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Chapter 3241: It's Just a Matter of Time

Without any hesitation, she nodded and said, "Sure. Of course it's fine."

Wei Wucai then took up the phone and was just about to tell Yuan Jiangyi...

But before he could say anything, Yuan Jiangyi already said in excitement, "I heard what Xiao Yan said!"

Wei Wucai was speechless.

And then, Wei Wucai heard Yuan Jiangyi telling Hao Donghuai excitedly, "Let's go! Let's go to our rooms and put our luggage down. Then, we will go see Xiao Cai. Xiao Cai is in Yan Zhiqing's room. Let's go see them. Xiao Yan said that we can go to her room."

"Alright!" Hao Donghuai said happily.

"Alright. We are hanging up." The grin on Yuan Jiangyi's face was so wide.

"..." Wei Wucai said helplessly, "Do you know which room we are in?"

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

"I was too excited. I forgot. I forgot." Yuan Jiangyi wiped his sweat off and said, "Which room?"

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Wei Wucai sighed and once again gave a new room number. "Which room are you guys in?"

Yuan Jiangyi replied.

Both he and Hao Donghuai had each booked a room.

He did not want to share a room with Hao Donghuai, a rough old man.

They usually saw each other every day at the Mount Lan Compound. If they had to share a room together when they were outside, that would be the definition of suffering.

Wei Wucai hung up the call and said to Yan Zhiqing, "They are going to take their luggage to their rooms first. I will go meet them and bring them over later."

"Oh. Okay." Yan Zhiqing nodded.

Wei Wucai then went out.

Once Wei Wucai had left, Mou Danqiong immediately said, "I think you and Wei Wucai interact like a couple who knows each other very well."

It's like they were an old couple.

Because when the two were interacting, their expressions and the way they talked matched up, and everything was too natural.

"We are not..." Yan Zhiqing didn't get to finish her sentence.

Mou Danqiong smiled and said, "Stop it. Don't tell me there's nothing going on between you and Wei Wucai. Even if Qiaohan hadn't told me, I could have still seen it with my own two eyes. You and Wei Wucai are bound to be together. It's just a matter of time."

Mou Danqiong was like Yan Zhiqing's elder.

Mou Danqiong was fifteen years older than Yan Zhiqing.

When Yan Zhiqing first became a celebrity, it was Mou Danqiong who had guided her.

When she first became a celebrity, she was ignorant. She knew nothing and relied on Mou Danqiong to guide her.

During the time in the beginning, when she didn't know anything, she had always felt very safe when Mou Danqiong was there.

She had worked with Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan for many years.

The three were not just colleagues. They were more like friends and family.

They trusted each other deeply.

Currently, there was no one else around. Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan were the only ones left, and Yan Zhiqing realized that she could no longer ignore her feelings.

She heard Mou Danqiong speak again. "There is no rule saying that you can't date. If you are dating someone, just announce it. But you have to tell us so that we can prepare the announcement."

Yan Zhiqing kicked her slippers to the side and sat cross-legged on the wide couch.

"You guys can tell already so I won't hide anything," Yan Zhiqing whispered.

While Wei Wucai was gone, she wanted to say what was on her mind.

This was good timing as she wanted to discuss this with someone.

If she kept it inside, she would just ruminate on it and would not be able to make a decision.

Initially, she had wanted to chat with Shi Xiaoya about this.

But Shi Xiaoya's time was being completely taken up by Han Zhuoling.

At first, she had wanted to find a chance to go see Shi Xiaoya during the day today.

However, Wei Wucai had no intention of letting her spend time by herself.

And so, Yan Zhiqing had no chance of visiting Shi Xiaoya.

Han Zhuoling would then arrive at night, which was why she didn't dare to go see Shi Xiaoya.

If she were to do that, Han Zhuoling would hate her.

Therefore, she could only take this chance to tell Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan.

The moment Yan Zhiqing said this, she felt Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan looking at her with curiosity and urgency.

“...” The corner of Yan Zhiqing’s mouth twitched as she said, “I do like him.”

The two heard this. So, the thing that took so long for Yan Zhiqing to say was this.

But the two already knew this!

They would be blind if they couldn’t tell that Yan Zhiqing liked Wei Wucai.

If Yan Zhiqing didn’t like him, she wouldn’t have allowed Wei Wucai to be so close to her and be so intimate with her.

And so, the two already knew.

And now, when they heard what Yan Zhiqing said, they immediately showed disappointment.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

What kind of reaction was this!

“We already know about this,” Mou Danqiong said as she waved her hand.

Because they already knew about this, they weren’t surprised when they heard it from Yan Zhiqing.

Fang Qiaohan then said, “Since he likes you and you like him, everything should be good. Why are you still struggling and figuring out if you two should be together?”

Fang Qiaohan turned and said to Mou Danqiong, “Elder Sister Mou, let’s discuss how we should announce this, shall we?”

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

She was not dating Wei Wucai yet, so why would they even think about announcing it to the public?

“No... I am just unsure,” Yan Zhiqing said.

Mou Danqiong felt confused. “I thought you liked him. What is with the uncertainty?”

Mou Danqiong said, puzzled, “Zhiqing, you are not an indecisive and fickle-minded person.”

Yan Zhiqing had always hated people who were indecisive and fickle-minded.

She wanted all matters to be solved quickly.

Solved neatly.

This was the first time Mou Danqiong had seen Yan Zhiqing hesitating like this.

“I am just worried... worried that he might realize that he does not like me as much and regret it,” Yan Zhiqing said.

“Why would you think this way?” Mou Danqiong asked in surprise.

There were many people who were envious of Yan Zhiqing and thought of her as a winner in life.

But Yan Zhiqing also had moments of insecurities, huh?

“If you are insecure, what are the other girls going to do?” Mou Danqiong smiled. “I think you are a winner in life. When you were born, you were a little princess. You lived the materialistic life and spiritual life that girls desired. You are also very beautiful.”

If Yan Zhiqing’s boyfriend was Wei Wucai, even more people would feel envious.

“So you feel insecure. If Wei Wucai does end up liking someone else, do you think that that person would be better than you?”

“In my opinion, there is no better or worse in a relationship. This is not a competition of who is more excellent. If he likes you, it should be because you are good enough in his eyes.

“So, you are worried that he might not like you in the future. You are worried that he might realize that he does not like you as much as he thought he did and that he would end up liking someone else. Is that correct?”

“But who can guarantee that a relationship would start and last until the very end?”

“If you don’t try, you will never know what kind of ending you might have with him. Even if you are worried that he might realize that he does not like you as much as he thought, that would just be a possibility. There is also a possibility that you two would share this journey until the very end.”

Chapter 3242: We Miss You So Much

“The more you interact, the more you’ll realize that you two like each other. When it comes to things that have yet to happen, anything is possible. You can’t predict the future, and you can’t be certain that Wei Wucai would no longer like you one day.

“You are so impressive now, which is why he fell in love with you. What makes you think he won’t continue to like you in the future?”

“Seeing as you’re someone who has always been so decisive, your hesitation indicates that you like him a lot. You care so much about him; hence, the uncertainty and fear. Because you like him so much, you are worried that a breakup will happen one day.

“Because you care about him, you are worried about losing him.”

Mou Danqiong pointed out the thing that Yan Zhiqing had been ignoring, or maybe she knew about it, but she didn’t dare to face it and admit it.

“Since you like him so much, why don’t you give yourself a chance?” Mou Danqiong said with a smile. “I am not asking you to give Wei Wucai a chance because it is more important if you like him.”

What Mou Danqiong said had already somewhat convinced Yan Zhiqing.

She then heard this from her, “If you still can’t make up your mind, you should think about this from another point of view.

“If you really do like him but gave up because you felt unsure about the future or had no faith in him, then would you be able to watch him be with another woman? He couldn’t possibly stay single his entire life because of you, right?”

“Or is it a case of you not wanting to date him but still wanting him to be single his entire life? This is not something you are capable of doing.

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“If he comes to like someone else and is good to that person, will you be able to accept that without feeling horrible? What if the person he likes ends up being more inferior when compared to you, or maybe much more inferior than you? How will you know if you don’t try?”

Yan Zhiqing lowered her head and remained silent.

Mou Danqiong did not know that Wei Wucai was gay.

She wasn’t scared that Wei Wucai would like other women. She was scared that Wei Wucai would like other men.

If that happened, what could she do?

However, Mou Danqiong had made her aware of something.

Even if Wei Wucai were to realize that he still liked men in the future, so what?

Even if Wei Wucai liked women right now, it did not guarantee that they wouldn’t break up.

As of now, Wei Wucai liked her and she liked him.

And so, why back out because of that tiny bit of uncertainty in the future?

Since Wei Wucai said he liked her, there was a chance that... he would continue to like her and would not like any other guys, right?

Anyway, whether it was losing to a guy or losing to a woman, the ending would still be a break up. There wouldn’t be much of a difference.

Yan Zhiqing nodded and said, “I’ve figured it out.”

She looked up at Mou Danqiong with a smile as she said, “Elder Sister Mou, thank you.”

“Don’t say stupid things.” Mou Danqiong laughed. “I am not trying to get you to date Wei Wucai though. I am saying this only because you like him. If you like him but gave up because you were worried about the unknown, that would be such a pity.”

“I know.” Yan Zhiqing smiled and nodded.

She felt touched.

Because Mou Danqiong treated her as one of her own, she gave her such advice.

If it were someone else, Mou Danqiong would have worried that she might be giving too much advice and be treated as someone without good intentions.

Even if such thoughts weren't there, if something bad were to happen to Wei Wucai...

She would be reminded of the time when Mou Danqiong had tried to advise her and would then blame the other woman.

If it wasn't for Mou Danqiong's advice, she wouldn't have been with Wei Wucai.

Of course, Yan Zhiqing was not someone like this.

If Mou Danqiong thought more into this and tried to keep herself safe just in case Yan Zhiqing would behave this way, she wouldn't have said these things.

Therefore, Mou Danqiong was really saying things from the bottom of her heart.

Mou Danqiong didn't even take any precaution and was just sharing her thoughts with Yan Zhiqing.

She was really thinking for her sake.

However, Yan Zhiqing had yet to soak in her emotions...

When she saw Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan discussing how they should release an announcement about her relationship.

How they should write this draft.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

"Can you two chill?" The corner of Yan Zhiqing's mouth twitched as she said, "Let me tell him first and we will talk about this after it has been confirmed."

"If you two like each other and you are sure of your feelings, you two will soon be together, right? The quickest time frame should be by today," Fang Qiaohan said.

"Therefore, we will prepare first, just in case. If you two suddenly confirm your relationship and we don't react in time, other people might get the chance to release the news first," Mou Danqiong said.

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

She hadn't even said anything to Wei Wucai.

But the two had already started preparing. This felt weird.

Wei Wucai had just asked Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai for their room numbers.

At this moment, he arrived in Yuan Jiangyi's room.

Soon, he saw Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai appear with their luggage.

Their bags were not big. They were about 18 inches.

Obviously, the two had no intention of staying out for too long.

When the two came out of the elevator, they saw Wei Wucai standing at the door of their room.

When they saw him, they were filled with such joy.

“Xiao Cai!” Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai called out at the same time.

Wei Wucai then saw these two big dudes dashing towards him with their luggage.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai ran over with such passion.

They both gave Wei Wucai a bear hug.

Wei Wucai was squeezed in between the two, causing his face to be squeezed out of shape.

“We haven’t seen you in a long time. We missed you so much,” Hao Donghuai said.

“I know. Let me go.” Wei Wucai struggled as he spoke.

He was squeezed in between them like the filling of a sandwich. He felt suffocated.

Thankfully, Yan Zhiqing did not come with him.

She thought he was gay.

If she saw the three of them hugging like this, she would have been even more certain that he was gay.

When he saw that the two still weren’t letting him go...

Wei Wucai’s face darkened as he berated, “We are still in the hallway! Don’t make us look bad!”

Hao Donghuai thought about it and nodded in agreement. He then said, “Let’s go back to the room and continue hugging, then.”

Wei Wucai was speechless.

When Hao Donghuai saw Wei Wucai’s reaction, he burst out into laughter and said, “I’m just kidding. Look at your expression. Why would I hug an old man like you for no reason at all!”

Wei Wucai was speechless.

“Let’s go in the room and deposit your luggage,” Wei Wucai said with a helpless expression.

At the moment, he felt reluctant to let Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai meet Yan Zhiqing.

It would be too risky.

Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi both went into their own rooms and deposited their luggage. They then rushed out even before they had organized anything.

It took around ten seconds.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

“Don’t you need to organize your luggage?” Wei Wucai felt the corners of his eyes twitching as he said, “You don’t have to rush. She won’t run away.”

Chapter 3243: Like an Idiot

“You both came all the way from T City to B City and rushed over here after finishing work. Organize your things first just in case you two feel too lazy to move when you get back.”

Wei Wucai knew them well.

Once they meet Yan Zhiqing, they would not come back within a short time.

It would be dinner time in two hours.

Wei Wucai thought that they could come back after eating dinner.

If they were to calculate the time they would spend, it would not be a short time.

They might as well organize their luggage first.

“There’s no rush,” Hao Donghuai said without a care in the world.

In response to what Wei Wucai had said, he replied, “We don’t have much to organize. It’s more urgent for us to see Zhiqing.”

With this, Hao Donghuai even rubbed his hands.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

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“Do you know her well?” Wei Wucai asked.

“I have never met her before,” said Hao Donghuai.

Before Wei Wucai could reply, Hao Donghuai continued, “But don’t you know her well? Then she’s one of us. We aren’t strangers to her, right?”

At this moment, Yuan Jiangyi came closer to Wei Wucai and laughed as he said, “You are not jealous, are you?”

Wei Wucai raised his brow and did not deny it.

Yuan Jiangyi bounced back forcefully with a face full of shock as he said, “Are you actually jealous? You are crazy!” Yuan Jiangyi was in shock. “If friends give each other nicknames, that means they are good friends! Are you jealous about this?”

Wei Wucai wondered if he wouldn’t have been jealous if he was actually dating Yan Zhiqing.

But at this point in time, he had yet to date Yan Zhiqing.

If everyone called her the same way he did, he wouldn’t seem special.

Hao Donghuai, trying to be devious, said in a genuine tone, “Well, you don’t get a say in this. When we see...”

Hao Donghuai was going to say Zhiqing.

But upon seeing Wei Wucai gnashing his teeth, Hao Donghuai recalled how strong the other man was and immediately corrected himself. "Let's wait until we meet Miss Yan. If she does not object to this, there is nothing you can say about it."

Wei Wucai was speechless.

"Yes, yes." Yuan Jiangyi nodded in agreement. "Let's go. How can we let Xiao Yan wait for too long?"

While he was saying that, he was dragging Wei Wucai. Then he asked, "Which room is Xiao Yan in?"

With a helpless expression, Wei Wucai said, "When you see her, don't be spitting nonsense."

"Look at you." Yuan Jiangyi tried to stand up for himself. "Are we people who would say nonsense? You finally have a girl you like and that did not come easy. How could we sabotage that? Of course we need to be extra careful."

Even as Wei Wucai was hearing this, he still had this ominous feeling.

However, even though he felt this way, he couldn't possibly not let them meet, right?

It was with such apprehension that he led Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai outside Yan Zhiqing's room.

Wei Wucai still felt worried when they arrived. He whispered an instruction. "Don't drag me down!"

"Don't worry!" Yuan Jiangyi gave Wei Wucai a pat on the back. "You haven't done anything wrong in the past. How could we possibly drag you down?"

"Yeah," Hao Donghuai added.

Wei Wucai felt like he was forgetting something.

But even someone as careful as him could not remember what he had forgotten.

Since he couldn't remember, he could only put the thought aside for now.

He pressed Yan Zhiqing's doorbell.

A few seconds later, the door opened.

Unexpectedly, it was Yan Zhiqing who had opened the door.

Even Wei Wucai froze before he said immediately, "Why did you open the door when you are sick?"

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai could see that Yan Zhiqing was slightly pale.

Yuan Jiangyi, feeling embarrassed, immediately said, "You must be Zhiqing, right? Although you have never met us before, we have seen you in movies."

Yan Zhiqing, thinking that what Yuan Jiangyi had said was funny, started laughing. Yuan Jiangyi then said, "Look at us. Our presence here even caused you trouble. You are still sick."

Yan Zhiqing immediately responded, "He's just overreacting. It's just a cold. It's nothing."

Yan Zhiqing did not say that Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were very important people to Wei Wucai in both his work life and his personal life.

In his work life, they were his important teammates and buddies.

In his personal life, they were his good friends and were like brothers to him.

Although Wei Wucai still didn't know her decision, Yan Zhiqing thought that if she were to be with him...

She would obviously need to value this.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were important people to Wei Wucai.

The two had come all the way here. If she remained seated in the room, she would make herself seem like she was some big deal.

Was she waiting for them to come and pay her their respects?

Wouldn't this be very inappropriate?

"Please come in," Yan Zhiqing said immediately.

Yan Zhiqing wanted to make a good impression in front of Wei Wucai's friends.

Whether it was his family or his friends...

It might seem like Wei Wucai found Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai very annoying.

However, based on the expressions and emotions he showed when he was talking to her last night...

Wei Wucai really cherished Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

Besides family, there weren't many people who were close to Wei Wucai.

If someone was able to become close to Wei Wucai, it's obvious that they would be very important to him.

Yan Zhiqing wanted to be approved by the people that Wei Wucai cherished.

Because they were important to him.

And so, Yan Zhiqing wanted to be approved by them.

They didn't have to like her. As long as they didn't hate her, she would be satisfied.

With this, Yan Zhiqing moved away, allowing the two to come in.

Hao Donghuai scratched the back of his head like an idiot as he said, "We came here in a rush. We have not gotten the chance to introduce ourselves."

Yuan Jiangyi immediately pulled Wei Wucai over and demanded, "Introduce us!"

Yan Zhiqing burst out into laughter.

The laughter of the little lady sounded so sweet. In addition, she was the one that Wei Wucai liked.

Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi naturally had a good impression of Yan Zhiqing.

In addition, Yan Zhiqing was so friendly and polite to them. Her smile looked so sweet as well. This made them like her even more.

At this moment, as they watched Yan Zhiqing laugh, Hao Donghuai and Yan Zhiqing couldn't help but smile at her as well.

However, from Wei Wucai's point of view, they looked so stupid.

They were smiling stupidly.

At this moment, they heard Yan Zhiqing say, "Let me guess. You must be Yuan Jiangyi."

Yan Zhiqing had spoken to Yuan Jiangyi, then turned to look at Hao Donghuai. "You must be Hao Donghuai."

Yan Zhiqing looked at them, feeling worried. "Was I right?"

Hao Donghuai was surprised. "How did you know?"

Seeing this, Yan Zhiqing knew that she had guessed correctly. She felt really happy and was proud of herself.

She didn't embarrass herself in front of Wei Wucai's friends.

She smiled as she explained, "Xiao Cai told me about you two. He told me about the time when you were all training at the Mount Lan Compound and what your daily lives had been like. Although I have never met you before, I was able to recognize you based on my impression of you two."

Chapter 3244: This Trick Was Ruthless

This time, Yuan Jiangyi was actually shocked. "I didn't expect him to tell you about even those things."

Yan Zhiqing misunderstood what Yuan Jiangyi had meant and started stuttering nervously and helplessly. "Should he have... not told me those things?"

"No such thing." Before Yuan Jiangyi could even say anything, Wei Wucai had already answered.

He even glared at Yuan Jiangyi.

Look at how he scared the little girl!

Yuan Jiangyi immediately realized it and hastily explained, "No. No. Don't misunderstand."

Yuan Jiangyi waved his hand vigorously. "Actually, there isn't much to say. I was just shocked that Xiao Cai would tell you about those things. He was never patient enough to tell people about them because he didn't think they were a big deal. He doesn't like seeing the huge reaction from people when being told about these things as he thought it was troublesome.

"You are the first person who has heard such things from him." Yuan Jiangyi smiled shyly. "Clearly, you are special to him. He doesn't even have patience for Hao Zi and me, not to mention someone else."

Yuan Jiangyi's teasing expression caused Yan Zhiqing to blush.

She felt too embarrassed to look at Wei Wucai.

Instead, she looked in the opposite direction from him.

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"Eh?" At this moment, Hao Donghuai suddenly made a questioning sound.

Yan Zhiqing looked at him with a puzzled expression.

Hao Donghuai then asked, "You call him Xiao Cai? Xiao Cai never said anything?"

Hao Donghuai recalled how much they had been beaten when they first started referring to Wei Wucai as Xiao Cai.

They called him Xiao Cai so much that Wei Wucai became numb to it later on.

In addition, there were so many people who called him Xiao Cai, and it happened so many times that he couldn't even keep track of who to beat up.

That was why he had allowed them to call him whatever they wanted.

"No. What would he say?" Yan Zhiqing was confused and said, "Don't you guys call him that? I thought all of his good friends call him that. And he said that we won't seem like friends if I addressed him the way strangers do. That's why I call him Xiao Cai."

Hao Donghuai felt so jealous. Back then, they had received so much beating to be able to refer to Wei Wucai as Xiao Cai.

They did live different lives!

Clearly, Wei Wucai really liked Yan Zhiqing.

After Yan Zhiqing explained, she said, "Please sit. You are all still standing. That's rude of me."

Yuan Jiangyi waved his hand and said, "We were too excited so we forgot."

And so, Yan Zhiqing hastily asked the two to sit down.

Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan were still there.

And so, Yan Zhiqing introduced them as well.

When Mou Danqiong saw that Wei Wucai's friends were here, she knew that it would be inappropriate for them to join as this concerned Yan Zhiqing's personal relationship.

Mou Danqiong thus said, "Qiaohan and I just came to take a look at things. Since we don't have anything to do now, we will be leaving first."

"Wait," Wei Wucai said. "There's something I have to discuss with you guys."

Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan had already stood up. When they heard Wei Wucai say that, they sat down again.

Wei Wucui then sent each of them a file.

“This is a portion of the financial record from Hou Wu’s office,” Wei Wucui said. “This portion includes any interactions between Hou Wu’s office and the celebrities’ agencies. It shows the transaction history of those companies after they purchased information from Hou Wu.

“I looked at it, and I was able to match some of the transactions with the materials we reviewed. Some of them were hush money from the celebrity’s agency paid to Hou Wu’s office. Hou Wu’s company had taken photos of their celebrities, and the price paid depended on the impact of those materials. The transaction history does match up with the materials we have reviewed.

“However, there are some transactions from certain agencies even though Hou Wu’s office has no materials on them.” If you asked how Wei Wucui knew about this...

Didn’t they transfer all the files from Hou Wu’s office?

They had reviewed the materials for a long time, and it was not a waste of time.

All they had to do was check the celebrity in the file and see if there was a transaction from that celebrity’s agency.

Therefore, Hou Wu’s company did not have blackmail materials on some agencies.

However, since there were no blackmail materials on them, why would they pay Hou Wu’s company?

“I’m guessing that those agencies have bought blackmail materials of other celebrities from Hou Wu’s company so that they could slander someone else or use the information so that they can win if they were to compete against those celebrities.

“Or maybe they had hired Hou Wu’s company to investigate a celebrity. No matter what, though, if these transaction records are released, Hou Wu will not be able to remain in the industry.”

Wei Wucui was speaking coldly.

These transactions with Hou Wu’s company only happened to prevent Hou Wu from disclosing the materials.

If not, which crazy person would gift Hou Wu money?

Who would sacrifice so much and gift him millions or even tens of millions?

“Secrets that are out will no longer be secrets.” Wei Wucui sneered. “Although Hou Wu’s company did not release the materials to the public, they are still at fault because they failed to protect the secrets of those celebrities.

“If people witnessed those beautiful celebrities secretly doing shady business, fighting among each other, and not doing anything good, would those celebrities forgive Hou Wu?

“Hou Wu, as one of the paparazzi, has offended many people. However, because he had a lot of blackmailing materials on many people, there was mutual control. Up to now, no one has dared to do anything to him.

“But it is different now. He had lost all his materials. If the transaction history with those celebrities were exposed to the public, it would negatively impact so many celebrities.

“There won’t be just one or two celebrities coming after him. There would be so many people working together to make his life hell.”

Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan were both shocked.

They gasped.

Wei Wucai... had thought of such a ruthless trick!

He would basically be destroying Hou Wu’s foundation in this industry.

Even if Hou Wu managed to survive this, who would dare to work with him in the future?

He could continue being a paparazzi and stalking for news.

But he would need to survive so many people’s attacks first.

In addition, because of what Wei Wucai had done, he had lost all the blackmailing materials he had.

Hou Wu lost so much money. What could he use to support his paparazzi business?

He could still survive and live his life.

Wei Wucai didn’t kill him.

He would linger on feebly in the industry of paparazzi and would still survive.

But Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan thought his move was ruthless.

However, Wei Wucai thought he was being merciful. At least he didn’t kill Hou Wu, right?

Hou Wu had threatened Yan Zhiqing, but Mou Danqiong had been the one to communicate with Hou Wu.

Hou Wu did make Mou Danqiong very mad.

And so, though Mou Danqiong was shocked when Wei Wucai suggested this, she still agreed to it.

Chapter 3245: It Would Be a Pity Not to Use Them

However, Mou Danqiong thought about something.

She asked, “Even though Hou Wu doesn’t have any blackmailing materials anymore, he did have blackmailing material on Zhiqing.

“If we revealed their transaction records and interactions to the public and there weren’t any records of Zhiqing, wouldn’t he suspect that Zhiqing had done it?” Mou Danqiong thought more about this. “He had just threatened us, and now, this revenge. This—”

“You forgot that we did not pay him.” Wei Wucai had automatically grouped himself with Yan Zhiqing like they were one entity.

Mou Danqiong felt her eyes twitch. However, she couldn’t be bothered with Wei Wucai verbally taking advantage of Yan Zhiqing.

She showed an expression that was asking for enlightenment.

Wei Wucai thus said, “We didn’t pay them, which means that their transaction record shouldn’t show any from Zhiqing.

“I am only going to expose their transaction history to the public. I won’t leak the blackmailing materials he had on those celebrities. They keep their own financial records, and Zhiqing’s name is not in there. We did not intentionally erase Zhiqing’s name. Of course, maybe they would still suspect Zhiqing even without any evidence.”

A suspicion happens even without the presence of evidence.

“But so what?” Wei Wucai raised his brow. “Even if they suspected it, what could they do to Zhiqing? If they truly want to do something, then we can just remind them of what has happened to Luo Qingxian and Lu Xiuse.”

Wei Wucai went on coldly, “If they don’t mind that, then they might as well try it.”

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The fact that they had dared to threaten Yan Zhiqing meant that they didn’t think this was a big deal.

They had only dared to ask for a million.

They didn’t dare to do anything more than that.

Mou Danqiong was speechless.

What Wei Wucai said made sense.

It seemed overbearing and unreasonable, but it would definitely work off her anger!

“That’s what we will do, then,” Mou Danqiong said. “I still have some alternate accounts I haven’t used.”

Mou Danqiong then transferred the information of those accounts to Wei Wucai.

Wei Wucai checked them to make sure that no one would find out any clues through those accounts.

He then sent the information of those accounts to Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

“Since you two are here, why don’t we do something together?” Wei Wucai said.

Since they were here and represented such an efficient force of labor, it would be a pity not to use them.

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

Hao Donghuai felt speechless.

If the others found out that the three team leaders at the Mount Lan Compound had worked together for such a small matter...

They would be so shocked that they would go crazy.

There were hardly ever any assignments that required all three of them to work together.

But now, each of the three was using a few Weibo accounts.

This image was unbearable.

Due to a habit they had developed at work, the three did not immediately log into the accounts on the laptop.

They first changed their IP addresses multiple times so that no one would be able to track their location. Then, they proceeded to log into the accounts.

If Hou Wu found out that such a professional team had been called into action after he had been hacked...

How would he feel about that?

Soon, all the celebrity news accounts with a huge fanbase on the web received the transaction records between Hou Wu's company and many celebrities.

Wei Wucui and the other two also posted the transaction records and even paid to have their post boosted.

And so, even if those celebrity news accounts didn't post it because they were afraid of offending people or because they still needed time to verify this news...

They wouldn't have to worry about the netizens not knowing.

Because alternate accounts had no fans, it meant that the post would have very little exposure.

But if the post was boosted, many netizens would be able to see it.

The netizens wouldn't care if it was real or not.

They would just share it when they saw it.

As for the authenticity of this post, they would let those who could verify do the verification.

They were only in charge of reading the gossip.

And so, after Hou Wu had paid someone to reinstall the softwares to surf the web and work...

He went online and immediately felt like his life had flashed before his eyes.

Earlier, he was busy trying to fix the computers in the office and asking everyone to use their connections...

To find the person who had hacked their computers.

He had to indirectly ask around to see if any celebrity news had been leaked.

If any celebrity news were leaked, he had to verify if the news matched any materials their office had.

If it matched, it would be obvious.

It meant that the bastard who had attacked their company's computers sold the materials that his company owned.

Time went by just like that.

Therefore, when everyone was done with their tasks, a whole afternoon had gone by.

The person who came to install the softwares had fixed their computers.

However, when the person left, they saw how empty the computers were. All the materials were gone. The drafts that they had worked so hard to organize were gone as well.

The tears and bitterness they felt were obvious.

There was nothing in the computers. Even if they wanted to, they could not work.

They could no longer find the pictures and videos to support the drafts that they had written earlier.

Even if they could remember what they had written, they couldn't write it anymore.

Who would believe it if all they had were words?

Even if people believed it, the post wouldn't spread on social media for too long.

It was something that could be easily denied by people.

Therefore, everyone had nothing to do.

Someone then started surfing the web on their phone.

They then saw something incredible.

"Elder Brother Hou!" someone shouted in surprise.

It shocked Hou Wu. "What happened?"

"The hacker who hacked our computer must have done this!" The person approached Hou Wu with the phone. "Look, he showed the public our financial records! If it was just our financial records, that would have been fine. But these are all the transaction records with those celebrities."

This scared Hou Wu so much. He could feel a shiver down his spine.

"What did you say!" Hou Wu couldn't even bother to search it up himself.

Even the time to search it up himself would be a waste.

And so, he grabbed the phone from the person.

Hou Wu saw that it was posted by some famous celebrity news account.

Because Wei Wucai had already boosted their post about the financial records of Hou Wu's company...

The netizens already had their eyes on the news.

Whether it was true or not, the owners of the celebrity news account knew that they could not delay it any further.

If they were slow and couldn't keep up with the newest update in this industry, the netizens would look down on them.

Therefore, whether it was true or not, they didn't bother to verify. They just posted it first.

Chapter 3246: One of Us

However, these celebrity news accounts still tried to find a way out for themselves.

When they were talking about this, they would add phrases like "spreading on social media" and "still waiting for verification."

When Hou Wu saw the time when the creators of the celebrity news accounts posted this, he realized that it had only been two hours.

He then said, "Oh. It's okay. They only started posting this two hours ago. There is still time to salvage this."

"No. Elder Brother Hou." Another person came over with his phone. "These celebrity news accounts weren't the first to post about this. Some unknown small accounts did it first."

Why did the person say small accounts?

Because these accounts were really small. It's so obvious that these accounts were alternate accounts.

They weren't following anyone and had no fanbase. They didn't buy membership.

The accounts were even at level one.

They would be fools if they couldn't tell that these were someone's alternate accounts.

"These alternate accounts posted our transaction records around three hours ago," someone said. "I looked at it. They were the first to share this. No one else did so before them.

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"Initially, no one paid attention to their post. However, they paid to have their post boosted and more people saw it. The people who saw the post shared it, resulting in the post spreading to more and more people on social media.

"These celebrity news accounts posted even later than some netizens who were sharing the post.

"The hacker who attacked our computer must have done this. He could have just sold the information to those celebrity news accounts, but instead, they made alternate accounts and posted this. They even paid money to boost the post."

Hou Wu was so angry that his hands were trembling.

Whom had he offended that he would be the target of such revenge!

They were trying to kill him!

“Normally, they would make a chat history and pretend like they received news from an insider. But this time, the hacker just posted the entire financial records.

“Obviously, he is not someone from this industry. He doesn’t bother using any tricks. He chose simple and brutal methods to beat us down.”

Hou Wu nodded, agreeing with his colleague.

“Let me contact someone to remove all these posts.” Hou Wu had been in this industry for a long time. He was able to achieve this because he had enough connections and respect from people.

However, before Hou Wu could even make the phone call, he received a lot of calls.

All the calls were from the agencies that had been mentioned in the transaction records.

The transaction records were still leaked, so what did the celebrities pay him for?

The celebrities obviously did it because he had blackmailing material on those celebrities.

The netizens had no idea what blackmailing materials Hou Wu had.

But they could tell how important the materials were based on the amount of money in the transaction.

If there was more money, it meant that the blackmailing material was something of a bigger deal.

If they were willing to spend so much money on it, the material must not be something good. It must be something that could not be known by the public.

The netizens had no idea what the information was, but it didn’t stop them from making guesses.

Because they didn’t know anything, they started making wild guesses.

For a moment, they were making all kinds of speculations.

Some guesses were even worse than the actual information.

Anyway, no matter what, to the netizens, all these famous celebrities became celebrities with a dark past.

This worried the celebrities so much.

They had spent so much money, but they still didn’t dodge this bullet.

And so, they all asked their managers to question Hou Wu.

How could Hou Wu explain it?

Could he say that his computers were hacked?

If so, who would believe him?

He would never leave this industry.

He still had to follow up on other news.

If others found out that the computers in his office were hacked and all the materials were gone, there was no doubt that they would come after him to take revenge.

Who would trust him and work with him then?

Hou Wu felt so much pain that he could not describe it.

He could only promise to solve this as soon as possible.

He had just hung up on one call when another call came through.

It was endless.

Unfortunately, he could only turn off his phone.

However, even when his phone was turned off, the telephone in the office kept ringing.

They didn't even have to pick up to know who had made these calls.

They weren't just calls from the celebrities' agencies. There were calls from the other reporters who worked in the same industry as him.

When Hou Wu heard this, he was so angry that he wanted to laugh. He had been one of the paparazzi for a long time, and he couldn't believe that there would be a day in which he would be interviewed by someone in the same industry as him.

"Let me tell you, I am not done with you!" a celebrity roared into the phone before hanging up abruptly.

"If you don't have the skills, why do you blackmail others? You better wait! I won't let you off the hook!" another celebrity said.

"This time, you have offended many people. I want to know what you intend to do after offending almost half of the people in the entertainment industry! You did not just offend one or two celebrities who are scared and won't dare to do anything to you. You offended so many at once. I am not the only one who is mad!" someone else berated.

Hou Wu had instantly offended half of the people in the entertainment industry.

Even if he found ways to remove these trending posts and delete all the information posted on social media...

The netizens had already seen them.

And the people who saw the posts could just explain it to people who had not seen them.

The people who had seen the posts could just conveniently save and share them.

There were numerous big and small self-media operations.

They'd spread all over the corners of social media.

Hou Wu couldn't thoroughly erase this news from the web.

This was something he couldn't clean up thoroughly.

However, even if he removed posts on the web, Wei Wucai no longer bothered with it.

Later on, he stopped doing anything and just handed it all over to the people who held a grudge against Hou Wu.

Now that Hou Wu had so many enemies, there was no need for Wei Wucai to do anything.

In addition, Hou Wu was not Yan Zhiqing. Why should Wei Wucai even bother to pay attention to him?

Therefore, Wei Wucai waved his hand. He kept his name hidden and all the work he had done a secret. He stopped paying any attention to Hou Wu.

He looked at the time and said, "Let's go out and eat. It's already late."

Everyone checked the time and saw that it was 8 PM.

"Then Qiaohan and I will be leaving first," Mou Danqiong said as she stood up, giving them space.

"Elder Sister Mou and Xiao Fang are one of us," said Wei Wucai.

Mou Danqiong was speechless.

Fang Qiaohan was speechless.

Mou Danqiong thought about how today was the first time she met Wei Wucai, and Wei Wucai had always seemed cold and aloof.

Why did he suddenly behave like he was someone familiar?

He was even calling her Elder Sister Mou?

It was true that she was much older than Wei Wucai.

But Mou Danqiong had a lot of experience and knew people well.

At first glance, she knew that Wei Wucai was not someone who would become familiar with people easily.

And now, he was willing to act familiar because of Yan Zhiqing.

Mou Danqiong felt the corner of her mouth twitching.

Even Fang Qiaohan felt horrible, not to mention Mou Danqiong.

Mou Danqiong had no idea, but Wei Wucai had never referred to Fang Qiaohan with such familiarity.

Xiao Fang?

He had always called her by her surname and given name and was never this courteous.

Chapter 3247: Tonight?

Fang Qiaohan was frightened by how Wei Wucui had changed.

She quickly and secretly pulled Mou Danqiong.

An indication that she did not want to eat with them.

Mou Danqiong smiled and said, "Let it be. We will eat together next time. Your friends are here today. You all should chat. If we are there, there might be things you'd feel uncomfortable to say."

Mou Danqiong and Fang Qiaohan stood up. Mou Danqiong said with a smile, "We will just treat today as the day Zhiqing will eat with the in-laws. You can eat with us, the other in-laws, next time."

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

What in-laws...

But Wei Wucui was exhilarated to hear this from Mou Danqiong.

He thought that Mou Danqiong was as one would expect from a person who thrived in the entertainment industry.

Listen to her compose her words like it was art. Look at how eloquent she was.

And so, Wei Wucui nodded happily as he said, "Sure."

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He grinned. "I will treat you both to a meal next time."

Mou Danqiong hastily dragged Fang Qiaohan and left.

Wei Wucui, Yan Zhiqing, Yuan Jiangyi, and Hao Donghuai then went to a restaurant nearby.

Yan Zhiqing even wore a baseball hat and a mask.

Although this didn't guarantee that she would not be recognized by reporters with such sharp eyes, it would be better than going out without any disguise.

"Wait." Wei Wucui had thought about something. "Let me grab a jacket for you. The reporters can recognize your clothes and body shape. If you wear mine, it will be clothes they have never seen before, and the size of the clothes are much bigger. It won't show your figure, which will then make it difficult for them to recognize you."

Yan Zhiqing gave it some thought and agreed with his reasoning.

She was going to say yes to Wei Wucui anyway. Wei Wucui just had no idea yet.

Yan Zhiqing felt embarrassed to tell Wei Wucui because Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were still here.

She thought she could tell Wei Wucui when they get back to the hotel at night and if those two were gone.

If those two were still around then...

Then... she would only tell him when the two had left.

And now, Yan Zhiqing no longer acted courteously towards Wei Wucai.

She went with Wei Wucai to his room first.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai followed behind.

However, Yan Zhiqing didn't go into Wei Wucai's room and just waited at the door.

Wei Wucai felt helpless. He didn't want to force Yan Zhiqing to come in when Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were still here.

He could guess that Yan Zhiqing didn't want Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi to think that she was a promiscuous person.

Those two would never think that way.

They just weren't narrow-minded people.

But still, Wei Wucai wanted Yan Zhiqing to have an easier time.

As long as she could make herself feel more comfortable.

Wei Wucai didn't impose.

He went into the room and grabbed a long down and feather jacket, then handed it over to her. "This one is big. It will wrap you up from your head to your feet. If you wear the hood, it will even cover your face."

Yan Zhiqing looked at it and realized that Wei Wucai was right.

She looked at it again and thought that this down and feather jacket looked familiar.

After she put it on, she recalled why it looked familiar.

When she was having a fever and Wei Wucai carried her to the hospital, she had been wearing this.

However, it did give that sense of security as it wrapped her up from her head to her feet.

Yan Zhiqing didn't think much and wore the jacket.

She even wore the hood and zipped the jacket to the very top, covering her neck and chin.

She tightened the drawstrings on the hood and tied a knot.

She was also wearing a mask.

If Yan Beicheng was here, even he would not be able to recognize her.

The four then drove to the restaurant nearby.

They asked for a room and sat inside.

When the food arrived at the table, Hao Donghuai cleared his throat and said, “Xiao Cai, I have something to tell you!”

He had kept this in for an entire afternoon. He was just waiting to show his best move.

“Eh?” Wei Wucui naturally did not know what had happened.

Yuan Jiangyi didn’t even know that he was about to experience misery. With a curious expression, he looked towards Hao Donghuai and immediately asked, “What? What?”

Hao Donghuai just smiled innocently toward Yuan Jiangyi before he took out his phone and played an audio recording.

“How much better or inferior are you in comparison to the hacker today?”

Immediately, Yuan Jiangyi’s proud and shameless voice sounded. “Of course I am better than him. I’m on top.

“Didn’t you see how quickly I cracked his software? It was not hard at all. The barriers that he created were like air to me.

“That means his level is much lower than mine.”

Yuan Jiangyi’s face darkened as he turned to look at Hao Donghuai. It almost caused him to have a cramp.

He didn’t expect Hao Donghuai to be this evil.

Hao Donghuai was secretly recording the conversation when he was boasting.

“Are you even a good friend of mine!” Yuan Jiangyi complained as bloody tears welled up in his eyes.

How could he sabotage a good friend?

Hao Donghuai lifted his chin and said boldly, “Good friends have to be honest with each other.”

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

“And so, I have to be honest to Xiao Cai.” Hao Donghuai grinned toward Wei Wucui as he said this.

The grin revealed his white teeth. It’s as though there were two words written on his face—No Secrets!

Yuan Jiangyi was bloodily sabotaged.

At this moment, Wei Wucui’s gloomy sounding voice rang. “My level is much lower than yours? You can crack my software very quickly?”

He went on coldly, “Heh! Then I should tell the boss that you are able to crack the software at the Mount Lan Compound.”

Wei Wucui was the one who had written the Mount Lan Compound’s software.

As of now, no one had been able to crack that software.

Yuan Jiangyi was speechless.

"I was just boasting," he then said hastily.

If Wen Ren really tried to make him crack the software, he would go crazy.

"You can't let me boast?" Yuan Jiangyi said. "No one knows I was talking about you."

Wei Wucai sneered and said, "Say no more. Let's compete tonight."

Yan Zhiqing was stunned. Her expression instantly looked bad.

At the side, she said in a feeble tone, "Tonight?"

"Eh? Why?" Yuan Jiangyi was confused. However, the moment Yan Zhiqing spoke, he thought there was hope.

Yuan Jiangyi stretched his neck as he asked Yan Zhiqing, "Why? Are you going to visit Xiao Cai tonight?"

He added hastily, "You don't have to worry about me. Just do your thing. My business is not urgent at all!"

Wei Wucai was speechless.

Hehe. Naive!

Did Yuan Jiangyi think he would be able to escape this way?

But then, he heard Yan Zhiqing say to Yuan Jiangyi, "Erm... You said... you are on top... over him?"

"This... I think I did say that. Is there an issue?" As a heterosexual male, Yuan Jiangyi naturally did not understand what Yan Zhiqing actually meant to say.

He scratched his head innocently.

In the past, Wei Wucai wouldn't have understood either.

Chapter 3248: Gave Him a Chance, but He Didn't Want It

However, after he became aware that Yan Zhiqing had misunderstood him...

Wei Wucai went to do some serious research on how fujoshis' minds worked.

So he knew now!

Meanwhile, Yan Zhiqing did not immediately respond to Yuan Jiangyi's question.

Instead, she asked, "You... want to be together tonight?"

Yan Zhiqing had asked this question dispiritedly.

Didn't Wei Wucai say that he liked her?

That was why Yan Zhiqing was so hesitant.

It was because she was uncertain whether or not Wei Wucai would change his mind.

She felt that Wei Wucai shouldn't have any romantic feelings towards Yuan Jiangyi...

The two of them had been teammates for so long, after all.

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However, a seed of apprehension remained in Yan Zhiqing's mind, and she couldn't stop her imagination from running wild.

When he heard the way Yan Zhiqing had asked that question, the corner of Wei Wucai's mouth twitched.

He explained helplessly, "Don't think baselessly. It's not what you think."

Foolishly, Yuan Jiangyi still did not understand what was going on. "What's not what?"

At this point, Hao Donghuai was the first one to understand.

It was truly... due to the influence of their leader's younger sister, Fang Jiaran.

This was especially so after she got married to Wen Ren and kept a stash of several unspeakable volumes of yaoi manga.

From time to time, Wen Ren would happen to find the manga and throw them out.

And what happened when they were thrown out?

He couldn't simply place them in the garbage heap.

It wasn't just a problem that it would be too easy for Fang Jiaran to retrieve the manga. Wouldn't it also damage the prestige of their leader and his wife?

So, Wen Ren gave the manga to Hao Donghuai.

He had the latter deal with the manga in secret.

Hao Donghuai was a very masculine man whose heterosexuality was as pure as 24k gold.

The first time Wen Ren gave the manga to Hao Donghuai, the latter had flipped through it out of curiosity.

As expected, he couldn't continue reading it in the end.

Later on, Wen Ren naturally constantly threw more yaoi manga over to him.

Hao Donghuai lamented that Fang Jiaran persevered in struggling against Wen Ren, even managing to keep lengthening the time in which the manga stayed hidden.

She could not have had a very easy time since she was able to continue improving under Wen Ren's nose.

Upon receiving the manga, Hao Donghuai did not flip through them again, but he could still see the covers and the titles.

Something... younger... something.

Hao Donghuai was strangely somewhat proficient in these sorts of words.

So at this moment, when Yan Zhiqing first said those words...

Hao Donghuai didn't actually have any reaction to it.

This was because he was under the impression that Yan Zhiqing was already in a relationship with Wei Wucai.

So, she naturally wouldn't suspect that Wei Wucai would be doing any of those sorts of things with a man.

Even if she did suspect something, she'd be suspecting that he would do it with a woman, right?

When Wei Wucai did not speak, girls usually liked him a lot.

That was until Wei Wucai told Yan Zhiqing to not think baselessly.

Upon seeing Yan Zhiqing's gaze alternate between Yuan Jiangyi and Wei Wucai...

Hao Donghuai suddenly understood.

His heart ached silently for Wei Wucai and Yuan Jiangyi for a brief moment, then he scolded Yuan Jiangyi. "Fool."

It was just too easy for Yuan Jiangyi's words to cause a misunderstanding.

All that about him being above or topping Wei Wucai...

Hao Donghuai hurriedly tugged at Yuan Jiangyi below the table.

"Why are you tugging at me?" In the presence of his own people, Yuan Jiangyi was seriously unhinged.

When he turned his head to look at Hao Donghuai, Yuan Jiangyi even said discontentedly, "We're amongst our own people. If you have something to say, just say it. Why are you being all sneaky?"

Hao Donghuai felt speechless.

This idiot!

"Just what exactly is the matter?" Yuan Jiangyi asked Hao Donghuai again, with an expression that told Hao Donghuai to just speak in front of everyone.

"..." Hao Donghuai could no longer be bothered with Yuan Jiangyi.

This person, who normally seemed rather clever, had become particularly stupid this evening.

Hao Donghuai looked at Yuan Jiangyi and coolly let out a cold laugh.

He had given Yuan Jiangyi a chance, but the latter didn't want it.

Hao Donghuai tossed aside his concern and care for his comrade and replaced it with schadenfreude.

He leaned forward and explained to Yan Zhiqing, who was sitting opposite him, "Zhiqing, don't misunderstand. I don't know what's going on with Old Yuan, but Xiao Cai is a genuinely straight guy."

Yuan Jiangyi: "..."

Yuan Jiangyi finally understood.

He still didn't understand a moment ago, but now, putting things together with what Hao Donghuai said...

Yuan Jiangyi knew Yan Zhiqing had misunderstood him earlier.

Thinking of what he had said about him topping Wei Wucai, he realized it was indeed rather easy to misunderstand.

However, what was that about how Hao Donghuai didn't know what was going on with Old Yuan?

Yuan Jiangyi immediately explained for his own sake, "I'm also a straight man, genuinely! Don't listen to the drivel Hao Zi said. As if it's possible that he doesn't know what I'm like?"

"No..." Faced with Yan Zhiqing's gaze, Yuan Jiangyi suddenly felt like he was only making matters worse the more he explained.

"I meant, he knows because the three of us have spent our whole lives together. We trained together, ate and drank together... But of course, we didn't sleep together," Yuan Jiangyi said hurriedly.

The Mount Lan Compound was so rich and powerful. Moreover, the fact that they could join it meant each of them was from an influential family.

Normal people did not get this opportunity.

It was due to this that the Mount Lan Compound had developed inseparably close relationships with all the influential families.

This was one of the methods the compound used to maintain its status.

After all, the Mount Lan Compound was truly too extraordinary and outstanding.

If there were ever a need to fight, the Mount Lan Compound would inevitably bear the brunt of the opponent's attacks.

So, the Mount Lan Compound had developed unbreakable relationships with all of the influential families early on.

Even if someone wanted to hit the bird that took the lead, they would not be able to.

As for Yuan Jiangyi and the others, they were from influential families, and the Mount Lan Compound did not lack in money...

So they'd never slept with anyone else, even when they were young and had just joined the compound.

Each one of them was innocent!

"Additionally, the three of us are very firmly straight men, the especially unshakable kind," Yuan Jiangyi said. "Don't misunderstand the three of us because of how good our friendship is."

He added hastily, "To be frank, our leader's wife also asked us in the past if there was some unspeakable relationship between us. There truly isn't."

“And Xiao Cai is even more of a steely man than we are.” Yuan Jiangyi was totally unaware that he was causing great trouble for Wei Wucai.

Earlier, Wei Wucai was slightly afraid that something bad would happen.

However, the mood was great and relaxed, so he overlooked this point and didn't think of it.

Now, upon hearing Yuan Jiangyi's words, Wei Wucai finally knew what was wrong.

Yan Zhiqing thought he was gay!

Moreover, the persona he created for himself was that of a gay man who had been turned straight by Yan Zhiqing.

Wei Wucai had a good plan.

This way, he could overturn his past lies with good reason.

Yan Zhiqing wouldn't get angry that he had deceived her.

But who knew that Yuan Jiangyi would actually expose him at this moment?!

“Old Yuan, aren't you hungry?” Wei Wucai hurriedly interrupted Yuan Jiangyi.

“I'm fine. You guys eat. I'll talk with Yan Zhiqing first.” Yuan Jiangyi waved his hand, seeming very unbothered.

Despite Hao Donghuai's rough appearance, he was actually very careful.

Chapter 3249: Why Didn't You Explain It to Me?

When he saw Wei Wucai acting this way, Hao Donghuai knew that he didn't want Yuan Jiangyi to talk.

However, Yuan Jiangyi didn't realize that at all.

Hao Donghuai rubbed his chin and thought that he couldn't just ruin Yuan Jiangyi's life.

It would be great if he could ruin Wei Wucai's life as well.

It had been so many years, but he had never succeeded in pranking Wei Wucai.

He was worried!

And so, Hao Donghuai did not warn Yuan Jiangyi.

He wouldn't be the one suffering the misfortune anyway.

Yuan Jiangyi then continued speaking to Yan Zhiqing. “Zhiqing, Xiao Cai is pretty, but he is a masculine man. The madam of the Mount Lan Compound had suspected that we were gay and we couldn't do anything to her. But in order to prove his innocence, Xiao Cai beat us up.”

Yan Zhiqing moved her lips and couldn't help but glance over at Wei Wucai.

There's a chance that Wei Wucai was hiding this secret from them, right?

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Yuan Jiangyi seemed to have read her thoughts.

Yuan Jiangyi said, "You might think that Xiao Cai was just trying to hide the secret."

Yan Zhiqing widened her eyes as she stared at Yuan Jiangyi, appearing to have resonated with him.

"Let me tell you one more thing and you will understand," Yuan Jiangyi said. "Xiao Cai loves watching Japanese porn. He's someone who is able to go really hard!"

Yan Zhiqing immediately turned to look at Wei Wucai.

Didn't Wei Wucai say that he had never had a reaction when he was watching porn and reading such magazines?

He lied to her?

She turned and saw that Wei Wucai trying to signal to Yuan Jiangyi.

Yan Zhiqing instantly understood everything.

She was not stupid!

Wei Wucai was obviously feeling guilty and was hinting for Yuan Jiangyi to talk a little less!

Even when he was next to her, he was still shooting warning glances at others and trying to get someone to also lie to her?

Yan Zhiqing thought about it. For all this time, she had misunderstood Wei Wucai. Wei Wucai had never admitted to it, but he had also never denied anything!

She even made things very clear. There couldn't have been any misunderstanding. Wei Wucai had so many chances to explain things clearly.

However, he did not do that.

He would even go along with her thoughts and make her misunderstand even more.

Yan Zhiqing recalled that she had stopped being so defensive towards Wei Wucai because she thought Wei Wucai was gay.

However, all these things were false.

Wei Wucai had lied to her.

She recalled the time when she told Wei Wucai that she didn't care about his sexuality and would never think of him as an abnormal being.

She even said that she would be his good friend.

Yan Zhiqing thought she had been stupid.

She had been so stupid.

When Wei Wucai heard her say these stupid things, he might have been laughing at her for being stupid.

Of course, Yan Zhiqing knew that Wei Wucai would never laugh at her.

She had never doubted his feelings towards her.

Still, she felt furious.

Wei Wucai actually told such lies to her.

Wei Wucai was hinting at Yuan Jiangyi but was caught in the act by Yan Zhiqing.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

He immediately felt apprehensive.

Wei Wucai knew that the secret was out.

It didn't matter if Yan Zhiqing liked him or not.

No one would like it if they were lied to and fooled around with.

Especially considering that Yan Zhiqing liked him...

The more she liked him, the angrier she would feel once she realized that he had lied to her.

Wei Wucai knew how this felt.

His forehead was beaded with cold sweat.

He secretly extended his hand toward Yan Zhiqing's hand beneath the table.

Yan Zhiqing saw his hand but immediately avoided his touch. She humphed coldly, refusing to let Wei Wucai touch her.

However, even so, Yan Zhiqing did not leave the dinner table out of spite.

That would be so disrespectful.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai weren't the ones who had lied to her. She couldn't make them feel awkward.

In addition, Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were such honest people.

If it weren't for them, Yan Zhiqing would have continued to be lied to by Wei Wucai.

Therefore, Yan Zhiqing definitely wouldn't feel any anger toward Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

Since Wei Wucai was not gay...

There was no longer any need for Yan Zhiqing to keep this a secret or to worry about hurting his feeble soul.

When Wei Wucai saw the aloof expression on Yan Zhiqing's face, his heart skipped a beat.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai both could tell that the expression Yan Zhiqing had was not right.

Yuan Jiangyi asked anxiously, "Did... I say something wrong?"

"No." Yan Zhiqing immediately smiled at Yuan Jiangyi and said, "It's all thanks to you that I was able to find out that he is not actually gay."

Yuan Jiangyi was so shocked that his mouth opened wide. "Why... why would you think he is gay? He looks pretty, but he is definitely straight!"

To prove Wei Wucai's innocence, Yuan Jiangyi even raised his hand and swore, "I swear on my integrity that Xiao Cai is definitely a heterosexual male. You have to believe in him!"

Yan Zhiqing smiled and said, "Of course I believe that. However, back when I thought he was gay, he admitted to it. That is why I thought he was gay."

Yuan Jiangyi gasped and thought to himself about how playful Wei Wucai had been.

And he had lied to Yan Zhiqing. This meant that things wouldn't end well for Wei Wucai.

Yuan Jiangyi, feeling Wei Wucai's glare, started trembling. He knew that Wei Wucai would eventually teach him a lesson for what happened tonight!

Yuan Jiangyi hastily tried to save himself by saying, "Xiao Cai really treats you differently. You have no idea. If someone else had dared to suspect this about him, he would have raged. But you are different. Hehe... Hehe..." He emitted a dry laugh.

As for the reason why Wei Wucai did not explain when he knew about Yan Zhiqing's misunderstanding...

Unfortunately, Yuan Jiangyi would never be able to provide a good explanation for Wei Wucai.

It was simply impossible to explain!

"True." Yan Zhiqing smiled and said, "If it wasn't because I had mistakenly thought he was gay, I would never have become friends with him."

Wei Wucai's forehead was beaded with even more cold sweat.

At this moment, the smile on Yan Zhiqing's face looked so sweet.

However, because of that, Wei Wucai felt even more nervous.

Because he couldn't determine if the smile on Yan Zhiqing's face was genuine.

Her smile was so sweet. She was grinning from ear to ear.

This was definitely a show of her acting skills!

Immediately, Yan Zhiqing turned and gave a gentle smile towards Wei Wucai.

"Zhiqing, I..." Wei Wucai wanted to apologize.

He could not even be bothered that Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai were here.

The calmer Yan Zhiqing looked, the harder it was to tell what she was actually thinking. As a result, Wei Wucai felt even more worried.

This meant that Yan Zhiqing was even angrier.

She couldn't even bother to show her anger.

Wei Wucai instead wished that Yan Zhiqing would be mad at him and would scold him.

This way, he would be able to admit his mistake to Yan Zhiqing and try to pamper her.

But she was acting like nothing had happened and didn't even need him to pamper her.

There was nothing he could do.

At this moment, Wei Wucai had yet to apologize when he heard Yan Zhiqing say with an apologetic expression, "I am sorry I thought you were gay. You must have been really angry about it, right?"

Yan Zhiqing smiled apologetically and said, "Why didn't you explain it to me?"

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Wei Wucai was speechless.

He was doomed.

He knew that Yan Zhiqing was extremely furious.

"Zhiqing..." Wei Wucai called out.

Yan Zhiqing pretended as though she didn't hear it as she turned and said to Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai, "Eat. Stop looking at the food. It's really late. I am sure you two are starving."

"Okay. Okay." Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai hastily nodded.

Even though Yan Zhiqing was smiling, they could feel the tension in the atmosphere. They felt as though an eruption would happen at any time.

Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi trembled in fear.

They didn't dare to deny a word that Yan Zhiqing said.

Even if they weren't starving, they had to be starving.

The two lowered their heads and ate very quickly.

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They just hoped to finish their dinner and leave as soon as possible.

They wanted Yan Zhiqing and Wei Wucai to be the only ones to enjoy this tension.

They were innocent.

The two kept their heads down, hoping to even hide them under the table.

They just thought that the atmosphere right now was too scary.

It was especially the case for Yuan Jiangyi. He felt as though his life would end soon.

He had no idea how Wei Wucai would take revenge on him.

While he was holding his chopsticks, his hand was trembling.

“Zhiqing...” Wei Wucai called out, wanting to say something.

But before he could say anything, Yan Zhiqing asked Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai, “By the way, did you two eat lunch today?”

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai raised their heads and exchanged glances before checking the expression on Wei Wucai’s face.

Yan Zhiqing pretended as though Wei Wucai was not here. She asked them puzzledly, “What? What are you two looking at?”

Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi both shook their heads. “No. Nothing. We didn’t see anything.”

Wei Wucai was speechless.

“We ate something simple for lunch on the way here,” Hao Donghuai said.

Yuan Jiangyi didn’t even dare to talk.

This happened because he talked too much earlier.

“Zhiqing, I...”

“You two must be starving, right?” Yan Zhiqing said again, ignoring Wei Wucai.

Later on, whenever Wei Wucai tried to talk, Yan Zhiqing would talk to Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai.

She wouldn’t respond to him at all.

Wei Wucai, feeling helpless, knew that Yan Zhiqing had decided to ignore him and was refusing to listen to him.

And so, Wei Wucai had no choice but to give up.

He could only give up for now.

He would at least stop trying to talk to Yan Zhiqing during dinner.

He waited until they were done with dinner.

Actually, they finished dinner really quickly. It took only twenty minutes.

Because the tension in the atmosphere was too scary.

Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai didn’t even dare to talk, and they didn’t dare to continue staying here.

They were scared that Yan Zhiqing would ask them if they’d had enough food.

Because Yan Zhiqing had already asked them three times!

Therefore, the two could only show it through their behavior. They were eating, and they had definitely eaten enough.

They were busy eating and had no time to answer Yan Zhiqing if they were full.

Within twenty minutes, they finished the food like a wind that swept away everything.

They were so full that they burped and almost threw up.

“Are you guys full?” When Yan Zhiqing saw how fast the two had eaten, she thought they were really starving.

“Let me order some more food, okay?” Yan Zhiqing said.

“No. No.” Hao Donghuai hastily waved his hand and burped again. “We are really full. We can’t eat any more. Burp—”

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

The two ate so quickly because they wanted to leave as soon as possible!

They were so nervous that they were suffering from indigestion.

“Erm... We will be leaving first,” Hao Donghuai said, then immediately stood up.

Yuan Jiangyi followed suit and hurriedly stood up as well. He nodded at the side while saying, “Yes. Yes. Yes. We will be leaving first.”

Yan Zhiqing stood up and said, “Let’s leave together. You didn’t drive here.”

When all four of them came here, they rode one car together.

“We are too full, so a walk will be good for us. We will just walk back to the hotel,” Yuan Jiangyi said hastily. “The hotel isn’t far anyway.”

“Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.” Hao Donghuai nodded heavily and said, “We have eaten all the food. You two barely ate anything. You two should order more food and keep eating. There is no rush. We will be leaving first.”

With this, Hao Donghuai and Yuan Jiangyi ran away like they had been chased by a dog.

By the time Yan Zhiqing followed them to the door, Yuan Jiangyi and Hao Donghuai had already disappeared at the end of the hallway.

They were really fast.

Yan Zhiqing didn’t even have the time to call them.

Yan Zhiqing had no choice but to give up.

She looked back and saw Wei Wucai approaching.

“Zhiqing, I... I didn’t do it intentionally... No... I can’t say that.” For the first time in Wei Wucai’s life, he stuttered and had no idea what he could say.

Could he say that he didn’t do it intentionally?

That would be false.

He had intentionally misled Yan Zhiqing and did not explain himself clearly.

Therefore, if he said that he did not do it intentionally, he wouldn’t believe himself, not to mention Yan Zhiqing.

“I... I did do it intentionally, so it makes sense that you are mad,” Wei Wucai said.

He heard Yan Zhiqing humph coldly.

“I know I can’t speak for myself right now. I did lie to you. I was wrong,” Wei Wucai said. “But I have to tell you that I lied to you only about this. When you misunderstood, I did not explain and tell you the truth.

“However, besides this, I didn’t lie to you about anything else. Everything I said was true. Zhiqing, I really do like you. And I’ve never liked anyone else but you. I’ve never felt anything like this before.

“I lied to you about my sexuality. When you misunderstood, I did not explain it clearly. Because of this, I was always worried and scared that you might one day find out the truth. You would then be mad at me and ignore me.” Wei Wucai had spoken with a pitiful expression.

However, Yan Zhiqing was not affected by his expression at all this time.

In the past, she would have immediately felt bad.

But this time, she wouldn’t.

Yan Zhiqing sneered as she asked, “So when you told me that I turned you straight and that you used to like guys but you like me now, you didn’t lie?”

Wei Wucai was speechless.

He had dug his own grave once again.

“Just the first half of the sentence was a lie. The lie was that you turned me straight. The rest of the sentence was true,” Wei Wucai explained. However, his explanation sounded so unreliable.

“Didn’t you say that you lied to me only once?” Yan Zhiqing asked coldly.

Wei Wucai was speechless.

Wei Wucai struggled as he said in a cajoling tone, “This... This counts as one lie, right? It’s all about the question of whether or not I was gay. If we combine everything I have said about me being gay, then it counts as one lie.”

“Heh,” Yan Zhiqing scoffed, giving Wei Wucai the time to think about what he had just said.

“When you misunderstood in the beginning, I did not clarify right away.”

