

## Chapter: 24

### This Time You Cannot Escape

Su Ruan was looking at the job-seeking webpage when her phone rang. She glanced at the screen and raised a brow as she saw Jiang Tian's name.

Swiftly, she swiped her finger on the green button and pressed her phone to her ear.

The two friends exchanged a brief pleasantry before Jiang Tian spoke again. "Su Ruan, are you not going to come back to Upcoming? Director Gao Leng is no longer working here."

A deep frown appeared on her face. Su Ruan could not help but wonder if Gao Leng had really quit his job because of her request.

"What happened? Su Ruan asked.

"I'm not very sure what was going on as well but Director Gao has not come to work for a week," Jiang Tian said. Her voice was a whisper. "We only knew that he has been fired during a meeting this morning."

"He's fired?"

Su Ruan's heart skipped a beat.

Last time, she had told Gao Leng to resign if he wanted her to return to the company. She did not expect that Gao Leng would be fired.

"Rumors said that President Huang was so angry that Director Gao Leng had ruined that interview. That was why he was fired."

Su Ruan listened to Jiang Tian's gossips in silence. The two of them exchanged a few more words and Su Ruan promised Jiang Tian that she would think about returning to the company.

After the call ended, Su Ruan slumped on the sofa. Her mind whirled as she thought about her conversation with Jiang Tian.

It seemed that Gao Leng was no longer at the company. However, Yan Xi was still around. In fact, a few days after Gao Leng left the company, Yan Xi had a promotion and had a higher position.

Although Yan Xi no longer had her back up, Yan Xi could make trouble for Su Ruan.

After resigning from the company, Su Ruan realized that the company's working environment was a little toxic. If she stayed, it would someday ruin her.

It would be better if she find a new workplace.

After looking at her computer for a while, Su Ruan finally stood up and stretch up. Seeing that it was past lunch hour, Su Ruan decided that it was better to go out and grab something to eat.

She was too lazy to cook and she could really need some fresh air.

After walking around for a while, Su Ruan decided to dine in her favorite restaurant. She ordered a protein dish, two vegetables, and a soup for lunch.

As she walked back home, Su Ruan stopped by her favorite milk tea shop and bought a plum tea with some rainbow jelly.

It seemed that it has been a long time since she had walked around leisurely like his. Now that she was not rushing off to somewhere else, Su Ruan realized that there were shops and cafes that she had never seen before.

Su Ruan has been living around this area for a while but this was the first time that she had discovered a few interesting places.

Once her legs were tired, Su Ruan decided to head back to her apartment. She decided to use the shortcut through an alley.

It was the working hours and the alley was a little quiet as most of the people around were at work.

All of sudden, Su Ruan had a feeling as if she was being followed.

Her heartbeat accelerated. Su Ruan halted and pretended to be checking her shoes.

She could not see anyone but still, her heart told her that she should not be at ease.

Taking a few deep breaths to calm down, Su Ruan continued to walk and hastened her pace. Just as she was about to turn into a corner and enter the main street, someone grabbed her shoulder.

Her body was pulled backward and then, it was slammed to the wall behind her.

"Ugh." Su Ruan groaned at the pain. She opened her eyes and was about to shout out loud when she saw the person in front of her was no other than Gao Leng.

Gao Leng quickly placed his hand to cover her mouth.

Her eyes widened, wondering what was this man planning to do with her. Their gazes met and the look on Gao Leng's eyes told her that his intention was nothing good.

"Su Ruan, I have been waiting to see you for days," Gao Leng spoke. His eyes raked on Su Ruan's body for a long time. "If it was not because of you, I might not lose my job. If you had listened to me and returned, all of this might not happen."

Su Ruan tried to struggle out. She lifted her legs, wanting to kick the man. However, Gao Leng seemed as if he knew what she wanted to do and had blocked her move with ease.

The smile on Gao Leng's lips turned sinister. "I knew you would do just that." Swiftly, he bent down and buried his face in Su Ruan's neck. A cursing word escaped his lips. "I always wanted to do this. Su Ruan, this time, you cannot escape me."

Her breathing became erratic. Su Ruan continued to struggle and her body grew colder as Gao Leng's hands started to touch her body.

Tears pooled in her eyes, wondering if she could escape this situation. She prayed that someone would come over and save her.

All of a sudden, Gao Leng groaned and stepped away from her.

Her body slumped on the ground. Su Ruan adjusted her clothing and drew her legs closer to her body into a fetal position.

After what had happened, her body grew weak and she could not stand up.

Su Ruan raised her head to look at what was in front of her. All she could see was a bright light in front of her before she passed out.

"What the hell are you doing? Who do you think you are?" Gao Leng raised his head as he rubbed his neck. His eyes widened when he saw the person in front of him.

"Mister Gao, how courageous of you..."

Gao Leng realized that he had seen this man before. It took him a few seconds to realize that this person was no other than President Long Fei.

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"You... President Long, what are you doing here?"