

Chapter: 116

Planning To Return

After the night that they walked around the carnival, Long Fei and Su Ruan had not met each other for more than a week.

Long Fei informed her that he will be out of town for work and Su Ruan did not think much about it. With his big company and high position, Su Ruan had long expected that someone like Long Fei would be busy with his work.

These days, Su Ruan spent her time working on her writing as well as helping around the orchard. Whenever she was not that busy, her cousin, Ma Yu Xi would drag her around the town and showed her a few scenic spots.

However, Su Ruan had always thought that the scenic spot that Long Fei had shown to her was the best. As she thought about that man, Su Ruan realized that it has been days since the last time she had seen him.

"Sister Ruan, what are you thinking about?" Ma Yu Xi was packing up some food that their grandmother had prepared when she noticed that her cousin has been staring into space.

Hearing her cousin's voice, Su Ruan quickly snapped out of her trance. "Nothing. I was just wondering if the weather is going to change soon?"

"Ah?" Ma Yu Xi looked up and finally heaved in relief when she saw the bright sky. "Sister Ruan, don't scare me. We already made a plan to go swimming in the evening. What would we do if it's going to rain?"

Su Ruan smiled as she listened to her cousin's complaining.

Ma Yu Xi had always wanted to bring her out to swim in the lake water. However, after the discovery of that giant snake, they have decided not to enter the water.

Now that people began to forget that story, Ma Yu Xi thought that it would be a good idea to go swimming again. It has been a long time since the last time she went swimming. She was beginning to miss the lake water.

Just then, Su Ruan's phone at the side rang. Her eyes widened in surprise when she saw the name on the call ID. Then, she quickly picked up the phone call.

"Hello, Su Ruan?" The woman's gentle voice could be heard on the other line.

"Editor Ji, hello." Su Ruan greeted and the two of them exchanged brief pleasantries.

"Su Ruan, are you still on your vacation?" Editor Ji Fan Yin asked.

Previously, Su Ruan had told the editor that she was taking a long break to spend her time with her grandparents. She had told her that she needed to calm down after the incident with Director Gao happened.

Su Ruan's relationship with Editor Ji Fan Yin had always been good while she was working for Upcoming Magazine. After the editor had helped her to get a freelance job, Su Ruan's relationship with the editor had only turned better.

The two of them would often text each other to catch up.

"Mmm... You can say that."

"Are you planning to come to Capital City soon?" The Editor asked. "I have a few friends who are looking for a freelance writer as well. I saw that the job was not that difficult and wanted to recommend you. However, the company would require you to visit their headquarter to discuss this matter and sign the contract."

Hearing that there was a potential new writing job, Su Ruan was definitely interested. "Editor Ji, what type of work is it?"

The Editor briefed her about the new writing job. The more Su Ruan heard about it, the more she was interested in it. The company had several magazines and each one of them had a lot of readers.

"I do have a plan to visit Capital City, but it was a month later," Su Ruan spoke.

"That's fine too. The company was not in a hurry," Editor Ji said. "The writer for that column will have two more months with the company before she quit to focus on her children. I think there should be no problem if you want to come in a month and discuss this matter. I'll inform this matter to my friend and update you later."

Su Ruan heaved in relief. "Thank you, Editor Ji."

The two of them discussed this new writing job for a while.

"That's right. You said you are coming to Capital City. Su Ruan, are you planning to find a new job soon?"

"No." Su Ruan chuckled. "Just that, a friend is getting married and I promised to stay longer and help with the preparation."

"So, it was like that."

Her lips pressed into a thin line as she recalled that Yu Zhi Yi would be getting married soon.

These days, Su Ruan thought that she was beginning to let go of that feeling for him. However, she was still worried that her feelings would sway the moment she saw him with Shen Yue.

It would not be that easy to attend the wedding of that person she had secretly loved for years. She was not confident that she was going to make it through.

However, she could not miss his wedding. Yu Zhi Yi has been her best friend for years. Moreover, she had promised him that she would come as his best woman.

Su Ruan continued to chat with the editor for a while before she finally hung up her phone.

Once the call ended, Su Ruan clicked on her planner and tapped in the date where she was supposed to be meeting the new company and discussing the new writing job.

Then, she stared at the calendar for a long time. Her focus was on the date when Yu Zhi Yi and Shen Yue would join hands to be married. A wry smile appeared on her lips as she thought of her job as Yu Zhi Yi's best woman.

It seemed that there was not a long time before she will have to return to Capital City and face everything.

There was not a lot of time left but she still hasn't made any preparation to return.. Su Ruan stared at her phone, wondering if she should crash at Lin Qing's place while she was in Capital City to attend the wedding.

Chapter: 117

Wanted To See You

When Su Ruan came down in the evening, her cousins, Ma Wei and Ma Yu Xi were already waiting for her in the living room.

Su Ruan gave Ma Wei a look over before she turned to Ma Yu Xi. "Is your brother coming along?"

"Uh-huh. He heard that we are going swimming and wanted to tag along," Ma Yu Xi whispered. "Last time, my dad mentioned that you almost drowned in the lake water and now, my brother is worried that you wouldn't be able to swim."

Su Ruan laughed. She was someone who know how to swim. But perhaps she was too stunned and afraid when she fell into the lake water. The result was that her brain froze and she was unable to think what she should do next.

Her lips pursed into a thin line as she recalled what she had seen in the water when she fell into the lake.

Since they were going to swim in the lake, Su Ruan could not help but anticipate that she was going to meet her little friend.

It seemed that after that night she went out with Long Fei and had forgotten to leave her window open, the little dragon had stopped showing up.

After gathering everything they might need, Su Ruan tossed her small bag into the pickup truck.

Just in time, her phone rang. She looked at the caller ID and was surprised to see the name. Long Fei.

Seeing that her cousins were not paying attention to her, Su Ruan walked to a quiet corner to pick up the phone call.

"Su Ruan," the man's deep voice entered her ears the moment the phone call was connected.

"Mmm... Hello."

Long Fei chuckled when he heard her voice. Somehow, he could already imagine that the girl was hiding in a quiet place to answer his phone call. According to his knowledge, Su Ruan had not mentioned anything about their relationship to anyone other than her cousin, Ma Yu Xi.

"I haven't heard from you for a while," Su Ruan said.

"Sorry. Something happened and I have to make a trip overseas to look after some project," Long Fei said. He lowered his gaze and rubbed his fingers together. "It was too pressing and I did not have the chance to inform you."

After the last time they went out together, Long Fei has been busying himself with some family matters.

Shen Yue had suddenly visited D Town and his elders were worried that the group of people were up to something again. After discussing with his grandfather, Long Fei decided to make a trip overseas to throw tricks to that group.

They have taken the bait and Long Fei hoped that they would not show up in D Town for a long time.

"It's alright. I know that you are busy with your work."

Long Fei frowned as he made up his mind to make up to her. "What are you up to? Do you want to go out and have dinner together?"

Su Ruan glanced at her cousins and lowered her head again. "I'll have to pass. I'm going out with my cousins. We're going swimming."

"You're going to the lake?"

"Mhm..." Su Ruan nodded, even though she knew well that Long Fei would not be able to see her.

Long Fei thought of the time he had watched her fall into the lake. "Can you swim?"

"Of course. The last time you found me in the water, it was only because I fell into the water by accident and had swallowed a lot of water." Su Ruan pursed her lips, wondering if Long Fei was going to believe her words.

"Anyway..." Su Ruan coughed. "My elder cousin will come along as well. They were familiar with the lake and are good swimmers. There shouldn't be any trouble."

Long Fei was not convinced. In his opinion, there was no one better at swimming other than him.

"Where is your cousin taking you?"

"I'm not sure." Even though her cousins told her about the spots, Su Ruan would not know anything about the place they were going to. After all, she was still unfamiliar with the town.

"Then, send me the location when you arrived."

Su Ruan was unable to hide her surprise when she heard his words. "Are you planning to come over?"

"Can't I?"

Su Ruan found that she did not know how to answer this question. "It's not that you can't."

It was fine if she was with Ma Yu Xi. However, this time, Ma Wei will be joining them as well. How was she supposed to explain Long Fei's appearance?

"Su Ruan..." His voice was a little hoarse. "I just wanted to see you."

Her heart skipped a beat. Once she had processed his words, her heartbeat accelerated. It felt as if her heart was about to jump out of her chest. Her head was a little dizzy and she found that she did not have the heart to say no.

Seeing that both Ma Yu Xi and Ma Wei were heading her way, Su Ruan quickly made a promise to Long Fei that she will tell him where they are heading to.

Once everything was ready, Su Ruan climbed up the truck and lowered her gaze. She did not dare to look at her cousins for fear that they might notice anything.

The vehicle arrived at its destination after five minutes of driving. As they arrived, Ma Yu Xi pulled her over to look at the lake water.

The corner of her lips twitched upon noticing that the water around the area was not that deep. It was expected that the water will only reach her waist.

"Sister Ruan, let's go into the water." Ma Yu Xi was dressed in her shorts and t-shirt and was ready to jump into the water.

Su Ruan let out a cough. "You go in first. I'm going to reply to a message from work first." Seeing that her cousin had walked over to the lake, Su Ruan took out her phone and send out her location to Long Fei.

The man sent back his reply after a few seconds. "I'll come over quickly."

Su Ruan inhaled deeply when she saw his message.. Somehow, she was expecting to see him around.

Chapter: 118

Fell Into The Water

After changing her clothes, Su Ruan dipped her foot into the water and halted. She had not expected that the water would be cold.

"Sister Ruan, come over quick." Ma Yu Xi waved her hands before she lay on the water, floating.

Su Ruan did not make any move. At this time, she was still adjusting herself to the water temperature.

"Don't tell me that you are scared of the water?" Ma Wei asked as he appeared from behind her. He walked around the truck and finally pulled out a big donut floater. It was big and a little childish. Looking at it made her speechless.

"Here." Ma Wei handed the floater to her. "This is for you."

Su Ruan had thought that it was strange when Ma Wei was sneakily hiding behind the truck. She had thought that her cousin was changing his clothes. It turned out that he was pumping some air into the floaters.

"I bought this from the town center after knowing that you cannot swim," Ma Wei continued.

The corner of her lips twitched. Su Ruan did not know whether she should feel insulted after seeing this big floater.

"Cousin Brother, you don't have to worry about me. I know how to swim. The last time, it was an accident."

"Just take this. For safety."

In the end, Su Ruan grabbed the floater and entered the water. Although she could swim, playing with the floater was fun as well.

After splashing waters with the cousin, Su Ruan began to forget that a certain someone had told her that he was going to come and see her.

A familiar vehicle stopped not far away from Ma Yu Xi's pickup truck and Long Fei and his cousin, Long Yu Heng alighted.

Ma Yu Xi was the first to notice their presence. She wiped the water off her face and tugged at Su Ruan, who was sitting on top of the floater.

But perhaps, her movement was too sudden and she had used too much strength. Because of that, the floater turned and Su Ruan fell into the lake.

Su Ruan did not expect that she would fall into the water. Although the water was not that deep, Su Ruan inhaled some water into her mouth and grew panicked.

Just as she had thought that she was going to drown again, someone had lifted her body out of the water. She coughed and struggled, but then, her body was pulled close into the person's embrace.

"Sister Ruan!" Ma Yu Xi looked at her cousin with her face paled. She did not think that her move would make her cousin fall into the water and almost drowned again.

Just now, Ma Yu Xi was the closest to Su Ruan. However, before she could help her out, someone had moved quicker than she did.

"Su Ruan!" Ma Wei was at a distance away from the girls. When he heard the loud splash, he quickly turned around and was shocked to find that Su Ruan was not on the floater.

Ma Wei ran over to Su Ruan's side to check on her. As he approached, he finally noticed the tall man beside his cousin. His eyes widened in surprise when he finally recognized that man. "Young Master Long?"

"Hey, calm down and breathe."

Su Ruan sucked in a deep breath and coughed again. Her throat was painful after swallowing some water. She listened to the man's instruction to breathe slowly. As Long Fei patted her on her back, Su Ruan was finally able to breathe properly.

"Su Ruan, are you alright?"

Hearing the familiar voice, Su Ruan gradually calmed down. She looked up and was stunned to see the man in front of her.

Her mind was a little dizzy, probably because of the lack of oxygen.

It took her a while to convince herself that she was not dreaming. Realizing that she had almost drowned in the water again made her embarrassed.

Just now, she had told him that she know how to swim. However, she fell into not-so-deep water and he had pulled her out.

Who would have thought that she had shown an embarrassing side of her in front of Long Fei? Suddenly, Su Ruan had this urge to hide.

"Let's go out first," Long Fei said. His expression turned serious. It could be seen that he was worried about her.

Su Ruan nodded. Before she could take a step, Long Fei had already carried her out of the water and she was too stunned to do anything.

Long Yu Heng approached them and handed over a towel. He watched as Long Fei wrapped the towel around Su Ruan's body and wondered just when did the two's relationship had made a progress?

He had a feeling that something had happened between them when he was away in Capital City. But what was it? Long Yu Heng was curious but could only suppress his curiosity in front of the others.

Su Ruan hugged the towel around her body tightly. When she looked up again, both Ma Yu Xi and Ma Wei stood in front of her with worried looks on their faces.

"Sister Ruan, I'm sorry. It was my fault," Ma Yu Xi apologized.

If it was not for her sudden movement, Su Ruan would not fall into the water and almost drowned again.

As she recalled what was about to happen, Ma Yu Xi was filled with guilt.

"It's alright. It wasn't your fault. I should be careful as well," Su Ruan said.

Ma Yu Xi bit her lower lips. Although Su Ruan did not blame her, Ma Yu Xi still felt guilty. However, other than apologizing, there was nothing else that she could do.

"Young Master Long," Ma Wei spoke. It was the first time that he had spoken to the man face to face. Therefore, he was very polite. "I have to thank you for saving my cousin. I heard that the last time, it was you who had rescued my cousin when she fell into the water."

"You don't have to thank me. Coincidentally, I was around. I could not just watch when I see someone fell into the water."

Ma Wei turned to his cousin and frowned. He grew frightened when he recalled how Su Ruan had fallen into the water again. "You are really careless.. Even with a floater, you can still fall into the water."

Chapter: 119

What A Coincidence

After Su Ruan had fallen into the water, no one was in the mood to play around anymore. Su Ruan had ensured them that she was alright, but her cousins were too worried.

At the side, Long Fei was watching Su Ruan helplessly.

He always wanted to bring Su Ruan close to the lake water so that one day he could introduce his world to her. However, seeing how she had fallen into the lake water twice made him worry.

In this life, he couldn't be anyone else other than Su Ruan. However, it seemed that his journey to bring her to his side would be very difficult.

Taking the thermos from his cousin, Long Fei poured a cup of hot coffee and handed it over to Su Ruan. "Here. Have a drink. It will help you to warm up."

Su Ruan thanked him before she took a sip. Her body warmed up but she was still too embarrassed to look up. Thinking of how she had fallen in front of Long Fei and everyone else was too embarrassing. She continued to stare at the spot where she had fallen and wonder how foolish she looked from falling into shallow water.

"You said you can swim."

The corner of her lips twitched. Su Ruan finally looked up and saw the teasing smile on Long Fei's face.

Her grip on the cup of hot coffee tightened. Su Ruan was too lazy to speak to this man.

Long Fei chuckled, seeing that a certain someone was angry. However, he quite likes the look on her face like this.

"Actually, this is not something to be embarrassed about. It was not rare for someone to get drowned in shallow water." Long Fei coughed. "This could happen to just anyone."

Su Ruan pursed her lips into a thin line. When she looked at Long Fei again, she could see that he was suppressing his laugh.

She finally let out a sigh of resignation.

Forget it. If this happened to anyone else, she would think that this situation was funny.

Su Ruan buried her head between her knees and muttered, "Actually, why do you have to be around each time I fell into the water?"



"Isn't it good that I'm around?" He looked at her in puzzlement. Otherwise, who knew what will happen to her?

Long Fei could not help but wonder what was going on in her mind.

They said that a woman's mind was hard to figure out. Long Fei thought that this saying was true.

"Su Ruan, how are you feeling now? Better?" Ma Wei asked as he walked over to his cousin. He glanced at a certain young master and gave him a look over.

He stepped away for a while and suddenly found his cousin and this Young Master together. He could not help but wonder if anything was going on between them.

As a man, Ma Wei thought that the way Long Fei was looking at Su Ruan was a little strange. As the elder brother, he suddenly had this feeling that he have to protect Su Ruan from Long Fei.

"Cousin Brother, I'm fine."

"Then, let's go back first," Ma Wei suggested. "I'm sure that you have been quite a in shock today."

Long Fei looked away to hide his disappointment. He came over to spend time with Su Ruan after being away. But it seemed that she was going to head home soon.

Both Su Ruan and Ma Yu Xi looked at Ma Wei in shock. They did not expect that Ma Wei wanted to head back earlier. They have planned to play around and head back before the sky turned darker.

Ma Yu Xi was not happy but she could only stay still. She was still feeling guilty about what had happened. If it was not for her, Su Ruan would not fall into the water.

"Ah? No. Cousin Brother, I'm alright," Su Ruan spoke quickly before her cousin could turn around. "It was rare for us to come over and relax. I don't want to go back just yet."

Ma Wei frowned. "Su Ruan, your health is the most important."

"Just now it was an accident. I didn't sit properly and flipped into the water," Su Ruan said. "Actually, I was about to get up but Long Fei was too quick to pull me out."

The frown on Ma Wei's face deepened.

Long Fei?

By now, Ma Wei was convinced that his cousin was close to this young master. Otherwise, she would not address him as such.

Ma Wei shifted his gaze between the two. He had a feeling that the reason Su Ruan wanted to stay around was that Long Fei was around.

He pursed his lips into a thin line as he made his decision. "Alright. We'll stay over for a while. But you have to tell us if you are feeling uncomfortable."

"Mhmm... I know." Su Ruan nodded obediently.

Ma Yu Xi heaved a sigh in relief. She exchanged a glance with Su Ruan and smiled in excitement.

Ma Wei turned to Long Fei and spoke, "Young Master Long, thank you again for your help. You don't have to stay around with us. You should go ahead if you have an urgent matter to attend to."

How can Long Fei not notice that Su Ruan's cousin was subtly asking him to leave?

Long Fei smiled. "Thank you for your concern. But my cousin and I are planning to swim around this area as well."

Ma Wei chuckled. "What a coincidence."

Seeing that her cousin had decided to stay, Su Ruan took off the towel around her body and entered the water again with the floater in her hand before Ma Wei would change his mind.

She waved her hand at Ma Yu Xi, asking her to join her to play in the water.

"Sister Ruan, I'm coming." Ma Yu Xi walked over to enter the lake again. However, her brother had gripped her arm, stopping her from moving forward. Ma Yu Xi looked at her brother inquiringly and spoke, "Brother, what's wrong?"

Ma Wei still had his gaze on Long Fei. "Yu Xi, tell me, what is going on between Cousin Su Ruan and that Young Master Long Fei?"

Her heart skipped a beat, hearing her brother's question. Ma Yu Xi swallowed and looked away from her brother. "Brother, what do you mean?"

"Is Su Ruan close to that young master?"

"I heard that Young Master Long helped Sister Ruan to get a few freelance writing jobs," Ma Yu Xi said. "It's not strange if they are close, right?"

"Really?" Ma Wei rubbed his chin.

"I don't know anything other than that. Brother, I should go and accompany Sister Ruan.." With that, Ma Yu Xi made her escape.

Chapter: 120

Like What You See

Seeing that the cousins had entered the water again, Long Yu Heng walked over to Long Fei and spoke, "Ah Fei, what are you planning to do now?" He shifted his gaze to Ma Wei and smiled. "It seemed that Miss Su's cousin did not like you very much. Ah Fei, it really isn't easy for you to bring home a wife."

Long Fei snorted and walked away.

A certain someone thought that this situation was amusing and followed him around. "Are you still planning to play in the water?"

"Otherwise?" Long Fei narrowed his eyes. "We already here. We cannot leave now."

"Ah Fei, whatever you do, just be careful." Long Yu Heng smiled. "Don't get too excited when you go into the lake water."

"I know." Long Fei pursed his lips into a thin line as he reminded himself not to shift into his other form and scare everyone else.

After changing his clothes, Long Fei and Long Yu Heng both came from behind their 4WD in their shorts.

Su Ruan was proving to her cousins that she could swim and finally looked up to catch her breath. The moment she turned around, the image of two shirtless men appeared.

She sucked in a deep breath and coughed. This scene caught her off guard. Su Ruan was glad that she could stabilize herself in the water. Otherwise, she might fall in the water again and convinced everyone else that she really cannot swim.

As a normal person, her gaze on Long Fei's abs stayed for a long time. She could not help but admire his pretty body.

Ma Yu Xi poked her on the waist, snapping her out of her trance. Su Ruan finally looked away with her cheek flushed.

"Sister Ruan, stop drooling."

Su Ruan shot a dagger look at her cousin. "I didn't drool." Even as she said so, Su Ruan moved to wipe the corner of her lips with the back of her hand.

Seeing this scene, Ma Yu Xi could only laugh. She looked around and saw that her brother was swimming towards the center of the lake. Ma Yu Xi let out a breath of relief before she whispered again, "Sister Ruan, did you tell Young Master Long that we came to swim here?"

"He did ask our whereabouts," Su Ruan confirmed.

Ma Yu Xi chuckled. "I thought that it was strange for him and Brother Yu Heng to appear here. Not many would come to this spot to swim. It turned out that it was you." She held the donut floater tightly and spoke again, "But Sister Ruan, what are you going to do?"

Su Ruan shot her a puzzlement look.

"Unless if you are going to let my brother know about your relationship with Young Master Long, it looks like you won't be able to play around with him."

"What play around? Yu Xi, don't speak nonsense." Su Ruan turned to peek at the Long Fei who was swimming leisurely with his cousin.

She thought that his swimming posture was very beautiful. Even after he had swum to a certain distance back and forth, Long Fei did not seem tired.

"Actually, it wasn't impossible if you want to have your date," Ma Yu Xi said. "Sister Ruan, do you want me to cover for you? I can distract my brother."

"What are you going to do? Your brother isn't an idiot." Just now, Su Ruan could see the strange way her cousin was looking at Long Fei.

Her instinct was telling her that if she was not careful, Ma Wei would figure out something.

"Sister Ruan, I'm returning your floater to you." Ma Yu Xi pushed the donut floater to Su Ruan.

Before she could say anything, Ma Yu Xi had already turned around and left.

"Hey! Yu Xi!" Su Ruan gritted her teeth. However, she could only watch the water splashed as Ma Yu Xi swam over to her brother's side. A helpless sigh escaped her. Su Ruan continued to hold the floater and wondered what she should do next.

It was too awkward to play alone.

As she was in a trance, Long Fei appeared by her side. Her eyes widened as she was not expecting to see him in front of her.

Her eyes widened in surprise as she was not expecting Long Fei to appear so suddenly. The man had dived into the water and came to her side without her noticing anything.

Because of their height difference, the first thing that Su Ruan noticed was the man's hard chest in front of her. Then slowly, she raised her head to meet his gaze.

Seeing his teasing smile made her cheek flush. "What are you doing?"

"Well, I'm here to guard you." Long Fei smiled. "I worry that you would fall into the water again."

Su Ruan shot a dangerous look at him. But Long Fei merely laughed it off.

His brow rose upon noticing her glance at him. "Su Ruan, did you like what you see?"

Her heart skipped a beat. However, Su Ruan was not going to admit that she has been checking him out from the moment Long Fei had entered the water. He was too... good-looking.

She quickly turned her head to look at the mountain surrounding them and spoke, "Hmm... the scenery around here is very beautiful."

Long Fei laughed when he heard her words.

The girl was too shy and he did not want to continue to tease her.

"I know a few good spots to swim around. Next time, I'll take you there."

Su Ruan narrowed her eyes. "You seem to know a lot of good spots for everything."

Previously, she had followed him to a good spot to fish as well as a good spot to watch the stars in the night sky. This man also seemed to know some good spots to eat.

"After all, I have lived in this town for years. You could say that I am one of the people who knows the lake best."

"One of the people?"

"The others would include my grandfather as well as a few elders in the family."

Su Ruan knew that the Long family had a lot of business in the town. Moreover, his grandfather and the ancestor before him used to be famous politicians in the family.

This town can be considered to be under Long family power and influence. It was not strange to say that they know the town best.

"What are you doing tomorrow? Come out and have a meal with me.. I have something to discuss with you."