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Gone Stupid

Long Fei rolled down the window and looked at the man in front of him in puzzled. The look on his face showed that he was confused to find Su Ruan's grandpa in front of him.

"Young Master Long, what are you doing here?" Ma Hao Dong asked.

Earlier, one of the staff from his orchard had mentioned seeing a vehicle parked outside the orchard for a long time.

Ma Hao Dong was worried and decided to check. His pupil flickered upon recognizing the car. When Su Ruan fell into the water and was rescued by Long Fei, someone had picked him up and headed to Long's residence using this car.

He was suddenly reminded of the day Long Fei had taken his granddaughter to the carnival and returned late at night. As he thought of how this young master was pursuing his granddaughter, Ma Hao Dong became unhappy.

After a brief hesitation, Ma Hao Dong decided to head over and knocked on his window. However, sensing that something does not seem right with this young master, Ma Hao Dong began to worry.

"Young Master Long, would you like to go inside?" Ma Hao Dong coughed. "Come in and let's have some tea."

Long Fei was still a little confused as to why he had come over to this place after his argument with his father. However, once he heard Ma Hao Dong's invitation, he immediately agreed.

Long Fei drove into the orchard and parked. Then, he followed Ma Hao Dong into the house and sit down in the living room.

Ma Hao Dong entered the kitchen to speak with his wife. Seeing that the guest in the living room was still staring into space, Ma Hao Dong began to worry again.

"What do you think happened to him?" Ma Hao Dong whispered to his wife. "From the moment I found him outside, he has been staring into space for a long time."

Lan Shi prepared some tea and followed her husband's gaze and peek into the living room. "Maybe he's looking for Su Ruan. I heard from our daughter that the Young Master has been helping Su Ruan to look for some writing job."

Ma Hao Dong rubbed his chin as he continued to worry.

"If you are still worried, why don't you go over and talk to him?" Lan Shi shot him a look.

"You know very well that I'm not good at talking."

"Then, why did you invite him inside?"

"It doesn't feel right to leave him outside our orchard. What are we supposed to do if something happened to him?" Ma Hao Dong said. "Besides, even when I asked him something, he would not reply. Do you think he has gone stupid?"

Ma Hao Dong wanted to ask Long Fei about his intention of getting closer to his granddaughter. However, with the way Long Fei had reacted, Ma Hao Dong thought that it would be impossible to communicate with Long Fei.

Lan Shi heaved a helpless sigh. She really could not understand what was going on in her husband's mind. "Alright. You go ahead and do your work. I'll go over and talk to him."

Her husband was someone who has been working at the orchard for a long time. Lan Shi thought that her husband was better at talking with plants instead of talking to another human being.

After sending her husband out and assuring him that she will look after this big guest, Lan Shi carried out the tray and brought it over to the living room. She glanced at the young man's face and thought that her husband was exaggerating when he said that Long Fei was staring into space too much.

This handsome young man still looked aware. How can her husband say that he looked stupid?

Of course, Lan Shi did not know that Long Fei had begun to calm down and recovered after stepping into the house. Being close to Su Ruan would give him this effect.

"Young Master Long, please, have a drink," Lan Shi said. "My husband went out to look at the orchard. He should be back soon."

"Old Madam, thank you." Long Fei took the cup and drank his tea slowly. Then, he looked around the room and noticed that it was too quiet. "Is Su Ruan around?"

"Did you come over to look for Su Ruan? She should be in her room working on her articles." Lan Shi hesitated for a while and continued, "If you are here to see her, you can go upstairs and look for her."

Long Fei could not hide his surprise upon hearing words. "Is that alright?"

"Mhm... Just knock on the door before you enter." Lan Shi gave the direction to her granddaughter's room and watched as the man leave. Once Long Fei was no longer within her eyesight, Lan Shi finally heaved a heavy sigh.

Being around someone with Long Fei's aura was not that easy.

Meanwhile, it did not take a long time for Long Fei to find Su Ruan's room.

As he stood in front of her door, Long Fei could already feel her presence. The closeness made him relax and comfortable.

He knocked on the door and heard her voice.

"Who is it? Just come in. The door is unlocked."

Long Fei stood still. He was worried that Su Ruan would be too shocked when she saw him entering her room and decided to wait.

After a few seconds, Long Fei knocked on the door again. "Su Ruan."

This time, Su Ruan did not speak.

Long Fei heard the sound of her footsteps approaching and took a step back. Soon, the door was pulled from the inside and Su Ruan's shocked face appeared at the door.

"Long Fei?" Su Ruan blinked as if she was in disbelief that the person in front of her was indeed Long Fei.

Just a while ago, she was still thinking about the kiss. Su Ruan was worried that she was thinking too much about it and had started to imagine things.

"Mmm... It's me.." Long Fei flashed a smile. He peeked into her room and asked, "Can I come in?"

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Can I Hug You

Su Ruan stared at the man in front of her with a dazed expression. She was still in disbelief that Long Fei was standing before her. Still, she stepped aside and watched as he walked in.

His scent wafted into her nose as he walked past by, Su Ruan finally realized that she was not imagining things. She snapped out of her trance and walked over. "Long Fei?"

"Hmm?" He turned around to face her.

"What are you doing here?" She knew that she was supposed to meet him. However, this was still too early before their appointment.

Moreover... he said that he was going to wait outside the orchard.

Why was he in her room?

"How did you get here?" Su Ruan asked.

"Your grandpa invited me in. Then, your grandma let me come over. She said you were working on your article and I can find you in your room."

Her eyes widened. She did not expect that her grandma would let Long Fei to her room. Could it be that her grandma now knew a little bit about her relationship with Long Fei? Otherwise, she would not let him come upstairs to her room, right?

This felt unreal. It couldn't be that she was too sleepy that she was imagining things, right?

Su Ruan walked over to him and stretched her hand to poke at his arm. Then, she quickly retracted her hand, finding that person is real.

However, before she could pull her hand away, the man had already grabbed her hand. He looked at her with a pair of sad eyes and asked, "Su Ruan, can I hug you?"

"Ah?" Su Ruan thought that she made a mistake by looking into his eyes. Without understanding why Su Ruan nodded.

Just like that, she was pulled into his embrace. Because of their height difference, her nose was pressed against his chest. His fresh scent entered her nose and Su Ruan did not dare to move.

Her cheek flushed. Su Ruan realized that this was the first time that she had faced a situation such as this. It seemed that she had never hugged anyone intimately like this. They were too close to each other.

After a few seconds has passed but Long Fei made no move to let her go. Su Ruan seemed to recall that she did not close her door after Long Fei had walked in.

If her mother or anyone from her family walked past by, then they would notice what was going on in the room.

"Just a few more seconds."

Long Fei spoke before she could make any move to pull out of his embrace. Su Ruan could only bite her lips he tightened his arms around her body. Her heart raced. She found that she did not dislike this hug. In fact, hugging like this felt comfortable.

However, Su Ruan could not help but worry about him. She wondered what was going on with this man. He wasn't like his usual self. He looked a little... fragile.

From the first time she met him, Long Fei was someone who always kept his composure. She would never think that she would see him with that sad look on his face.

A minute later. Long Fei finally loosened his hold around her waist. He took a step back and lowered his gaze as he adjusted his mood.

Hugging Su Ruan made him feel a lot better. With how the way she could make him feel, how could Long Fei even consider the elders' suggestions?

What his father had given him was not a choice. He only wanted to please the elders without thinking of what he wanted.

"Are you in a bad mood?"

Su Ruan's question snapped him out of his thought. Long Fei looked at the girl in front of her and wondered if she knew what he was feeling, just like how he would know whenever she was upset.

The last time Su Ruan was upset, he had made it rain.

Long Fei chuckled to ease up the mood. When he looked up again, his lips were stretched up into a teasing smile. "Well, I already felt better after hugging you."

Su Ruan pursed her lips into a thin line.

Perhaps she was mistaken earlier.

How can he be in a bad mood?

Since this man could still flirt with her, his mood shouldn't be that bad, right?

However, as she recalled his sad eyes looking at her, Su Ruan decided not to mind this matter that much. He definitely wanted to hide his feelings. Since he is not willing to say it, then she shouldn't be a busybody and ask.

Su Ruan was about to invite him to sit down for a while when she noticed that her room was too messy. Moreover, because she was not expecting anyone to come over to her room, Su Ruan had let a few private items around the room. Her undergarments were hanging on the chair...

Su Ruan sucked in a deep breath, wondering what she should do.

Of course, she was unaware that Long Fei was used to seeing this scene. After all, he had entered her room and had even spent a few nights with her.

Su Ruan began to look around in panic. It was too late to pick up everything. Long Fei would notice her movement and see what she do.

Her body moves to cover the item from his gaze.

Her gaze fell at her laptop on the table and spoke, "Do you want to go out earlier?"

Long Fei pondered over her suggestion and quickly agreed. "Is that alright?"

Su Ruan nodded. "It's fine. I almost finished my writing anyway. Then..." Su Ruan pointed to the door. "Why don't you head downstairs while I go and get change?"

Long Fei looked at the girl and wondered if she was trying to drive him away. Looking at her expression, he decided not to bring up this matter.

"Then, I will wait for you downstairs?"

Su Ruan nodded enthusiastically. "Go ahead.. I will meet you downstairs as soon as I'm done changing."

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Long Fei's Intention

As he was heading downstairs, the look on Long Fei's face was no longer as gloomy as it was before. Just spending a short time with Su Ruan would give him this effect.

Long Fei was still thinking about Su Ruan's dumbfounded expression as he had hugged her earlier when he suddenly heard a coughing voice.

When he looked up, Long Fei found that Ma Hao Dong was waiting at the end of the stairs. The look on his face was clearly unhappy.

Of course, Ma Hao Dong would be unhappy.

Just now, he had lowered his guard after he had noticed that Long Fei's mood does not seem right. He was kind enough to invite him in and let him have some tea.

When he looked away for a while, this young master headed upstairs to look for his granddaughter. Judging from that look on Long Fei's face, Ma Hao Dong could sense that his mood had turned better after seeing Su Ruan.

Ma Hao Dong's mood turned sour at the thought that this man had taken advantage of her granddaughter.

"Young Master Long, why are you upstairs?"

Long Fei quickly guessed why Ma Hao Dong had suddenly turned hostile. "Old Madam let me go upstairs to look for Su Ruan."

Ma Hao Dong did not expect that the person who would let Long Fei upstairs would be his wife.

Long Fei thought for a moment and spoke, "Su Ruan said she will come down in a few minutes."

His eyes narrowed. "Then, come with me for a while. Let's drink some tea and chat."

Long Fei nodded before he followed the old man to the living room. The tea and snacks that Old Madam Ma had prepared for him earlier were still on the table.

"Please, sit down," Ma Hao Dong motioned to the sofa. He watched as the young man took a seat before he sit down across from him.

In the past, Ma Hao Dong did not dare to look at Long Fei this way. However, now that he could sense that this young master had an intention towards his granddaughter, Ma Hao Dong decided to be on guard against him.

"Young Master Long, I have a few questions to ask you."

His expression was calm. "Please, speak."

"What is your intention towards my granddaughter, Su Ruan?" Ma Hao Dong straightforwardly asked. His eyes were sharp as he was watching Long Fei's every move.

"Old Man Ma, I won't lie to you," Long Fei smiled. "I am currently pursuing Su Ruan."

His answer only made Ma Hao Dong upset.

Su Ruan had only returned to the town not too long ago. However, a certain pig had caught sight of her and was now eying his granddaughter, wanting to take her away.

"Young Master Long, I am aware of the difference between our family," Ma Hao Dong said. "My Su Ruan is just a timid and innocent girl. I hope that you can spare my granddaughter from heartbreak."

It was not hard for Long Fei to figure out what Su Ruan's grandpa was trying to warn him. "Old Man Ma, I am sincere about her and had talked to Su Ruan about my intention as well. I don't intend to play around. The moment I decided to pursue her, my intention was to make this relationship work. I wanted to date her with the intention to marry."

Hearing these words, Ma Hao Dong's expression changed again.

His granddaughter knew that this man was pursuing her but she had told him that the last time they went out together, it was to discuss some work matter.

Moreover... what marry? It seemed that a certain young master was thinking too far.

"At this time, Su Ruan had not agreed on anything."

Ma Hao Dong's mood was suddenly lifted up. As he had expected, his granddaughter is a smart person. She would not give in to any rascal easily.

With this thought in his mind, Ma Hao Dong decided that he should give his granddaughter a talk. He had to warn her that she should not be swayed by any man's words easily.

In this society, it was the woman who always get the end of the stick.

"But I can assure you," Long Fei continued. "Whatever happened between us in the future, I will always treat her well."

For Long Fei, Su Ruan is the most important person.

In the beginning, he only approached her because he knew how special her presence would mean to him. But after he had gotten closer to her, Long Fei began to realize that he might like her and this feeling was slowly spreading.

He wanted to be with her but he could not say that Su Ruan had the same intention.

Long Fei had decided that even if Su Ruan did not want to be with him in the end, he will always treat her well.

"Your family will not agree to it," Ma Hao Dong reminded him.

As a native of D Town, Ma Hao Dong was aware of the Long family's prestige. The people who can get married into the family were not any ordinary people.

Long Fei's late grandmother came from an influential family. His mother too was someone from a good family. Ma Hao Dong has heard that Long Fei's maternal grandfather was someone with a high rank in the police force.

"The elders in my family will not mind my relationship," Long Fei said. "As long as it was with someone that I could get along with, they would not have any objection."

Once he introduced to them that Su Ruan is the girl that he has been looking for, the elders would not dare to have any objection. After all, the most crucial matter for the family is an heir, born from the eldest son of the family with the person who had fed him with blood.

That's right.. From the moment that he had licked Su Ruan's wound when they were still a child, Long Fei had sealed Su Ruan's destiny to be his fated one.

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Shameless

When Su Ruan came downstairs and entered the living room, she quickly found out that the atmosphere between her grandpa and Long Fei seemed a little wrong.

Both men did not seem to realize that she had come down and was standing at the stairs, looking at them. Moreover, Su Ruan quickly realized that her grandpa was staring at Long Fei sharply.

Her gaze shifted between the two men, wondering what they were talking about before she had appeared.

"Grandpa?"

Su Ruan's voice snapped the tension between them. Ma Hao Dong blinked and the earlier look in his eyes quickly disappeared and instead, his gaze became warmer just the way he would often look at her. It made Su Ruan wonder if her eyes were playing tricks on her.

Ma Hao Dong cleared his throat when he noticed that his granddaughter was scrutinizing him. "Su Ruan, when did you come over?"

Just now, he was too busy intimidating a certain young master that he had failed to mind his surroundings. Ma Hao Dong was worried that his granddaughter might overhear their conversation.

"I came over just now." Su Ruan flashed a smile. "What did the two of you talk about?"

"Nothing much." Ma Hao Dong sent a look to Long Fei, signaling him not to say anything unnecessary. "Just something about the town."

"Really?"

The look on their faces was too serious to be talking about the town. Su Ruan definitely did not think that her grandpa was telling the truth.

"Of course." Ma Hao Dong nodded but did not dare to meet his granddaughter's eyes. He was not about to tell his granddaughter any details on his conversation with Long Fei.

Although Long Fei had promised that he would treat Su Ruan right and will never do anything to hurt her, as Su Ruan's grandfather, Ma Hao Dong decided to keep his guard against this young master.

Long Fei might say that his elders would not mind his relationship, but Ma Hao Dong was not convinced.

Ma Hao Dong simply did not want his granddaughter to suffer. After all, the girl had suffered enough as she grow up.

Su Ruan raised a brow before she looked at Long Fei again. Clearly, she did not believe her grandpa's words. However, she was not about to call out his bluff.

Noticing that his granddaughter was dressed up nicely, Ma Hao Dong quickly finds this chance to change the subject. "You're dressed up prettily today. Are you going out somewhere?"

A faint blush appeared on her face.

Su Ruan was worried that Long Fei would think that she had dressed up because the two of them were going out. Would he think that she was trying too hard?

"Mmm... I'm going out with Long Fei and we will have our dinner together."

Ma Hao Dong's expression changed upon hearing her words.

"Grandpa, tell my mom that I won't be having dinner at home."

"Mmm... I know. Just come back earlier. It's not safe to be out there at night," Ma Hao Dong glanced at Long Fei, silently giving his warning.

Although he was unhappy that his granddaughter would be going out with Long Fei, Ma Hao Dong knew that he could not stop his granddaughter.

"Grandpa, I know. We won't be going out for too long." Su Ruan chuckled. She turned to Long Fei and asked, "Should we go now?"

"Alright." Long Fei stood up straight and flashed a polite smile. "Grandpa, don't worry. I will look after Su Ruan well."

Ma Hao Dong narrowed his eyes dangerously. When did he let this person call him 'Grandpa'? A few minutes ago, he was still addressing him as 'Old Man Ma'! Ma Hao Dong just realized that Long Fei was shameless!

However, he did not get to vent his frustration and could only watch as his granddaughter leave with a certain rascal.

It was amazing how his view towards a certain young master had changed. Before this, he was still being respectful towards Long Fei, knowing of his status in the town. However, everything seemed to change when he found out that this man was going after his precious granddaughter.

His frustration towards Long Fei did not disappear even after he had left his house.

When Lan Shi walked over, she was surprised to see the look on her husband's face. "What's wrong with you? Who made you so upset?"

Ma Hao Dong finally found someone he could vent to. "It's that boy. That young master. Do you know what he had said to me?"

Lan Shi was still puzzled about what was going on. Just now, her husband had said that the young master's mood seemed to be a little off and that he had gone stupid. What had he done to make her husband upset?

"He told me that he's going after our granddaughter!"

"And then?" Lan Shi clearly did not think that there was any problem with this.

"Aren't you worried?"

"Our granddaughter is already an adult and it was not a strange thing if she wanted to date anyone. Old Man, what are you worried about?"

"You know that those rich people's families are very complicated. We are only ordinary people. We cannot fight against them. I don't want Su Ruan to suffer."

Lan Shi chuckled. "Old Man, you are thinking too far ahead. Our granddaughter is only dating someone. It's not like she was going to get married right away. How long did the two of them know each other?" She let out a sigh and continued, "Alright. Rather than worrying about this, maybe you should go out and look at the staff."

Ma Hao Dong wanted to continue and discuss Su Ruan's future, however, his wife had quickly driven him out of the kitchen and urged him to continue his work.

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Meanwhile, Su Ruan was peeking at the man beside her as she sat in the passenger's seat. She could not stop thinking about the strange mood between Long Fei and her grandpa. Su Ruan was curious to know what was the two of them had discussed and why did her grandpa seemed as if Long Fei had made him upset.

"Miss Su, do you find it enjoyable to stare at me?"

His question snapped her out of her trance. Su Ruan's face turned red, realizing that she was caught staring at him.

Su Ruan let out a cough. "I wasn't staring. I was just thinking."

"About me?" He turned at her for a brief second with a teasing smile on his face.

Her eyes narrowed as she wondered if this man was trying to flirt with her again. "What were you talking about with my grandpa?"

"Are you curious?"

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Let s... Date

Su Ruan wondered if this was supposed to be a trick question. However, her curiosity made her nod. "Of course."

"Your Grandpa... he wanted to know what is my intention towards you," Long Fei did not try to hide his conversation with her grandpa.

Her eyes flickered. Su Ruan certainly did not expect that they would be discussing this matter. Her thoughts went back to that night when her grandpa had caught her returning home late at night after she went to that carnival with Long Fei.

She had explained that she went out with Long Fei to discuss work. But it seemed that her grandpa did not believe her words.

"Do you want to know what was my answer?"

Su Ruan had a premonition. This person wouldn't say anything that would embarrass her, right?

"What did you say to Grandpa?"

His smile widened. "I told him that I am pursuing you."

Her heart skipped a beat. She now understood why her grandpa's expression was too dark when he looked at Long Fei.

All of a sudden, Su Ruan was too embarrassed to return home and meet her grandpa.

The car was pulled over at the side road and Long Fei put on the hazard light signal. Then, he turned to face her and put on a serious look on his face. "Su Ruan."

"Huh?"

Their gazes met and her heartbeat accelerated. His eyes were too intense. The moment she looked into his eyes, she was in a trance and had no chance to look away.

"I am very serious and sincere. I like you."

Something was somersaulting in her stomach, making her anxious.

Although this was not the first time that he had said such words, her heart was touched. The feeling he gave was the same as the first time that he had said that he liked her.

"Would you consider dating me with marriage in mind?"

Marriage? It was not long ago that he told her that he wanted to get to know her. How did he suddenly think of marriage?

Su Ruan thought if she allowed Long Fei to speak again, she might as well get a heart attack due to many stimulations.

"You... you don't think that it was too early to think of marriage?"

Because she was too shy, her voice became softer, tickling the heart of the person in front of her.

"If I planned to date you without considering marriage, then I would be a scum." Long Fei smiled. "Su Ruan, I have never dated before and have no experience in dating. However, now that I decided to take this step, I don't want to do something that would waste your time."

Her heart fluttered. It would be a lie to say that she was not touched.

Thinking of her previous one-way feelings towards Yu Zhi Yi made her wonder just how much time she had wasted. It was indeed nice to have Long Fei speak out about his intention and goals.

If they both know what they wanted and aimed for, they would not be wasting their time.

Su Ruan pondered over his question seriously. His gaze was still on her as he was waiting for her to give her an answer.

She was not sure just how much she liked him at this time but the thought of being together with him did not make her uncomfortable.

"Okay."

Her heart was telling her that she should take a chance and leap into this new relationship. She had decided to stop divulging into her relationship with Yu Zhi Yi that would never work and it was time to give her a chance to be happier.

Since Long Fei wanted to be given this chance, then she should trust him.

"Let's... date." Su Ruan spoke again.

Long Fei blinked. Even though he tried to suppress it, his lips could not stop stretching into a smile. He wanted to ask for her confirmation, to ask if she was sure of her answer. However, he was afraid that Su Ruan would reconsider and change her mind.

His hand stretched out to hold hers. Then, he leaned over and planted a kiss on the back of her hand. A glint flashed in his eyes upon seeing her shy look.

"You have said it. Su Ruan, you are not allowed to change your mind."

"I know. What kind of person do you think I am? Since I have said it, I won't take it back."

Long Fei laughed. He stared at the person in front of him for a long time, suppressing the happiness that wanted to burst out. If it was not because he was afraid of scaring her, Long Fei would long pull her into his embrace again.

Once he began to calm down, Long Fei turned around and continued to drive again.

With Long Fei no longer staring at her, Su Ruan finally had time to take a deep breath and calm down.

After giving out her answer, her heart was surprisingly calm. Everything felt right. Su Ruan thought that she had made the right decision.

If Ma Hao Dong knew that his conversation with Long Fei had led his granddaughter to agree to date this man, he would definitely be furious.

Su Ruan glanced at the person beside her and an amusing thought came to her mind.

This person is now... her boyfriend.

The realization made her smile. Su Ruan turned to look at the scenery outside the window to avoid meeting his gaze and let her thoughts be exposed.

After a few seconds, she could not help but peek at him. Seeing the smile on his face made her laugh.

It turned out that this person is kind of... cute.

"What are you laughing at?"

Su Ruan coughed. "Nothing." She immediately bit back the smile on her face. "Are you in a better mood now?"

"Hmm?"

"Just now, when you came to my place, you seemed to be in a bad mood," Su Ruan pointed out. "Are you feeling better?"

"Mhm...." After meeting this girl and having her agree to go steady with him, how could he think of his argument with his father any more?