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She really did like Gu Mingchen.

She liked him when he was gentle, dominant and even when he was being unreasonable.

Perhaps that was why she would willingly give herself up to him, but would rather die than let Su Xuyan touch her.

“What are you laughing about?” Gu Mingchen asked.

“I just feel fortunate that someone like me is able to be liked by you, chief Gu.” Bai Rong took a deep breath and calmed herself down.

Gu Mingchen didn't say a word and just kept his eyes forward as he drove. The noise of rain hitting the car was annoying him.

Bai Rong looked at him with a gentle gaze, “Gu Mingchen, in fact, I'm satisfied with just being like this.”

Gu Mingchen hit the brakes suddenly and said coldly while looking at Bai Rong, “What if I'm not satisfied with this?”

“A month's time is not enough to know someone well. You may not know some people even after spending ten years with them. I feel that I'm not the person you're looking for.” Bai Rong said rationally.

“I'll be the one to decide whether you're the person I'm looking for. I won't allow you to back out, Bai Rong.” Gu Mingchen grabbed her arm tightly as he looked at her. “But I'm certain that you aren't the person I'm looking for. I realized that we're not suitable as

I spent more time with you and got to know you better. A relationship isn't a one way street,

and won't be balanced as long as one of us doesn't feel the same way."

Bai Rong looked him straight in the eye without flinching.

"So, you don't like me then?" Gu Mingchen asked coldly.

Bai Rong swallowed and said, "No, I don't."

"Then why did you have sex with me?" Gu Mingchen's tone grew colder.

"Because I know that you want me, and I had no other way to repay the kindness you've shown me."

"So you were just doing it out of gratitude?" Gu Mingchen let go of her arm.

Bai Rong clenched her fists and lowered her gaze as she admitted, "Yes."

Gu Mingchen punched the steering wheel, and it made a loud honk.

Gu Mingchen's chest heaved violently as he remained silent for about a minute.

Bai Rong kept quiet too, and felt as if the warmth was gone and her heart was engulfed by an icy coldness once again.

Gu Mingchen turned to her after a long pause, "Do you think you might like me?"

Bai Rong shook her head, "You liking me is already a burden to me."

"Understood." Gu Mingchen started driving again.

He drove her to Liu Yan's house without saying a single word along the way.

As soon as Bai Rong got out of the car, Gu Mingchen drove off before she was even able to

return his coat.

She stood there in silence as she watched his car leaving, knowing that she had lost him completely.

Perhaps that was for the better, as someone high and mighty like him should not be with a woman like her. Just seeing him on the television screen from here on was good enough for her.

Bai Rong turned around and stepped into the elevator.

As soon as she stepped out, her phone rang.

She felt annoyed when she saw that it was Su Xuyan calling. She didn't answer his call and just put her phone on silent before tossing it onto the sofa.

She took a shower, had a change of clothes, and applied a cold compress on her face before making dinner for Liu Yan.

Everything was so calm and peaceful that it seemed like nothing had happened.

Liu Yan opened the door and saw the dishes on the table, "It smells great!"

"Wash your hands and we can have dinner." Bai Rong came out of the kitchen holding a bowl of yam with spare ribs.

"Are you alright?" Liu Yan asked worriedly as she walked closer to Bai Rong and noticed her swollen face, "Who hit you? Was it Su Xuyan?"

Bai Rong smiled, "It's just a little swelling. It doesn't hurt now. In fact, I feel a lot better now compared to my first year of marriage."

“This is domestic violence!” Liu Yan said angrily.

“Well, I slapped his mother twice while he slapped me once, so it wasn’t a loss for me.” Bai

Rong laughed.

“A scumbag like him has a mother?” The more Liu Yan thought about it, the more she felt that Bai Rong’s life would be very difficult in the future.

“Come on, eat up! Once Su Xuyan finds another prey, I’ll be able to return to my peaceful life.

Based on my understanding towards him, he never stays with a woman for more than three months. So, there’s nothing to worry about.” Bai Rong sat down and started eating.

Liu Yan held her hand and her voice was filled with guilt as she said, “I’m sorry, Bai. If not for me, you would’ve been able to get together with Gu Mingchen by now.”

“I met Gu Mingchen’s parents today. His father is a deputy commander, and his mother is a strong corporate woman. What do you think I have?” Bai Rong asked.

“I think you’re alright.” Liu Yan said.

“That’s because we’re colleagues and friends. In reality, someone like Gu Mingchen would only marry a woman of matching social status, otherwise he would not have a bright future.

Even without what happened to you, I still wouldn’t have gotten together with him anyway.

We’ll just pretend that it was all a dream.” Bai Rong smiled.

“Are you really able to let it go?” Liu Yan’s eyes reddened, “I think it’s a real shame though.”

“Of course it’s a shame. Gu Mingchen is such a great man that every woman would want to be with. However, I’m just not suitable for him.” Bai Rong said as she gave Liu Yan a piece of braised pork.

“You could still benefit greatly from him. Why are you so stubborn?” Liu Yan said.

Bai Rong held her hand, “All my friends are equally precious. I’ve thought about it and made up my mind.”

Liu Yan’s phone rang.

She got furious when she saw that it was Su Xuyan calling, “What the hell are you calling me for?! Are you looking for trouble?!”

“Open the door, I’m right outside.” Su Xuyan said in a commanding tone and hung up.

Liu Yan grabbed a mop and swung it at Su Xuyan as soon as she opened the door, but he was quicker and grabbed hold of the mop.

Liu Yan tried to snatch it from him but he was too strong, “Why are you here?! Where are my nude photographs?! Why don’t you just die?! I saw the shameless things you did with Xing Jinnian with my own eyes! Why are you still harassing Rong now?!”

Su Xuyan ignored her and turned to look at Bai Rong, “Come with me.” Bai Rong pursed her lips and kept quiet.

“You have one minute. I’ll be waiting downstairs.” Su Xuyan said as he tossed the mop aside and gave Liu Yan a sinister look before leaving.

“Don’t go, Rong. Just let him release the photographs. I don’t care. I’ve got a great figure so I have nothing to fear.” Liu Yan said irrationally.

Bai Rong stood up and told Liu Yan, “I’ll settle this myself. You just stay home and don’t do anything. See you tomorrow at the hospital.”

“Don’t go!” Liu Yan cried.

“I’ll have to face it sooner or later anyway, so running isn’t an option. I’ll be fine.” Bai Rong

smiled and tossed her phone into her handbag as she walked out the door.

Liu Yan felt that Bai Rong would be in danger, and called Gu Mingchen.

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The phone rang and rang but there was no answer.

“Damn it!” Liu Yan threw her phone angrily.

But Bai Rong was in danger now, so she couldn’t let her emotions get the better of her.

Liu Yan picked up the phone from the floor again.

Thank goodness, it isn’t broken!

She tried calling Gu Mingchen again, but there was still no answer.

At this point, Liu Yan was already close to breaking down in tears from the panic and fear.

“Answer the phone, Gu Mingchen! Her life is depending on you!” Liu

Yan muttered to herself

as the phone continued to ring, but there was still no answer.

Right as Liu Yan felt like throwing her phone in frustration again, Gu Mingchen called her back.

“Chief Gu, you finally answered! I was so stressed that I was prepared to kill myself over

here!” Liu Yan said while sobbing.

“Get to the point. I’m in a meeting right now.” Gu Mingchen said coldly.

“Okay. Chief Gu, please save Bai Rong! She’s been taken away by Su Xuyan! She has never

slept with him at all! She was just lying to you about it! Also, I’m the real reason she couldn’t

be with you! Su Xuyan recorded some inappropriate videos of me and threatened Bai Rong

with them in order to keep her from getting a divorce! She really does like you, I promise!

She only said those harsh things to you because she didn’t want to affect your bright

future!” Liu Yan told him the truth about everything.

Gu Mingchen frowned. He knew Bai Rong must have her reasons for rejecting him.

“I’ll take care of this. Bye for now.” Gu Mingchen raised his hand and looked at his watch.

“You must handle it immediately, sir! It’s been a few minutes since they’ve left now. I fear

you might not make it in time!” Liu Yan said urgently.

“Understood.” Gu Mingchen hung up and gave it some thought before calling the chief of police in A City.

“Hello, I’m from the military. The deputy director of the Ministry of Health, Su Xuyan is

involved in a major case, and we need him to cooperate with the investigation. Locate his

mobile phone immediately, and bring him in within ten minutes. This involves military

secrets, so we must keep this highly confidential. Our lieutenant will come to deal with it.”

“Yes, sir. We’ll definitely cooperate with the military’s operations.” The chief of police promised.

On the road.

Bai Rong was looking out the window.

The heavy rain was hitting the window, and the scenery outside seemed blurry, just like her mind.

Su Xuyan looked at her, and saw that her face was still swollen.

He was well aware of how heavy his hit was, but he was too proud to apologize to her.

“Move back in with me. I’ll stay over every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.” Su Xuyan said.

Bai Rong gave him a sarcastic smile as she asked coldly, “What about Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday?”

“Don’t be too greedy.”

“You know I’ve always been a greedy person. I want my man to be loyal to me alone.” Bai Rong said calmly.

“What right do you have to demand my loyalty? What man doesn’t fool around outside these days? You women should just turn a blind eye to it. Makes your life easier that way.” Su

Xuyan reminded.

“So……” Bai Rong squinted at him, “We should not be together if our views differ.”

Su Xuyan sneered at her, “To me, you are not even worthy of sharing a view with me.”

“Is that so?” Bai Rong was calm as she looked at the heavy storm outside.

Neither of them spoke, and the car was eerily silent.

“If you feel lonely, I’ll allow you to have a child with me. I’ll give you a hundred thousand every month. You can keep your job as a doctor if you want, it doesn’t matter to me.” Su

Xuyan said.

Bai Rong kept quiet.

Su Xuyan frowned, “Did you hear me?”

Bai Rong turned to look at him, “I’ve been thinking. My social status and outlooks are nothing like Xing Jinnian’s, and she loves you so much too. So, why won’t you just get a divorce with me? Su Xuyan, have you perhaps fallen in love with me?”

Su Xuyan laughed, “You’re overthinking. How could I possibly fall in love with you?”

“Then why won’t you get a divorce with me?”

“Gu Mingchen likes you so much, so I should use you as bait to get him to make a mistake.

That way, it’d be easier for me to rid him off his position. Wouldn’t you agree?”

Bai Rong couldn’t tell if what he said was true or not.

If it was true, then she would really have to cut all ties with Gu Mingchen.

Su Xuyan stopped the car.

Bai Rong looked in front and saw a barricade set up by the police.

There were a few police cars parked there as well. An officer approached them and knocked on the window.

Su Xuyan rolled down the window.

The officer produced his ID, “Su Xuyan, you are involved in an extraordinary case. Please come with us.”

“Me?” Su Xuyan paused for a moment, and smiled, “Was it the military that called and asked you to do this?”

“We don’t know, we’re just following orders. Get out now.” The officer opened the car door.

“Very well..... heh heh heh..... Well played.....” Su Xuyan turned to Bai Rong and winked at her.

Bai Rong was getting worried now, as he seemed to be in a rather good mood even though he was being arrested.

Su Xuyan wouldn’t really use her as bait, would he?

No, he could never have guessed that she would know Gu Mingchen.

But then again, politics had always been unpredictable.

It was also possible that Su Xuyan came up with that plan after her encounter with Gu Mingchen.....

Bai Rong’s phone rang.

She saw that it was Gu Mingchen calling, and hesitated before deciding to not answer.

A text message came in right after, and it was also from Gu Mingchen.

“I know you’re in the car. Answer my call within a minute, or I’ll come find you in the car.”

Bai Rong could feel his air of dominance through the text and picked up the phone when he called again.

Gu Mingchen was obviously angry as he kept quiet.

A moment later, he spoke up, “Are you alright? Are you injured?”

Bai Rong’s heart softened a little as she heard his voice.

She had seen it in a magazine once.

It said a great relationship was where either one or both sides grew towards the sunlight.

Clearly, that was not the case with her and Gu Mingchen.

“I’m fine, I’m not injured. Let Su Xuyan go, I’ll solve my own problems myself.” Bai Rong said softly.

Gu Mingchen really hated how she’d push him away each time.

“Must you distance yourself from me every time like that?” Gu Mingchen asked coldly.

“It is whatever you make of it.” Bai Rong said and hung up.

Gu Mingchen got out of his car and walked in the heavy rain.

Lieutenant Shang immediately held an umbrella over Gu Mingchen’s head.

One of his shoulders was drenched in the rain by the time he pulled open the car door and

stared at Bai Rong who was in the passenger seat.

“Get out of the car and come with me.” Gu Mingchen said in a commanding tone.