

The Hidden Wife Of The Cold CEO – Chapter 11 : I Like Your Family Tradition

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‘I won’t be rest assured till you eat something.’ Grandfather Fu said to her before turning to his grandson to instruct, ‘Fu Hua, take Jia Li to eat something healthy. She has been taking care of me since yesterday, she needs to be looked after.’

‘Ok.’ Fu Hua agreed without another word.

Jia Li looked embarrassed, so she put her head down.

‘Jia Li, don’t be embarrassed. They are my grandsons, they don’t bite.’ Grandfather Fu assured her with a kind smile on his face.

‘Really, we don’t bite,’ Yingpei added with a knowing smile.

‘But grandfather, who will watch over you if I leave?’ Jia Li asked worriedly. She has never let the Old Man be by himself, so she was a bit worried since he was a patient and couldn’t do things by himself.

‘It’s only kids that need to be watched over. But if you are worried about me being alone, call the doctor on your way out, I need to chat with him.’ Grandfather Fu said to her, to get her mind off worries.

‘Okay, I will do that grandfather.’ Jia Li quickly agreed.

Fu Hua and YingPei both spared her a glance.

‘Grandfather?.’ She dares to address their Grandfather like she was a member of their family.

Jia Li could feel their eyes on her. It wasn't harmful, but she was still worried.

'Have I misspoken?.' She thought.

'Miss Jia Li, this way,' YingPei called out to her as Fu Hua already stepped out of the room.

'Oh! Grandfather, see you later.' Jia Li said as she waved to the old man before leaving the room with YingPei ahead of her.

On their way out, Jia Li called the doctor as instructed.

'You are seriously worried about my grandfather, what's your reason?.' YingPei asked her as he walked beside her.

'Grandfather is old and can not do a lot of things by himself now he is a patient, so I'm worried about him.' Jia Li replied with her gaze in front.

Fu Hua was already walking ahead of them. He acted as if he didn't want to have anything to do with

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her.

'I see. You saved our grandfather, and for that we are grateful.' YingPei said to her in a modest tone.

'There is no need to thank me. I would have saved anybody in that situation.' Jia Li responded.

'I must say you are brave to have done that in that kind of situation,' YingPei said as he gazed at her.

Jia Li nodded in reply after finally sparing him a glance.

That little glance she gave to him, helped her to ascertain his facial features. She could tell he was good-looking.

Fu Hua who was walking ahead of them heard everything they talked about but didn't give any remarks.

'Miss Jia Li, you are a local. Can you recommend any good place for Lunch?.' YingPei asked.

Jia Li looked troubled as she didn't have any idea on what to give him as a reply.

'I have no idea.' She managed to say in a low tone.

YingPei found her answer to be ridiculous. 'Are you not a local?.'

'I am. But my family only eats home-cooked food. My mother doesn't allow my father and me to eat out. She says the food out there, is not healthy. And even though it's healthy, it can not be compared to the food prepared at home with a lot of love and dedication.'

Jia Li's reply seemed to have caught Fu Hua's attention because he stopped in his steps and turned to give Jia Li a scrutinizing gaze before looking away and continued with his steps.

'Did I say something wrong?.' Jia Li asked in a low tone.

Just now, when Fu Hua turned to look at her, their eyes locked together, and that was his she managed to get a little look at him.

She saw his facial features, but they were blurry because she didn't have time to take a look at them properly.

Fu Hua's eyes scared her, and that cold look on his face seemed to say, 'Keep Off', so she looked away immediately.

'You didn't say anything wrong. I like your family tradition.' YingPei said to her as he managed to hide his laughter.

Both Fu Hua and YingPei had the same thought that Jia Li was truly ignorant and was still a child.

Outside the hospital when they got to the most expensive car parked around the vicinity, Fu Hua threw the car keys to YingPei, and he caught it fluidly.

'Miss Jia Li, get into the car,' YingPei said to Jia Li, and she did as instructed.

Both brothers got into the front part of the car.

'Brother, which restaurant are we going to?.' YingPei asked Fu Hua for his opinion.

'I don't know, I will go with your choice today. But I don't think there is any good place here.' Fu Hua replied.

'Alright,' YingPei said before opening the GPS map in his phone to search for nearby restaurants. And when he found one, he ignited the car's engine before driving out.

Jia Li sat at the back seat quietly without uttering a word and making any movements. Her eyes were on the road till they got to a restaurant.

Seeing them get off the car, she followed their actions as well.

'This is the place,' YingPei announced.

‘I hope the food is at least, palatable.’ Fu Hua said in a not-so-good tone.

He disliked his current location.

‘We have to manage until grandfather is discharged,’ YingPei said to him as they walked inside the restaurant.

As they walked in, they were welcomed by a waiter who directed them to a table.

The waiter asked for their order, as he recited all the available dishes the restaurant had.

‘Miss Jia Li, can you make an order for us? You are a local and should know some of the best dishes here.’ YingPei requested as he turned to gaze at Jia Li.

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‘Miss Jia Li, can you make an order for us? You are a local and should know some of the best dishes here.’ YingPei requested as he turned to gaze at Jia Li.

‘Me?.’ Jia Li said while pointing at herself.

Now she was sharing a table with the Fu brothers, she was opportune to get a good look at them.

She could see they had handsome features, but she dare not stare at them for a long time.

‘Yes, you. We need your recommendation.’ YingPei insisted.

‘I am afraid, I dare not.’ Jia Li rejected as she looked away.

‘It’s fine, place your order,’ YingPei said to her before asking the waiter to serve their signature dishes.

Jia Li agreed and ordered two dishes for herself, but YingPei added extra dishes for her

‘You are still young, you need to eat more,’ YingPei said to her with a smile on his face.

Fu Hua scoffed, ignoring his brother.

Jia Li was different from most girls. She wasn’t slim, and she wasn’t fat. She just had a little amount of flesh on her body, but she still couldn’t be called, chubby or plump.

She wasn’t bothered about her body because her mother praised her for having a healthy body.

‘Thank you!’ Jia Li said politely.

Just then, a chime came from Fu Hua’s phone, so he took it out to take a look.

Seeing an SMS from his girlfriend, he walked out of the restaurant with his phone in hand.

Jia Li and YingPei looked over till his back left their view.

‘You seem to be scared of my brother,’ YingPei said rather than asking because he was sure.

‘Am I?’ Jia Li asked as she gazed at him.

‘Yes you are, and it’s very obvious. Don’t mind the iced look on his face, don’t be scared of him, he won’t bite you.’ YingPei said to help relax her nerves.

‘Oh.’ Jia Li replied.

As YingPei was asking Jia Li questions to know more about the locals as they waited for their dishes, Fu Hua was outside the restaurant on a call with his girlfriend.

‘If I didn’t text you, you have forgotten to call me, right?’ Alix Feng asked as she twirled the wine glass in her hand.

She was sitting on her bed with a wine glass

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Fu Hua wasn’t comfortable eating in a local restaurant, so he stopped eating soon after Jia Li gave up on the food. Now, only YingPei was still eating.

‘Miss Jia Li, since I met you, you’ve been putting on that jacket, are you not hot?’ YingPei asked after he swallowed the food in his mouth.

This was summer, and it was very hot these days. The restaurant they came to had no air conditioning system. Even Fu Hua took off his suit jacket when he walked into the restaurant. Now, he was wondering why Jia Li still had her jacket on.

Jia Li looked embarrassed as she stole a glance at him. ‘I’m fine.’

‘How are you fine? You are already sweating. Even if you don’t want to take off the jacket, at least unzip it, so you can cool off a bit.’ YingPei advised her.

He was indeed worried about her. How could she be wearing a jacket in this kind of hot weather?.

‘Really, I’m fine.’ Jia Li insisted as she clutched the chest area of the jacket.

Because Fu Hua had his eyes on her, therefore he noticed something, so he looked away before telling YingPei off.

‘YingPei, it’s enough. Let her be.’

‘Oh!.’ YingPei said before going back to eating his food.

Jia Li felt relieved that YingPei wasn’t pestering her anymore, so she let go of the jacket and looked up at Fu Hua gratefully, but he had his eyes elsewhere.

Fu Hua was currently reading the text that came from his girlfriend.

After reading her apology message, he replied to her text, which meant he had forgiven her.

Just as he put his phone down, YingPei concluded with eating.

‘Miss Jia Li, you look so young, are you in college?.’ YingPei asked. He seemed to be making so many inquiries about her.

Jia Li nodded in response to confirm his thoughts.

‘Wow! Which college? What’s your major?.’ YingPei asked in an excited tone.

Jia Li replied to him, but her response shocked the two brothers. Her answer about her major shocked them because she didn’t look like what she was majoring in.

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‘You are studying Fashion and Design?.’ YingPei asked in a shocked tone.

Jia Li felt his actions were hilarious. ‘Why did he seem shocked to learn I’m studying Fashion and Design?’

Jia Li nodded to confirm her words.

Of course, the Fu brothers would be shocked to learner a major because her style of dressing wasn’t linked to her course of study.

Jia Li was putting on a big jacket and a pair of jeans that looked big on her. She folded the mouth of the jeans and was putting on a pair of white sneakers. Her hair was tied up in a messy bun.

Her looks and sense of dressing didn’t make sense for somebody that was studying fashion and design. At least, she should look a bit like what she was studying even if she doesn’t have the money to dress up.

‘Wow! You don’t look like at it.’ YingPei said as he gave her a scrutinizing gaze.

Jia Li felt embarrassed as he eyes looked her up and down.

Having gotten a little understanding of Jia Li's body language, Fu Hua could tell she was embarrassed.

'YingPei do you know it's inappropriate to look at a woman that way?.' Fu Hua asked, calling his brother to order.

'Oh! I'm sorry Miss Jia.' YingPei apologized to Jia Li who had her gaze downwards.

Jia Li nodded in understanding without looking up at him.

Seeing her act that way, a thought came to his mind, so he decided to tease her as a smile appeared on her face.

'Miss Jia Li, you easily get embarrassed. Do you have a boyfriend?.' YingPei asked with his gaze on her.

'YingPei!.' Fu Hua called out to him, feeling he had gone too far.

Why was he prying into someone's privacy?

Jia Li raised her head to look at him with her red face. 'You...you...' She stuttered.

'I'm sorry.' YingPei apologized to her with a smile on his face and his hands raised, but he did not look sorry at all.

'We are done here. YingPei, pay for the food and meet us outside.' Fu Hua instructed before standing up and walking away.

Jia Li read meaning into his sentence and knew he was trying to save her from his rogue of a brother, so she hurried after him, totally ignoring YingPei who was calling after her.

She would really be an idiot to stay back to wait for him.

Outside the restaurant, Jia Li thanked Fu Hua for helping her out, but he replied with an indifferent gaze. 'No need.'

After settling the bills, YingPei walked out of the restaurant and unlocked the car doors with the car key in his hand.

On their way to the hospital, Jia Li was quiet as usual, why the two brothers talked about business.

Because the car was air-conditioned, Jia Li didn't feel hot again, and she was thankful. But when they got to the hospital, and the hot air hit her, she began to feel hurt again.

She felt the Air-conditioned car made her situation worse, which was true.

As they walked inside the hospital, YingPei stopped by the reception to ask a few questions, while Fu Hua and Jia Li stood by the side to wait for him.

While waiting, Fu Hua noticed that Jia Li was beginning to sweat again, so he put his hand inside his pocket and took out a cotton navy blue patterned handkerchief before passing it to her.

Jia Li glanced at his hand before looking up at him in confusion.

Her confused look seemed to be asking, 'Why are you passing a handkerchief to me?.'

Fu Hua read the silent question on her face, so he replied, 'Wipe your sweat.'

‘Thank you!. I will wash it and return it to you.’ Jia Li said as she accepted the handkerchief.

‘No need.’ Fu Hua replied before looking away.

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‘Thank you!. I will wash it and return it to you.’ Jia Li said as she accepted the handkerchief.

‘No need.’ Fu Hua replied before looking away.

Jia Li didn’t know why, but she had a thinking that Fu Hua didn’t want to associate with her.

As she brought the handkerchief close to her face to wipe the sweat, she perceived his scent on the handkerchief, and suddenly felt happy.

She wiped her sweat with it, before putting it away in her pocket. And just then, YingPei arrived, and they went into Old Mr. Fu’s hospital room. And there, they met Mrs. Qin.

‘Mom, when did you come?.’ Jia Li asked as she went to her mother’s side.

Grandfather Fu had just finished eating and Mrs. Qin was putting his plates aside.

‘Not long ago. Mr. Fu said you went out to eat.’ Mrs. Qin said as she glanced at the two handsome Fu brothers, who politely bowed to her in greeting.

She nodded back at them before continuing her speech. ‘Since you have eaten already, looks like I have to keep the food for myself.’

Jia Li had a frown on her face. Then she glanced at the Fu brothers before glancing at the flask of food her mother brought for her.

She knows her mother was taunting her because she knew she wouldn’t eat well outside since she wasn’t used to it.

But she was worried the Fu brothers wouldn’t look good if she accepted the food from her mother, it would look as if they starved her when they took her out to eat, and that wouldn’t look good on the old Man as well.

So now, she had to struggle between choosing her stomach over other people’s consideration. After struggling for a while, she chose the latter.

‘Mum, you can keep the food for yourself, I have eaten.’ Jia Li said to her mother.

Although Mrs. Qin wasn’t expecting that reply, she didn’t continue taunting her because of the food.

She took the plates and stepped out from the room, and Jia Li followed after her.

‘Grandfather, I

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will be back.’ Jia Li said to Grandfather Fu, and he nodded in response with a smile on his aged face

Outside the room, Mrs. Qin paused in her steps to say to her, ‘Your father came over to deliver the food. He wanted to see you, but you were not here.’

‘Oh! Then I have to go back home today.’ Jia Li replied.

‘Yes, you have to go back home and help your father out with the dinner today. I will be walking shifts today, so I can’t go home. Mr. Fu’s grandsons are here to look after him. The hospital food is not so good, so you need to cook dinner and bring it to the hospital for Mr. Fu.’ Mrs. Qin said to her with worry on her face.

‘Alright, mum. I will just chat with Grandfather Fu for a short while before going home to prepare dinner.’ Jia Li assured her with a smile.

‘Alright, go back inside.’ Mrs. Qin said to her before leaving.

Jia Li stood there and watched her mother leave, before turning back to go inside the room.

Grandfather Fu was chatting with his grandsons when she entered the room.

‘Girl, did you eat to your satisfaction?.’ Grandfather Fu asked immediately she walked inside the room. He abandoned his grandsons he was earlier engaged in a conversation with.

‘Yes, Grandfather.’ Jia Li lied with a smile on her face.

‘Don’t lie to me. Your mother said you were not used to eating outside, so I guess you were not comfortable with the food out there.’ Grandfather Fu said as he gazed at her.

Jia Ki smiled sheepishly for being caught.

‘I am sorry grandfather.’ She apologized to the old man.

‘It’s okay. I know you lied so I wouldn’t have to worry about you.’ Grandfather Fu said after he heaved a sigh.

‘But don’t worry grandfather, I will go back home to make a sumptuous dinner for all of us.’ Jia Li said suddenly with a cheerful smile on her face.

‘That’s good... That’s good. This Old man here will like to eat the food prepared by you.’ Grandfather Fu replied cheerfully, with a different mindset.

Jia Li didn’t know the Old man was observing her as a potential Granddaughter-in-law.

‘Miss Jia Li, you can cook? I will also like to try your food.’ YingPei said with a cheerful smile on his face.

Jia Li nodded with a smile on his face. As for Fu Hua, he was unamused.

While chatting with the Old Man, Jia Li started to sweat again, so she took out the handkerchief Fu Hua gave to her, to wipe her sweat.

Grandfather Fu saw the handkerchief and recognized it as Fu Hua’s, but he didn’t say anything.

‘Alright Grandfather, I’m going home to prepare food, I will be back soon.’ Jia Li said to the Old Man cheerfully before turning to walk out of the door.

When she left, the room returned to being silent.

‘Grandfather, I have spoken with your doctor, he said you can be discharged within the next 48 hours.’ Fu Hua revealed.

‘What 48 hours? Go and call the doctor. There is no need to call him. Tell him I’m leaving the hospital tomorrow evening.’ Grandfather Fu declared.

‘What if everything is not alright, and you leave before the time to keep you under watch?’ Fu Hua asked.

‘I will be living with the Ahn’s. The doctor can easily come for a check-up in their house. I’m tired of staying in this environment, I need a new and lively place to stay. If I remain here, I will get depressed.’ Grandfather Fu said.

Fu Hua and YingPei exchanged glances, but none of them said a word. Whatever they will say now, will be to annoy the old man. But the old man had already made up his mind, so he won’t easily change it.

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Back home, Jia Li was the only one around, so she checked the kitchen for the ingredients they had at home, before making a list of what she would be needing.

After making her list, she picked some money from their small living room and left the house with a shop bag in hand. She was going to the market to buy the remaining ingredients she needed to cook with.

When she returned home, her father was still not back yet, so she washed her hands and her face and started to prepare the ingredients for the meal.

Two hours, later, Jia Li was already done cooking and has packaged the food in different food containers. She was now cleaning up the kitchen.

As she put away the last plate she washed, she sighed in relief and damped the beads of sweat on her forehead with her clothing.

Now it was time for a shower. Ten minutes later, Jia Li had a refreshed look. This time around, she wasn't putting on any jacket. She was putting on a round neck polo and

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jeans, with sandals on her feet.

She combed her hair and packed it in a ponytail before going to the living room to take the food she put away.

The two polythene bags she put the food in, were heavy, so she had to carry each in one hand.

With her shoulder bag secured, she lifted the polythene bags and skipped away.

Since it was evening, the hot sun ☼ has already gone in, so Jia Li didn't need to worry about sweating much as she walked into the hospital.

She first checked on her mother and delivered her dinner to her.

'Did you see you, father, at home?.' Mrs. Qin asked as she took her dinner, Jia Li passed to her.

'No.' Jia Li replied with her attention to the remaining meals.

'Oh! I almost forgot. He said there was an emergency at the construction site, so he had to go back there.' Mrs. Qin revealed.

'But it's late, it's almost dark.' Jia Li said as she looked through the windows of the hospital.

'Hold on, let me give him a call.' Mrs. Qin said as she picked up her phone to call her husband.

After a few rings, Mr. Qin picked up the call. 'Chu, did you know I was about having my dinner when you decided to call? Did you do it on purpose?.'

'Honey, what are you saying? Jia Li was worried about you. She wanted to know if you are back home already. But since you are about to eat, I know the answer.' Mrs. Qin replied.

'Oh! I saw Jia Li on my way back to the house, but the distance was far, so I couldn't call out to her. You should know I was joking with you. Don't you miss me?.' Mr. Qin asked with a taunting smile.

'Alright... Alright, good night.' Mrs. Qin said as she ended the call with a smile. Then she turned to Jia Li to say something, but she beat her to it.

‘I know, he is back home. See you.’ Jia Li said as she lifted the two polythene bags and walked away.

‘Huh!

Grandfather Fu’s tone was clear, and the meaning of his words, easy to understand.

The police officers only came to report the latest information to him and were not there to plead on behalf of anybody.

‘General, we will handle him according to the law. We are sorry to have disturbed your rest, we will take our leave now.’ The chief police officer said as he and his underlings bowed before taking their leave.

You may be wondering why the Fu brothers didn’t butt in during the conversation, so here is the reason. The Fu brothers knew their grandfather was capable, and wouldn’t need their help to speak, so they kept calm.

Now the Police Officers were gone, and the old man had calmed down a bit, Jia could now serve the food.

With a cheerful smile on her face, Jia Li stood to her feet as she approached the old man.

‘Grandfather, it’s late already and you need to have your dinner.’

Grandfather Fu smiled as he said to her, ‘Girl, this old man has been waiting for your food.’

‘Okay. But grandfather, don’t make fun of Jia Li if the food is not to your taste.’ Jia Li said before walking back to the table to serve the food.

‘I wouldn’t dare.’ Grandfather Fu said with a smile on his wrinkled face.

Fu Hua and YingPei had their eyes on Jia Li as she took out the four lunch boxes

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Grandfather Fu woke up this morning to a call from one of his granddaughters-in-law. When he saw the caller ID, a smirk formed on his lips.

When he answered the call, Fu Hee didn’t let him speak up as she greeted him in a cheerful tone and went ahead to ask about his health, rambling on and off.

When Grandfather Fu couldn’t handle her ramblings, he cut her off.

‘Did you call to check up on me or did you call to annoy me?’
Grandfather Fu asked in an annoyed tone.

Mrs. Fu Hee was taken aback by the Old man’s annoyed tone, but she knew better not to piss him off further, so she smiled and spoke in a tone to placate him.

‘Father, how could you talk like that? I called to know your present state of health.’ Mrs. Fu Hee said with a fawning smile, although the old man couldn’t see it.

‘Fu Hee, don’t think I don’t know your thoughts. You don’t want me to come back to keep you in place since your husband can not do the job. My health is in perfect condition if you insist to know.’ Grandfather Fu said in annoyance as he ended the call.

Tut...tut...tut

‘Hello! Father? Hello?!’ Mrs. Fu Hee called out but received no response from his end. She glanced at the phone just to see the call had already been terminated.

‘Why is he angry this morning? Does he hate my voice so much?’ Mrs. Fu Hee muttered to herself with her lowered gaze on the phone. But when she looked up, she saw her husband staring intently at her.

She was almost scared out of her wits. She didn’t hear any footsteps or any sound to indicate someone was approaching.

‘Do you want to cause my blood pressure to rise? How long have you been standing there?’ Mrs. Fu Hee asked with creased brows.

‘Since the time you were sweet-talking to Father.’ General Fu Lei replied before walking past her to sit on the couch

Fu Hee followed him immediately to sit by his side. ‘It is not my fault I had to act that way. Father

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is very difficult to talk to, that’s why I had to implore such means.’

‘What sort of excuse is that? If you were genuine, would you have trouble conversing with father?’ General Fu Lei asked, sparing her a glance before looking away.

‘Why are you angry with me this morning? Your father is already angry, you want to join him as well?’ Mrs. Fu Hee asked with a hurt facial expression.

‘Sometimes I do not understand you. Father will be home soon, this is just a reminder to do a good job.’ General Fu Lei said before standing and walking away.

Mrs. Fu Hee should be panicking now, but she remained on moved with a look of indifference as her husband walked away.

She didn’t seem affected by the situation at all. But even if she didn’t seem affected at all, she still needed to do her job as the first daughter-in-law of Retired Major General Fu Wei Lei.

Back in the countryside where Jia Li was living with her parents, Grandfather Fu has just been discharged from the hospital and insisted on staying with the Qins. There was nothing Fu Hua and YingPei could do other than to accept that fact.

Jia Li had to clear up her grandfather’s room for the old man to reside in.

Grandfather Fu stayed with the Qins for two days before agreeing to leave with his grandsons.

But before he left for the city, his grandsons would visit him every afternoon and leave in the evening.

The first noon the Fu brothers came to visit their grandfather at the Qin’s house, they found the place to be very small and uncomfortable compared to the mansion they were living in.

Because Jia Li spends the whole day with Grandfather Fu, the old man isn’t lonely.

Jia Li played games with him and told him stories to keep him company. Then in the evening, he would take walks with his grandsons.

Mrs. Qin worked night shifts, while Mr. Qin went for work at a construction site, so basically, Jia Li spends most of the time with the Old man.

The second afternoon the Qin brothers came to visit before they traveled back, Fu Hua refused to eat lunch there, but YingPei accepted the food Jia Li served him.

Grandfather Fu glanced at him but continued to eat without saying anything. After a few spoons, he encouraged YingPei to eat to his satisfaction.

Fu Hua knew Grandfather Fu was not happy with me, but he didn't want to eat anything because he was uncomfortable and wanted to go back to the city soon.

'Miss Jia Li, please get me something to drink.' Fu Hua turned to Jia Li to ask.

'Okay, I'll be right back.' Jia Li said with a polite smile as she went into the kitchen and returned with a bottle of fresh apple juice.

She cleaned the cap before passing the drink to him.

'Thank you!.' Fu Hua said as he took the drink from her. He took out a handkerchief from his pocket and wiped the cap before removing it.

Jia Li was amazed at how thorough he was.

'Brother, you should try this, it's nice.' YingPei who has been eating quietly all these while said to Fu Hua while pointing at the side dishes on the table.

'I'm not interested.' Fu Hua replied before drinking from the bottle of fruit drink.

When he finished the fruit juice, he went to the small living room to sit and wait for them.

Jia Li joined Grandfather Fu and YingPei at the dining table to have her lunch.

A 'ding' sound came from Fu Hua's phone, and he checked out. It was a text from his girlfriend asking when he would be back.

Fu Hua read the text but didn't reply, because he wanted to surprise her the next day.

Yes, he was going back to the city the next morning, so he wanted to surprise her.

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The next morning when Fu Hua and YingPei came to pick their grandfather up, Fu Hau overpaid Mrs. Qin for the expenses she made on the hospital bills and feeding throughout their stay, but Mrs. Qin rejected the extra money he gave to her. She only took what was due.

Before grandfather left the Qin's mansion, he exchanged phone numbers with Jia Li.

Jia Li and her parents escorted Grandfather Fu to the place their cars were parked.

'Grandfather, don't forget to give me a call when you get home.' Jia Li reminded the Old man.

‘I will... I will. You have reminded me about it some many times, how can I forget?.’ Grandfather Fu said to her with a smile on his aged face.

‘Oh!’ Jia Li said as she scratched her hair. She can’t remember how many times she reminded the old man about calling her when he gets home.

‘Have a safe trip, Mr. Fu.’ Jia Li’s parents said to the old man with amicable smiles on their faces.

‘Thank you!’ Old Mr. Fu replied as he got into the back seat of the car.

‘Goodbye, grandfather.’ Jia Li said to the old man as she waved to him.

Grandfather Fu waved back to Jia Li before the bodyguard closed the car door.

Fu Hua and YingPei who have been standing at the side said their goodbyes to the Qin family before getting into the second car.

Then Qin family stood and waved as the cars drove off from their sight.

Jia Li stared into space as she was a little bit sad.

‘Do you miss the Old man already?’ Mrs. Qin asked with a kind smile.

‘Yes. And he was kind to me just like a grandfather.’ Jia Li replied with her gaze on her mother.

‘Since you miss him, you don’t have to worry too much because one day fate will bring you two together.’ Mrs. Qin said to her as she took her hand and led the way back to their house.

‘Is my princess sad because she misses Old Mr. Fu ? Don’t be sad, because you will meet him again, soon.’ Mr. Qin said as he held Jia Li’s other hand.

Jia Li sulked till they got inside their house.

When Grandfather

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Fu finally stepped into the huge aristocrat mansion of his, he sighed in relief.

Before he could take a step inside, Fu Hee rushed out of the house to welcome him with a brilliant smile.

‘Father, you are back ? Welcome home! You look good as always.’ Fu Hee said as she walked beside the old man.

‘Mmmm.’ Grandfather Fu hummed in reply as he walked into the huge mansion.

After Grandfather Fu walked into the house, Fu Hee turned to her sons to hug them.

‘Oh! Look at my boys. You must have suffered the unimaginable in that terrible place. Come in and freshen up and eat something good. Your favorites were cooked and served, come in.’

Fu Hua and YingPei exchanged glances.

‘Mum, how come I don’t see dad, where is he ?.’ YingPei asked his mother as they walked into the house together.

‘Don’t you know how busy your father is? But he will be back soon since your grandfather is around.’ Fu Hee said.

Shortly after Fu Hua and YingPei washed up, they came downstairs and met their grandfather on a call.

And from the way he was smiling, they knew who he was speaking with. Their guesses were confirmed when he said ‘goodbye Jia Li’.

The dining area of the great Fu mansion was big to occupy all the members of the family.

But during this brunch, the available people sat closer to each other.

With grandfather Fu sitting at the head table, Fu Lei sat at his right side with Fu Hee sitting beside him. Then on his left side, Fu Hua was sitting there with Fu YingPei beside him.

The only sounds that were heard came from the plates and cutlery.

Fu Hua didn’t eat much before standing up to leave.

‘Excuse me, but I have an important meeting today concerning the next fashion show next month.’ Fu Hua announced.

‘You just came back and haven’t eaten much. Can’t the meeting come later?’ Mrs. Fu Hee asked in a worried tone as the other watched on.

‘It’s important that I leave now. See you later...’ Fu Hua said before walking away with turning back.

‘Which meeting is so important that he had to abandon his food?’ Grandfather Fu asked, no one in particular.

‘I will check it out.’ Fu Lei said to him.

‘There is no need. Fu Hua is grown up now, he doesn’t need to be monitored. As a young man, he needs his privacy, don’t ever mention this.’ Grandfather Fu corrected his son.

‘Yes, Father.’ Fu Lei replied as he continued with his food.

Fu Hua left the house to a familiar apartment. He keyed in the passcode before the door opened to him.

The house was neatly arranged but reeked of a woman’s scent.

He sat on the couch with his legs crossed before picking up his phone and sending a text.

‘Where are you?.’ He asked.

Feng Alix smiled when she got the text. She was sitting in an office with a middle-aged woman staring at her.

But when she remembered that her message was ignored by the sender a day ago, she lost interest but still replied casually.

‘Outdoor for a photoshoot.’

‘Okay, I will wait!’ Fu Hua replied.

‘I will wait?.’ Feng Alix asked herself as she was thrown into confusion by his reply.

As if something dawned on her, she texted him back.

‘Are you back?.’

‘What do you think?.’ Fu Hua replied immediately.

Feng Alix screamed in excitement as she got up from her seat.

‘What is going on with you?.’ The woman sitting opposite from her asked with creased brows.

‘Well, my boyfriend is back now, so I have to go meet him.’ Feng Alix replied as she grabbed her purse from the table before walking away.

‘Alix?!.’ The woman called out to her, but Feng Alix did not respond.

Three seconds later, Fu Hua sent his location to Feng Alix, and she ended up screaming again before rushing out of the building.

In a taxi, she texted him. ‘I’ll be right there.’

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Feng Alix rushed back home but didn’t see anyone in her sitting room. She was a bit disappointed and had thought Fu Hua lied to her.

She sat on her couch looking so dejected and was about to phone Fu Hua to give him a piece of her mind when she heard a deep male voice from behind her.

‘What are you doing?.’ Fu Hua asked.

Feng Alix looked startled at first, before smiling as she recognized the voice.

She stood up and walked behind the couch as their eyes met.

‘I was here thinking that someone had played me, who knows it was false.’ Feng Alix said as she circled her arms around his neck.

Fu Hua smiled and leaned in to peck her lips.

‘Go and take a shower.’ Fu Hua said to her as he slowly let go of her waist.

‘How about you join me?’ Feng Alix said

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to him with an inviting tone, as she let go of his neck.

‘Is that an invitation?’ Fu Hua asked in a teasing tone.

‘A clear invitation.’ Feng Alix replied in a coy tone as she stretched her arm towards him.

‘I can’t bear to resist the beauty, let’s go.’ Fu Hua said as he took her hand and led her to the washroom.

They both stripped and got into the shower.

As the water from the showerhead rained on them, Feng Alix placed a soft kiss on Fu Hua’s lips.

‘I missed you.’ She whispered in a seductive tone.

‘I miss you too.’ Fu Hua said before capturing her lips and giving her a deep kiss.

They hugged each other and caressed each other's bodies as their tongues explored each other's mouths.

There was a heated kiss going on right at this moment.

From her lips, Fu Hua trailed kisses to her neck and collarbone. Right above her blossom, he licked that area as their bodies pressed together.

'Fu Hu, what are you doing? You asked me to take a shower...' Feng Alix said breathlessly as she welcomed his kisses.

'And you invited me, that's the reason I'm here.' Fu Hua replied in between kisses.

'Can we not do it in the bathroom?.' Feng Alix pleaded in a sugary tone.

'Why? You don't like doing it here?.' Fu Hua asked as he caressed her back with his gaze roaming all over her body.

'I like doing it everywhere with you. I have a shoot this weekend, and I don't want to catch a cold.' Feng Alix explained.

'Okay. Let's get you cleaned up.' Fu Hua said as he let go of her and grabbed the shower gel. He rubbed the liquid all over her body before sponging

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'I missed you.' Fu Hua said as he kissed Feng Alix's shoulder cape.

They were currently lying in each other's arms after their love affair. Because Feng Alix had her back to him, he was able to lie and hug her from behind.

‘Do you miss me or the s*x?.’ Feng Alix asked as she turned her body to face him.

Fu Hua chuckled softly as he used his fingers to move her hair away from her face. ‘Of course I missed both.’

‘Now I believe you.’ Feng Alix said with a smile as she hugged him.

Fu Hua returned the hug as well. ‘Sleep.’ He whispered to her.

‘Are you going to disappear just like usual by the time I wake up?.’ Feng Alix asked with her gaze on him.

Fu Hua let her go as he explained. ‘You know I’m very busy with the upcoming Autumn show. And my grandfather just came back so things are going to be pretty busy.’

‘I know. How is your grandfather doing?.’ Feng Alix asked?

‘He is doing great. Now get some sleep.’ Fu Hua said as he patted her shoulder.

‘Knowing I won’t see you when I wake up, I don’t feel like sleeping anymore. I want to spend some time with you.’ Feng Alix said to him as they locked gazes.

‘Okay. So, what do you want to talk about?.’ Fu Hua said as he finally gave in to her.

‘How was your trip?. You’ve not told me about your encounter at that place.’ Feng Alix inquired in a curious tone.

Speaking of his encounter in the remote countryside, Fu Hua remembered somebody, a pretty soul.

‘There is nothing special at that place.’ Fu Hua replied after waving the flashbacks away.

‘At least you could tell me something.’ Feng Alix insisted.

‘Alix, why do you not want to listen to what I’m saying? There is nothing to talk about. YingPei and I went there to take care of my grandfather till he was willing to come home. The city can never be compared to the countryside.’ Fu Hua said.

‘Heh! Take it easy. I just wanted to know about your adventure. You are my boyfriend, remember?’ Feng Alix said to him

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with her eyes glued on his face.

‘I know. I think I have to go now, see you some other time.’ Fu Hua said with a slight smile on his face before moving the sheets off his naked body.

He got out of bed and got dressed in his clothes.

‘Why are you leaving now? Are you unhappy with me because I asked questions to know how you coped while looking after your grandfather?’ Feng Alix asked as she sat up on the bed with the sheets hiding her naked body.

‘Alix, my leaving now has nothing to do with that. I don’t want to argue with you because I have other things want to spend my time on.’ Fu Hua said as he buttoned his shirt.

‘Fu Hua, most times I don’t get you. Your acting this way makes me think that something actually happened to you in the countryside.’ Feng Alix said to him.

‘Don’t question me that way! You are my girlfriend and not my mother. See you...’ Fu Hua said as he took his jacket and walked away from the room.

Feng Alix threw a pillow towards him, but that was after his back disappeared from her view. She pulled at her hair in anger before burying her face in-between her legs.

Fu Hua drove into the night back to the Fu Villa. Everybody had already gone to bed except for his father who was sitting in the living room with a magazine in his hand.

Fu Hua was surprised to see him, but then he maintains a normal facial expression as he walked towards him.

‘Dad, you’re still awake?.’ He asked.

Looking up at his son, Fu Lei replied, ‘I was waiting for you.’

‘You have something you want to talk to me about?.’ Fu Hua asked as he took a seat on another couch.

‘Do you have plans of settling down any soon?.’ Fu Lei asked as he folded the fashion magazine which belonged to the company Fu Hua was the Chief Executive Officer, of...

‘Why the sudden the question?.’ Fu Hua asked.

‘I’m asking because I want to know your plans. You will be 30 towards the end of next month.’ Fu Lei replied with his gaze on him. He had a serious facial expression.

‘My age doesn’t mean anything. I have no plans of settling down soon. I want to continue giving my attention to work.’ Fu Hua replied.

‘Your goals are not bad, but you need to start thinking about how to settle down before somebody assists you with it. Do you have a girlfriend at the least?.’ Fu Lei asked.

‘None.’ Fu Hua replied almost immediately.

‘Then where are you coming back from looking that way. Don’t get me wrong, I know you are an adult.’ Fu Lei asked.

Because Fu Hua left his girlfriend’s place in a hurry, he didn’t comb his hair, and his shirt looked ruffled.

‘I went to hang out. The Autumn show will be coming up soon, and I am already under a lot of work pressure.’ Fu Hua replied.

‘I get it. Because you had to take care of your grandfather, you have a lot of work piled up that needs to be taken care of. One piece of advice to you, if you have a girlfriend, do introduce her to us as soon as possible.’ Fu Lei gave him a pointer before resuming back to the magazine he was reading.

‘I will, thank you!’ Fu Hua replied before standing up and walking away.

Fu Hua walked into his spacious bedroom. He turned on the lights before walking into his bathroom. He took a shower and changed into his nightclothes, before letting his head hit the pillow.

As he laid on his bed, flashbacks from the countryside came to his thoughts. Without knowing, he was thinking about all his interactions with Jia Li.

Feng Alix on the other hand wrapped herself up with the sheets with her fingers making a fist.

‘Maybe I shouldn’t have raised that question again, now he is angry with me.’ Feng Alix said to herself in frustration.

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