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Treated Him As A Friend

Su Ruan raised a glass and took a sip as she watched Yu Zhi Yi bring his fiance around the tall and introduce her to his friends.

Her gaze lowered until they stopped at his hand that was resting around the girl's waist. Su Ruan quickly moved her gaze away. Her eyes stared at the contents in her glasses with a dazed expression.

No one knew what was going on in her mind.

She continued to be a trance until Lin Qing nudged her on the waist. Turning to her friend, Su Ruan saw that Lin Qin was gesturing in a direction.

Her eyes changed when she understood what Lin Qing was trying to say. When she looked up again, Su Ruan saw that both Yu Zhi Yi and Shen Yue were walking in her direction.

Su Ruan flashed a bright smile at the couple.

Yu Zhi Yi opened his mouth and spoke, "Shen Yue, this is my best friend."

The girl raised a brow and smiled. "Let me guess... this should be Miss Su Ruan." When the man smiled, Shen Yue knew that she had guessed correctly. She stretched her arms and spoke, "Hello Miss Su, I'm Shen Yue. It's an honor to finally meet you."

Su Ruan shook hands with her before she turned to Yu Zhi Yi with a puzzled look.

Shen Yue put a hand over her lips and laughed softly. Her movement seemed very smooth and elegant. "Zhi Yi had always mentioned you to me. "

Su Ruan glanced at Yu Zhi Yi again.

A tinge of happiness appeared in her heart upon knowing that Yu Zhi Yi had mentioned her to his fiance. However, a strange feeling came over very quickly. Su Ruan realized that Yu Zhi Yi had never mentioned his fiance until a few weeks ago.

"So it's like that." Su Ruan lowered her head to think as Yu Zhi Yi introduced Qin Ling to his fiance. When the couple turned to her again, Su Ruan spoke, "I heard from Yu Zhi Yi that the two of you are planning to get married soon. Miss Shen, congratulations."

Shen Yue smiled amiably. "Thank you. Miss Su, we should go and hang out together sometimes. Since you and Zhi Yi are good friends, naturally, I wanted to get along with you as well."

The two of them speak briefly before Yu Zhi Yi took his fiance to meet his other friends.

As soon as the couple was out of their eyesight, Qin Ling went over to her friend and looked at her with concern. Seeing that Su Ruan was not very affected by meeting Yu Zhi Yi and his fiance, Qin Ling finally let out a breath in relief.

"Qin Ling."

"Ah?"

"Let's head back after we finish drinking," Su Ruan said. "I'll treat you to lunch. What do you think about hot pot?"

"I'll listen to you." Her friend was still upset and Qin Ling did not have any objection.

After drinking a little bit, Su Ruan and Qin Ling walked over to Yu Zhi Yi to excuse themselves.

"You're leaving now?" Yu Zhi Yi stared back at his friend in surprise. "But you haven't eaten anything yet. Just stay for a while until the food is served."

"It's fine." Su Ruan turned to Qin Ling and tugged at her sleeve gently. "Qin Ling had somewhere to go. I already promised her that I will accompany her."

Yu Zhi Yi shifted his gaze between the two girls. In the end, he heaved a disappointed sigh. "Alright then. Su Ruan, let's schedule another date. Next time, we'll hang out with just the three of us."

Su Ruan forced herself to smile. It was not difficult to guess that the third person will be his fiancée.

Meeting Yu Zhi Yi and his fiancée among their friends was alright for her. However, Su Ruan was afraid that if she had to spend her time with just the couple, someone might figure out her secret.

"Well then, let's arrange to meet another day," Su Ruan said. She looked around and asked, "Where's your fiancée? I should say goodbye and congratulate her."

"She said she wanted to go and fix her makeup," Yu Zhi Yi said. "Since you are in a hurry, you don't have to wait for her. Afterward, I will tell her that you have left."

The two friends continued to exchange a few words before Su Ruan finally left the hall. Once the door was closed behind her, Su Ruan could finally feel as if her shoulder was no longer as tense. Her eyes were staring ahead with a dazed expression.

"Qin Ling, I'll head over to the restroom first," Su Ruan said. "Do you want to come along?"

"No. It's fine." Qin Ling waved his hand. "I'll wait for you in the lobby."

Su Ruan nodded before she turned around and headed to the restroom.

After finishing her business, Su Ruan stood in front of the mirror and heaved a sigh.

Her heart was still aching as she recalled how Yu Zhi Yi and his fiancée stood side by side. However, she was relieved that this meeting has gone as well as she wanted. The most important thing was that she had managed to control her emotion well.

At this time, someone came out of one of the booths.

Su Ruan raised her head and was surprised upon meeting Shen Yue's eyes. The woman flashed her a smile before she walked over and stood at the basin sink beside her. Su Ruan contemplated whether she should strike a conversation.

Although Yu Zhi Yi had introduced them, Su Ruan still found it awkward to be around Shen Yue.

The sound of water stopped. Shen Yue straightened her posture and turned to Su Ruan. "Miss Su, I have always heard my fiance talked about you."

"I hope that he did not say anything bad about me."

"Of course, not." Her smile faded as she gave Su Ruan a look over. "But from the way that he talked about you, I can see that the two of you are very close and cared for each other."

Hearing her words, Su Ruan quickly found out that something does not seem right. "We are friends with some similar interest." Su Ruan forced herself to calm down.

A soft chuckle escaped her. "Miss Su, actually, I am someone who does not believe that a man and a woman can be best friends."

Su Ruan pursed her lips into a thin line before she spoke again, "Miss Shen, what are you trying to say?"

"I heard that you are single. Zhi Yi might not be interested in you, but Miss Su, we are both women. Towards Zhi Yi... I can tell that way you looked at him was a little different."

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Her heart skipped a beat. Su Ruan forced herself to calm down. Although it was true that she harbored a romantic feeling towards Yu Zhi Yi, Su Ruan was someone who did not want to be the third party.

"Miss Shen... Yu Zhi Yi and I are only friends and nothing more than that. We have known each other for years. If I had some feelings for him, don't you think that I would have taken an action earlier?" Su Ruan forced a smile. "You don't have to worry about it. For Yu Zhi Yi and I to be together... it's already impossible.. I only treated him as a friend and nothing more than that."