

Su Meng anxiously held onto her phone as she entered the house and her voice trembled, "Darling, where are you?"

She could still hear Kaikai's sniffling through the phone, and her heart was in her mouth.

Kaikai opened his room door and stood there barefooted with the phone still in his hands as he pitifully called out, "Mama..."

Su Meng immediately ran over to hug Kaikai tightly, and didn't even realize she was on the verge of tears. "You silly boy! Where were you hiding? You almost scared me to death!"

Kaikai held onto Su Meng's neck and replied softly, "I was scared to be all alone, so I hid myself just now."

Kaikai normally behaved like an adult, so when she heard him say he was frightened in such a small and pitiful voice, Su Meng's heart nearly broke.

She was angry at her mother for leaving without telling her, but she was angriest



with herself.

Kaikai was only five, so no matter how maturely he behaved, he was still a child after all.

It was too dangerous to leave a five year old alone at home.

When she had to go to the police station, she should have made sure her mother would be around to take care of Kaikai, then her poor son wouldn't have been so scared.

Su Meng touched Kaikai's cold feet and hands and felt even guiltier. She carried him over to sit on the sofa and apologized, "Darling, I'm really sorry. Mama had to attend to some urgent matters and I thought Grandma would be at home to be with you. It's my fault that this happened, I'm so sorry."

Kaikai's fear of the empty house started to dissipate as he stayed in the familiar embrace of his mother.

After calming down, he thought of how he



had hidden himself earlier and realized how unmanly that action was. He felt ashamed of himself and immediately shook his head, "It's ok. I was just a little afraid just now. Just a wee bit."

He even used his thumb to indicate that his fear was as much as just the tip of his thumb.

Su Meng knew that Kaikai was just trying to save his pride and didn't expose him. "Oh then my little darling was very brave. But no matter how brave you were, Mama was still in the wrong. Mama is really sorry about this."

Kaikai pursed his lips together, then waved his little hand and said nonchalantly, "I've forgiven Mama already. But what happened to you?"

Something that could make his mother run out in such a hurry that she just left him alone at home must have been a very serious matter.

Su Meng didn't expect Kaikai to be so sharp, but it didn't seem appropriate to tell



her young child that she had nearly been violated earlier either.

She looked down and pretended it didn't matter to her. "It was just a small matter, and I've already settled it, so you don't have to worry."

Kaikai didn't believe her and wanted to ask some more, so Su Meng glanced at the time and exclaimed, "Babe, it's already 9pm! It's time to quickly bathe and sleep, otherwise you're never growing taller!"

Kaikai answered her very seriously.
"Whether I grow taller or not in the future depends on genetics and nutrition. It has very little to do with sleep."

Su Meng saw that she had successfully distracted Kaikai, so she latched onto this topic and replied, "Yes yes, Professor Kaikai knows everything. But it's really time for you to sleep, otherwise you'll be late for school tomorrow and your teacher is going to confiscate your phone as a punishment."

Threatening to confiscate his phone was



very effective on Kaikai. He quickly stood up and headed for the bathroom. "Ok, I'm off to wash up."

After Su Meng had bathed and gotten Kaikai to sleep, she was still feeling upset, so she decided to call Hu Yang. "Hello, Mum?"

Before she could say anymore, Hu Yang angrily scolded her, "What are you doing calling me so late at night instead of sleeping? What kind of upbringing do you have!"



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Su Meng didn't expect the day would come when she would hear her own mother ask her what sort of upbringing she had.

Her heart felt stuffy and she started to tear up. She apologized, "I'm sorry Mum, I forgot to check the time."

But actually it was only around 9:50 PM. It wasn't early, but it wasn't late enough for a phone call to be considered a disturbance to others.

Hu Yang had gotten the upper hand with the way she started the phone call. After hearing Su Meng apologize, she continued to use the same nasty tone of voice to talk about Su Meng's late father and grandmother.

"I really have no idea how your father and grandmother brought you up. Have you no basic manners? Don't you know you shouldn't be calling people at night for no reason?"

Su Meng always kept a good temper in front of Hu Yang. You could even say she had no temper at all in front of Hu Yang.

In most cases, since Hu Yang was the only elder left in her family, no matter how far Hu Yang crossed the line in terms of her speech or actions – for example, like how she insisted on trying to match make herself with Shen Yu'an earlier that night over dinner – she wouldn't get angry.

But now Hu Yang had involved her late father and grandmother and she couldn't hold it in anymore. She raised her voice, "Enough."

This was the first time Su Meng had raised her voice at Hu Yang and she was taken aback. She stammered, "Wha-what's wrong with you?"

Su Meng took a deep breath and calmed her voice back down. "Mum, I'm sorry, I didn't control my emotions well earlier. But both Dad and Grandma have passed away already, I hope you can show them a little more respect!"

Hu Yang was so angry that her mouth was nearly twisted and she hung up on Su Meng.



Su Meng heard the dead tone of the phone and her heart felt colder than the night.

She had just wanted to call and ask why her mother had left without saying a word.

It was fine that her mother didn't like her, but Kaikai was only five. As his grandmother, how could she bear to just leave him alone in the house? Even if Hu Yang had urgent matters to attend to, she should have at least called or sent a message to inform her.

Su Meng thought about how her mother had been cold and constantly annoyed with her these few years, then thought about her father and grandmother who had passed away those same number of years ago, and started crying soundlessly while holding her face as the pain welled up in her heart.

After crying for a while, she wiped her tears away and got ready to wash up and sleep.

She still had to go to work and earn enough money for herself and Kaikai, so

she couldn't let her emotions get caught up in sadness or pain.

Just then, her phone rang. Surprisingly, the person calling was her mother, who had hung up on her earlier.

Su Meng picked up the call a little warily, "Hello?"

Before she could say more, Hu Yang started a long speech as if she had memorized it, "Mengmeng, I was in the wrong just now. My temper was a bit short and I shouldn't have been angry at you. You know, I am a straight talker and I say whatever I'm thinking, but I'm not unhappy towards your dad or your grandmother."

Su Meng didn't expect her mother would ever call and apologize, so she immediately laughed and waved her hands about, "Oh no worries, I overreacted earlier too. I shouldn't have spoken to you like that, I apologize for that."

Now that both mother and daughter had taken the initiative to apologize to one another, the air between them became



much more harmonious.

Hu Yang asked Su Meng why she had called so late, and Su Meng finally told her why she had called earlier.

When she made the call earlier, Su Meng spoke like she was trying to force a confession out of a guilty person, but after Hu Yang spoke nicely to her, she had calmed down a lot too. "Nothing much really, I just wanted to ask why you suddenly left without texting me or anything like that, so I wanted to know if something happened."

Hu Yang didn't notice that Su Meng was implicitly blaming her for doing that, so she just calmly replied, "Ohhh, it's because of my grandson. Your Uncle Zhang's grandson insisted on drinking the dessert soup that I make, otherwise he wouldn't take his medicine. A few days ago he caught a cold from the wind and has been coughing like crazy. If he doesn't take his medicine, he'll get worse. I was very anxious and so I forgot to text you. Nothing big happened, don't worry."

The smile on Su Meng's face froze.

She had thought that something terribly urgent must have cropped up and she had no choice but to leave immediately. Who knew? It was merely because she had to make dessert for a child.

Her mother had left Kaikai all alone in the house over a bowl of dessert.

She knew she couldn't blame her mother for this, since her mother was just Kaikai's maternal grandmother and she wasn't obliged to take care of Kaikai, so she couldn't ask too much of her.

But then again she was her biological mother as well as Kaikai's biological grandmother, so even though her mother always showed her dislike for Kaikai, she would always hope that her mother would show care and concern like she ought to.

She couldn't really remember what else her mother said after that or how she replied her anymore.

She only remembered that she somehow

managed to wash herself up and then went to bed while hugging Kaikai.

The only thought she had was that her mother really didn't love her as much as she loved her mother...

Many people always talked about motherly love and fatherly love, but the love a child had for his parents was also something the child was born with, and would not be any less than motherly or fatherly love.

Just like how she really wished she could feel the love from her mother.

But it seemed impossible no matter what she did.

Eventually she somehow fell asleep.

The next day, Su Meng saw two swollen bloodshot eyes looking at her in the mirror. She wanted to cry but there were no tears.

How was she going to see anybody looking like this today?!



Kaikai got a shock when he saw what Su Meng looked like. He looked anxiously at Su Meng, "Mama, why are your eyes so swollen?"

Su Meng felt embarrassed to admit to her son that her eyes were swollen from crying, so she just tried to explain it away, "Mama doesn't know either, maybe an insect bit me. I'll drop by the hospital later."

She took an ice pack from the fridge to apply on her eyes while speaking.

She refused to let go even though the ice pack made her feel so cold that she kept shivering.

She just hoped it would help.

What was she going to do when she saw Shen Yu'an later?

The swelling went down a little after using the ice pack, but it was still fairly obvious and looked quite scary.

When she left the house, she put on an extra large pair of sunglasses, making



Kaikai and any neighbors who passed by take a few more looks at her.

Only Kaikai was sincerely concerned. The neighbors only thought about what happened to her the night before.

Even though she wasn't very near to them, Su Meng could still hear them clearly talking about her. "That's the lady who nearly got, you know, last night, right? She must have been frightened terribly last night!"

"This estate's security is too poor, how could they just let anybody in? I think we should talk to the estate management about this."

Su Meng's lips twitched a little as she lowered her head and took the elevator down with Kaikai.

Once she walked out of the lobby, she could see Shen Yu'an standing next to his car a mile off. He was in casual wear as always, but instead of wearing sunglasses, he was in a black cap.



Even so, his long legs and luxury car still attracted the attention of several residents in the estate.

Su Meng pushed the sunglasses on her face higher and felt a bit nervous as she brought Kaikai over to where Shen Yu'an was.

But before she could say anything to Shen Yu'an, suddenly an auntie full of smiles appeared from behind her.

The auntie looked curiously at Shen Yu'an, causing him to pull the cap down a little more, because he was afraid that someone would recognize him.

The auntie didn't know who Shen Yu'an was, but made a guess, "You must be Kaikai's father. He's your husband, right? Miss Su?"

Before Su Meng could cut in, Shen Yu'an took this rare chance to acknowledge that he was Kaikai's father and said, "That's right, I'm Kaikai's father."

It was kind of exciting to admit that he had



a five year old son to others.

The moment the auntie heard Shen Yu'an admit who he was, she couldn't help but use the tone of voice of an older person as she said, "I say, as a father and husband, you've been too negligent. Since you know that someone has been stalking Miss Su, then you should spend more time with Miss Su, then last night wouldn't have happened..."

Actually when Su Meng heard the auntie's tone of voice, she was afraid that the auntie would talk about what happened. Little did she expect that this auntie would speak so quickly and started babbling about this matter before Su Meng could stop her.

Later she found out this auntie was actually on the town committee for this area, but that was not important now.

Su Meng tried to tug at the auntie's sleeve and forcibly changed the topic, "Auntie, I'm in a hurry to go to work, so I can't stay and chat anymore. Mr. Shen, let's go."



The auntie noticed that Su Meng looked a little strange, and realized that she might have said too much even though she had good intentions.

Shen Yu'an reached a hand out to stop Su Meng from opening the car door. "It's still early and I drive fairly quickly, so you won't be late. Let me hear what Auntie wants to say."

Men had a higher body temperature, particularly their palms. His hand had caught Su Meng's wrist, and she felt that the area where their skin touched was practically on fire.

Su Meng twisted her wrist free of Shen Yu'an's iron grip and tried to look like everything was fine. "It wasn't anything serious, just ran into a disgusting pervert last night, that's all."

"Oh goodness please, it wasn't as simple as what you just said. If not for the fact that there were many people around in the estate, I think he would have torn all your clothes off."



Su Meng's face reddened when she heard this, and she felt both embarrassed and frustrated. She said a little coldly, "Alright now, auntie, go on with your grocery shopping, thanks for your concern."

With that, she got into the car with Kaikai.

The auntie's face darkened when Su Meng had put her in a spot even though the auntie really had good intentions.

Shen Yu'an was a bit better at handling this sort of situation, so he bent down and thanked the auntie, "Auntie, thanks so much for telling me this. If you didn't say anything, I wouldn't know about it at all. She didn't dare to tell me and kept it from me. I don't think she would want to tell me even if I asked, so don't be angry, why not you tell me what happened?"

The auntie then told him what happened the night before in full detail, then finally emphasized at the end, "I couldn't help coming over to say a few things because I'm afraid that this pervert would come back and create trouble for your wife after escaping last night."



She had done this out of kindness, but hadn't thought about whether it was appropriate to do so.

Shen Yu'an thanked her warmly some more before finally getting into the car.



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In the car, Kaikai held on tightly to Su Meng, but his face was a little grouchy. "... you didn't tell me about this yesterday, otherwise I wouldn't have let him off."

Su Meng kept her sunglasses on. "Babe, this is between adults, as a child you just need to obediently go to school. You have to trust that Mama can handle this matter."

Kaikai looked at Su Meng a little doubtfully, "Really?"

Su Meng nodded a little dejectedly. "Of course. Is Mama a very useless adult to you?"

Kaikai sighed like a little old man, "But Mama does indeed look very weak..."

Su Meng didn't know what to say. Everything about her son was wonderful except this part. He always felt that she was very weak and needed his protection.

But he never thought about how he was only five, so small in stature and couldn't even protect himself. How was he going to protect her?



But at the same time she was sincerely heartened that Kaikai had this thought at all, and she also felt bad to burst Kaikai's ego with the truth, so she couldn't help but want to pacify him a little.

She was about to say something when Shen Yu'an got into the car.

She kissed Kaikai on the forehead and didn't say anything.

But Shen Yu'an could really hold it in too. He didn't say a single word throughout the entire journey. He didn't ask about what happened the night before, neither was he concerned about whether Su Meng stayed safe for the rest of the night or not.

He was really like a driver hired by Su Meng, and was solely in charge of driving. His eyes looked straight in front and didn't keep looking behind like he did the day before.

At first Su Meng was actually relieved that he was behaving like this.

After all, it felt embarrassing to tell a man



she wasn't very close to – even though this man was Kaikai's father – that a man had tried to sexually assault her.

But besides feeling relieved, after seeing how Shen Yu'an didn't ask a single thing, she also felt that this man was pretty heartless too.

Of course, even though she had these conflicting thoughts in her mind, she didn't dare to say anything, so she also kept equally quiet throughout the ride.

Kaikai also noticed that the air in the car was very strange. He looked at Shen Yu'an, then looked at Su Meng, to find that both of them were pursing their lips and not talking.

When they reached the kindergarten, Su Meng alighted first.

Before Kaikai alighted, he leaned over to Shen Yu'an and used his eyes to warn Shen Yu'an. But his plump little face filled with childishness looked less stern and more adorable.



This was the first time Shen Yu'an was so close to Kaikai, and this time Kaikai was the one who came close to him first. Shen Yu'an was a first time dad after all and was still a little excited as he asked gently, "What is it?"

He looked at Kaikai so gently that if any of his employees saw this, they would have suspected that there was something wrong with their eyes.

Kaikai didn't care about how Shen Yu'an was trying to be nice to him. "Do not make my Mama angry, otherwise you'd better watch out!"

This was the first time Shen Yu'an had been threatened by someone, and this person was actually his own five year old son. This experience was pretty unique.

At the same time, he could also feel how deep the bond between Kaikai and Su Meng was. Su Meng had definitely taken great care of Kaikai for the past five years, and that was why Kaikai was so filial to her.



He was only five, but he knew how to protect his mother from outsiders.

But of course, as Kaikai's biological father, he didn't know what to do when his son threatened him like this.

He didn't even know about Kaikai's existence for the past five years, and had been absent in Kaikai's life for the same number of years, which was why Kaikai didn't feel secure around him.

He thought about the books he read recently about bringing up children and decided to try making his expression even softer and gentler to counter this threat from Kaikai. He replied a little unnaturally, "I will discuss this matter properly with your Mama, so we won't fight, you don't have to worry."

Then he tried to pat Kaikai on the head.

But Kaikai dodged his hand.



Kaikai remained expressionless but his ears were a little red. "As long as do what you promised."

Su Meng started to hurry him from outside the car. "Su Yankai, you'd better come out quickly, otherwise you're going to be late again."

She held Kaikai's hand and walked with him to the school gate. Kaikai motioned to Su Meng and she squatted down. He whispered to her, "Mama, if that man bullies you, you must tell me. I'll help you teach him a lesson!"

Su Meng couldn't help but laugh at this. Her son was really way too adorable. She tried hard to hold her laughter in and replied, "Sure, Mama will remember. If this man tries to bully me, I'll definitely tell you."

After Kaikai walked into the kindergarten, Su Meng got back into the car.

This time she didn't sit at the back, but sat in front instead.

Su Meng looked at Shen Yu'an seated



beside her. She could only see his sharp nose and cold side profile, and he looked extremely unapproachable.

Shen Yu'an didn't seem to notice that Su Meng had looked at him. Once Su Meng had seated herself properly, he immediately started the car and drove back onto the main road.

When Kaikai was in the car earlier, Su Meng didn't feel that it was very quiet in the car. But now that Kaikai had gone to school, the car was just left with her and Shen Yu'an.

She felt that the air in the car seemed to have frozen over, plus there was this man who was obviously very cross and was exuding a very cold air right next to her, making her feel a tremendous pressure and her knees started feeling weak.

The CEO of a listed company was a boss indeed. The domineering air they had couldn't be compared to ordinary folks.

She gave in first and started speaking, "Actually it wasn't anything really serious



last night. My ex-husband was drunk and tried to make trouble for me. But there were a lot of kind people in the estate and they helped me to call the police."

Shen Yu'an asked, "Your ex-husband? That man who keeps saying Kaikai is his son?"

Su Meng nodded. "That's him. But this is my private matter and has nothing to do with you, so I didn't feel the need to tell you. The auntie this morning misunderstood our relationship, so she told you, but don't think too much about it."

Shen Yu'an didn't say anything regarding that and continued with another question, "Did that man appear just after I drove off?"

Su Meng didn't realize there was a trap in this question. She thought about it for a while then replied, "That's right, Zhao Zhijun suddenly appeared pretty much just after you drove out of the estate."

Shen Yu'an pursed his lips and fell silent again.



Since he didn't say anything, Su Meng wasn't sure how to continue the conversation.

She just felt that even though they had a five year old child together, strictly speaking, the two of them were strangers that had a few encounters, so they weren't really close.

She didn't feel comfortable telling a stranger she wasn't close to about such personal matters. But since Shen Yu'an didn't say anything, she wasn't going to continue on this matter either.

So both of them fell silent.

The air in the car was still as cold as ever.

Su Meng looked out of the car window and wished time would pass faster. So fast that the car would reach her office in an instant.

In that way, she could get rid of this moody man next to her.

She didn't know what he was angry about



either. He remained icy throughout the entire journey.

After Su Meng had wished very hard for time to pass quickly, the car finally reached a familiar street.

The car had barely stopped when Su Meng impatiently unfastened her seat belt and got ready to push the car door open and bid him farewell.

But with a click, the car doors were locked.



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Su Meng turned around and looked quizzically at Shen Yu'an.

Shen Yu'an's face remained cold as he said, "So you're going to just leave without explaining everything to me clearly?"

Su Meng purposely looked down at the watch on her wrist, but Shen Yu'an grabbed her hand and pulled her to face him.

"If you don't explain everything properly today, forget about getting out of this car!"

His tone of voice was so overbearing and so assertive, it made her angry.

But when she looked at Shen Yu'an's frosty face, Su Meng knew that judging from this man's character, she would really never get out of this car if she didn't explain everything properly.

She pursed her lips unhappily and tried to struggle free of Shen Yu'an's grip. "Speak nicely alright? Don't use violence."

Shen Yu'an let go of her hand.

Su Meng looked cross as she rubbed her wrist that had become slightly red. "What do you want me to say?"

Shen Yu'an looked up at the sunglasses on Su Meng's face and was quiet for a while before saying, "Take off your sunglasses and let me see."

Su Meng was a little hesitant, but in order to be able to get out quickly, she removed the sunglasses.

The moment the sunglasses were removed, Su Meng's extremely swollen eyes were completely exposed in front of Shen Yu'an.

That pretty pair of eyes that had left a deep impression on him were now so red and swollen, and she looked so pitiful.

Shen Yu'an furrowed his brows so hard when he saw this, the deep crease could squish an ant to death. A soft and bitter feeling started rising in his heart.

This pair of eyes made him feel awful when he saw them. They made him feel so

awful.

He lifted a hand as if he was going to touch them, but then put it down again.

When he spoke again, Shen Yu'an's voice had become much gentler than before. "You cried yesterday?"

Su Meng was puzzled by how Shen Yu'an had suddenly changed his attitude towards her. He sounded like he was demanding a confession out of her earlier, so how did he suddenly become so... gentle?

Could it be...his heart ached when he saw her like this?

She told herself she must be overthinking it.

She figured that CEO Shen was just trying to be gentlemanly and was embarrassed about making things difficult for this woman who had obviously been bullied before.

Su Meng didn't explain why she had cried

the night before. "Yeah, I was in a poor mood yesterday and cried for a while. Now that you've seen what you wanted to see, can I go now?"

Shen Yu'an started getting angry when he saw how Su Meng looked like she couldn't wait to get away from him, like he was some disgusting creature.

He suddenly came very close to Su Meng, and they were close enough to see each others' pores.

Su Meng immediately felt the heat that only a man would have and his cologne in her face, making her feel like she was sitting on needles.

She wanted to move back, but there wasn't much space on her side of the car and the car door had been locked. Even if she plastered herself on the car door, she couldn't avoid the man in front of her.

She didn't dare to look up at Shen Yu'an and could only demand, "What do you want?"

But once she said that, she realized that because she was feeling shy, her voice wasn't loud and sounded more like a whisper. So these words didn't make her sound demanding at all, and possibly even made her sound coquettish.

When she thought about it that way, a rush of heat ran over her face and her entire face was slightly pink.

She was glad that she had applied a thicker layer of makeup than usual to cover up the swelling of her eyes.

Otherwise Shen Yu'an would definitely be able to see her flushed cheeks that were hot enough to fry an egg, and she didn't know how she would ever talk to Shen Yu'an ever again if that happened.

Shen Yu'an didn't notice anything amiss about Su Meng. He just continued to stare at Su Meng's eyes and forced Su Meng's light brown eyes to meet with his deep set eyes.

Su Meng's light brown eyes reflected his grim face.

While Su Meng could see a woman who was completely helpless from embarrassment in Shen Yu'an's eyes – that was her.

The two of them were so close that Su Meng had to stop breathing to make sure her chest didn't touch his.

There was something romantic about the air in the car.



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Chapter 117 Promise Me

Shen Yu'an did not move his eyes away from Su Meng and said in a low voice, "You should try to trust me. I'm Kaikai's father, and that's a fact that will never change."

Su Meng couldn't stand it anymore after looking at Shen Yu'an's eyes for a few seconds. She moved her gaze to stare at Shen Yu'an's Adam's apple instead.

As Shen Yu'an spoke, his Adam's apple would move up and down without any particular pattern, and it looked quite sexy.

She started thinking that actually Shen Yu'an suited button down shirts. So with a tie and his sexy Adam's apple, he would definitely exude a very manly look.

She had even thought of the color of the shirt and the pattern of the tie already.

Shen Yu'an generally had a cold expression on and didn't like to smile. When he did smile, it looked fake, so he would look good in a white shirt and a tie with simple square motifs.

Shen Yu'an saw that Su Meng wasn't talking and thought she just didn't want to say anything, so he continued talking.

"I know that we haven't known each other for a long time and you keep your distance from me, I can understand. But the one thing you cannot deny is that we have a child together. And because Kaikai exists, even if we cannot become husband and wife, we could still be pretty good friends."

He paused for a while, and when he started speaking again, his voice was a little hoarse. "I think we're already friends, but when that sort of thing happened to you last night, you didn't choose to call me even though I had just left the estate and could have turned around in a matter of minutes. I'm really...a little angry. You've been too careless about this."

He was angry at the offender, that is, Su Meng's ex-husband, but he was also angry that Su Meng hadn't called him for help.

He could have just been less than a hundred yards away from the estate gate when it happened, and could have driven

back in less than a minute.

But Su Meng didn't choose to call him. She decided to settle all this by herself and even went to the police station by herself.

He was a little angry and felt that he had failed.

The two of them had quite a bit of interaction, but somehow Su Meng didn't have even basic trust in him.

Su Meng sort of understood what Shen Yu'an was trying to say and she tried to explain, "Everything happened very quickly last night and my mind was really in a mess and forgot that you had just left. I didn't purposely choose not to call you, I was really in a panic."

Shen Yu'an looked seriously at Su Meng for a while more. Once he had seen the honesty in her eyes and believed her words, he sat back down in his seat.

Su Meng couldn't help but breathe a big sigh of relief after that immense pressure had left her.

She repeated herself, "I really forgot that you had just left. I was too scared then, really too scared."

Her repeated words and the swelling of her eyes made these words sound very believable.

Shen Yu'an had no choice but to take this as the truth. "Then how did you finally settle this matter yesterday? Do you need my help?"

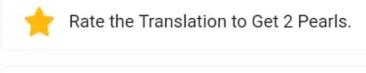
"No need, I've already made a police report. The police said they'll investigate this case."

Shen Yu'an nodded by way of accepting Su Meng's explanation, but he had drawn a few more crosses on Zhao Zhijun's name in his heart.

At first he just thought this man was a bit of a lunatic and had gone crazy from wanting a son.

Now he felt that this was a lunatic who was potentially violent, so he had to take some action.

Su Meng started to pull frantically at the car handle. "Do you still have anything else to ask me? I really have to get to work, otherwise I'll be late."



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Shen Yu'an continued to look straight at Su Meng and he said sternly, "You must promise me that if anything untoward happens to you next time, you must tell me."

It sounded a bit too forward, so he added on, "It's because you're Yankai's mother. If anything happens to you, Yankai will surely be angry once he finds out, and he might hate me for not taking care of you."

Su Meng nodded vigorously. "I promise, if something like that happens again, I'll tell you first thing. Can you open the door now?"

She really felt that she had to get out of the car now, because she was beginning to feel touched by the way Shen Yu'an had forced her to promise him that she would look for him if anything happened to her.

It had been a long, long time since anyone had said something like that to her.

In the past only her father and her grandmother would tell her things like 'Mengmeng, you must let me know if

anything makes you unhappy, because I would be worried if I see you unhappy'.

This could have been just because Shen Yu'an was just being a father showing concern towards the mother of his child, but that was still enough to move her.

Or perhaps she really suffered from a lack of love.

Shen Yu'an had no idea what Su Meng was thinking about. He just saw that Su Meng was so anxious to get out of the car and thought she was just getting impatient with him.

He thought about how they had plenty of time ahead of them, and he had plenty of ways to watch over Su Meng and ensure her safety. So whether she agreed or not, he would still protect her anyway.

He unlocked the car doors and Su Meng immediately ran into the office building as if someone was chasing after her.

Su Meng was so fast, Shen Yu'an couldn't even say goodbye to her.

Lin saw Su Meng emerge from Shen Yu'an's car again and purposely used her phone to snap a few pictures and looked hateful as she clenched her teeth and looked at the two people in the photos.

The moment Shen Yu'an reached the office, he went looking for the director of public relations.

The PR director was afraid that he had done something wrong and the CEO was going to scold him for it, so he entered the CEO's office nervously.

Instead, the CEO told him to go the police station and check on a sexual assault case in a particular small estate.

The director immediately woke up at the words 'sexual asault'.

If this was a sexual assault case, then the victim must have been a woman. Could she be the CEO's...girlfriend?

Actually the PR director was more than happy to hear that the CEO had a girlfriend.

Once the CEO had a girlfriend, then all those rumors online about how the CEO of Solare Technologies was gay would disappear by themselves, and he didn't have to spend so much energy on getting rid of them.

He wanted to gossip with the other directors in the company about this, but he was afraid that the truth could be very far from the actual situation, so he suppressed the urge to gossip and headed for the police station first.

He had just stepped into the office after paying the police station a visit when the secretary called him to go to the CEO's office again.

Shen Yu'an frowned at the PR director and sounded unhappy. "I told you to check on a small matter and you actually happily had lunch before coming back. What is this, going to quit on me or what?"

The PR director immediately said that the CEO had accused him wrongly and wiped away the sweat on his forehead. "CEO, when I went over, the police station said

that there's no such case. So I treated the inspector in charge of that station to lunch and managed to find out that someone had used his connections to throw this case out."

Shen Yu'an raised an eyebrow and there was a glimmer of interest in his eyes.

He thought that Zhao Zhijun was someone who only cared about his image but didn't know how to take care of his mess. He didn't expect him to have enough connections to move an inspector.

It looked like he had to change tactics to deal with this man.

But as long as he was human, then he definitely had flaws. And once he found his fatal flaw, he could destroy him with one blow!



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After Zhao Zhijun had run home in a terrible panic the day he got drunk, he collapsed on the sofa as perspiration rained down his face. He didn't have anymore of that arrogant urge to do something to get back at Su Meng that he had before, and now his heart was in total panic.

From what he knew about Su Meng's character, she would definitely make a police report.

After divorcing Liu Liyun, he only had 30% of the company shares on hand. If news broke out about his attempted rape, then he would definitely lose his position as the Managing Director, and he would find it hard to continue living in Hai City.

So none of what happened earlier must be made known.

After he had decided on this, he thought about how he had spent quite a bit of money to get some connections to the government some time back. So he started making a number of calls and used almost every connection he had before

finally settling this matter.

The next morning, he was still feeling uneasy, afraid that prosecutors would come knocking on his door.

But thankfully the connections he had were pretty good ones, and Su Meng was just an ordinary person on the street without any background or connections, so the whole day passed quietly.

Zhao Zhijun only felt at ease when night came.

But he started feeling annoyed when he thought about how he had to use all the connections he had created over so many years to settle this matter, and his son was being controlled by that money faced woman, Su Meng.

But he hadn't thought of a way to get his son back yet when the government's tax officers came knocking on his door the next day.

When a large group of people wearing the uniform of the tax department appeared at

his doorstep, Zhao Zhijun's head was covered with sweat from fright.

He had never seen so many people come at one shot. He noticed someone he recognized in the group and ran over with a cigarette in hand. "Officer Li, I didn't know you were dropping by today. You should have told me earlier and I'd get all my books ready ahead of time for you."

But the Officer Li that was normally friendly towards Zhao Zhijun was now very officious. He pushed away the cigarette that Zhao Zhijun offered. "MD Zhao, we need to do a random check of your company's tax records, I hope that you will cooperate with us!"

Zhao Zhijun was sweating profusely from anxiety and stammered as he said, "Officer Li, you know that we have several women's wear labels under our company and all the accounts are keyed in separately. Why don't you give me a bit of time and I'll consolidate everything for you?"

Officer Li kept a grim face and replied, "Don't worry about that, we have enough

people on hand to handle your company accounts no matter how many you have. Please show us to the relevant department!"

Zhao Zhijun had no choice but to watch the tax department take away all his records.

Because of this matter, there were many people in the company on the edge of their seats.

There was no company that was completely clean in their taxes. It was just a matter of whether they got checked by the government or not. And whoever they checked would definitely be guilty.

The other company shareholders came asking about it one after another when they heard what happened, and asked Zhao Zhijun if he had offended someone.

Even Liu Liyun sensed that something was wrong and wanted to sell the shares on her hands.

With these two matters looming over him,

Zhao Zhijun was too busy to think about making any trouble for Su Meng.

Su Meng was driven around by Shen Yu'an for the next four days. After Shen Yu'an had extended his friendship to her the last time, they both became friendlier towards each other. She wasn't so averse to him anymore and sometimes they even chatted a little in the car.

While chatting, Su Meng realized that even though Shen Yu'an didn't say much, every word he said went straight to the root of the matter, and he was a very farsighted man.

It was little wonder that a man like that was able to make Solare Technologies the most valuable technology company in the entire country.

After work that day, Shen Yu'an suddenly turned on the radio and listened to the broadcast.

Su Meng thought this was strange of him. Shen Yu'an normally didn't care for entertainment and never turned the radio

on in the car – so what was going on today?

After a few minutes, she heard a news report come on air, and realized she actually knew the person mentioned in the report.

"Yunyi Apparel has been reported to have evaded more than 10 million in taxes after an investigation by the corporate tax department. Yunyi Apparel now faces a fine of 50 million dollars, and the man in charge, Mr Zhao, may face jail time as well..."

Wasn't Yunyi Apparel the company under Zhao Zhijun that was famous for making imitations of popular designer clothing? How did it suddenly get investigated?

Shen Yu'an spoke up before she had figured it out, "Next time you don't have to worry about this man creating trouble for you."

After hearing what Shen Yu'an said, Su Meng still hadn't connected the dots, and thoughtfully replied, "Since he got investigated, some kind soul must have reported Zhao Zhijun, right? This kind soul has actually been of great help to me."

With that, Shen Yu'an turned the radio off and continued driving in silence.

Su Meng could feel that the man beside her was unhappy. At first she was puzzled, then when she thought about how Shen Yu'an had strangely turned the radio on earlier, she suddenly realized what happened and exclaimed, "CEO Shen, you're the one who reported Zhao Zhijun?!"

Shen Yu'an realized this woman was really slow in reacting. He slowly nodded his head and acknowledged this deed.

Su Meng was very shocked. It would be a lie to say that she wasn't touched at all.

Earlier she had felt very uncomfortable when Zhao Zhijun continued to harass her, and after he tried to rape her that night, she became even more disgusted and

upset with Zhao Zhijun.

But it was an important time in the company and she had very tight deadlines to finish designing the winter collection, then back home there were so many issues over Kaikai's identity, so she really didn't have anymore energy to deal with this crazy man who desperately wanted a son.

So regardless of why Shen Yu'an decided to help her make sure Zhao Zhijun couldn't harass her for the time being, she was still very touched.

But the two of them didn't get along the best with one another because of Kaikai, so she wasn't really sure how to thank him.

She pursed her lips, but she looked at Shen Yu'an with eyes filled with gratefulness, as if they could talk to him.

She hadn't said a single word, but her eyes had communicated all the gratefulness and warmth she felt in her heart.

Shen Yu'an felt his ears turn slightly red

from the way she was staring at him, and even the back of his neck started turning pink. He kept his eyes on the road as if he was driving the car very seriously and used a casual voice to say, "I didn't do much, I just used a crawler software, then got my subordinate to report this. It's his own fault for being so careless. He just put all his accounts on the cloud, so it was easy to find incriminating evidence."

To him, this was a very simple task and wasn't worth much mention.

He seemed to be afraid that Su Meng would misunderstand him, so he added on, "This is not just because of you, but more for Yankai's sake. I don't want that Zhao Zhijun to affect his life."

When she heard this, Su Meng suddenly wondered if she had gone too far in constantly being worried about whether Shen Yu'an would snatch Kaikai away from her.

No matter what, Shen Yu'an was Yankai's father after all. A child developing under the care of both parents would definitely

be healthier and livelier than just having his mother.

Besides, Kaikai was an early bloomer.

The car reached the kindergarten gate.

Su Meng took Kaikai from the teacher and noticed that Kaikai looked especially happy today. His mouth couldn't help but turn upwards.

Su Meng couldn't help but tease him, "Babe, what happened at kindergarten today that's made you so happy?"

Kaikai sat in the child seat that Shen Yu'an had specially bought a few days ago and his two legs were swinging in the air. "Mama, I have homework for this week, I need to take a family photo of us going out to play. Let's call Godma out to play with us tomorrow."

It was little wonder Kaikai was so excited. Ever since she came back, Su Meng spent all her weekends buried in work, and it had been a long time since she brought Kaikai out to play.

Kaikai was an early bloomer but still a young child at heart after all and loved to play. So naturally he got excited when he heard that he could go out and play with his mother.

Su Meng glanced at Shen Yu'an in the driver's seat. He looked like he was driving very seriously but kept stealing glances at Kaikai in the rear mirror. She couldn't help but ask, "Mr Shen, are you free this weekend? Want to go with us to the amusement park?"



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