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Bai Rong hung up.

Liu Yan asked anxiously, “Did she agree to it?”

Bai Rong nodded, “She did. She has nothing to lose from it, so she would surely agree to it.”

“That’s great! Now we just have to wait for her footage and you’d be able to get divorced with Su Xuyan! I’ll be waiting to attend your wedding when you get married to Gu Mingchen!”

Liu Yan was happy for her friend.

Bai Rong didn’t say anything as she just walked towards the window and looked outside.

It was still raining heavily, just like her current mood.

Su Xuyan walked out of the police station at 2 a.m. with Xiong Daini who was dressed in a long black dress and a hat with a veil covering her face.

“What the hell is going on? I called the chief of police, and they told me you were arrested by the military. Why would they want to arrest you?” Xiong Daini asked, feeling uneasy.

Su Xuyan smiled with a cold look in his eyes, “If Gu Mingchen wants to play, I’ll play with him.”

“Why would Gu Mingchen want to play with you?” Xiong Daini stared at him wide-eyed, “So it is true about him and Bai Rong then?”

“I’ll take care of this. You stay out of it.” Su Xuyan said.

“How could I possibly stay out of it? Even the commander-in-chief is afraid of the Gu

family's influence and power, so please don't provoke him anymore! Just let him have Bai Rong if he wants her, since she's an impure woman anyway. Don't forget she was raped three years ago!" Xiong Daini said angrily.

"I don't mind letting go of Bai Rong, but I won't let someone else snatch her away from me.

The commander-in-chief may fear the Gu family, but I don't!" Su Xuyan said arrogantly.

"Xuyan, I'm worried about you. Please don't do things that worry me, okay? For the sake of your deceased father as well....." Xiong Daini pleaded.

"I can't lose my honor. Don't worry, I know what to do. It's late now, go home and rest, or you'll look old." Su Xuyan said with a devilish smile.

"Xuyan....." Xiong Daini was about to say something, but Su Xuyan put his arm around her shoulder and said, "That's enough, gorgeous. I'll fight him from the shadows, alright?"

"Just get divorced, Xing Bachuan is still waiting for you." Xiong Daini reminded.

The look in Su Xuyan's eyes went dark. "I'll send you home."

"No need. I have my own ride home. You should go home and get some rest. It hurts me to see you like this." Xiong Daini frowned as she said helplessly.

She really didn't want her son's life to be ruined by Bai Rong.

As soon as Su Xuyan got home, Xing Jinnian threw herself into his arms,

"Xuyan, I thought

you wouldn't come home tonight! I waited so long for you!"

Su Xuyan was in a bad mood as he wrapped his arm around her waist.

Xing Jinnian didn't have any clothes on, and was as enchanting as a serpent.

"Stop fooling around, I'm tired. I'll go take a shower." Su Xuyan said softly.

"I'll get the water ready for you and help wash you." Xing Jinnian said flirtatiously as she entered the bathroom and turned on the tap.

As Su Xuyan tore off his necktie, the image of Bai Rong appeared in his mind. He narrowed

his eyes and let out a chuckle as he entered the bathroom.

Steam filled the bathroom, and shrouded everything like a veil.

Xing Jinnian stood up from inside the bathtub, her body covered by foam in the right areas enticing him further.

Su Xuyan stared deeply at Xing Jinnian as he thought about how similar she looked to Bai

Rong in terms of appearance, but differed completely in terms of personality.

Xing Jinnian appeared pure and refined like an angel, but had slept with countless men during her time abroad that describing her as a public bus would not be an overstatement in the slightest.

Bai Rong on the other hand, appeared indifferent. As a result of the heartache she had been through, she became more cautious and defensive than most other people, and would not

easily allow anyone into her heart. However, once she does let them in, she would give them everything she had, including her life. Liu Yan's existence to Bai Rong was an example of that.

For three years, he had given her an empty marriage and had been fooling around with other women outside, but she had always remained the same.

He had nothing to worry about with her, and would even pity her at times. But more often than that, he felt hatred towards her.

He hated that she was raped and lost her virginity even though he had only arranged for her kidnapping.

He also hated how she was so beautiful, cold, proud and firm in her decisions.

Would he have fallen in love with her had he not hated her?

“Xuyan, I've prepared the water for you.” Xing Jinnian said affectionately.

Su Xuyan was still in a bad mood when he stepped into the bathtub. Xing Jinnian kissed him, and the two were wrapped around each other in the bathroom.

He was not focused and didn't pay much attention to her, but he came in her mouth anyway.

Xing Jinnian smiled as she looked at the pinhole camera she had set on top of the bathtub.

Bai Rong would soon be able to see her and Su Xuyan in action.

She was eager to show it to Bai Rong since she wouldn't upload it anyway.

“Xuyan, do you love me?” Xing Jinnian wrapped her arms around Su Xuyan’s neck.

“Of course.”

“I love you too! Get divorced with Bai Rong, and we can be together officially!” Xing Jinnian said as she smiled sweetly.

Su Xuyan wrapped his arm around her waist and kissed her aggressively,

“I’m tired. Be a good girl and sleep with me.”

“Mhmm.”

Bai Rong woke up in the middle of the night and saw that her pillow was wet.

She had dreamt of herself when she was a child.

Her mother had been crying every single day for as long as she could remember.

Her mother’s mental state was unstable and would hit her often as a result.

In the end, she was divorced and driven out of the Xing family.

Life got increasingly difficult for them after they rented a place outside.

One day, her mother spiked her milk with a sleeping pill, and Bai Rong fell asleep after drinking it.

Her mother then placed her in a bathtub filled with water and slit her wrists before climbing

in with her and doing the same to herself.

Perhaps her mother couldn’t bring herself to kill her, so she did not cut very deeply into Bai Rong’s wrists.

Bai Rong woke up later, and went outside.

But she didn’t know where she should go or who she should look for.

She didn't know what she would do after her mother was gone, so she climbed back into the bathtub and hugged her unconscious mother.

She didn't know who rescued them, but her mother was locked up in a mental hospital while she spent ten years in an orphanage.

Ten years later, her mother came to pick her up after being released from the mental hospital and started taking care of her.

She knew her mother actually loved her very much and was just bitter on the inside.

When she didn't have money to pay for her university fees, her mother knelt down to beg for money to pay for her university fees despite the cold weather hurting her knees.

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Bai Rong's personality had always been cold and calm.

She had never trusted nor gotten close to anyone easily. Her heart was extremely cold towards outsiders, but extremely soft towards those she cared about.

The worst thing that happened to her was her encounter with Su Xuyan, a man who destroyed her life.

When she first met Su Xuyan, he treated her very well and would give her everything she wanted. He even helped her get a job at the hospital and arranged for her mother's treatment.

At that time, she had really thought that she was the luckiest person on earth.

She even questioned how she was able to get Su Xuyan to like her. Despite her youth, beauty

and smarts, she was also ridiculously poor and had a mentally ill mother.

However, it was her first time experiencing love, after all. She was blinded by it and gave it everything she had, that is, until Su Xuyan's lover kidnapped her.

She also found out that Su Xuyan was the one who arranged it on purpose as she saw them have sex in the car.

She was in so much pain that she could barely breathe, and it felt like a living hell.

To make matters worse, she was raped by a stranger in her time of despair. After that, she forced Su Xuyan to marry her, or at least she thought she did.

For all she knew, that marriage might just be another hell that Su Xuyan had prepared especially for her, and she had walked right into it herself.

She dared not believe in love anymore, as she wouldn't have been hurt so badly had she not loved him.

Both she and her mother had fallen victim to the same fate.

“What's wrong, Rong?” Liu Yan came in through the door when she heard Bai Rong crying.

“I'm fine. I just had a nightmare, that's all.” Bai Rong said as she sobbed, and shrank into the blanket. She didn't want Liu Yan to worry about her.

“I'll keep you company.” Liu Yan snuggled into the blanket behind her and hugged her from behind.

Bai Rong burst out in tears.

She didn't lose everything as she still had her friends.

Liu Yan could feel Bai Rong's body trembling as she sobbed, and felt sad for her as well,

“Rong, I'm sorry, it's all my fault.”

Bai Rong shook her head and turned around to face Liu Yan. “It has nothing to do with you. I just recalled my past, that's all.”

“Things will get better in the future. Once you get divorced, you can be together with Gu Mingchen.” Liu Yan comforted her.

“Liu Yan, if you really want what's best for me, stop trying to match me with him.” Bai Rong said seriously.

“Why? I think he's great in every aspect. Your life would be a lot better if you marry him.” Liu Yan was puzzled.

“My mother was very pretty when she was young. She was an orphan, but she was very smart. She worked as a nanny for a rich family and the young master fell in love with her.

She then became the young mistress. However, her identity, lifestyle habits and social status soon became obstacles between her and the young master as their family grew successful and powerful.

My mother loved the young master very much, but he had his own ideas and plans. My mother got scared as she had nothing to match him and could only bind him with her love.

She succeeded a few times, but love could only get her so far. The wealthy young master then met another woman much more suitable for him. They had similar ideals and ambitions, and most importantly, family backgrounds and influence in society. She could help elevate the young master to a whole new level. So, in the end, the young master abandoned my mom.” Bai Rong said as her tears flowed silently.

“Not everyone’s the same. I think Gu Mingchen isn’t that kind of guy.” Liu Yan said.

“I believe that the wealthy young master did love my mother, but he wouldn’t go against his family’s objections and marry her. Such impulsive love isn’t enough for a lifetime of happiness. Besides, I’ve only known Gu Mingchen for slightly more than a month. The quicker such a love comes, the quicker it fades too. What I want isn’t an exciting romance, but a quiet and peaceful life. At the very least, I won’t get hurt anymore.” Bai Rong said rationally as she sniffled.

Liu Yan went quiet, as she didn’t know what else to say.

Bai Rong had never talked about any of this before, so no one knew what she had gone through as she would always keep all her pain and suffering to herself.

“Alright, I understand. I’ll support whatever decision you make. From now on, I won’t take matters into my own hands anymore.” Liu Yan said seriously.

“I never blame you for what you did, because I know you did it for my own good.” Bai Rong smiled.

Liu Yan took a deep breath as she felt that Rong’s analysis was right. She had only felt that Gu Mingchen was a great person, and didn’t think that much about family backgrounds.

Now that she thought about it, great power really does come with great consequences, which wasn’t something many could bear.

She felt like she had matured a lot in one night from what Bai Rong had taught her.

The storm was finally over as dawn drew near.

Bai Rong and Liu Yan slept soundly until the former’s alarm woke them up.

She had a terrible headache due to the severe lack of sleep, but she had to go to work anyway.

Bai Rong turned off the alarm and glanced at Liu Yan who was still fast asleep before getting out of bed.

She brushed her teeth and washed her face before heading to the kitchen to make some porridge and poached eggs for breakfast.

She also went out to buy two plates of steamed dumplings.

Liu Yan walked out of her room sleepily and tousled her messy hair,

“What time is it?”

“It’s 7.30 a.m., you’re just in time for breakfast. We can go to work together after we’re done eating.” Bai Rong said softly with a smile as if nothing happened the night before.

“Rong, you’re so great, I love you so much! Why don’t you just stay single forever and spend the rest of your life with me!” Liu Yan said as she giggled.

“Hurry up and get ready!” She placed the dumplings on the table and went to get the porridge in the kitchen.

Her phone rang. She saw that it was Xing Jinnian and answered the call.

“Bai Rong, I’ve sent you the thing you asked for. Check your inbox. I hope you don’t disappoint me with what comes next. Hurry up and get divorced.” Xing Jinnian said smugly.

Bai Rong placed the porridge on the table and switched on her computer.

She saw the video that Xing Jinnian had sent her.

Xing Jinnian had gone the extra mile to censor her own face and private parts, but left Su

Xuyan’s completely uncensored, including their conversation.

Three years ago, she would’ve felt sad and angry if she saw such a video and heard the conversation.

But now, she just felt a release from her pain as she had completely given up on Su Xuyan.

She did not mind in the slightest, nor did she feel any pain whatsoever.

Bai Rong made several copies of the video and saved one of them into her phone as her counterattack began.