-five percent and that would be dangerous. It would make it much easier for the Feng family to surpass them.

But before she could open her mouth to scold him, she thought through it again. Ji Xiehan was tired. What he needed right now was a nice rest and a round of nagging wouldn't do anything significant to help.

"So what are you going to do?"

Li Lanni heard no response even after a while. She turned curiously and found that his eyes were tightly shut. He was even rhythmically breathing warm air onto her neck. She didn't want to move in fear of waking him up but after a while, her body felt sore. So she gently pulled his arms off her, got off his lap and eased his body onto the couch so he could sleep more comfortably.

Left with nothing to do, she casually started looking through her phone.

A headline suddenly popped up. Li Lanni was not able to read much of it before it was suddenly taken down, probably by Lin Media Group again, but she knew that it was definitely related to Feng Ji International again.

"Hmm... who dares to defy Lin Media Group?" Lanni thought aloud. The previous news had already been taken down. Logically, no one would dare to report it again in fear of offending the Ji and Lin families unless...

"Xiehan is here. Oh, he's asleep?" Li Yuming came downstairs and was surprised to see Ji Xiehan sleeping, his head rested against her daughter's lap.

"Mom." Li Lanni only looked up but did not move in fear of waking him up.

Li Yuming went over and sat on the couch closest to them. "He must be so tired and stressed about what is happening in his family's company. You should take better care of him during this period."

"Y-yes." Lanni blushed furiously, understanding just what type of 'care' her mother was talking about. But would that really make him less tired? It should tire him out all the more, right?



"Not just in one way, Lanni." Li Yuming knew what her daughter was thinking. That was not what she meant—well, that too but not just that. "You should do something to help him out in the company as well."

"Huh? Me?" Lanni pointed at herself in surprise.

"Yes. Isn't that why he has a girlfriend?" Li Yuming looked at her daughter seriously. She still had a lot to learn. "Relationships are not just about the fluff and fun. When one of you needs it, the other should help out."

"But I know nothing about business." Lanni said. All she knew was comic art which she wasn't even confident in anymore. What would she know about business and how to save a company from the brink of being stolen over by someone else? Forget knowing how to save a company. How could she know how to do something that the whole Ji family was having trouble doing?

"You don't need to know much about business. You can just do what you can. You see, Xiehan probably has so much on his mind right now that he might oversee some things. Perhaps a third eye can see those." Li Yuming explained.

Lanni felt like a light bulb had exploded in her head. That was right. Ji Xiehan could easily fail to see some things that might actually turn out to be important. "You're right. Now that you mention it, I'm surprised that the Feng family is suddenly so gutsy, considering they have been in the shadows for all this while. It happened so suddenly that it's as if they are being supported by someone."

Li Lanni stopped her ramble and looked at the gossip page. "Or maybe, they are indeed being supported."

"You could be right." Li Yuming said. "Now that you mention it, it seems to be the case. Just who could it be?"

"Someone who can dare to openly go against the Ji family... could it be the Gu family? I remember they own a news group too." she speculated.

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At the same time, in the Feng family home.

"Here's to a happy collaboration." Old Master Feng raised a cup of beer to Old Gu.

"I'm glad we are collaborating. Our children are getting married too."

At the side, Feng Ci rolled her eyes. "What's the use? The Lin Media Group has already taken down the news before it even became anything worth talking about.

Gu Tianxi rolled her eyes with a wineglass slotted between her knuckles. "That's easy peasy. You don't have to worry your pretty head, sister-in-law.. Just focus your energy on spending time with my brother."

## Chapter 185 - Love At First Sight

The Feng family had managed to convince the Gu family to help them take over Feng Ji International. As the young master of the Gu family had his eyes on Feng Ci, it was easy to obtain their help as long as Feng Ci agreed to marry Gu Tianchan.

As soon as he found out that a collaboration was possible, Old Master Feng had called back his daughter and arranged a meeting between her and Gu Tianchan. Obviously, Feng Ci was unhappy about this but since her parents had promised that she could break up with Gu Tianchan as soon as his family helped the Feng family out, she could only bear with it.

"Sister-in-law, you are such a good match with my brother." Gu Tianxi deliberately gushed.

"Really? Tianchan is so handsome. It's an honor to be considered a good match with him." Feng Ci pretentiously said before turning aside and sneering secretly. How could Gu Tianchan possibly be as good as Ji Xiehan? Heaven knew how disgusted she really was.

Gu Tianchan was handsome alright, but he was one of the infamous playboys of B City who only used their second heads to think. He swapped women faster than anyone could count them and marriage was nowhere in the list of things he wanted to do. Yet this time, he had actually sworn that Feng Ci was the woman he truly loved and the only one he would marry. It would have been touching to some other women, perhaps, but it disgusted her to the core.

The thought of having to humor the man and pretend to be equally in love with him riled her up even more. Gu Tianxi's taunting was even worse to her ears, and only her father's glare stopped her from flipping up.

How could she not know? Gu Tianxi was only trying to get her closer to Gu Tianchan because she was in love with Ji Xiehan and was trying to eliminate a love rival.

She forced a smile and said, "But what about the Lin family? They are helping out the Ji family. After all, the two families have been close for years."

Gu Tianxi smiled through her bloody red lips. "Why are you so worried, sister-in-law? The Lin family is easy to deal with. We only have to use Lin Jian to distract them and I can do that without having to bat an eyelid."

"Forget about Lin Jian and the Lin family. My dear, shouldn't you give me a tour around here?" Gu Tianchan snaked an arm around Feng Ci's waist, infuriating her to the core even though she pretended to like it and even stroked the back of his hand as she nodded.

As soon as the two of them left the room, the rest cheered jubilantly as they tossed to their collaboration that was going all too smoothly.

"So how will we deal with the Lins?" Mrs. Feng asked.

"Don't worry. I can handle him." Gu Tianxi said meaningfully.

"Tianxi no! I can't have you seduce a worthless man just for the sake of..." She almost blurted something out when Gu Tianxi patted her shoulder and interrupted.

"Mother, you have nothing to worry about. That man is going to get messed up but I'm definitely not going to stoop so low."

Mrs. Gu was relieved. It didn't matter if other women agreed to get married for collaboration's sake but if her daughter was going to do the same, she was only allowed to marry a more reasonable man.

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Outside.

"What do you like to eat?" Gu Tianchan asked one more of his boring questions.

"I'm not picky. She smiled at him but when he was not looking, she sneered silently. Someone kill this man already!

Gu Tianchan let out a smile, making his handsome face brighten up. "I'm glad our families decided on this collaboration." He said, looking at her gently even though all it made her feel was utter annoyance.

"Ever since I saw you, I've been trying to get close to you. I know this sounds like a playboy asshole's classic line but trust me Feng Ci, I fell in love with you at first sight. Ever since then, U have tried to get closer to you. It was just too difficult considering how you didn't even ever have time for me. That, and your attraction to that person..."

Feng Ci was not even listening to a word he was saying, much less believing what he had just said. She was only startled when she heard him say that he was happy their families had decided to make this collaboration.

"Can we go back now?" She said just a few minutes later.

"Sure."

Feng Ci didn't know it, but Gu Tianchan was actually in love with her. She thought that he had readily agreed to go back because just like her, he was bored. On the contrary, it was because he did not want to offend the woman he had spend so much effort to be able to get close to.

After blowing her a kiss on the cheek and making her almost unable to stop herself from puking her guts out, they went back into the house holding hands.

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"Mother, I don't want to marry that man! It's nauseating just looking at his face!" Feng Ci exploded as soon as the Gus had been walked out.

"Shush!" Madam Feng pulled her daughter aside. "Who said you would marry him?"

"But you were so enthusiastic while discussing marriage." Feng Ci pulled at her hair in frustration.

"Don't be silly. You only have to play along and get engaged. You will part ways before the wedding."

"But how is that possible? He seems so charmed and... they would not just let me off after spending so much money to help our family."

Mrs. Feng smirked at that. "That's why a few days before the wedding, we will make him cheat on you."

"You don't mean..."

"Don't be such a silly girl. You will marry whoever you want. As for Ji Xiehan... heh. Since he's of no use now..."

"You cannot do anything to him." Feng Ci interrupted.

"Of course I'll do something to him." Mrs. Feng let out a sinister laugh.. "I will turn him into your toy."

## Chapter 186 - Sleep With Me

Lanni had a bad feeling. "The Gu family is close to the Ji family. Would they really side with the Feng family?" She shook her head and thought about the main point instead. "If the Feng family actually manages to get Feng Ji International with the help of the Gu family, will they revenge against the Ji family?"

The only way to found out was to wait and see their next move, but that wouldn't help. She glanced at Ji Xiehan who was still fast asleep.

"Why don't you take him to your room? If he keeps sleeping in that uncomfortable position, he will be sore when he wakes up." Li Yuming said when she saw that he didn't seem to wake up any time soon. After saying so, she went to the kitchen to prepare some dishes for when he woke up.

"Eer..." Lanni had thought of this but was embarrassed to actually do it. But indeed, his body would be sore from sleeping on the couch so she tapped him awake.

"Is it morning already?" Ji Xiehan yawned when he woke up.

"No, silly." Lanni laughed at his silly look. "It's afternoon. I just want you to sleep in my room instead."

Ji Xiehan was about to say that he was no longer sleepy but when it hit him what she had just said, he gladly stood up and followed her lead to the second floor.

As soon as the door opened, he felt his heartbeat accelerate. He had never been to a woman's bedroom before — at least not a woman he was dating. Lanni's room was light-themed with white curtains and a soft white carpet. The furniture was majorly white and the only contrast was the bed whose covers were a royal purple color. For a girl like her, he had expected something pink and girly but this was better.

"Come in. Are you scared?" Lanni asked when he didn't follow her in.

"I'm not scared. Why would I be scared?" He walked in as he said.

"I don't know... you might be afraid that I would eat you up." She teasingly made a threatening face.

He grabbed her waist with a hearty laugh. "I would really like it if you would..." His hands rubbed on her waist, letting her know his hidden meaning. "But unfortunately, you can't now."

He breathed in her soft, flowery scent, making her stiffen as he ran his hand across her midriff and reached under her left breast. "When can you?"

Lanni's breath hitched as she tried not to lose herself to his sudden touch. "In one or two days."

"I hope it's in one." He said as his hand moved a bit further up, cupping her breast. He squeezed it slightly. Her teeth dug into her lower lip to suppress a moan.

"You should be sleeping." She gently pushed his hand off her breast. Not because she didn't want him to touch her—in fact, heaven knew just how badly her body wanted his caress. However, he wouldn't be able to take things further and that would leave her body in need.

Ji Xiehan chuckled, seeing that she was pushing him away despite enjoying what he was doing.

"Alright, I will go to sleep now."

He sat on her purple bed, took off his shoes and lay on his back. Since he was uncomfortable in his clothes, he ripped off his tie and undid the first two buttons of his shirt. Then he covered a hand over his eyes and tried to sleep.

Lanni coughed and looked aside. The sight of her boyfriend lying on her bed with a sliver of his chest peeking through the unbuttoned part of his shirt was posing a huge temptation to her restraint.

Her mind slowly drifted to that night in Berlin when she had gone down on him. Her throat tightened as she swallowed, and her eyes involuntarily trailed down his body. A swell slowly started to form on the crotch area of his pants, making her wonder whether he was thinking of the same thing.

Ji Xiehan was indeed thinking about that too. Although his eyes were closed, he could feel her burning gaze on his body. He couldn't stop his own thoughts from running dirty.

He opened his eyes to catch her staring at his crotch. She tried to pretend to look at something else and he laughed at her embarrassed state. "Come here."

She went over obediently, lying next to him. Scared that he would start talking about something that would embarrass her even further, she brought up her speculation about the Feng family.

"My love, do we have to talk about business right now?" Ji Xiehan protested, hugging her tighter.

"Yes. The more we procrastinate it, the closer the Fengs get to taking over Feng Ji International." She was only making an excuse so he wouldn't bring up the Berlin incident but she was right so he couldn't refute it.

Lanni went ahead and told him what she thought. "Do you think it's possible for the Gu family to betray the Ji family? After all you have friends and business partners for many years."

Ji Xiehan thought back to how rudely he had rejected Gu Tianxi. That couldn't possibly be enough reason for the Gu family to betray a close partner. But then he also remembered how strict he had been every



time he was asked to handle business projects. He had brushed shoulders with the Gu family several times.

Although it was their fault every time and he just couldn't tolerate their nonsense, he knew that they must secretly dislike him.

He just hadn't thought about it because their dislike for him was still not a strong enough reason. But at this point, he couldn't rule out any possibility and that was a huge one. "It's possible now that I think about it."

After sleeping for a while, his brain was clearer so he could now think better. "The best move now is to approach Ji Feifei before the Fengs do."

That didn't mean he was going to coax her or give in to some of her stupid fantasies. He was going to give her a piece of his mind and if he had to use coercion, so be it.

Lanni stole a glance at his serious expression and knew that whatever was brewing in his brain might work, but not as gently as should be. "Let me help you. I'll deal with Feifei."

Ji Xiehan's lips curled upwards. He pressed a peck onto her neck. "Honey, you don't need to. I can handle it."

"But I still want to help you, my love. Look at you, all tired out. You must have a lot to deal with and Ji Feifei is probably just the tip of the iceberg. Why don't you leave this to me and handle the larger matters instead?"

Her gentle coaxing paired with what she had just called him made it impossible for him to say no to it. He could only nod. "But honey, if it's too difficult or if it takes up too much of your time, you must stop immediately."

"I'm not some clueless little kitten, okay?" She rolled her eyes and playfully smacked him.

"What are you then? A kitten with a clue?" He teased, earning another smack.

He turned her so she was lying on her back, grabbed her hands and held them together so she wouldn't hit him. Successfully locking her down, he lowered his head to kiss her lips. "Are you trying to change the topic?" He gently pecked her lip.

"What topic?" She feigned innocence.

"Trying to get away by putting up an innocent act, are you?" He tauntingly kissed down her lips, moving away just when she thought he was going to deepen the kiss.

She tried to break free from his grip, but her wrists were held tightly in one of his hands. She couldn't move even by using up all the strength she could muster.

"I really don't know what you're talking about." Lanni shook her head, trying to break free. Her resistance only made her more seductive, and Ji Xiehan's urge to tease her grew wilder. Pressing her under him, he continued to peck her lips lightly.

She had the urge to pull down his neck and deepen the kiss and she knew that he was denying her that on purpose—and it was driving her crazy. When he lowered his head to peck her lips again, she unexpectedly parted them.

Even so, he only lightly kissed her.

Just when the anticipation was about to drive her crazy, he deepened the kiss, kissing her demandingly like his life depended on it. She moaned lightly when his tongue came into contact with hers. It had not been long since they last kissed but she had missed it so badly.

Finally getting the sweet taste of his lips and tongue again, she returned the kiss with an equal level of anticipation and lust.

He stopped briefly to gasp for air. She used the chance to ask him to let go of her wrists.

He did—but before she could hug him, he stopped what he was doing, rolled to the space beside her and hugged her, holding her into place so she wouldn't move.

"What's that all about?" She complained.

"Let's sleep a little.. Sleep with me."

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"This is so unfair!" Lanni pinched his face. But that did nothing to help, so she huffed and snuggled in his arms to sleep too.

Because she had already taken a week off, Lanni had nothing to do all week. She wanted to go back to Star Art International but now that she had found something to do, she might as well go back the following week instead.

On Wednesday in the morning, she took her breakfast quickly before thinking about how to go about what she was planning. Initially, she had decided to directly go to Ji Feifei before the Feng family did but after doing some research, she found out that the Feng family had already discussed with Ji Feifei. All that was left was signing the transfer document. It was useless no matter what she said. Hence, she thought of another way instead.

She grabbed her phone and shoved it into her satchel and headed out.

"Where are you going?" Li Yuming asked when she saw Lanni blazing past her.

"I'm meeting someone." Lanni stopped briefly to answer.

"I know I told you to help Xiehan when you can, but that does not include putting your life in danger, okay? Don't do anything dangerous." Li Yuming nagged.

"I know, mom. I'm not doing anything that's too dangerous or too difficult for me." She saw that Li Yuming was about to start another round of nagging and smiled. "I know, I know. If I need any help, I will call you."

Li Yuming smiled in satisfaction, gave her a few more reminders and let her go.

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Lanni rushed to Planet Café. She had booked a private room to meet someone.

"It's you?" The man asked, puzzled when he saw her walk in.

Lanni walked over and sat opposite him. "You know me?"

"Yes. You are Ji Xiehan's fiancée aren't you? I bet the whole world knows and I should have guessed that you are the one who would want to meet me." He responded, slightly angry that he had been tricked into the enemy's lair so easily.

The man was Old Master Feng's chauffeur. The previous day, he had received an anonymous email from someone who claimed that they could change his situation, and they asked to meet him in this café at this time. How stupid he had been! He had thought that the Ji family wouldn't resort to using such tricks to get whatever they wanted but clearly, he had been wrong. No, he must have been blinded by desperation.

Knowing that he would walk right out if she wasted his time, Lanni went straight to the point. "Listen, I was not bluffing. I can indeed change your situation."

"What can a little girl like you do, huh? What do you even know?" he scoffed.

"Do you judge people's abilities by their age?" Lanni threw back a question at him.

"I don't. But for one like you, I don't even need to judge. It is pretty obvious that a girl like you would only know to look pretty and enjoy being pampered."

Lanni leaned onto the backrest languidly with a tiny smile at the corners of her lips. "You are testing me." When he looked shocked, her lips twitched. "If you despised me half as much as you make it sound, you would have walked out as soon as you realized that I'm the one who called you here. "

Caught by a little girl, An Zichen was ashamed of himself. "Fine. What do you want?"

"That's the question I was waiting for." Lanni smiled. She was a little annoyed at how he took her for a pampered princess. Why did many people do that anyway? She was pampered by her mother, alright, but that did not mean she knew nothing. "I know about the debts your parents left unpaid." She suddenly announced.

An Zichen was flabbergasted. "How did you..."

"I can help you clear that." She cut him short. "Every single one of them to the very last cent." She emphasized.

Without waiting for him to react, she continued, "Your abilities are impeccable but your current job cannot provide anything more than just a meal." After digging up, Lanni knew just how underpaid the employees in the Feng family were. But it was not her business to feel wronged on their behalf unless she had to, like right now. She looked at the man's shocked face and continued. "Which is why, I will help you get a better job. That way, you will be able to take care of your sister."

"You know about my sister too?" the man was so puzzled that he looked at her like she was a god of sorts.

"I promised to change your situation. Now, how can I change it if I don't even know the situation to begin with?"

And it had not been too difficult to find out everything about him. After looking up the employees close to Old Master Feng, she found out that all of them had some difficult past that allowed Old Master Feng to exploit them. That was why none of them had quit on their jobs.

She knew that when Chauffeur An's parents worked for the Feng family and when they died, they owed the Feng family a huge debt. Since he was unable to repay the debt, Old Master Feng brought him to his home, to work for him as a chauffeur until the debt was repaid. Even if he worked hard and received nothing from his lowly pay, it would take at least fifty years for the debt to be completely repaid.

He had no major problem with using up the rest of his life to pay a debt his parents had to owe because it was urgent. However, he had to take care of his sister who was weak in health. He needed money for that and every time she got sick, he would have to borrow more money from the Feng family and the debt kept piling up.

Lanni was sorry for having to use such a person but she had to. Besides, she wouldn't even realize such a person existed. She snapped back from her thoughts and continued offering her help. "I will also take your sister to a better hospital, get her the best doctors and a kidney donor."

"And I'm supposed to believe that there is such a thing as fallen angels?" he stared at her. "You want me to betray the Feng family, don't you?"

It was not that he couldn't. If someone could save his sister, forget about betraying the Feng family. He would even betray himself.

"Of course not." Lanni waved her finger. "I only want you to help me deliver a document."

"How can I be so sure that you will not play me?" He asked cautiously. It wouldn't be a first. Before he was brought to the Feng family, someone had offered him a job, promising to save his sister if the job was complete. But after completing it, they went silent on him. That was why he was unable to trust Lanni.

Hearing his words, Lanni was not surprised. She took out her phone and dialed a number and called it. "Are you done yet?"

"Yes." Came the reply on the other side.

"I see. Bring the phone to her." Lanni changed to video call and turned the phone to Chauffeur An.

"Do you think you can fool me..." his ramble stopped when he suddenly saw his sister's face on the phone. "Ziyao!"

"Brother!" the young woman was cheerful despite her condition. She happily waved at her brother on the screen. "Guess what? I've been transferred to another hospital. Look, I'm in a VIP room. It's much better than anywhere I've ever been!" She excitedly tilted the phone so he could see the beautiful VIP hospital room.

"I don't know who brought me here and paid off the bill. The doctor in charge only said that it's a young woman. Whoever she is, may all her dreams come true."

An Zichen was just as emotional as his sister, tears even uncontrollably falling from his eyes. "Ziyao, hold on a moment. I will call you later."

As soon as he hung up, he looked at Lanni gratefully, all his previous suspicion about her only bluffing fading in a flash. He suddenly slumped onto his knees. "Thank you."

Lanni was taken aback. "Please don't kneel!"

He stood up, still emotionally thanking Lanni profusely. Only after thanking her almost a hundred times did he stop to ask, "But since you have already helped my sister, what if I don't comply with your request?"

"What do you think?"

An Zichen stuck his hands together in front of his face. "You will not have to do anything. I'll do whatever you ask."

Lanni sighed in relief, having accomplished what she wanted. She took out a document from her satchel. "I want you to give this to Ji Feifei. Tell her it's the share transfer document and ask her to sign it.. The money will be sent to her bank account within an hour."

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An Zichen was surprised by her words. He had not expected her to simply send him to get Ji Feifei to sign the document. If it was that simple, how come she didn't send someone else or go on her own?

Lanni apparently knew what he was thinking. She locked her hands together with a tiny grin on her lips. "Just do as I say and worry about nothing else."

"Okay." An Zichen took the task seriously. Lanni directed him to the prison where Ji Feifei was. All he had to do was say, "Here is the share transfer document" and be done with the job.

Lanni was on pins and needles as she waited for An Zichen to come back. It was not that she doubted him. In fact, if there was anyone that would never go back on their word, it would have to be him. He wouldn't betray her especially now that she had just saved his sister's life.

What she was worried about was whether her plan would actually work. She was playing with Ji Feifei's psychology and she was not fully confident that it would really be fruitful. If it worked, all would be well but if it didn't, she wouldn't even have a chance to try again.



Just when her nervousness was at its peak, An Zichen returned.

She waited with bated breath for him to speak.

"She signed it." An Zichen finally said, passing the document to her. He now finally understood what she was doing. Since it was him giving her the document, Ji Feifei would never have a doubt.

"Thank goodness." Lanni let out the breath she had been holding for over an hour. With her hands shaking slightly out of anticipation, she opened the document.

The first page indeed stated that she was selling her shares to the Feng family. What she didn't know, however, was that all the pages that followed stated that she was giving all her shares to Ji Xiehan for free. Obviously, she was not going to use her money to buy them and neither was she going to use Ji Xiehan's. That's what she got for agreeing to betray her own family. Lanni was betting that since they had already discussed, she wouldn't read through the whole document considering what an impatient person she was.

She had been right. In fact, Ji Feifei had rolled her eyes and literally grabbed the pen from An Zichen with a snort. "I bet the Ji family would never have expected me to do this but whatever. Who would reject such an insane amount of money when they actually need it? As soon as I get out of here, I'm cutting ties with them and living on my own with this money.

All she had done was ramble and then sign the document. She had not even read the first page of the contract let alone all of it.

Lanni looked at him. "Thank you. I will transfer the money to pay your debt later. After that, you will be free to leave the Feng family. As for your new job..."

"I don't think I should get a new job, how will I explain suddenly getting so much money?" He interrupted.

"Eer... you won the lottery? A distant relative wants you to live with them and paid the debt off to set you free? You just discovered that your parents had hidden away a stash of money and didn't have

enough time to tell you before they passed away? There are many excuses for the record. You just have to come up with one." Lanni said.

"That sounds so easy to do." An Zichen said. "However, I still think it's best if I continue working for the Feng family. If I directly leave now and he finds out what happened with Ji Feifei, he might go after my sister."

Lanni was about to say that he could do what he wanted but thinking about it, An Zichen had just worked for her. She shouldn't let anything happen to him. "From the moment you agreed to do me this favor, you have gone against the Fengs. Once they find out that they have been tricked, Ji Feifei will tell them that it was you who gave her the document. No matter what you say then, no one will believe you. Old Master Feng will go after you and your sister.💎💎"

An Zichen's eyes widened as he realized just how right she was. He had not thought through the repercussions of his betrayal and now that she said it, Old Master Feng would never let him off.

"Break your ties with the Feng family. I will help you find another job and you will be safe." Lanni promised and she meant it. She was not going to let him suffer and neither would Ji Xiehan.

"I will do as you say." Although it was embarrassing to take instructions from someone a few years younger than him, An Zichen had already been impressed by Lanni's brief and precise way of handling things so he didn't mind following her lead.

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That evening.

Ji Xiehan gave Lanni a call once he was home from work so she went over to his mansion.

"Good evening Miss Lanni." The butler greeted her warmly when he saw her arrive.

"Hello Miss Lanni." The maids greeted her in unison too. After seeing how friendly she was previously when she came, they quite liked her.

"Hello." She responded with a sweet smile. "Where is Xiehan?"

"The young master is in the master bedroom. Miss Lanni, are you hungry? I will get the chef to prepare something for you to eat." The butler answered.

"Thanks, but I'm not hungry. I will go and find Xiehan first." Lanni said and went to the second floor.

She knocked on the door of the master bedroom. When he didn't respond, she thought that he might be asleep. She hesitantly opened the door, covering her eyes as she walked in. What if he was sleeping in his birthday suit as he said he usually does?

"Oops!" Because her eyes were covered, she bumped into a wall. To be exact, she bumped into a human wall—a warm shirtless human wall that was slightly damp...with sweat?

She ran a hand through his hard chest with her eyes still closed and traced down his rock-hard abs. "Are walls so sexy these days?"

Ji Xiehan grabbed her hand and pushed it down his V-line. "Yes. There's an extremely sexy wall before you. Do you want to hug it, kiss it, or... something else?"

Lanni opened her eyes and only then did she see the only piece of cloth on him. A towel loosely draped around his waist. He had another towel on his head, probably what he was using to wipe his hair. She swallowed a gulp of saliva. "Why do you only have a towel on?"

"I just finished taking a shower." He made way for her to come in.

No wonder his skin was wet.

"Eer... should I... leave so you can dress up and come back later?" Lanni tried to look elsewhere.

"No need." He rubbed on his hair using the towel for a while and put it on the dressing table. His hair was now ruffled, and Lanni couldn't take her eyes off it. She was so shocked that her eyes almost popped when he reached to take off the towel.

She hurriedly turned with her eyes closed. "Can't you have some decency?"

Ji Xiehan laughed. "There's no such thing as decency in the presence of the person who has seen every inch of my body."

With no restraint, he went ahead to cream his body before taking the clothes that he had chosen earlier and dressing up right there. Lanni tried not to look at him even though she really wanted to. She knew what would happen if she took even a tiny peek and she was not ready for that. At least not before talking business.

Once he was done dressing up, he walked in front of her and held her hands, pulling them off her face. "You can open your eyes now."

She resisted his pull, peeking through her fingers to ensure that he was actually wearing clothes. Ji Xiehan chuckled at his antics. Was he so untrustworthy?

Seeing that he was not lying, Lanni reached into her satchel and took out the share transfer contract. "I got this for you."

Ji Xiehan had to smile in awe, knowing that she had accomplished whatever it was that she was trying to do. How fast. Although he knew that she was smart, he had thought that he might have to step in. Seeing that she had done it on her own, he happily opened the contract.

He was initially shocked to read the part about Ji Feifei giving her shares to the Feng family but when he flipped to the later pages, he had to let out a laugh. "You tricked her."

"Well, people like her can only be handled using mind tricks."

Ji Xiehan tore off the first pages. "I'll get my lawyer to verify this."

Lanni told him what had happened before saying, "I was worried about that, would there be a problem because she didn't willingly sign it?"

"What problem?" Ji Xiehan shrugged. "Did anyone force her? It was her fault for not

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It was her fault for not reading the contract properly. Lanni had neither stolen the signature nor forced her to sign it.

"You're right. No matter what kind of lawyer she hires, we will not be liable for her carelessness." Lanni snickered. "I guess she thought she was betraying the Ji family and teaching them a lesson for letting her go to prison. Little did she know that she would fall into what she thought was a trap she laid."

Remembering something, she said to Ji Xiehan, "Right. This is how you will convince your parents that the Feng family had a deal with Ji Feifei."

Ji Xiehan knew what she was talking about. However, that didn't seem convincing enough since no one had signed it.

Also, "honey, can we not talk about other people right now?"

"Right." Lanni looked up at him.

"Thank you." He suddenly said.

"You don't need to thank me. I enjoyed helping you and besides, it's just a small part." Ji Xiehan was dealing with the difficult matters. He had already held a meeting with most of the higher-ups and got them on the Ji family's side.

Now, even if the Feng family somehow magically managed to obtain more shares than the Ji family, they were several steps behind—they had less supporters on their side.

Even so, Ji Xiehan still had to thank her. She had made it harder for the Feng family. He placed his hands on her shoulders and gazed into her grey orbs. "My love, how do you want me to thank you?"

Lanni felt her heart racing as she looked up into his eyes. Why did that question sound so wrong? She maintained her gaze in his charming eyes and threw the question back at him. "How do you want to thank me?"

Ji Xiehan looked like he had been anticipating that question. He held her chin between his thumb and forefinger. "I want to thank you in bed... by making love to you."

Lanni felt her cheeks heat up. Did he just say that? "I-I..."

"Are you okay now?" He asked, leaning his head lower.

Suddenly seeing his eyes so close, she gasped as her heartbeat quickened even further. Without a doubt, he was asking about her period. She nodded, then suddenly realized just how shameless her nod seemed.

As expected, Ji Xiehan took that as permission. He leaned in and kissed her lips. He started off light and soft, then deepened the kiss as his right hand went behind her neck while his left hand found her waist, circled it and pulled her against his chest.

She lifted her hands and hugged his neck, letting her fingers trail the back of his neck all the way to his silver-white hair that was still slightly damp. She gasped as she felt his hand snake down her body and squeeze her butt.

She involuntarily let out a moan, knowing better than anyone just what he was about to do to her. He had anticipated this since the night they were in Berlin and so had she.

She felt her legs weaken into a puddle as he lifted her. She opened her eyes when she felt her back land gently on the soft, white bed. Her eyes met his blue, lustful ones as he pressed her under him.

She reached to unbutton the shirt he had worn just a few minutes ago. His body smelt nice and fresh after his shower, and she couldn't help kissing his neck as he eased her dress off her body.

As soon as he saw those soft breasts again, his patience evaporated into thin air, and he unhooked and took off her bra anxiously. His hand caressed his way to her cotton panties, and he impatiently tore it off.

Lanni chuckled at his impatience, not minding it in the least bit. With a slight push, she flipped him below her with matching anticipation, pulled off his pants and boxer briefs to his knees and took his rock-hard and throbbing manhood in her hand. He groaned as he hugged her so she was lying over his body with his shaft between her legs.

He looked into her eyes to see if she was willing to let him do what he was about to do. Seeing nothing but want in her eyes, he held her over him, directed his shaft between her thighs, kissing her neck as he pushed his hips upwards to thrust into her.

"Ah—!" Lanni suddenly let out a muffled scream at the same time that he felt an obstruction. He gently pushed her off him in alarm.

"Are you alright?" When she nodded, he held her in his arms and hugged her gently.

"Are you hurt?" He asked although she had said she was alright. He knew instinctively what that obstruction just now was. "You didn't tell me it's your first time."

Lanni chewed on her lower lip. "I didn't know either."

Cheng Yu had told her that she had a boyfriend before. She had assumed that she might have done it with him. Apparently, that was what Ji Xiehan thought too. He had thought that since she had a boyfriend before, she wouldn't be a virgin.

He snapped from his thoughts and went to the bathroom to run a bath. When the bath was ready, he returned and carried her off the bed.

"Where are you taking me?"

"I'm going to check if you're hurt." He said regretfully as he used his foot to open the bathroom door. He shouldn't have been so impatient with her. He had never slept with a woman before, let alone a virgin; but from what other people said, a woman's first time might be painful. How could he let his other head control his thoughts?

"What's with that expression?" Lanni laughed as she wrapped her arms around his neck. She knew that he must be blaming himself. "If I didn't know, how would you have known? Besides, it wasn't too painful."

Ji Xiehan nodded and placed her into the tub, his eyes gazing at her gently. Although he didn't have anything against a woman who wasn't a virgin, he was still happy that she was all his. He had never said this before but he had been a little jealous of her ex-boyfriend.

"I'm kinda happy that I haven't been with anyone before you." Lanni suddenly said. Although he had never asked about it, she had always thought that a man like Ji Xiehan might prefer 'pure' and untouched women. For this reason, she was slightly afraid that he might be disappointed.

Ji Xiehan chuckled. She was thinking of the same thing as him. Looking at her, he could vaguely guess her unsaid words too.

Letting the water run over her skin, he looked at her seriously. "Lanni, I want you know that our relationship is not just about sex. I mean, sex is definitely a part of it but it's not the only part nor is it the most important."



Lanni no longer felt awkward talking about this with him. They would have to discuss it sooner or later.

"I said this before and I do not mind saying it again in case you forget." He continued under her gaze.

"Lanni, relationships are not a joking matter to me. I'm not one to mess around with women. I had never dated before because there was no woman that I thought was good enough for me to spend the rest of my life with.

Since I found you and chose you, I will not fall for anyone else. You are the one I will marry when the time is right, have kids with and spend the rest of my life with."

If anyone else said those words, Lanni might think they were only trying to please her with words they had probably told every other woman they messed with. But the seriousness in Ji Xiehan's eyes and his confident and decisive tone made her believe that he meant every word he said.

The slight tension in her heart eased. "What a coincidence. I don't think it's a good idea to mess around either. Since I decided to be with you, it's only going to be you now and in future."

Glad that they were of the same opinion about relationships, he pressed a slight kiss on her forehead.

"What are you doing?" She yelped when he suddenly parted her legs.

"Checking if you're hurt." He said seriously.

"Are you really going to check me down there?" She blushed at the thought of it.

In response, he pinched her adorably flushed cheeks playfully "How is one girl able to blush so many times?"

"It's all your fault!" He was the one who kept doing things that embarrassed her.

Ji Xiehan's lips curled into a smile. "You're my girlfriend. Why can't I look at you? You've seen mine too. You have touched it too. You even..."

"Stop talking about it!" She splashed bubbles to his face. "Anyway, why are you kneeling outside the tub? Come in, let's bathe together."

"Sure." He slipped in immediately like he was just waiting for the word.

#### Chapter 190 - Let's Finish What We Started

Ji Xiehan hugged Lanni close to him as soon as he joined her in the bath tub. Lanni yelped when he lifted her so he was beneath her and she was sitting on him. That was dangerous, they could have slipped!

"What do you think you're doing? We could have got hurt." She admonished.

"Don't worry my love. I was careful." He would never let her get hurt. Ji Xiehan smiled and held her body tightly, closing his eyes to enjoy her proximity.

It wasn't long before she felt something throbbing against her backside and poking her. She peered at him in surprise. "You can have a boner while in water?"

"Why not?" he laughed. With her this close to him and sitting practically next to it, forget about a warm, cozy bath. He would have a boner even if they were in freezing cold water.

Lanni's thoughts ran wild as she became a little too aware of the fact that they were both naked and so closely huddled together. She couldn't help but wonder why he stopped earlier. They were so close to doing it and even though he suddenly realized that it was her first time, he should have continued, right? She wouldn't have been too hurt anyway... her skin felt hotter at the thought of it.

"What are you thinking about?" Came his voice behind her ear as he nibbled on her earlobe playfully. No doubt, he knew exactly what she was thinking about because he was thinking of the same thing.

"Nothing. Eer... we shouldn't soak for too long." She said.

"You're right. You have soaked for long enough. Do you still feel uncomfortable?"

"No." She shook her head, feeling much better after the bath. Ji Xiehan lifted her off him and they both got out of the tub.

He grabbed a bathrobe at the side and gave it to her.

Lanni looked at the pink fluffiness in her hand and looked back at him as though finding it strange. Did he use pink bathrobes?

"It's new. No one has used it before." He didn't include the fact that he bought it in case she slept over.

"Mmh." She draped it around her body and walked out of the bathroom as he followed closely behind her. Ji Xiehan changed the sheets and swiftly changed his clothes.

Lanni was still wondering whether she would have to wear her dirty clothes when he walked towards the closet. He touched a t-shirt and was about to take it when he thought back to the rows of female clothes in the walk-in closet.

Not too long ago, he had wanted to get her a present. His assistant recommended a few brands for female clothes. After taking just one look, he had the urge to buy everything that he thought would look good on his Lanni. That was why he had ended up buying so many dresses, shoes, bags and jewelry that

one would think Lanni had moved in. Since they started dating, he had even got a maid to buy nightwear in Lanni's size in case she slept over.

He was about to leave the t-shirt and go to bring one of the clothes he had bought for her but he stopped. The thought of having Lanni wear his t-shirt made him feel something inexplicable in a sweet way. Hence he took the cotton t-shirt and actually acted like he was at a loss.

"If you don't mind, you can wear this."

Lanni turned to take a look and saw him holding a large men's t-shirt against his body. She quickly closed the application that she had just opened to order clothes from an online mall. She had never worn a man's clothes before, but wearing her boyfriend's t-shirt must look and feel sexy so she didn't hesitate to grab it from him.

She thought of whether to tell him to turn around or give her space to change but before she did, he spoke first. "Are you hungry? I will go and get you something to eat."

Lanni smiled, knowing that he was only using the excuse to give her space. How gentlemanly. She realized that the more she stayed close to him, the harder she fell for him.

Ji Xiehan only came back a while later, after cooking some of her favorite dishes. He placed the food tray on the night stand, casting a glance at the woman on his bed. Being a lot taller than her, his t-shirt was long enough to cover her backside and part of her thighs. It was not sure what she had done, but it was fitting in the waist area, making it look like a short dress. Her thighs and legs peeked through the white fabric, sending his brain in a craze.

"I hope I can borrow this." She said as she revealed a folded part of the t-shirt. His belt was peeking through.

He stifled a laugh. So that was how she had made it fit her waist. After making sure that the tray was stable on the night stand, he walked over to her and pecked her cheek. "You look lovely. You should wear my clothes more. "

Lanni managed a smile and kissed him on the lips. At that moment, the aroma from the food he had just brought in wafted into her nostrils and before she could say a word, her stomach growled to complain about being abandoned by her.

Ji Xiehan stepped back and took the tray. "I cooked for you."

"It's delicious." She said even before having a taste.

Ji Xiehan laughed at that. "How do you know? You haven't even tried it out."

"Because you're great in the kitchen and it smells nice."

Ji Xiehan couldn't refute her logic and brought the meal to her. As expected, it was yummy.

"Braised with white wine, just like I love it. Even the garlic is just right. How do you know what I like to the last detail?"

Ji Xiehan smiled and kept the answer mysterious. Li Yuming had only told him that she liked coq-au-vin. As for the other details, he did his homework.

He ate his own food, sneaking occasional peeks as she munched her way through all the food on her plate, smiling in satisfaction at how delicious it was. It's not just women that appreciate compliments about their culinary skills. Men do too, and Ji Xiehan was on clouds from seeing how genuinely happy she was.

It was only when her plate was clear and he had taken the dishes back to the kitchen that Lanni said something. "How yummy. Yummier than any other coq-au-vin I've ever tasted. You have to teach me to cook this way. Do you have a secret ingredient?"

Ji Xiehan smiled. "I do have a secret ingredient. To be exact, it's one that my aunt taught me. But you don't have to learn to cook."

"But why not?"

He hugged her from the side. "Because you don't need to. I will cook for you as many times as necessary."

Lanni felt her heart race as she hugged his arm, peeking up at him. "If you are this sweet to me for any longer, I will become spoiled."

"What's wrong with that? Girlfriends are meant to be spoiled." Ji Xiehan felt his body reacting once again. She was not wearing a bra, so when she hugged his arm, her breasts rubbed against him through the cotton fabric. She didn't seem to realize it as she kept rubbing herself against him.

He tried not to look at his arm, turning his gaze downwards instead. However, his eyes were only greeted with her fair legs that were exposed by the short length of what she was wearing. Her position was far from modest, and it made him wonder whether she was wearing anything beneath it. He coughed and made to get away. What was he thinking?

Lanni hugged his arm a little tighter when she felt him shift. It felt nice to hug him. He was wearing a t-shirt with short sleeves so there was only one piece of fabric separating her breasts from the skin of his arm. She felt his warmth through it and felt her nipples stiffen into pebbles, craving for his touch.

Bolder than she had ever been, she pushed him down on the bed and crawled onto his body. Before he could react to the sudden push, she held down his shoulders as her lips came crashing down on his.

Ji Xiehan slid a hand through her hair to hold her neck and deepened the kiss with the same urgency as her. When she realized that he was resisting the urge to reach for her chest, she broke the kiss and straightened into a kneel against his body. Resolutely, she took off the loosely tied belt from her waist and held the edges of the t-shirt, pulling it off her body. Suddenly seeing her naked body in front of him, Ji Xiehan swallowed. "Are you sure about this?"

Lanni grabbed his hand and brought it to her breast. "Yes." She reached for his clothes in anticipation.. "Let's finish what we started."