

Sweet Love 2581

Chapter 2581: His Exhaustion

“What are you doing?”

“I—”

Hua Jin was caught off guard by her return and stood in awkward stun. “I-I’m dancing.”

“Do you dance at the drop of a hat?”

The man felt even more embarrassed, but he refused to admit it. “Why not? I suddenly have the urge to dance.”

Left speechless, the woman cleared her throat with a few bouts of dry cough and said, “Excuse me; I need to get my bag.”

He let her pass awkwardly.

She took her bag and walked out again.

This time around, he learned to be smart. After checking that she had walked to the stairs and entered the elevator, he closed the door. His hand then involuntarily covered his lips as he could not stop himself from smiling.

He finally had a home!

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When Yun Shishi reached home, Mu Yazhe was still in the study. She knocked on the door and walked in, where she saw her man, still in his white shirt, sitting in front of the computer. At the moment, he was looking incredibly serious; his pair of nicely shaped eyebrows was tightly wrinkled the whole time, without showing any sign of relaxing.

Is he facing a problematic issue now?

That was what she guessed.

Most of the time when she saw him at work, he would always have a very serious look on his face. However, it was rare to see him looking so serious like tonight, where incomparably stiff creases were running across his face. He must have encountered a particularly difficult case, or else he would not look so terrible.

Fatigue could be seen on his face even while he looked stern.

When she got home, her younger son told her that the man had shut himself in his study, working for hours on end, and did not even bother with dinner.

How could he be so busy?

She slowly walked over and gingerly placed her hand on his shoulder, yet he remained unresponsive, seemingly unaware of her presence. He was staring expressionlessly at the reports on the screen, his brain was actively computing formulas and mining the data.

She was worried that he would neglect his health and trigger a gastric problem when he was this focused on work. "Hubby, I'm back..."

Only by her careful whisper did the man become aware of her presence. He looked up and, upon seeing her, reached his palm to cover her hand on his shoulder while he asked in a somewhat exhausted voice, "Why are you so late?"

"Well, it's because..."

"Hm?"

The actress also did not intend to hide the truth from him. "Hua Jin was injured."

"Injured?" He knitted his brows in puzzlement. "How did he get injured for no reason?"

She pondered for a long time before revealing the earlier incident. "It's because of Gao Nan."

"Gao Nan?"

The man's blank look indicated that he no longer had recollection of that name.

"Have you forgotten? He's Xiao Xue's boyfriend."

"Is Xiao Xue that bestie of yours?"

"Yes."

Cocking an eyebrow, he seemed to find this matter odd. "What's going on?"

She was a bit torn about letting him on this matter. In fact, while on the way back, she could barely hold back the urge to tell him about this matter, including Gao Nan humiliating and insulting her; she was so angry!

However, once she reached home and saw his tired face with bloodshot eyes, she knew that the man must be extremely exhausted. He was probably feeling troubled over problems at work.

Suddenly, she felt her heart aching.

This man had always managed to mask his negative emotions very well.

He was a man who did things in his own way. Proud and aloof, he was unbeatable at his game. To him, he had to be at the pinnacle as her man; he would hold up the sky for her and protect her within his strong fortress. Regardless of any danger and difficulties, he would never bring it up to her.

Chapter 2582: Give up my career for you. (1)

She had never heard him mention a bad day at work.

Still, the woman was not naïve enough to assume that everything would always go smooth-sailing in the fiercely competitive commercial arena, which was full of deceptions and deceits, yet he had neither complained about it nor mentioned anything to her—not even a single word.

What about her, though?

She had been emanating negative energy almost constantly, seemingly thinking that she had worked for her hard-earned money, citing it as a source of pride and a rightfully deserved reward!

She pegged herself as independent, but it was only at this moment that she realized just how much she had been relying on him all this time.

She would always talk to him when she was having a bad day at work.

No matter how big the grievance or the challenge was to her, he was always there to fix everything for her at the drop of a hat like god.

Come to think of it; before him, she had stubbornly believed that she had worked hard to support herself, but what was the reality in fact?

If the two of them had their respective careers, then who would be the one to keep the family going?

Her so-called insecurity was no more than selfishness.

She had selfishly pursued her interests and justified her stand with moral hypocrisy. She took what he gave her for granted and selfishly labeled it as him trapping her like a bird in a cage when, in fact, he was just holding up the sky for her.

On the other hand, she was so dependent on him.

She suddenly felt very guilty, and seeing his tired look now, her heart was filled with even more pangs of ache.

He was so busy with work, but it was only to give her the best life.

This was his way of expressing his love, so why could she not just accept it?

It might not be a birthright for a man to support a woman, but if he was willing to do everything for her, then why could she not openly accept it?

In her heart, she was thinking that, since she was so dependent on him, right down to her bones, then why should she not just rely on him completely?

She needed him, and in return, he needed her dependency.

He needed her company, especially when he got tired from overworking, even if she just silently kept him company, without the negative energy of showbiz and such messy trivialities.

Thinking about this, she could not help feeling reluctant to confide in him those unpleasant things that had happened earlier tonight when the man was already so exhausted.

On the one hand, she had imposed on herself the requirement to be self-sustaining; on the other hand, she would turn to him for his resources, his contacts, and his ability whenever she encountered any trouble.

Was this not a double-standard in disguise?

Inwardly, she made up her mind to put aside the matter on Gao Nan. She could handle this by herself.

She would put this upfront with her bestie so that the latter would give up that playboy for good and reseek her happiness.

At the thought of this, the actress suddenly leaned over slightly, circled his shoulders with her arms, and sighed. "It's nothing."

Her husband gave her an odd look. "You appear to be rather preoccupied; there's obviously something."

"It's nothing much, really," she retorted petulantly.

He took her by the waist and sat her in his arms. After gently pecking her tender ruddy lips, he whispered softly, "You can tell me what's on your mind."

"Well, it's like this..." she asked testingly. "Can I recognize Hua Jin as my brother?"

The man mulled it over for a while. "Hmm... If it's just a younger brother..."

As he spoke, he cast her a meaningful look.

She immediately raised her hands in surrender. "Please, don't think too much. Why do you always get jealous of everyone?"

Chapter 2583: Give up my career for you. (2)

"You have a problem with that?" demanded Mu Yazhe with a threatening gaze.

She asked cautiously, "Can I have an opinion?"

"Nope!"

"Why?!" she questioned, sounding sad. "Hua Jin has no relatives and has always treated me well as if I were his biological sister. I want to see him as my brother, too, because I feel sorry for him and want to take care of him."

Looking even more displeased, the man probed further. "What about me then?"

"What do you mean?"

"Since you want to take care of him, I want to be taken care of, too!"

He was obviously jealous!

Her man looked so adorable, though, when he was feeling jealous that she did not know what to do with him for a while!

She answered sheepishly, "You're different from him."

"How am I different?"

"He's my brother and you're my husband." Cupping his face in her palms, she kissed him on his thin, angular lips and cajoled, "Hey, say you agree to this condition, alright?"

"I'll agree but on one condition."

The man surprisingly relented.

Was it so easy to get his approval?

Hah!

Not necessarily!

This time around, it was his turn to list a condition.

He leaned closer to her, rubbed his lips, and pressed them against her ear as he breathed, "Tonight, you'll have to be on top of me."

What?!

Colors crept into both the woman's cheeks as shock hit her head like waves!

Sheesh!

I can't do it.

She had somewhat adapted to him... He would be on top, but even after every lovemaking of theirs, she would still feel so shy that she wanted to bury her face under the pillow.

If she were to be on top...

It would be hard to imagine...

"Since you can't do it, this topic isn't up for discussion!"

"How about I agree to another of your conditions?"

She tried bargaining with him, but who did she think her husband was?

Her man was a twenty-something-year-old veteran in the commercial arena, who had experienced enough of cheating and manipulation. As a shrewd businessman and a leader unbeatable in his game, how could she possibly get her way?

He had long wanted to get her on top of him so that he could fully enjoy her charm at will, and the thought of her coyish charm awaiting full exploitation especially got him excited; thus, he was more and more looking forward to it.

"No way!"

Biting her lower lip, the woman struggled for a long time when she suddenly muttered in a mosquito-like voice, "I-I don't know how..."

Seeing her will wavering, the man's lips curled into an imperceptible arc, and with his eyes looking unfathomable, he wrapped his arms around her, kissed her, and advised patiently, "Be good; I'll teach you."

"O-Okay, t-that's good..."

She blushed, and only then did she reluctantly agree.

He was comforted and gave her a pat on the butt as if he was driving her back to their bedroom!

"Go take a shower first."

"Wait!" She hooked her arms around his shoulder and mumbled, "There's something else I need to discuss with you!"

"There's something else?" He gave her a sidelong glance, but this time around, he appeared extremely generous. "Speak."

"Well, hubby, I've solemnly considered this..." The actress deliberated for a long time and then told him seriously, "After we get married, I will quit showbiz and stay at home to raise our children wholeheartedly, alright? Still, it will be up to you to support me, and... when I don't work, you can't complain that I'm lazy! In any case, I will do my part as a wife. I've thought about it for a long time and I still prefer to be by your side even if it means that I will do nothing except be your silent supporter."

Chapter 2584: A Night of Absurdity

She uttered the phrase with difficulty.

Relying on others for sustenance was undoubtedly an act of begging to her, but so was he!

He was her man and she was willing to rely on him.

Mu Yazhe's eyes flickered for a few moments, obviously quite surprised that she would say that out of the blue.

"Why are you saying these all of a sudden?"

He could not help but question.

Yun Shishi explained truthfully, "Nothing much. I came back and saw you working hard and looking so tired. That's when I realized that if the two of us are busy with our careers, we'll spend less and less time together. It's obviously impossible to ask you to give up your career, which is your pride, but I can give up mine for you. I'm willing to give it up to stand by you, stay with you, and accompany you into old age."

This was probably the most heartfelt confession she had ever uttered in her life!

Her speech was full of her deep love, compromise, and tenderness.

Still, she reiterated to him, "You have to support me when I don't work, though."

The man suddenly cradled her nape and kissed her deeply. As he pressed his lips against hers, he made it known to her clearly: "Little fool, everything I have is created for your sake; I swear that I will give you the best life possible. When I say this, I'll fulfill my promise! I don't just want to give you the world; even I belong to you, too."

She was deeply moved. Pursing her lips for a second, she then held his face and met his kiss.

The two of them embraced and kissed each other deeply.

Outside the door, two kiddos were crouching on the floor as they peeped into the study through the keyhole. There was heartfelt joy when they saw their parents engaging in a loving kiss.

Meanwhile, the two adults inside were so engrossed in their kiss to realize that they were being watched.

"He he he..."

The older one could not stop smiling to himself. He and his younger twin exchanged glances and did a silent high-five with each other while grinning broadly.

"Daddy is great!"

"Shh..."

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The night turned dark.

Yun Shishi took a shower and then lay distracted in bed, Her husband finished his work, returned to the bedroom from the study, and went straight into the bathroom. She heard the splashes of water not long after.

Suddenly, she had an uneasy premonition.

She felt like a living sacrifice that was about to be offered to him.

What should I do?

She had never tried being on top of a man physically!

She vaguely remembered him being in the mood, once by chance, and helping her to sit on top of him, but she squirmed so much in her sheer shyness that she ended up falling into his arms, and from there, she refused to move anymore!

He was not too insistent, either. Being more adventurous in bed, he had induced her to try different positions except for this one!

It was probably her inherent shyness, but she considered this position of a woman on top too daring!

It's too provocative!

Sheesh!

The thought of needing to fulfill her 'promise' soon made her more and more restless.

Thus, when Mu Yazhe pushed open the door and came out of the bathroom, she immediately closed her eyes and buried her restless head under the covers, too scared to breathe, in fact!

It's too humiliating!

As the man was wiping his hair dry, he side-eyed the woman in bed, who had burrowed herself entirely under the quilt by then, and his lips curled into a smile involuntarily.

Did this woman think that she could escape her fate by pretending to sleep or playing dumb?

Dream on!

Outside the quilt, there was suddenly no movement.

What?!

Where is he?

Feeling puzzled, she opened her eyes, furrowed her brows, and popped her head out of the covers to look...

Chapter 2585: Let us talk in private.

Feeling puzzled, she opened her eyes, furrowed her brows, and popped her head out of the covers to look when Mu Yazhe's handsome face appeared right in front of hers out of the blue.

"You finally 'woke' up!"

There was ridicule and playfulness in his eyes, which looked very devilish.

Her face heated up instantly, along with the temperature of her body!

The man raised his eyebrow at her suggestively and invitingly. "Be good and sit up."

"I—"

She was tempted to tell him: I can't!

Alas, a certain man clearly did not intend to give her a way of retreat!

Tonight, the man finally got what he wanted, which was to enjoy the much-anticipated charm of a certain woman. He seemed to be tireless and worked her through the night of absurdity, getting the entire bed sheet wrinkled.

When morning came, the man roused from bed, washed himself, and got dressed before gently kissing the woman's forehead and leaving. When she woke up and saw the traces of spots on the sheets, how could she still continue sleeping?

Quickly, she got up to wash and dry the bedsheets before the two little ones saw them. After which, she returned to the room, took out a box from the drawer, opened it, retrieved a small pill, and drank it with water.

That fella!

He had released all his reserves through the night of absurdity!

In the end, she had to take another morning-after pill.

Alas, this naïve woman was completely unaware that the pills inside the box were no longer for contraception but for gestation—folic acid, in fact—instead, and a certain, conniving man was secretly responsible for the switch!

She was still feeling smug about her ingenuity, but how on Earth would she know that she had been had by an even smarter man?

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After that, she went to take another long, tiring nap. The two boys obviously knew how tired their dear mother was, so they did not try to wake her up.

That afternoon when she woke up, Youyou immediately prepared a very late lunch for her. After she ate her meal, the woman finally remembered that she had got a serious business at hand and asked for a meeting with her bestie.

Her best friend came back with a message, asking if her boyfriend could come along.

She immediately sent a response. [I just want to talk to you alone today; is that alright? Just the two of us.]

After a while, Xiao Xue returned her a text. [I guess it's fine. Actually... Shishi, I'm supposed to meet with Gao Nan.]

Yun Shishi's heart beat violently again, fiercely recalling what happened at the bar last night and that man's unbelievably unscrupulous and despicable words—

'Marrying her is the biggest reward she'll get for loving me.

'I don't mind it if you tell her about this. Hmm... In fact, I'm even looking forward to seeing the crumbling expression on her face when she finds out. Haha. I'm sure it'll be very interesting!

'I've long gotten sick of her, anyway. If it isn't because she's always fantasizing about getting married to me, why do you think I'll marry her?'

After witnessing how deeply in love her bestie was with that man again, she felt extremely uncomfortable in her heart.

This wouldn't do!

I mustn't let Gao Nan hurt her any longer!

Her reply to her friend was strong. [I have something to speak to you alone!]

[What do you want to talk about? My boyfriend is one of us; what can't we talk in front of him?]

[It's a women's private conversation, so no man is allowed! I'll wait for you at the café, alright?]

Xiao Xue's reluctant reply came back after a long time. [Alright. It's just as well; we haven't hung out in a while.]

Chapter 2586: From the Heart

[Alright. It's just as well; we haven't hung out in a while.]

After putting down the phone, Yun Shishi suddenly realized that if Xiao Xue and her boyfriend were together, then that guy would know that the person who had asked her best friend out at the café was her, so would he disrupt her plan?

Perhaps he would follow, and then her bestie would surely only talk about him.

Women deeply in love would be low in IQ not because they were unintelligent but because their feelings of affection had blinded them. All they cared about was the love of their lives, while everything else would take a back seat.

The actress could see that Xiao Xue loved Gao Nan deeply, so if she straightforwardly told her best friend the truth about the man, could the other accept the reality?

She will feel depressed, won't she?

The man a woman loved not reciprocating her feelings and, even more cruelly, seeing her as a burden was probably the most despondent in this world!

When she first discovered Gao Nan's frivolous nature, she had the urge to have a good talk with her friend.

However, her husband told her that the warning should not come from a bosom friend.

Perhaps Xiao Xue can convince the man with her true love?

Although some men were indeed flirtatious by nature, at a certain age, they would also get tired of drinking and womanizing. At this time, they would want to settle down and lead a peaceful life.

She was also a little worried that her bestie would not believe her words or, even worse, suspect her of having ulterior motives by sowing discord; hence, she put up with his nonsense.

However, after last night's incident, the actress made up her mind, no matter how Xiao Xue might perceive her to be, she had to talk to her best friend about the man.

The actress arrived at the café early, and as she sat waiting, she thought of how to broach the matter with Xiao Xue and mentally prepared herself for the possibility of the latter's boyfriend appearing.

Just when she was distracted by her thoughts, outside the window, she saw Xiao Xue parking her car, picking up her handbag, and alighting from the vehicle.

“Shishi... Shishi!”

The two had not seen each other for a long time, so her best friend was rather excited about their rare reunion.

Taking small steps, she came running toward the café.

When the actress noticed that her best friend was alone, she heaved a sigh of relief inwardly.

As long as that man did not come along, the situation should be easier to control. She could afford to be open with her words, or else that b*st*rd might stir trouble for her!

The moment her best friend entered the room, she ran to hug her friend joyously. They had not met for a long time!

“Shishi, I missed you so much!”

The actress pushed the other away with a disgruntled look but she could not resist teasing her. “Why haven’t you gotten in touch with me for so long if you’ve really missed me? You didn’t even reply to my messages on WeChat. You’ve been gone a long time; where the hell have you been?”

“Oh, my heart is silently thinking about you!”

As her bestie spoke, she went to take a seat from across her.

The waiter came over and gave her the menu, where the latter chose a few desserts and a cup of coffee. The actress noticed that her friend had ordered too much and quickly instructed the waiter, “Just give me a cup of rose tea; I don’t want the Blue Mountain coffee.”

Her friend was quite surprised; she had ordered according to her taste, but the latter had changed it to rose tea, instead.

She explained, “I’m having difficulty finding sleep these days, so Youyou asked me to drink less coffee. That’s why I’ve only been drinking flower tea recently.”

“Oh... I see!”

Chapter 2587: Indulging in the Sweetness of Love

“Oh... I see!”

The next moment, though, Xiao Xue screwed her brows together and asked with puzzlement, “Why haven’t you been sleeping well? Is there something bothering you?”

“I’m not sure myself... I get really sleepy during the day, but at night, I just can’t fall asleep so easily. According to Youyou, I probably had too much caffeine intake, which resulted in my insomnia.”

“That boy is just so sweet and considerate! You’re really fortunate to have given birth to that pair of twins, Shishi!”

She then passed their order sheet to the waiter, who left thereafter.

Seeing that they were the only ones left in the private booth, which she had specifically selected for its conducive environment during the lull hours, the actress started mulling on how she should broach the topic of her bestie’s boyfriend when the lady suddenly told her excitedly, “Oh, did I tell you about this? Gao Nan and I went on a trip to the Maldives just recently!”

That completely disrupted her thoughts. The very mention of the guy’s name had her frowning almost out of conditioned reflex. “The Maldives?”

Her friend did not notice the abnormality in her and went on chirping, “Yes! That’s the first time I saw his superb figure! Goodness me, his body is a work of art! I couldn’t tell it at all with a shirt covering his muscles! When he told me that he works out on a casual basis, I felt so jealous and mad! To maintain my figure, I seldom eat desserts on top of working out hard, yet I haven’t managed to develop any firm muscles!”

She smiled gently at that, deciding to hear her friend out first. It would be impolite to interrupt, especially when she was in such an animated mood.

“That’s not the point, though... While we were there, he requested to...”—her friend paused as she bit her lower lip shyly and looked at her, feeling tangled—“but I don’t think it’s a good idea to do that before marriage...”

“Do what?” she asked, despite knowing what the other was saying.

Xiao Xue shot her a reproachful look in return. She hesitated for a long time, but because she was too embarrassed to even say the words, she ended up clenching her teeth and stomping her feet in frustration. “Well, you should know what I mean by... ‘that’!”

“What exactly is ‘that’? How am I supposed to know what you’re talking about if you don’t make it clear?”

Feeling defeated, she plucked her courage and asked, “Shishi, do you remember what I said to you in the past? I vowed not to have any s*x**l relations with men before marriage...”

It got the actress breaking into a smile. “Yes, you did tell me that; I even laughed at you for being a stickler to traditions.”

“That’s my principle, though! Doesn’t it sound romantic to give myself to the man I love on the night of our big day? Isn’t that the greatest gift ever?”

Yun Shishi thought otherwise. “Do you see yourself as an object?”

“N-No... That’s not what I mean!” A blush crept up her bestie’s face. “I just feel that things are progressing... a little too quickly! Marriage, as well as the act of consummation, is sacred to me, so I want to save my virginity for the most memorable and meaningful day of my life!”

“Does that mean...”—she raised a brow quizzically—“that you turned him down when he requested to make love to you?”

Her friend turned even redder as she hurriedly answered, “No!”

“Oh?” she replied half-jokingly. “That’s so unlike you. You’re such a conservative person that you’ll even blush when holding hands with a guy.”

Chapter 2588: That is just his image!

“He pinned me to the bed and kissed me so passionately that I-I... couldn’t help but respond to his advances! I eventually came back to my senses, though, so I pushed him away and told him ‘no’. His expression turned somewhat cold at that, and he thought that my reluctance is due to me not loving him enough. I felt so aggrieved and explained to him that I wanted to save my virginity for our wedding night.”

“What happened next?”

“He asked me what I am afraid of. He’s unable to understand why we can’t do the deed when we’ve already met each other’s parents and decided to tie the knot. I feel really conflicted; was I wrong to turn him down?”

Yun Shishi kept silent for a moment before finally saying, “You’re not wrong; you just don’t feel very sure about him. You love him so much that you’ve lost yourself.”

“That’s indeed so...” Her friend’s eyes flickered as she nodded in agreement. “Somehow... I don’t exactly feel sure about him. You’re certainly right in that.”

“To be honest, the society now is considered quite open about s*x. If the guy loves you enough, he won’t be bothered whether you’re still a virgin or not on your wedding night. It’s also not a shameful matter to break up with your boyfriend after sleeping with him. Men have their desires, and so do women. In fact, women tend to be more emotional, so they’re more likely to lose themselves when they fall in love. Premarital s*x isn’t something shameful; it’s about whether the guy is worth it or not. You have your concerns, so you’ve turned him down time and again, but instead of trying to understand your feelings, he’s pinned the blame on you. I’d be really disappointed in him if I were you.”

The two women grew silent.

“Why is it okay for men to engage in premarital s*x but not women? Men and women are equal in this day and age. As long as it’s out of love, people are free to sleep with whoever they want. There’s nothing wrong with that as long as they take precautions and not get themselves hurt in the end. You have nothing to be ashamed of for sticking to your principles. On the contrary, seeing how he could say such things to you, he’s obviously just taking you as a pastime; how important can you be to him?”

She continued asking carefully, “Are you really sure that he loves you back?”

“Of course!” answered the lady in full confidence. “He told me so himself. He’ll never lie to me.”

"I truly doubt it." The actress decided to get to the point. "Let's be honest with each other here. I have a lot to say about him."

Xiao Xue's brows furrowed as she asked in puzzlement, "About what?"

"On account of our years of friendship, I'd like to tell you this..." The actress paused, then added, "Gao Nan isn't a reliable boyfriend; he's not worthy of you!"

The abruptness of the other's words caused her expression to change; she simply could not fathom why her friend would say that.

"Why isn't he reliable?" She laughed. "He's tall, handsome, gentle, and considerate; he even has a good family background. Even though we do have some conflicts, I'm really happy about this relationship."

"That's just his image!"

Chapter 2589: He cheated on you.

"What do you mean by that?"

Yun Shishi deliberated for some time before deciding to be frank with her friend. "Last night, Gao Nan appeared at a birthday party hosted by my co-actress in my current production team, but do you know in what capacity did he turn up as?"

Her solemn expression got the other feeling somewhat uneasy all of a sudden. "W-What..."

"Ji Yan, the birthday girl's boyfriend. I was surprised to see him there at first, but the next second, my colleague went to welcome him with a kiss. She then brought him in with their arms locked together and introduced him as her boyfriend. In fact, they've been dating for two whole months."

Xiao Xue was stunned into stillness for a moment before she suddenly cracked up. "Shishi, that joke isn't funny at all! Don't crack such jokes; today isn't April Fool's Day!"

The actress did not laugh along with her and merely watched her quietly. "I'm being serious here. None of it is a lie!"

"..." The smile on her friend's face stiffened, turning fake as she tried to prevent it from slipping off.

"How's that possible?!"

"Do you really know what sort of man he is?" She probed nervously. "Haven't you seen his true colors at all after being with him for so long?"

"Are you..." asked Xiao Yue hesitantly, "lying to me right now?"

"Pardon?"

"Did he somehow upset or bully you? Is that why you're saying this to me?" She defended her boyfriend, by telling her friend, "He even chatted with me last night."

“His face is injured, right?” Yun Shishi tossed this critical question at her friend all of a sudden, which caused the latter to jolt in surprise.

H-How did she know that?

“Yes... His eyes were bruised...”

“Do you know who Hua Jin is?”

“Yes! He’s the male lead of ‘Lethal Beauty’. He’s known for playing period characters.”

“Last night, while I stood outside the ladies’ room, your boyfriend was being all touchy-feely to me and even said some really insulting things then. Guess what he said when I threatened to reveal his cheating affair on you.”

Her bestie did not answer her, so she told her expressionlessly after a pause, “He can’t wait for me to tell you this because he’s long gotten sick of you; despite dating for so long, you guys have only hugged, held hands, and kissed. According to him, he’s fine with marrying any woman that his family approves of. The Xiaos may not be prestigious, but it’s still a well-to-do family. He said that his future wife is not to interfere with his private life once they get married. Do you know what that means? It means that you’ll be alone at home while you watch him fool around outside! Is the sort of life you’re dreaming of?”

“Impossible!” Xiao Xue clenched her fists in agitation as her eyes turned red and her expression contorted slightly. “Shishi, that’s impossible! He’s not that sort of person. You have no idea how gentle and considerate he is toward me. He dotes on me like how one would dote on a little princess...”

“Apparently, such special treatment isn’t only given to you.”

“...”

“Do you not believe me? Do I need to get you eye-witnesses for you to believe my words? I’ve always treated you as my sister; I won’t lie to you.”

Chapter 2590: Fleeing

The actress was worked up as well. “You ought to come to your senses. Don’t end up hurting yourself because of your love for that man.”

“Enough said!” Xiao Xue rose to her feet as she cast her friend a stormy look and screeched somewhat hysterically, “There’s no way he’ll treat me that way! Shishi, just stop what you’re doing...”

Not expecting her to react this way, the other woman frowned and looked at her worriedly. “We’ve been friends for years... I won’t hurt you; don’t you know that?”

“Sorry...” Her mind was all over the place as she stroked her hair somewhat frantically, then she picked up her bag and told the actress, “I’m sorry, but... I-I’m not feeling too well. I’ll have to leave first.”

She then turned around and, without waiting for her friend’s response, made a beeline for the exit like a fleeing soldier.

She walked so quickly and, with her mind being in a blank state, accidentally bumped into the waiter who had a serving tray in his hand.

Clank—

The coffee and dessert splattered all over the floor, while the cups and plates broke into pieces.

Her eyes were brimming with tears by then. She ignored the incident and just dashed straight out of the café.

Following behind, Yun Shishi, who was anxious to catch up to her friend, immediately apologized to the waiter and picked up the shards from the floor. "I'm so sorry; I apologize for the mess!"

"It's fine..."

The waiter recognized her at a glance when he lifted his head and saw the woman.

Earlier, he had failed to recognize her because there was a shadow cast on her face where she was seated, so he did not manage to take a good look at her. Now that they were in such proximity, he let out a shriek of excitement when he identified her. "Oh, my gosh! Are you... Yun Shishi? Are you the actress who acted as Yin Xiachun?"

"I—"

She glanced at her friend who was running for the exit anxiously and wanted to chase after her, but the waiter grabbed her arm tightly and his orbs sparkled with adoration as he told her, "I'm a loyal fan of yours! I've watched your movie several times! Can I take a picture with you or, perhaps, get your signature?"

"I'm sorry, but I have to go."

She placed two one hundred yuan notes in his hand then quickly ran out of the café after her friend. Unfortunately, she was a step too late, for she was greeted with the scene of her bestie starting the car's engine and driving off as soon as she pushed open the door.

"Xiao Xue!"

She chased after the car for a bit but ultimately failed to catch up with it; she could only, thus, watched the car gradually disappear into the distance as she rubbed her hair and bit her bottom lip in frustration and regret.

She was somewhat disappointed in how her friend had reacted as well.

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Meanwhile, Xiao Xue was speeding on the road, but despite her excellent driving skills, her sense of direction was somewhat off today due to her irritated mood.

Nevertheless, she stepped hard on the accelerator, which caused the car to shoot forward, driving until she came to a stop outside a villa. She put the car to parking mode then alighted from it and stood outside, feeling conflicted.

This was where Gao Nan lived.

She had unconsciously driven all the way to his place, wanting to see him right away, but as soon as she stopped here, she suddenly felt hesitant whether she should go verify the truth with him or not.

Was Shishi telling the truth?

She found herself to be akin to a coward, not daring to probe further, for she would be unable to accept it either way!

If her friend was indeed telling the truth, it would mean that the man she loved so dearly had indeed, as her friend said, betrayed her love, abased her, and even looked down on her!