

The Dragon Beside Me

Chapter: 3

Her One Sided Love

"You're meeting Yu Zhi Yi this Christmas eve?"

Su Ruan could sense her friend's gaze as she spoke those words. She did not have to think much to figure out what was going on in Qin Ling's mind at this time. However, Su Ruan was not going to let her friend spoil her good mood now that her best friend, Yu Zhi Yi is coming back to see her.

"Uh-huh," Su Ruan affirmed. The smile on her face turned wider. She could not hide how happy she was at the thought of seeing Yu Zhi Yi again.

There was a hint of displeasure on Qin Ling's face. She had been friends with Su Ruan since high school and had heard about Su Ruan's best friend in college for years.

During this time, Qin Ling had met Yu Zhi Yi a few times. Although she could not see that there was anything wrong with Yu Zhi Yi, Qin Ling found that she did not like that man very much.

It was probably because Lin Qing knew about Su Ruan's feelings towards that man. As her friend, Lin Qing was biased. Although Yu Zhi Yi had not done anything wrong, Lin Qing did not like it as he had hurt Su Ruan.

Su Ruan and Yu Zhi Yi met in college during a sports festival.

Yu Zhi Yi majored in architecture and Su Ruan was in journalism. They both represented their faculty for the sports festival. Su Ruan was in a volleyball match and Yu Zhi Yi with his soccer.

The first time Su Ruan set her eyes on Yu Zhi Yi, was during a soccer game where he competed against her faculty. It was love at first sight. Su Ruan fell for his handsome look and was attracted to Yu Zhi Yi's energy and passion for the game.

Later on, Su Ruan found herself cheering for Yu Zhi Yi instead of her own team.

It wasn't until the closing ceremony that she managed to talk to him. Su Ruan complimented him on his game and was surprised to learn that he had watched her during her volleyball match. They chatted a bit and instantly get along with each other. Later on, she found out that they shared a lot of similarities – music, food, and the list go on.

After interacting with him a few times, Su Ruan realized that she had fallen for him.

It wasn't like she never thought of telling him how she feels for him. She tried. A few times.

The first time she tried to tell him about her feeling was during summer vacation ten years ago.

Su Ruan had mustered every ounce of courage she had to confess. She had worn her best dress and applied some make-up on her face for that special occasion. She knew that Yu Zhi Yi was working part-time during summer vacation and decided to wait for him there.

However, the moment she arrived, Su Ruan saw that Yu Zhi Yi was kissing some other girls from his faculty.

It turned out that the two of them had started to date two days prior when the girl came and confessed to him.

Su Ruan was only a few days late.

She could not help but wonder if she was a little earlier, would her status beside Yu Zhi Yi change?

From then on, Su Ruan stood beside Yu Zhi Yi as his best friend, while watching him dating and breaking up with a few girls. Their relationships remained the same. Yu Zhi Yi probably sees her as his friend and nothing more.

However, Su Ruan continued to stay around, hoping that there would be a day where she would finally be together with the person she had liked for years.

Yu Zhi Yi can date all the girls he wanted but in the end, Su Ruan was sure that he would finally realize that the person who was meant to be with him was right in front of him all along. And that person is her.

Actually, there were countless attempts where she wanted to tell him that she's in love with him.

But each time, her plan would go down the drain. For example, there was that one time that she had met an accident and later, the mood does not feel right for her to confess. After failing to confess a few times, Su Ruan was beginning to believe that the universe did not want to let them be together.

Of course, she then dismissed that crazy thought and decided to stay positive.

Her last attempt to confess to Yu Zhi Yi was during their final year.

Su Ruan went to his faculty to look for him. She saw him with his friends exiting the building and marched towards him. It was then that she overheard his friend's question,

"What's your relationship with Su Ruan, then?"

"What are you saying? Su Ruan is my best friend. There was no way that I would think about her that way." Yu Zhi Yi answered. "Xi Ning, if you're interested in her, you should go ahead and tell her."

Su Ruan took a deep breath and turned around.

She could not hide her disappointment upon hearing his answer. He had even encouraged his friend to go after her.

The next day, Yu Zhi Yi's friend, Xi Ning had approached her and confessed his feelings. Because she was angry with Yu Zhi Yi, Su Ruan decided to agree.

Because she was frustrated. Disappointed. And stupid.

However, she thought that it was a good opportunity to test Yu Zhi Yi and make him jealous.

But clearly, her plan was not working.

Yu Zhi Yi did not seem to have much reaction when he found out that she had agreed to go out with Xi Ning. He had even wished them good luck with their relationship.

It broke her heart.

Knowing that she was using Xi Ning made her feel very guilty. She realized that she was making a big mistake to date a guy that she didn't like.

After dating Xi Ning for two months, Su Ruan decided to break up.

From then on, Yu Zhi Yi remained as her best friend and her one-sided love.