

Chapter 124 Strategy

"Yes, I do," I said sincerely.

Chu Xiaoxiao's eyes gleamed with unshed tears, and she held on tight to me. "Me too."

There was an indescribable joy in my heart. I leaped out of the car and ran around the other side, reaching into the passenger door, and carried her out. Surprised, Chu Xiaoxiao struggled out of my hold.

Wasting no time, I dragged her to the hotel. This time, Chu Xiaoxiao did not resist, but ran alongside me.

However, checking-in to the hotel proved to be a challenge. While I had my ID on me, Chu Xiaoxiao did not bring hers. In addition, due to my veteran status, the front desk was being very cautious, and refused to let us check-in without Chu Xiaoxiao's ID.

I almost got on my knees to beg her. The day I waited for so long was finally here, and I could not let a small matter get in my way.

"No, it's simply not allowed. This is a matter of public safety. You can't stay here without any ID." The hotel staff at the front desk passed me back my ID. She looked at me, then glanced at Chu Xiaoxiao. With a look that said 'I know what you're up to', she added, "This is for crime prevention."

I was already worked up. Men were like that. Our pent-up energy would have us railing at the trees. Angrily, I retorted, "So you think that I'm going to commit a crime? Do I look like a bad person to you?"

The front desk was manned by a young woman. She seemed flustered and did not know how to answer me. Embarrassed, Chu Xiaoxiao pulled me aside, apologizing on my behalf.

I smiled at Chu Xiaoxiao in bitter frustration. "Did you purposely forget your ID? You're always teasing me like this."

She cradled my face as if coaxing a child, and laughed. "What's with you? I'm your girlfriend. It's only a matter of time before I sleep with you. Can't the virgin boy wait for Sis' tender touch?"

Playing along, I put on a pouty face and laid my head on her chest. In a squeaky voice, I said, "Sis, please love me. Don't take pity on me just because I'm handsome."

Chu Xiaoxiao laughed so hard that she bent over and collapsed on the sofa. Her oblivion drove me to distraction, and I just wanted her there and then. However, there was nothing to be done, as we could not get a room tonight.

I tickled her waist and spoke in a low voice, "I don't care. You need to bring your ID with you tomorrow."

Chu Xiaoxiao dodged me. "The time has passed. Blame your own bad luck."

I was so frustrated that I burst into laughter. The girl knew exactly how to tease me.

We messed about on the sofa for a while, when suddenly the front desk staff tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around to see her apologetic smile.

"Mr. Zhang, I didn't recognize you earlier. The room is ready. You can check in now."

"Didn't you say we needed ID?" I asked, "Why can we stay now?"

"Of course, we do need ID for anyone else, however, our hotel is fully owned by the Junran Group. As our boss, you don't need ID to stay in your hotel." The staff smiled, but I could see the sheen of nervous sweat on her forehead.

"Ah, so Lidu is under the Junran Group."

I wanted to mention offhand how troublesome it was to run such a big business, and how I did not even know how much money I had, but it felt facetious, even though it was true.

"This way please," said the staff with a smile.

The tiny flame I had snuffed out in my heart came to life again. Face flushed, I turned to Chu Xiaoxiao. "Let's go."

Chu Xiaoxiao stammered, "What? Really?"

I put an arm around her slim waist. "You need to keep your word."

The staff led us to the presidential suite on the top floor. When we entered, we were greeted by a huge floor-to-ceiling window through which the night view of Tong City blinked at us.

"Mr. Zhang, our Lidu Hotel is Tong City's tallest building. This presidential suite has the best view of Tong City. You can look down on all of Tong City from here. Let me show you..."

"There's no need. I'll let you know if I need anything," I said, dismissing her.

The staff smirked and backed away, bowing. "Have a good night."

The moment she shut the door, I wordlessly crowded Chu Xiaoxiao to the bed, not bothering to draw the curtains.

There was no way anyone could peek in here anyway.

In the beginning, Chu Xiaoxiao looked scared. After I pushed her to the bed, she stared at me with those beautiful eyes. Then suddenly, she wrapped her arms around my neck and reached up to kiss me.

Locked in our kiss, I slowly unbuttoned her top. I glanced down and my brain screeched to halt.

Her pale body was like a perfect work of art. Chu Xiaoxiao shyly covered her chest with her hands. She squirmed and turned her blushing face away from me, yet she waited in anticipation.

I impatiently took off my top. Just then, my phone rang.

How could I be bothered about my phone? I was going to get this done, even if the sky fell down upon us. As the saying went, men were walking boners, and I believed it. My brain was currently taking a break.

But the phone kept ringing, and even Chu Xiaoxiao could not take it anymore. She nudged me gently with her leg, and I went to answer the phone.

I was really annoyed, wondering who this bastard was. I picked up the phone and saw that it was Han Kun.

Han Kun had never called me for anything not urgent, and at this time.

I answered the phone and had just greeted him when he interrupted me.

"Chao, you need to come to Junran headquarters at once. Something's come up and I can't rush over. You need to be there."

"What happened?" Han Kun's tone filled me with dread. In the time I had known him, I had never heard him so panicked before.

"Liu Rong wants to settle accounts, and he's put Finance Manager Gan in a tight spot. Gan can't hold the fort alone. He can't refuse Liu Rong's request as a shareholder. I can't make it back, and there's no one to go on my behalf. Liu Rong won't budge for anyone. You need to go. Just get Gan out of the situation, and I'll settle it when I'm back."

Liu Rong, Han Kun had told me before, was a Junran shareholder. Even though he was not a major shareholder, he did hold quite a number of shares. Han Kun did not go into detail, but I figured that this Liu Rong was a wildcard. However, Liu Rong was outmaneuvered by Han Kun's strategies, and generally did not dare to make any moves. Why was he forcing the finance manager to audit accounts in the middle of the night?

"Junran is such a big group. How can he just decide to audit whenever he wants to? What's going on? Is he rebelling?" I asked in surprise.

Han Kun scoffed. "He must have caught wind of the news that you're the heir to Junran. I kept it secret because I was worried that this guy would make a move. However, since it was going to come out sooner or later, Junran is going to be yours anyway. Right now, you're the only one with the power to control Liu Rong. Go there now. It would be bad if the ledger ended up in Liu Rong's hands."