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Are You Free

The next day, Su Ruan spent most of her time working on her article and discussing the freelance contract with the editor from Blue Media group.

After writing for a while, Su Ruan finally took a break and looked at her phone. Surprisingly, there were a few unread notifications.

Su Ruan scrolled through her notifications and paused when she saw the message from Long Fei. She quickly clicked on his message.

"Are you free? Should we meet today?"

Su Ruan stared at his message and hesitated. In the end, she recalled that she had agreed to get to know him yesterday and quickly replied that she would be free in the evening.

"Then, I'll pick you up in the evening."

Su Ruan was about to agree when she remember the places that he had taken her to previously. A faint smile curled to her lips and Su Ruan typed, "Are you going to treat me to something delicious?"

On the other line, Long Fei could not help but chuckle when he read her question. "Sure." Then, a few seconds later, the smile on her lips suddenly froze.

Was this a date then?

As the thought came to her mind, Su Ruan quickly shook that thought away. They had only agreed to get to know each other.

It was still too early to call this a date, right?

The two of them exchanged a few words and made their arrangement to meet tomorrow.

Su Ruan looked at the time and suddenly recalled that she needed to inform her mother that she was going out later.

After tidying up her desk, Su Ruan went out to look for her mother. She asked around and heard that her mother was in the warehouse to look at the stocks.

When she arrived, Su Ruan saw that her cousin, Ma Yu Xi, and a group of the staff were arranging the boxes. She watched them work for a while before coming over.

Ma Yu Xi's expression lit up when she saw her cousin. "Sister Ruan!"

Su Ruan peeked into the boxes and saw that there were a few bottles of processed cherries. "What are you guys up to? Why did it seem that everyone is busy? A big order is coming?"

Ma Yu Xi laughed softly. "That's not it. In a few weeks, there will be a carnival in the town center. Our orchard will take part and sell a few products at the farmer market."

"Oh. That carnival."

"Sister Ruan, do you know about the carnival?"

Su Ruan recalled how she was walking in the street with Long Fei when a little girl came over and handed her the flyer.

Later... Long Fei had asked her to go to this carnival together with him and she had agreed.

Thinking about this made her feel a little shy.

Sensing Ma Yu Xi's gaze on her face, Su Ruan quickly recovered her mood. "Mmm... I accompanied my mom yesterday to the town center and a little girl gave me a flyer. It looks fun."

Ma Yu Xi nodded enthusiastically. "Sister Ruan, you have to go. This carnival is once a year event in D Town. There will be a lot of fun activities and good food. That's right."

Su Ruan suddenly thought of something and a teasing smile curled on her lips. "Are you going to see that boy? Sun Cheng?"

Her eyes widened upon hearing the name. Ma Yu Xi looked around the warehouse and finally breathed in relief when no one was paying attention to their conversation. "Sister Ruan, don't speak loudly. I'll be embarrassed."

Su Ruan laughed. It seemed that this girl was planning to meet the boy she liked at the carnival. "What are you afraid of? There's no one around."

Ma Yu Xi suddenly heaved another breath. This time, there was a hint of disappointment in her sigh. "I heard that he will be on duty on that day."

"That's also fine, right? You can visit the bakery and find an excuse to talk to him."

"Sister Ruan, you don't understand. Each year, the bakery will offer a big discount on this day. He will be too busy in the kitchen to talk. Sister Ruan, when the time comes, you have to accompany me. I will take you to look around and introduce you to a few delicious things."

Su Ruan smiled. She had already promised to go to this carnival with someone else. However, it would be too awkward to tell this to Ma Yu Xi now. "I'll think about it." Seeing the girl pouted, Su Ruan could only laugh softly. "That's right, have you seen my mother?"

"Second Aunt? She should be in the back with grandpa." Ma Yu Xi glanced in a direction where she had last seen her aunt and grandpa.

After exchanging a few words with Ma Yu Xi, Su Ruan went to look for her mother and saw that she was discussing some matters regarding the stocks with her grandpa.

Not wanting to disturb them, Su Ruan stood at the door and waited for them to finish their discussion.

However, a minute later, Ma Hao Dong looked up and meet her gaze. A wide smile curled on his lips when he saw his granddaughter. "Su Ruan!"

Ma Zheng Zheng halted her report and followed her father's line of eyesight. A hint of surprise flashed on her expression when she saw her daughter. "Su Ruan, why are you here? Didn't you say you were going to work on your article?"

"En. It's done. I got bored and decided to look around," Su Ruan said. "I met my cousin, Ma Yu Xi and she said everyone is busy preparing for the carnival."

"That's right. I forgot to mention this carnival to you," Ma Hao Dong said. "On that day, almost everyone in this town will attend the carnival. You should go as well. I will ask your cousin to bring you around."

Su Ruan listened to her grandpa talking about this carnival with much enthusiasm and smiled. A while later, a staff called her grandpa over to check on something. Once her grandpa was farther enough, Su Ruan turned to her mother and spoke, "Mom, I'm going out in the evening."

"In the evening?"

"I'll probably be having dinner outside as well."

Ma Zheng Zheng looked at her inquiringly. "With your cousin?"

"No. With a friend."

The frown on her face deepened. "Which friend?"

Her daughter only arrived in this town not too long ago. Each time that she goes out, it would be with her cousin, Ma Yu Xi. Ma Zheng Zheng could not remember if Su Ruan had any friends here.

"That..." Su Ruan hesitated. "It's that young master... Long Fei."

"Is this related to your work?"

Su Ruan was prepared to explain to her mother about her arrangement. But hearing her mother's words, Su Ruan decided to go along with it. "Uh-huh." She did not dare to meet her mother's gaze, afraid that her mother would notice her guilt.

"Then, go ahead. Just remember to come back earlier. This town isn't like the city.. It will be too dark in the night."

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A Picnic

Su Ruan set to meet with Long Fei before her grandpa came home to avoid the others from asking questions. She heaved a breath in relief when she did not run into anyone as she headed out.

However, when Su Ruan saw Long Fei's vehicle parked outside the gate, she started to tense again.

Taking a few deep breaths to calm down, Su Ruan walked closer and watched as Long Fei alighted from the driver's seat and walked around the vehicle.

An awkward smile curled on her lips as their gaze met. In the end, Su Ruan suppressed that feeling and muttered. "Hi."

Long Fei laughed softly as he saw the way she had reacted. Not wanting to make her feel uncomfortable, Long Fei decided not to tease her. "Hi." He pulled the door for her and gestured for her to come in.

Su Ruan lowered her head and scolded herself for her awkward greeting. She slid into the passenger's seat and tried to compose herself.

Once Long Fei was behind the wheel, the awkward look on Su Ruan's face had already disappeared. "Where are we going?"

Su Ruan recalled that Long Fei had once mentioned that he did not like to appear in front of a larger crowd in the town as most people recognized him and would always stare at him.

Then, he shouldn't be taking her to one of the restaurants in the town center, right?

"The town center."

His answer surprised her. It seemed that his answer was different than what she had thought.

The vehicle started to move and Su Ruan looked out the window to enjoy the town's scenery. Finding that the silence between them was too awkward, Su Ruan decided to initiate a conversation.

"The editor from Blue Media e-mailed me last night," Su Ruan began. "I forgot to mention this to you."

Long Fei raised a brow. "How did the discussion go?" Although he was aware of Su Ruan's exchange with the editor, Long Fei decided to pretend that he knew nothing about it.

"It went well. The editor said that I can try and submit my first article next week." Su Ruan paused for a few seconds before continuing. "Your company is quite generous with the payment."

Long Fei laughed. "Mmm... I'm glad you think so."

"It couldn't be that you had to do something with it, right?" Su Ruan's tone had a hint of teasing.

"Of course, not. The moment you agreed, I handed everything to the editor. Since she had offered to pay you generously, then it should be because she thinks highly of you."

Of course, these were all lies. Su Ruan's contract with Blue Media was something that he had personally looked at. However, Long Fei did not want Su Ruan to feel uncomfortable and could only push everything to this unknown editor.

Su Ruan smiled and did not think too much about this matter.

Although Long Fei had said that he was interested in getting to know her, Su Ruan believed that Long Fei was someone who will not pull a few strings for her sake.

After all, they only know each other briefly.

"Long Fei, thank you."

The man glanced at the person beside him and nodded. "You're welcome."

After a while, the two of them finally arrived in the town center.

Su Ruan had thought that Long Fei was going to take her to one of the restaurants in the town center.

However, she soon found that Long Fei had parked his vehicle near the jetty. The boat that she had boarded previously with her cousin has docked not too far away.

"We're taking the boat?"

"Uh-huh."

"Are we going to Auntie Wang's place again?"

"No." Long Fei saw the puzzled look in her eyes and asked, "What do you think about a picnic? Of course, I promise that there will still be delicious food."

Su Ruan glanced at the boat and hesitated. The last time she had boarded this boat, she was with her cousin. But now that there will be only the two of them, Su Ruan was a little concerned.

"I promised you that we won't be doing anything other than sightseeing, eating, and chatting," Long Fei said.

Su Ruan hesitated. In the end, she decided to trust him a little. "Alright. But I am still not that comfortable with boat riding."

The two alighted from the car and headed to the boat. Once they get closer, an elder man came out of the cabin and exchanged a few words with Long Fei.

After checking that everything was alright, the boat started to cruise on the lake slowly.

Su Ruan sat at the same spot she had sat down the last time she got into the boat. As they get farther away, the orange sky slowly turned darker.

Looking at the dark water scared her a little bit. Subconsciously, Su Ruan tightened her grip on the handle.

After a while, the boat finally slow down. Su Ruan looked around and realized that they were in the middle of the lake. On her left and right were the trees and the mountains.

"We're here."

Su Ruan raised a brow upon hearing his words. "This is the middle of the lake?"

"Uh-huh." Long Fei nodded. He picked up a basket at the side with one hand and extended his free hand to Su Ruan. "Come on."

"Where are we going?" Su Ruan looked at him in alarm.

They were already in the middle of the lake. Where else was he thinking of taking her?

Long Fei chuckled at her reaction. "Let's go upstairs. Didn't I tell you that we're going to picnic? Don't worry. It will be safe. I promise."

Su Ruan could only tighten her grip around the safety jacket on her body. Then, slowly, she placed a hand in Long Fei's and let him lead her to the stairs that headed up.

Long Fei clicked on a switch and suddenly, the boat's surroundings were dimly lighted.

Now that she could see everything around her, Su Ruan finally breathe in relief.

"Sit down." Long Fei motioned towards the picnic mat he had spread earlier.

Once he took out the food from the basket, Su Ruan realized that he was serious about going for a picnic.

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Starry Night

The two of them sat down on the picnic mat and chatted mostly about Su Ruan's discussion with the editor earlier.

Long Fei watched as Su Ruan took a bite at the dishes and looked up. His eyes glinted as he looked at the dark sky. Turning to Su Ruan again, there was a faint smile on her lips. "What do you think?"

Su Ruan blinked upon hearing his sudden question. She glanced at the food in her hand and tilted her head to one side. "The food? They tasted good. The cook from your place is surely exceptional."

The man chuckled at her words. "I'm glad you liked the food." He motioned her to look up and spoke, "What do you think?"

Tilting her head up, Su Ruan inhaled deeply as she saw at the starry night sky.

Just now, she was too focused on the food as well as the man beside her and failed to look all around her. Su Ruan did not think that the moment she looked up, there would be this beautiful scenery in front of her.

All around her was dark. Therefore, the starry sky was especially bright and mesmerizing.

For a while, Su Ruan could not find any word to say.

Just like the stars, there were glitters in her eyes.

"It's beautiful," Su Ruan mumbled. It was then that she understood that Long Fei was asking her about the view.

"I'm glad that you like it." His lips curled into a warm smile. Long Fei had thought properly of the place he wanted to bring Su Ruan. He had a few places in his mind but in the end, he decided to bring her here.

This was the spot that he liked to swim to and looked at the stars. It was slightly farther than the town but this was the most relaxing spot for him.

Long Fei simply wanted to share this special place with Su Ruan.

"So, this was the reason you wanted to bring me here?" Su Ruan tilted her head to one side. "And here I am, worrying that you were thinking about selling me somewhere."

Long Fei looked at her with an amusingly. "Do I look like such a person?"

Su Ruan shrugged. "In my defense, I did not know much about you. As a woman, I should be cautious."

His brow rose inquiringly. "But you still decided to come with me?"

"I thought that I should trust you once." Her instinct told her that he would not do anything to harm her.

A glint appeared in his eyes but Long Fei lowered his head quickly so that the girl was unable to look at his expression.

As Su Ruan continued to look at the sky, a thought came to her mind. Su Ruan reached for her phone to look at the time. A breath of relief escaped her once she realized that it was still early.

"Are you rushing off somewhere?"

Su Ruan turned to Long Fei and shook her head. "No. Just that, I was reminded that I should head home before it's too late. Otherwise, my grandparents would worry."

Of course, the real reason was that Su Ruan was worried that her little dragon would come to find her. Just now, she had forgotten to let the window open.

What if the little dragon came to find her and saw that the window was closed? Would he be disappointed?

"Your grandparents worried about you a lot," Long Fei commented.

"Mhm... This was the first time that I came to this town after a long time." Su Ruan chuckled. "My grandparents were worried that something would happen to me?"

"After a long time?" Long Fei looked at her in puzzlement. "Why haven't you returned for a long time? If you don't mind me asking."

This was the question that he wanted to ask for years.

A certain someone promised that she was going to return to find him. But later, she left and had never come back until now.

Although he had some suspicion as to why she had stopped coming to find him, Long Fei thought that he wanted to hear it from her.

Su Ruan thought about Long Fei's question and finally decided that there was no harm in telling him the truth.

"I'm not quite sure about it myself," Su Ruan said. "But according to my parents, something happened to me when I was around four or five years old."

Long Fei stayed in silence as he waited for her to continue.

"I was playing hide and seek with my cousins and decided to hide between the trees in the orchard. I might have encountered something scary or shocking, and passed out." Su Ruan smiled. "But, I did not remember any of it."

Su Ruan might not remember it, but Long Fei remembered that night well.

Back then, after his body had shifted, the little girl was too scared that she had fainted. He tried to wake her up but when he heard the adult's footsteps Long Fei had quickly hid behind the trees.

He still remembered the elders' words well.

If he was found, then people are going to despise him and drive him away from the town as he was too abnormal.

The little he was too scared. He liked the town so much and did not want to leave. Although he was still worried about his friend, Long Fei could only hide. Then, he watched as Su Ruan's father took her away.

Long Fei thought that the girl would come and find him again on the next day. But that was the last time he had seen her.

"Later," Su Ruan continued. "My parents said that each time they brought me to this town, I would start to scream hysterically."

A light in his eyes slowly dimmed. Just as he had thought, the reason Su Ruan had stopped coming to this town was because of him. His change had traumatized her.

"They took me to see a doctor and he suggested that there might be something that traumatized me in this town. Then, they stopped bringing me to this town again." A faint smile curled on her lips. "But I don't remember what it was. I wonder what made me so scared."

There was a brief silence between them before Long Fei spoke again. "What about now? Are you still afraid?"

Su Ruan shook her head. "No. I think after years have passed, I have forgotten all about it and was no longer afraid. I think... I should be alright."

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After spending a few hours on the boat, the two of them went back to land.

Knowing that Su Ruan's grandparents would be worried about her, Long Fei did not try to hold her back.

The vehicle stopped at the roadside and Long Fei was suddenly reminded of his trip to Capital City a few days later.

"Su Ruan," Long Fei called her name before the girl could leave.

The girl turned with an inquiringly at him.



"Tomorrow, I will be going to Capital City for a few days," Long Fei said. "I will return before the carnival."

It was dark inside the car but Su Ruan could still see the serious look in his eyes. The corner of her lips subconsciously turned into a smile.

She had thought that he had something important to tell her but looking at his expression, Long Fei seemed to worry that he would not be able to attend this carnival.

Why did she feel that this person is kind of cute?

Surprisingly, President Long Fei from this big company had this side as well.

Su Ruan found that she could not stop smiling.

"Alright." She smiled. "I'll wait for you to return. Then, we'll go together."

The two of them exchanged a few more words before Su Ruan headed inside.

In the living room, her mother was sitting alone while watching the television. Ma Zheng Zheng heard the movement from the door and quickly looked up. Her gaze turned warmer when she saw her daughter at the door.

"You're back." Ma Zheng Zheng said. "Is everything going well?"

Su Ruan remember that her mother had thought that she had gone out with Long Fei to discuss her work matter.

"Mhm... Everything is fine." Worried that her mother would ask about her meeting with Long Fei, Su Ruan quickly change the topic. "Mom, what are you doing here? Are you waiting for me?"

Ma Zheng Zheng heaved a sigh but her expression was full of pampering. "Of course. I wouldn't be able to sleep until I see you home. Have you eaten?"

"Un. I'm full."

"Then go to bed earlier." Ma Zheng Zheng patted her daughter's shoulder. "I'll make you a glass of warm milk."

"Mom, that's not necessary. I'm too full. I'll head back to my room first. You should go and head to bed earlier."

"Alright. Alright. You go ahead. I'll go up after a while."

As she went back to her room, the first thing she did was to open her window. Su Ruan looked around and was disappointed that she could not see the little dragon.

After looking out the window for a while, Su Ruan finally heaved a sigh. If she knew that she would return later, then she would open her window and let the dragon wait for her inside.

No.

There was also this possibility that the dragon had not shown up yet, right?

As the thought came to her mind, Su Ruan decided to head into the bathroom to wash up and let her window slightly open.

However, when Su Ruan came out of the bathroom later, the dragon was still not around.. Her lips pursed into a thin line and Su Ruan could not hold her disappointment.

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It Is Impossible

In the next few days, Su Ruan did not see her little friend visiting her room at night. After she had forgotten to leave her window open for the little dragon to come in, the dragon had no longer show up. She waited for him every day but, the little dragon did not appear.

After two days, Su Ruan could not hide her disappointment.

At the same time, Su Ruan was worried. Later, she began to suspect that the dragon did not visit her again because she did not leave the window open on the night she went out with Long Fei. Perhaps, her little friend was unhappy that she had locked her window.

Of course, she was unaware that the reason was that the dragon was not in town.

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Long Fei went back to Capital City with his cousin, Long Yu Heng.

The moment he was on the flight, Long Fei began to feel a little uncomfortable all over his body. As he get further and further from Su Ruan, this feeling only increased.

It was irritating.

At this time, Long Fei sort of understood why his father could not bear to be without his mother by his side. It turned out that the impact would be this big.

Moreover, Long Fei was starting to get used to staying every night with Su Ruan.

Feeling a little uncomfortable, Long Fei loosened the tie around his neck. Then, he reached for the drinking bottle on his table and drank its content in one go.

At the side, Fu Xing was watching his boss in puzzlement.

He was carrying a few documents in his hand into the room when he caught the sight of his boss drinking more water.

It was just that... a few minutes ago, his boss had emptied another drinking bottle.

At this time, Fu Xing had lost count on just how much water his boss have drunk on this day.

Was he really that thirsty?

"Fu Xing."

The voice snapped him out of his trance. Fu Xing walked to the desk and placed the documents in his hands.

"President Long, these were the reports that you asked for."

Long Fei pulled the stack of documents in front of him and browsed through them. His brow furrowed when he could not find what he wanted to see.

"Fu Xing, have you found out anything from the investigation?" Long Fei asked.

The man stared back at his boss in puzzlement.

"Yu Zhi Yi," Long Fei reminded him.

It was then that Fu Xing remember that his boss had asked him to investigate a certain man. "Yes." Fu Xing fumbled with his phone and spoke. "I already emailed you the report early this morning."

Long Fei turned to the computer and finally saw the email that Fu Xing had mentioned.

Sensing that his assistant was still standing beside his table, Long Fei looked away from the computer screen and spoke, "You should go out first. I'll look at the document first and call you later."

Fu Xing nodded and retreated.

Once the door was shut, Long Fei clicked on the e-mail and read the information about Yu Zhi Yi. His brow furrowed upon noticing the long friendship between the man and Su Ruan.

It turned out that Su Ruan and this person has known each other for years. Although it was said that Su Ruan and Yu Zhi Yi were best friends, Long Fei could not shake off this feeling inside him. It felt as if there were something more than that...

He could still remember Su Ruan's expression while talking to Yu Zhi Yi that night. It was a little strange...

As he continued to read the report, Long Fei finally remember why was this man's name a little familiar.

The last time he was in Capital City, Long Fei had detected Su Ruan's presence and found her in the same hotel as he was.

When he finally saw her, Su Ruan was looking a little upset. He had asked someone to find out why was Su Ruan at the hotel and found out that she was attending a friend's gathering or some sort. At that time, he had heard Yu Zhi Yi's name.

The sound of the door knocked resounded in the room. Long Fei looked up and found his cousin, Long Yu Heng entered the room, carrying a few takeaway boxes.

"I know you are busy and wanted to settle everything quickly. But Ah Fei, you still have to eat something," Long Yu Heng said. He placed the boxes on the coffee table and glanced at Long Fei again.

However, Long Yu Heng's expression halted the moment he saw the number of emptied bottles on Long Fei's table.

He swore that he had restocked them an hour ago. Why was everything gone in a short amount of time? He recalled that the weather was not that hot these past few days.

"Ah Fei, are you that thirsty?" Long Yu Heng asked.

Long Fei glanced at the bottles and was surprised to see them too. It seemed as if he was not expecting that he would drink that much.

"Not really." Long Fei frowned. "Just that... it was too uncomfortable."

Long Yu Heng finally understood why his cousin drank too much water. It should have something to do with Miss Su Ruan.

As Long Fei's right-hand man, Long Yu Heng has heard how it would be uncomfortable for Long Fei to stay away from his other half.

Wasn't it like that when Su Ruan had left the town and never reappeared?

Long Fei had suffered greatly as a child. They did not know anything about Su Ruan. Fortunately, his condition got better as he grew up. But Long Fei had to soak in the lake water for a long time to calm down.

Everything has changed now that he had found Su Ruan again. But, in the past few days, this man had insisted on visiting Su Ruan at night and accompanying her until morning.

Now that they were separated, of course, Long Fei would feel uncomfortable. For someone like Long Fei, being around his other half was like a drug. Without Su Ruan around, the feeling was suffocating.

Only by drinking a lot of water would he feel more at ease.

Long Yu Heng pursed his lips into a thin line as he looked at the situation. "Then, I will ask them to send more water for you."

The drinking water for Long Fei was of course, not of those usual drinking mineral water.

As Long Yu Heng turned to leave, Long Fei lowered his head to continue looking at his documents. Just in time, his gaze fell on a part of the documents. His eyes flashed.

"Wait!"

Long Yu Heng turned around, shooting an inquiring look at his cousin. Seeing the serious look in Long Fei's eyes, Long Yu Heng was immediately alarmed.

"Yu Heng, come over."

As he approached closer, Long Yu Heng followed his cousin's gaze and looked at the documents on the table. A puzzled look flashed in his eyes as he saw that Long Fei was not reading any work-related documents.

Before Long Yu Heng could ask anything, Long Fei had spoken first.

"Yu Heng, look at this." Long Fei pointed his finger at a name on the document. "Don't you think that this name is quite familiar?"

As Long Yu Heng looked at the name, he immediately understood the change in Long Fei's eyes.

"This person... wasn't she a part of the troublesome group? Professor Chen's granddaughter's name is also Shen Yue."

His eyes narrowed, thinking that he was not the only person who think that this Shen Yue was related to that old man.

"Yu Heng, help me to investigate."

Long Yu Heng nodded. "But, why did you suddenly investigate this person?" He looked at the document again and saw another familiar name on top. "Yu Zhi Yi? Why are you investigating him?"

"Yu Zhi Yi is a friend of Su Ruan."

It was then that he recalled that Long Fei had asked him to find out about this name at the hotel.

"Then, this Miss Shen?"

"She is Yu Zhi Yi's fiancee."

A look of surprise appeared in Long Yu Heng's eyes upon hearing their relationship. Then, the look quickly turned into something else. "Ah Fei, do you think that Miss Su is related to them?"

"No!" Long Fei quickly answered. "Su Ruan shouldn't have anything to do with that group."

Long Yu Heng hesitated.

Although Long Fei was convinced that Su Ruan was not related to that group, it doesn't mean that Long Yu Heng would feel the same.

Seeing the look in Long Yu Heng's eyes, Long Fei quickly understood what was his cousin thinking about. "Let's not forget that it was Su Ruan who had helped me to heal and escape when that old man chase me in the town. She is not related to them," Long Fei said. "It is impossible."

"You're right." Long Yu Heng exhaled lightly. The look on his face was no longer as hostile.. "I will go and investigate."

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His Sudden Phone Call

Long Fei was looking at the documents on his desk when he suddenly felt a little thirsty. Stretching his hand, he grabbed the water bottle at his side and noticed that it was empty.

His brow furrowed, finding that there were no more drinking bottles at his side.

Turning to his side, there was only one last bottle of drinking water on the coffee table.

It was then that he remembered Long Yu Heng had warned that he will have to slow down on drinking too much water as their stock was running low and they will only be able to restock his drinking water in the afternoon.

It has been a few days since he had returned to Capital City. The stock they have in hand would usually be able to help him last for a week. But this time, his water consumption was a bit abnormal. It was all because he was feeling uncomfortable without having Su Ruan by his side.

At this time, Long Fei was slightly regretting that he had not listened to Long Yu Heng's words.

He shouldn't sneak into Su Ruan's room and spend his night by her side. Now that he was unable to see her for a few days, Long Fei felt tormented.

He really needed to do his work fast and return to D Town quickly where he can be the closest to Su Ruan.

Taking a deep breath, Long Fei massaged the space between his brow. He grabbed his phone on the side and texted Long Yu Heng to remind him about his drinking water.

After pondering for a while, Long Fei scrolled through his contact and finally stopped at Su Ruan's name. He stared at her name for a few seconds longer, wondering what she was doing at this moment.

A trace of helplessness appeared on his face.

His heart felt heavy now that she was not by his side. However, staring at her name like this would still give him a slight relief.

Long Fei thought that his addiction to Su Ruan's presence was getting worst.

He wondered just how could he bring her to his side quickly. He really could not bear being away from her for too long.

Subconsciously, his fingers moved towards the call button. When he finally snapped out of his trance, the call was already connected and he could hear Su Ruan's voice on the other line.

"Hello?"

His eyes widened. Long Fei had not expected that Su Ruan would pick up his phone call this fast.

"Long Fei?" Su Ruan spoke again when the man had not said a word.

Clearing his throat, Long Fei finally pressed the phone to his ear and spoke, "Su Ruan.

"Did you call me for something?"

Her question made him halt. He was missing her and did not think too much when he pressed the call button. Long Fei found that he did not know how to answer this question.

"Can't I just call you?" Long Fei blurted out.

There was a brief pause before Su Ruan's soft laughter could be heard on the other line. "Of course, you can. It was just that, I didn't hear anything from you after you leave for Capital City. I thought that you were preoccupied with work. I did not expect that you would call suddenly."

Long Fei realized that he had made a mistake.

He had told her that he wanted to get to know her but after he left, he had not tried to contact her. Of course, Su Ruan would think that it was strange for him to suddenly call.

"Sorry. I was indeed a little busy," Long Fei said.

The past few days, Long Fei was too busy looking at a few important documents and meeting some people to discuss work. He wanted to deal with his work quickly and return to the town before the festivity.

Because of that, he did not think of getting in touch with her.

Thinking about it made him feel a little guilty.

However, because of his special circumstance, Long Fei had never been in a relationship and was unaware of what he should do.

He met Su Ruan while they were still young and she had become his other half because of something that he had done.

Because of that, Long Fei had never tried to get to know other women or learn anything about romance. He was still a newbie. There were a lot of things that he did not know he should do and he was too embarrassed to consult anyone about this.

"But don't worry. I will still make it back before the festivity," Long Fei quickly added. He was worried that Su Ruan would think that he would not come back because he was too busy.

"It's fine. Your work is more important."

"No. I have promised that I will attend the carnival with you." His tone sounded firm.

Su Ruan smiled. The man was busy with his work but he was still worried about the festivity. She could not help thinking that this side of him was cute.

"Alright. Don't push yourself to work too hard. Your health is more important."

Her reminder warmed his heart. Without realizing it, his discomfort had gradually dissipated as he listened to her voice.

"Un. I know." His lips turned up into a smile. "What are you up to this recently?"

Su Ruan was helping the others to pack up some fruits that they were going to sell at the farmer's market during the carnival when Long Fei had called. Sensing that this call would take a while, she quickly excused herself and walked out of the building.

"My grandpa's orchard will be selling some products. I was helping them to organize some stuff," Su Ruan said.

The two of them chatted about their daily life with Su Ruan mostly telling him about her activity in the orchard. Long Fei thought that listening to her talking about food packing was more interesting than talking about his works in Capital City.

Moreover, Su Ruan doesn't seem as if she had run out of things to say. There was always something interesting for her to tell.

A strange feeling filled his heart. Listening to Su Ruan's voice made him feel slightly better but he found that he was missing her a lot. Long Fei suddenly had the urge to see her.

"I should be able to return to town in a couple of days," Long Fei spoke after a while. He could only take a few deep breaths to suppress his longing. "That's right. Is there anything you want me to bring back from Capital City?"

Su Ruan thought for a moment and finally gave her answer, "Just bring me something delicious."

"What would you like to have?"

"Anything is fine. You seem very knowledgeable on where to find delicious food around," Su Ruan said. "Why don't you surprise me?"

As he placed his phone on the table, Long Fei could not stop thinking about Su Ruan's request.

It was fine if she had asked him to introduce some delicious food in D Town. He has been living in the place for years and knew the place best.

However, he did not know much about good food in Capital City.

Each time that he came to Capital City, he mostly had his meal in the hotel where he was staying or else, it would be Long Yu Heng who would bring him some takeout boxes.

Long Fei had never really spent his time in Capital City to find a good place to eat.

But he did not want to disappoint Su Ruan. After he had taken Su Ruan out to eat in D Town, the girl seemed to think that he was someone who know how to eat and appreciate good food.

After pondering about this matter for a while, Long Fei finally decided to dial a number.

The tone lasted for a few seconds before the other person finally picked up the phone. The moment the phone call was connected, Long Fei could hear a commotion on the other line. It was too noisy.

"Hello? Lu Xun?" Long Fei spoke when the other party did not say a thing.

"Sorry. I was a little busy with... something," Lu Xun spoke.

"Is this a bad time?"

"No. It's fine. I can handle this," Lu Xun said.

"It seemed that your days are getting livelier with the two kids around," Long Fei commented.

His best friend, Lu Xun had finally become a father of a twin a few months ago. The last time Long Fei had visited them, he had witnessed how the twin babies were very attached to their father. He had quickly figured out that Lu Xun was busy with the kids just now.

"It's not so bad," Lu Xun laughed. "I heard that you were in Capital City. Are you going coming to visit?"

"Maybe next time," Long Fei chuckled. "I'm in a rush to return to D Town."



"Something happened?"

"There's an event I need to attend," Long Fei said. "I'll come and visit you again next time. That's right. I called to ask for your advice."

Hearing his words, Lu Xun's expression turned serious. "What is it?"

"Could you recommend me to delicious food in Capital City?" Long Fei coughed.. Before Lu Xun could ask him more about it, Long Fei had quickly explained, "A family member asked me to bring back something but I did not know much about it."