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What did he mean by that?

The way he said it sounded so inappropriate!

Bai Rong felt awkward and tried to push him off but to no avail.

She helplessly explained, "It was your subordinate who told me you haven't been sleeping well, so I didn't want to disturb you while you rested. Since I also had some things to take care of, I left without waking you."

Gu Mingchen held her face by the cheeks, forcing her to look at him directly.

He was so furious that even his breath felt warm on her face, "Right, so you only made me sleep and didn't do anything to me?"

"I did want to do something to you, but you were sleeping like a log, so I couldn't do anything either."
Bai Rong tried to brush his hands off, but he only leaned in closer.

"What did you want to do to me?"

Bai Rong pushed at his chest and raised her voice, "Treat you, of course! What were you thinking?!"

Gu Mingchen pursed his lips as he stared at her without saying a word, and Bai Rong felt even more guilty as his gaze seemed to penetrate her soul.

As she shifted her gaze down to break eye contact, he commanded, "Look at me!"

Bai Rong felt that she would be surrendering if she backed away now, so she mustered up her courage and stared at him straight in the eye.

"You admitted previously that we have slept before, right?" Gu Mingchen asked coldly.

Bai Rong did not expect him to bring that matter up, and it caught her completely off guard.

She couldn't deny it, "What are you trying to say?"

Gu Mingchen smirked as he recalled the same dream he had been having for the past three years.

The woman in the dreams was missing a pinky finger, and although he couldn't see her face clearly, he could tell that she was sad and in pain as she repeatedly cried out, "Gu Mingchen, where are you? I miss you, please come back! Gu Mingchen!"

He had always suspected that the woman was Bai Rong.

From how strange she acted the first time they met, to the confusing relationship they shared, and to her attempt at suicide and lastly, her working hard studying abroad.

She might not know it, but he had been to her institution many times to observe her.

Her personality was cold, antisocial and she rarely spoke. If not for how she confidently gave speeches in class and had a terrifyingly great sense of logic when handling her cases, she would seem like a person with autism.

Perhaps it was because of her that he had been to America often and came in contact with his cousin's family and had escorted her back home.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have possibly been the one to escort her, given his status and busy schedule.

He was now certain that they had a past relationship, and even had sex.

He didn't even have sex with Zhou Hailan nor Su Wanning, but he did it with her.

That meant he must really like her.

"Why did we break up?" Gu Mingchen asked directly while staring into her eyes.

"Our personalities, lifestyle habits and family backgrounds weren't suitable." Bai Rong said coldly in an attempt to hide her true emotions.

"Are we not sexually compatible as well?" Gu Mingchen frowned.

Bai Rong paused and clenched her fists as she pondered over the best way to answer him.

She would anger him if she said no, and would encourage him if she said yes.

"I don't want to talk about the past anymore." Bai Rong evaded his question.

Gu Mingchen lifted her off the floor with ease and Bai Rong couldn't struggle free as he was simply too strong.

He placed her on the bed with his palms pressing down on both her sides as he stared into her eyes, “I want to talk about it, so tell me how our sex was like. The more detailed the description, the better.”

Bai Rong was getting anxious as she felt he was being too intimate with her that it was suffocating her.

“We are not in any sort of relationship now, Chief. Don’t you think this is a bit too much?” Bai Rong refused.

“What kind of relationship do you want, then?” Gu Mingchen asked.

“I don’t want any!” Bai Rong pushed at him.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her hands and pinned them above her head, “I want to make a few things clear. Firstly, what is the story behind our missing pinky fingers? Secondly, what is the reason that we broke up? Thirdly, what have we been through before? If you tell me everything, I’ll let you go.”

Bai Rong gave up on struggling.

What’s the point of struggling? What am I afraid of?

He’d let go of me once I told him everything anyway.

He isn’t interested in knowing about our relationship. He is interested in his lost memories.

Gu Mingchen only has Zhou Hailan in his heart now. I might have been overthinking a little.

However, her heart still hurt and her eyes teared up as she recalled their tale.

“We met because a pregnant woman was held hostage. Then, you were drugged, and we had sex. You felt guilty for what you did to me, so you treated me very well. Later on, we were both abducted and had our pinky fingers cut off. Your job was simply too dangerous for me, so I said I wanted to break up with you. And just like I had expected, you had an accident in one of your missions and lost your memories.” Bai Rong said coldly as she observed Gu Mingchen’s expression.

Even as an expert in psychology, she couldn’t tell what Gu Mingchen was thinking at that very moment.

“Who drugged us?” Gu Mingchen questioned.

His tone was cold and decisive like a chief, unlike the Gu Mingchen that she held dear in her memories.

“I don’t know. You had a lot of enemies and would never tell me anything, so I wouldn’t ask you about this confidential information either.” Bai Rong said calmly.

“Who abducted us?” Gu Mingchen pressed on.

“I don’t know that either.” Bai Rong continued to play dumb, as the more she said, the higher the risk of her making a mistake.

Gu Mingchen was growing impatient by her attitude, “What position was our favorite?”

She didn’t want to remember those memories as they were too painful for her.

“From behind.” Bai Rong casually blurted out an answer.

When he raped her back then, he did it from behind, that's why she couldn't even get a good look at his face.

Gu Mingchen frowned, "Have I ever....." He paused, as he found it awkward to put into words even as a guy, "Had oral sex with you?"

"No." Bai Rong answered without even thinking.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her chin, "You're lying."

Bai Rong was getting angry from embarrassment and brushed his hand off as she shouted, "It's been too long, I've forgotten it long ago!"

He was only testing her at first, but her response had indirectly given him a direct answer.

So they had done that before, and he would never have done that if he didn't love her.

She was lying to him!

Why was she lying?!

"Then let's relive the moment."

Before Bai Rong could react, he had kissed her on the lips.....

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He was very dominant and strong, just like in her memories.

Wild and domineering, not allowing any resistance.

She was completely at his mercy.

She didn't want to go back to the past where every day was spent in despair, so she tried her best to force her lips shut in order to keep him out.

But her resistance only fueled his desire to dominate her, and he kissed her even more aggressively as his hand slid into her skirt.

Bai Rong opened her eyes widely in fear, but was unable to make a single sound nor struggle free.

He insists on making me love him again, but what next? What will happen after I do?!

He has forgotten about me completely, so I can only watch him love another woman while I love him deeply.

I'll become the target of public criticism, while he'll be able to let go of me so freely and easily.

If Su Xuyan had taught her about sadness and anger, then Gu Mingchen had taught her despair.

Despair to the point that she was still seriously ill and could not save herself.

She could pretend to be fine and cheerful during the day. At night, however, her emotions would return to the way they were from three years ago when she slit her wrists.

As long as she was alive, she would be alone as no one could warm her ice-cold heart.

Even in death, she would still be alone in the world of darkness enjoying her solitude.

She was living her life like a ghost, watching the lives of others, as she felt that her own life had already ended when she slit her wrists three years ago.

She was living her life the way others wanted her to live, but her heart was already dead.

As Gu Mingchen forcefully thrust himself into her, Bai Rong felt nothing but humiliation and anger as she lay motionless and stared coldly at him.

Gu Mingchen noticed that she had stopped struggling and stopped as he stared at her.

“Chief, are you going to force yourself on me like this? You hold such a high position and could have any woman you like. Even if you did rape me, I don’t think I’d be able to sue you, would I?” Bai Rong said coldly.

“You think I’m raping you?” Gu Mingchen asked.

“Do I look like I’m enjoying it?” Bai Rong asked sarcastically.

“Then enjoy it.” Gu Mingchen said.

He didn't even know why he would behave so wildly towards her.

Actually, he had already found his act of inviting her over to his house after meeting her on the train to be crazy enough.

He just had some sort of special feeling towards her that he couldn't understand.

Every time he dreamt of that girl crying and asking him to come back, he would feel an inexplicable pain in his chest. It would hurt so much that he couldn't sleep and wished that he could just cut his heart out.

He wanted answers, but his parents and friends stopped him from getting them. And now, even she was stopping him from getting the answers he was looking for.

The more they tried to stop him, the more determined he was to find his answers, even if it meant destroying himself in the process.

Gu Mingchen kissed her again, and she pursed her lips immediately in response.

He tried sucking hard on her lips till they were swollen and kept his gaze focused on her every expression, hoping to see her arousal.

However, she showed no sign of it.

She too, stared back at him, her expression filled with disdain, pride and arrogance as she was a rather feisty woman as well.

He gripped her chin and said with hatred, "Didn't you say that you couldn't do anything even if I forced myself on you? So are you hoping me to do so or not?"

"I don't." Bai Rong said without hesitation.

"Then behave." Gu Mingchen said.

Bai Rong felt like she was being torn apart by him.

She had not been with any other men in the past three years, so all she felt was pain, both physical and mental.

She refused to cry but her tears flowed uncontrollably, while his eyes were filled with nothing but a cold gaze.

She wondered what Gu Mingchen had gone through in the past three years after losing his memories to have become so cruel like this.

Bai Rong went from sobbing to wailing as she knew that Gu Mingchen wouldn't treat her like this if he had not lost his memories.

However, there was no such thing as 'what if' in this world.

Gu Mingchen softened up, and leaned over to kiss her tears.

They tasted salty.

He kissed her from the corner of her eyes to her cheeks and her lips.

He became gentler in his continuous barrage of kisses, and let go of her ankle.

He had her sit on him, and they both sat face to face with each other.

He stared into her eyes, and she felt embarrassed about how she had wailed uncontrollably earlier.

She was no longer a little girl, nor was it her first time, yet she cried like she was a young virgin girl.

She looked away.

She wasn't upset that they had sex, but that the Gu Mingchen she knew was nowhere to be found, be it in life or in death.

She sobbed in silence.

"Is it your fertile period now?" Gu Mingchen asked.

She would've said yes anyway, even if she wasn't. "Don't ejaculate inside."

"Okay." Gu Mingchen responded.

Bai Rong didn't even know when it ended.

It had far exceeded her expectations to have sex with him on her first day back in the country.

She couldn't let it go on like this.

Gu Mingchen was very aggressive in the process, and had probably realized that he might have been too rough on her as he was very gentle when he helped to wipe her clean afterwards.

Bai Rong was angry at his tyrannical behavior and brushed his hand off as she cleaned herself up.

"Did it feel alright when I did it from behind?" Gu Mingchen asked.

Bai Rong rolled her eyes at him in disgust, and he knew that she must have been feeling uncomfortable.

She refused to answer the question, "You may go now, Chief. I want to take a shower."

"Is there a direct relation between you showering and having me leave?" Gu Mingchen frowned.

Bai Rong tossed a pillow at him in response, but he caught it easily, "You sure have quite a temper."

He placed the pillow behind her and stared at her as he thought about how he had suddenly felt that she was the one he was looking for.

He felt at ease when he was certain that he must have loved her deeply before.

But what about her?

Did she really not love me like she said in her story?

He felt uncomfortable at the thought of that.

“What do you plan to do next?” Gu Mingchen asked rationally.

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Bai Rong was speechless with anger as he had practically used her and then asked her what she planned to do next.

What else could I do? Sue him?

She could lie to everyone else, but not herself.

The truth was, she couldn't bring herself to do so. She couldn't bring herself to ruin his reputation, to drive him crazy and to hurt him in the slightest.

Even if he had forgotten about her, and if he only had Zhou Hailan in his heart, she couldn't bring herself to do it.

Bai Rong felt something warm on her face, and realized that she had started crying again. She wiped her tears off and stared at Gu Mingchen.

“What are you crying about?” Gu Mingchen asked as he frowned.

Bai Rong threw another pillow at him out of anger, which he also caught and placed back on the bed.

“Let’s just forget about each other. You have become very influential and powerful. Someday, you will become the greatest man that everyone wishes for you to be.” Bai Rong said coldly.

“Everyone including you?” Gu Mingchen asked.

“Of course. I don’t have a grudge against you. When I become a grandmother in the future, I’ll proudly tell my grandchildren about how I had a boyfriend who became the greatest man in the world.” Bai Rong said without hesitation.

Gu Mingchen sat on the sofa and stared intensely at her in silence.

Bai Rong dared not look at him nor say anything for fear of accidentally exposing anything else.

The atmosphere was oddly tense and silent, and an hour passed just like that.

Gu Mingchen finally got up while Bai Rong looked at him nervously.

He didn’t say a word and just left the room after putting his clothes on, and Bai Rong slumped back into the bed.

Although he had left the room, his scent still lingered inside, and Bai Rong remembered that one night from a long time ago.

An unyielding soldier had shielded her, the person he wished to protect, with his body.

He was always fearless as he fought on the frontlines in battle. He was the only person who could give her a feeling of warmth.

Fate, however, was cold to her and took everything from her.

Bai Rong got angry at the thought of her cursed fate, and began smashing the ashtray, lamp and television in her hotel room.

It was only when she ran out of energy that she slumped onto the sofa and started to tremble as she cried her heart out.

Even after she stopped crying, her heart was still aching terribly.

Sometimes, being too rational and mature would only lead to greater despair.

There was no cure to this problem of hers.

She took the white bottle out from her bag, popped a pill into her mouth and swallowed it before climbing into bed.

The strong sleeping pill was not actually prepared for mentally strong patients, but for herself. That was why she always carried them with her.

Bai Rong eventually fell asleep and didn't wake up until the next morning.

As she opened her eyes and saw the mess in the room, she knew she had suffered from a relapse again.

Bai Rong called the hotel front desk, "I'll check out in an hour. There's an accident in my room. I recommend you have the housekeeping manager come have a look, and put the damage costs on my bill when I check out at the counter."

She then went into the bathroom to get ready and get changed.

As she was packing her luggage, the housekeeping manager came to her room and was startled to see the broken pieces of furniture all over the floor, "Was there robbery here? I can call the police."

"There's no need for that. Calculate the cost, and I'll just pay you accordingly." Bai Rong said as she zipped up her luggage, "Is it still raining outside?"

"No, the rain has stopped." The housekeeping manager said.

"Alright." Bai Rong dragged her luggage out of the room and took the elevator down to the lobby.

"I'm the guest from room 1809. I'm checking out now." Bai Rong handed over the room key and deposit slip to the staff at the front desk.

She knew the housekeeping manager would have to record all the damages, so she took her phone out and texted Mu Xiaosheng, "I'll reach the research institute slightly later today."

"Sure, I've arranged a proposal for you. You can have a look once you come over and sign it right away if it is okay." Mu Xiaosheng replied.

"Sure."

"Madam, it's a total of fifteen thousand and six hundred." The cashier said.

"Can I use PayPal?" Bai Rong asked.

“Yes.”

As Bai Rong was preparing her PayPal app, someone handed over a credit card to the cashier from beside her, “Charge her expenses to this card.”

Bai Rong looked at the man next to her in confusion.

He was fair-skinned, tall and in good shape. The man seemed mature and was dressed in a suit and wearing black-framed glasses.

But, she didn't know him.

The man saw the confused look on her face and said with a smile, “Mr. Gu has sent me.”

“Which Mr. Gu?” Bai Rong started thinking of all the people she knew.

She didn't know many people with the surname Gu, and Gu Mingchen's name came up.

“Gu Mingchen.” The man replied.

Bai Rong didn't want anyone to know about her relationship with Gu Mingchen, so she kept her voice low as she said, “I don't need him to pay for me.”

“Ms. Bai, you are a smart person and a psychologist too. You should be familiar with Mr. Gu's temper and attitude. If he wishes to pay for it, no one can stop him.” Lei Nuo said with a smile.

Bai Rong frowned and turned away in confusion.

The reason she chose a different spot to check out was precisely because she didn't want to be caught up with him.

What on earth is Gu Mingchen playing at?!

She was still confused as she dragged her luggage towards the entrance, when four big and strong men stood in her way.

Bai Rong turned and looked at Lei Nuo furiously, while he casually handed her the money for the room deposit.

Bai Rong brushed his hand away, "What's the meaning of all this?!"

"Ms. Bai, we'll talk in the car. You know you have no other choice, given the power and influence of Mr. Gu. Maybe you aren't aware yet, but he can easily have you disappear without a trace." Lei Nuo said with a smile.

This man is the devil with a smile of an angel!

As Bai Rong walked outside, Lei Nuo grabbed her luggage and placed it into the trunk.

She took a deep breath, composed herself and got into the Lincoln.

Gu Mingchen was not in the car.

Lei Nuo sat in front of her and began his negotiations, "Mr. Gu really likes you and would like you to be his mistress for a year. You may list out your conditions."

"What?" Bai Rong was very shocked that Gu Mingchen would send someone over to ask her to be his mistress.

What did he mean by being his mistress?

He already had a fiancée, so that would practically make her a shameless mistress of his.

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He was really testing the limits of her patience each time.

Bai Rong forced herself to calm down, "I'm sorry, but I am not in desperate need of money, nor am I selling myself like that. I have a proper job and would not like to be anyone's mistress."

"Ms. Bai, you know how it is. Your friend Liu Yan who is currently working in the Special Forces could be an enemy spy for all we know. It's hard to say." Lei Nuo said with a smile, which sent chills down her spine.

What he meant was that they could easily kill Liu Yan off and even wipe out her entire family along with her.

She wondered why Gu Mingchen had become like that, as he was very different from the person she remembered.

Just what had he been through in the past three years?!

Bai Rong was so furious that she clenched her fists so tightly to the point where her veins were bulging from the back of her hand and she was trembling all over.

“Don’t be angry, Ms. Bai. Mr. Gu is actually quite a nice person. At least, he keeps his personal life clean and doesn’t seek other women to take care of his physical needs often.” Lei Nuo said.

Often? That meant he had done such a thing!

Then again, he is already thirty-three years old, so it would be normal for him to do that too.

However, she didn’t want to be that woman, and would rather have nothing more to do with that man till the day she passed away.

“From what I know, Gu Mingchen is currently in the running for commander-in-chief, right? Aren’t you worried that his future would be ruined if these rumors got out?” Bai Rong tried to negotiate calmly.

“Mr. Gu doesn’t plan on competing for the position of commander-in-chief for now. So it seems like you do care about him.” Lei Nuo said.

“He’s not competing?” Bai Rong was confused.

He was a very popular candidate in terms of his influence, financial status and public support, and had a 70% chance of getting the position.

Forget it, why am I worried about all this? None of this has anything to do with me!

“Ms. Bai, I would advise that you ask for things that you personally want. Trying to resist him would only end badly for you, as well as some other people dear to you. Think of it this way, you can use this opportunity to get whatever you want. Although a year isn’t a very long time, it can save you a few years’ worth of hard work. Besides, this relationship will be kept secret, so no one would ever know about it, and it won’t affect you getting married and having children in the future either. So, why would you be against it? On top of that, Mr. Gu is an extremely powerful man in A City, so you have nothing to lose by being with him. Who knows? You might just get him to fall in love with you and become his future wife! At the moment, Mr. Gu has a fiancée but he doesn’t plan on getting married yet, so you still have a chance.” Lei Nuo negotiated.

Bai Rong was no idiot, and was all too familiar with the difference between the strong and the weak.

“I want to talk about this with Gu Mingchen.” Bai Rong said.

Lei Nuo saw that he had done his part and said what he could, so he got out of the car and made a call.

A moment later, he got back into the car and said, “Mr. Gu agrees to talk to you, we’ll head over right now.”

Bai Rong looked out the window as the car drove on, and saw that it seemed to be heading towards Sky Resort.

She figured that it was probably where Gu Mingchen would usually rest.

After about an hour, they arrived at Sky Resort.

Lieutenant Song stood at the entrance and told Bai Rong with an expressionless face, "Chief is in a meeting right now and will be here a little later. He wants you to wait for him."

Bai Rong didn't say a thing and just went inside and sat on the sofa, while Lei Nuo's men brought her luggage to her and placed them beside the sofa.

Bai Rong started looking at the news on her phone and saw that a chemical plant in Shujiang City had exploded last night, killing more than 200 people.

Human lives were really fragile.

The families of the deceased were probably devastated, but life had to go on regardless.

However, even if they did move on, they would always feel as if a part of them was missing.

Someone pushed the door open, and Bai Rong looked towards it.

Gu Mingchen came into the room and handed Lieutenant Song his windbreaker.

He was dressed in a stereotypical white dress shirt and black coat, which gave him a strict and cold look.

His face was void of expression as usual as he sat down in front of her, "Lei Nuo said you wanted to talk to me?"

"I think a lot of women who would willingly throw themselves at Mr. Gu but why do you keep forcing one that is unwilling?" Bai Rong asked coldly.

“You want to know why?” Gu Mingchen gave her a cold stare.

“Firstly, to be honest, you are not the type I like, yet I have dated you before. So, I am curious and want to know why I liked you back then. Secondly, since we have already had sex before as well as last night, then I don’t need to find other women. Thirdly, I think you’re hiding a lot of things from me. If you won’t tell me, I can only discover them myself through spending time with you. Fourthly, last night felt quite good. On a certain level, you match my fantasies towards women, and it is about time for me to have a woman of my own. Anything else you’d like to ask?” Gu Mingchen was simple and direct in his answer, despite it being something indecent and personal.

“Haven’t you realized that I don’t like you?” Bai Rong said coldly.

Gu Mingchen gave her a cold look in return, “Does that matter to me?”

Bai Rong looked at Gu Mingchen in confusion.

It felt as if she had encountered a bandit and there was nothing she could do against him.

“I want total freedom. You must not control my work and personal life.” Bai Rong said helplessly.

“You will never have total freedom being with me. You must come here whenever I give you a call. I don’t have much time to waste with you.” Gu Mingchen said coldly as he stood up.

Bai Rong stood up as well, “You can at least leave my work and personal life alone, right? Apart from that, a year is too long for me. I’ll give you three months at most, and we will never see each other again after that.”

Never see each other again?

She sure is heartless and cruel.

Gu Mingchen turned around and grabbed her by the chin, "You are not in a position to negotiate with me."

Bai Rong brushed his hand off angrily and glared at him, "Your so-called right is just abusing your power to trample on other people's self-esteem and having people obey you unconditionally! Why do you do this?! Coercion will only drive people away. It won't win their heart over."

Gu Mingchen gave her a cold look, "Is your heart worthy of me winning it over? Correct your mindset. All I want is to know about the past that you are all hiding from me. I'm not interested in you as a person at all."

Bai Rong kept quiet and pursed her lips.

Gu Mingchen realized that he had gone overboard, "Stop angering me any further and go take a shower first."

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Bai Rong finally understood.

Gu Mingchen wanted her to be his woman not because he loved, or even liked her. Instead, it was for him to find out about his past.

He was sounding her out, observing and assessing her.

She could feel her heart aching badly.

His parents hid the past from him because they did not want their son to get involved with her again and destroy his own future.

As for her, she did not want to reveal the past to him as she did not want to become the obstacle to his success.

In the name of protection, they had led Gu Mingchen to become an unfeeling, stony-hearted person.

"I am not showering." Bai Rong insisted and turned to face the side, feeling frustrated.

The man pulled her into his arms and said, "Then I will help you."

Bai Rong tried to wriggle out of his grip, but it was as though his arm was made of steel, she failed to do so.

The hot air that Gu Mingchen was exhaling fell onto her cold face.

As she was unable to escape, Bai Rong gave up struggling. She heaved out a sigh and relented. "I will shower myself."

"You can choose any room you like and you will be staying here from now on. I will come by when I have time. I am usually very busy and only have one or two days free a month. You are free to do anything you want for the rest of the time." The man said in a deep voice as he looked at her with his blazing eyes, as though he was acceding to her previous request.

Bai Rong did a quick mental calculation. If he was only free one to two days a month, she would at most see him for twenty-four days in a year. It did not seem too unbearable.

"I have already told you everything I knew about you. We haven't known each other for long. This is something you can easily verify. From the day of that operation to save the pregnant woman till the day

of your accident, it was at most half a year. Besides, we have already broken up before that." She explained.

"I will investigate to confirm if what you said is true." Gu Mingchen did not believe her.

"Within this one year, don't tell anyone about our arrangement. If we see each other outside, we have to pretend that we don't know each other, is that ok?" Bai Rong made a request.

Gu Mingchen looked at her sharply.

Countless women wanted to be associated with him. Why was she so afraid of it?

"OK." Gu Mingchen replied in a low voice.

"Anything forced will not last. Let's really part ways one year later." Bai Rong frowned and downcast her eyes. Her long lashes covered the windows to her soul, concealing her complicated emotions.

"Go and shower." He let go of the woman and did not answer her question directly.

He turned around so that Bai Rong would not have the chance to continue asking him. The man entered the first room.

Bai Rong carried her luggage and opened the door of the second room.

The room was empty, but it had been thoroughly cleaned.

There was also a bathroom attached to the room.

She was very satisfied with the room and walked in.

But she did not want to stay here for long as it gave her the feeling that she was his mistress.

She did not want their relationship to start on unequal footing. Bai Rong needed to protect her dignity.

Even though staying by his side was her only option.

As the outfit she wore was freshly changed in the morning and was clean, she only took fresh underwear with her into the bathroom.

Warm water streamed down her head and washed off her thick makeup. Bai Rong kept her eyes closed.

She stayed in the shower for quite some time. After drying her hair and putting on her clothes, she opened the door.

Gu Mingchen was sitting on the sofa, reading news on his phone. He looked cool and was expressionless. It was impossible to read his thoughts.

However, he was no longer wearing the suit he wore when he first came in. Instead, he had changed into a white shower robe. It made him look less rigid and reserved. Bai Rong found him exuding the charm of a mature man.

The man felt Bai Rong's gaze and took a glance at her with his bright eyes that were still cold and unfathomable. "Did you put on make-up when we knew each other last time?"

"No." She answered flatly.

“You look better without makeup. If you used to put on makeup, I don’t think I would have fallen for you.” Gu Mingchen said nonchalantly.

“I would have put on makeup if you said that earlier.” The woman smiled dryly.

A glint of displeasure flashed in his eyes as he stood up.

Bai Rong grew stiff and did not dare move a single inch.

The man walked in front of her, lifted her chin and leaned in closer.

As his handsome face magnified, she downcast her eyes, neither acknowledging nor rejecting him.

However, Gu Mingchen did not kiss her. He stared into her eyes and asked, “Which one of us initiated things more last time?”

“You.” Bai Rong looked at him and replied.

“I would guess so.” There was not much change in his expression as he said that.

However, he knew he must have liked this woman a lot for him to initiate.

From the way she fiercely defended her position even under immense pressure from him, he did not think she would have left him just because of danger.

“What’s your favorite position?” Gu Mingchen’s lowered his voice.

A blush spread across Bai Rong's cheeks. She turned her face towards the side and did not reply.

The man held her hand. She had small hands that fitted perfectly in his palms.

"You shall lead this time. I want to know how we did it last time." Gu Mingchen said as he sized her up.

The woman was sensitive enough to detect that he was doing this in the hope of recalling some of his past.

However, when it came to this aspect, she was unable to do as he wished.

"I don't remember anymore." Bai Rong rejected flatly.

The man's lips curved upwards but his smile did not reach his eyes. "Do you not remember because we have done it so many times that it has become a muscle memory or are you worried that I would recall something?"

"I don't remember because it was so long ago." Bai Rong corrected him.

"Then we shall revise it." Gu Mingchen lifted her and walked towards his room. He kissed her on the lips after dropping her on his bed.

She felt his burning body temperature that was so hot that she was unable to think at all.

Bai Rong wanted to push him away but was overpowered by him.

While the man was kissing her, he unbuttoned her blouse and started touching her. His gaze seemed to be penetrating through her.

She could not feel any of his desire for her and furrowed her brows. He was merely exploring and scrutinizing her.

As such, the woman was unable to get into the mood. Besides, she wasn't even a willing party in the first place.

When Gu Mingchen entered Bai Rong, her muscles were still tense and she was hurting due to her tightness.

But after all, she had given birth before, so the pain quickly subsided and she got used to him inside her.

Bai Rong pursed her lips tightly to prevent herself from making any sound.

The man was frustrated that he was unable to sense any of her enjoyment and sunk his teeth into her shoulders.

"Ouch!" Bai Rong felt the pain and let out a soft cry.

Gu Mingchen took this moment to kiss her lips and wrapped his tongue around hers. He continued kissing her domineeringly.

The woman struggled to catch her breath and kept pushing his shoulders. Her anger was already roused just now when he bit her as it was very painful.

When he finally let go of her, an unfathomable flint appeared in his eyes. There was a layer of mist in his eyes and he looked bewitched. Sounding hoarse, the man said, "Bai Rong, louder. I like hearing your voice."

She was not going to let him have his way. Bai Rong put her arms around Gu Mingchen's neck and sank her teeth into her shoulders too.

Gu Mingchen was very aroused.

Did we use to interact that way too? Biting each other? He thought.

It seemed quite to his liking, using strength...

Finally, at the climax, she let out a moan. Although it was very soft, he still heard it.

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As Gu Mingchen got more excited, Bai Rong suddenly remembered that it was her fertile period. She pushed against his chest while reminding him, "Don't cum inside."

He fixed his blazing gaze on her flushed face as he felt a warm current passing through his spine.

Keeping his last ounce of sanity, the man pulled out and lowered his head to kiss her lips.

Bai Rong felt a spurt of warm liquid on her stomach as Gu Mingchen let out a muffled grunt.

She was breathing raggedly and her eyes were unfocused. Gradually, her calmness returned.

A faint smile appeared on the man's face that was not easily noticed. "No wonder people say that body does not lie. You are the epitome of that saying."

Bai Rong did not like to be described that way. To her, it sounded like sarcasm under the disguise of intimacy.

She smiled as well, although her eyes remained emotionless. "I'm not sure if Chief has come across the saying that one should not engage in a futile struggle with the opponent if the disparity in strength is too great. It would be a smarter choice to choose enjoyment in such a scenario."

"You mean you have enjoyed yourself just now?" Gu Mingchen asked.

The woman went along with his words and replied, "Your service was great."

"You have the gift of the gab." He said as he walked towards the bathroom and seemed to be in a good mood.

Bai Rong sat up and wiped herself.

However, his smell still lingered on her body that made her feel uncomfortable.

So, she went back to her own room and showered again. As the clothes Bai Rong was previously wearing had been torn, she changed into a business dress from J.K. and walked out of the room with her suitcase.

Gu Mingchen was also ready and was dressed in a dark purple suit and a matching shirt. He was back to his usual elegant and cold self, as though the passion they shared just now was just a dream.

He glanced at her suitcase and his relaxed eyes turned cold. "You can stay here." He said.

"It is quite inconvenient for me as it is too far away from my workplace." Bai Rong did not want to start an argument with him.

"Tell me if there is any villa you fancy near your office. I will buy you one." Gu Mingchen said in a deep voice.

"I have my own money." She rejected him flatly.

"You must accept it even if you can afford it yourself. Since your office is near the research institute, I will find a place in that area for you." He said domineeringly.

Bai Rong wondered what he had in mind.

She felt that the man wanted to buy her a house to establish an employer and employee relationship between them.

He was paying her for using her. It was not a fair relationship to begin with. Needless to say, it was definitely not a continuation of their previous relationship.

She wanted them to be equals. However, it was not something she could decide. The powerful people always had their ways. It was just how the world operated.

"Thank you." Bai Rong stopped resisting. At most I'll just return it to him one year later. Her eyes turned even colder as she thought.

Gu Mingchen stood up and said, "I need to go back to the military base now. I'll contact you again later."

She nodded and sat down on the sofa after he left. She looked silently into space and her eyes turned misty.

After resting for one hour, Bai Rong went out for lunch and returned to the research institute in the afternoon.

Mu Xiaosheng's research institute was quite huge. It was located in tower A and was four stories high.

When he saw her walking over, he was elated and started making small talk with her. "Did you sleep well last night?"

"It was alright." Bai Rong replied.

"Oh." Mu Xiaosheng was already used to the woman's aloofness. "The man who gave your friend a lift yesterday was your ex-husband right? He seemed to be very concerned about you and kept asking me about you."

She did not want to hear anything about Su Xuyan. "My friend is safely back at the military base right?"

"I think so." He said with an awkward expression.

Bai Rong noticed that something was amiss and pressed on. "What do you mean by you 'think so'?"

"The military base does not allow unregistered cars to drive in so your friend was dropped off at the guard post. I was going to inform you yesterday but I did not want to wake you up. I knew you were going to come to work today so I intended to tell you when I see you." The man explained.

She called Liu Yan immediately, who picked up only after five rings.

“Yan, is everything OK?” Bai Rong asked worriedly.

“Yup yup, I was drunk yesterday. Luckily, Chief Gu was out for a meeting and came back late. I slept throughout the entire morning and feel better now. How about you?” Liu Yan was also worried about her.

“I’m OK. I’m at work now. I shouldn’t hold you up too. Talk again later.” Bai Rong said.

“Not too late. I have something to tell you. There’s a singles party at the military base tonight and we are allowed to bring friends along. Can you come with me? You can give me some advice. If I don’t find somebody soon, I will have to remain single forever.”

“The fittest survive and you are the best.” Bai Rong said jokingly.

“Haha, well said! I haven’t been slacking off actually. Every time I fail, I try again. I’m pretty, approachable, have a good family background and a decent job. I just cannot understand why I’m still single.” Liu Yan said helplessly.

“I’ll go with you tonight. I need to get back to work now. See you.” Bai Rong hung up the phone and sat down opposite Mu Xiaosheng. “So, what would my job scope be?”

“Actually I know that it’s a waste for a talent like you to stay in our small organization. You came here because you are a person of your word but I can’t take advantage of that. You only need to help me with twenty-four cases. Once the twenty-four cases are completed, you are free to leave. Take a look at the contract. It’s specially drafted for you.” Mu Xiaosheng said as he passed the contract to her.

Bai Rong briefly scanned through the contract and it did not seem to have any issue. She would also be receiving a one-off payment of one hundred and fifty thousand.

"I have two questions. Why is it specifically twenty-four cases?" She asked.

"I think I shouldn't hold you back for five years. I only sponsored you for two years, so it would be fairer to you to work here for just two years. The yearly performance appraisal at our institute is based on twelve cases per year. So twenty-four cases would be for two years." The man explained.

"I will sign after you remove the part on the one-off payment." Bai Rong said decisively.

"You don't want any compensation?" Mu Xiaosheng was shocked.

"You already mentioned that the twenty-four cases are to repay you for the two-year sponsorship. Since it's already a sponsorship, how can I ask for any additional payments? Mu Xiaosheng, not everything can be measured by monetary means. You lent me a helping hand when I was in a dire situation. Your kindness is way more precious than one hundred and fifty thousand." The woman smiled.

Although it was just a simple smile, she looked so beautiful that Mu Xiaosheng's heart did a double somersault.

"OK then, I'll get the Human Resource Department to redraft the contract. I hope we can remain friends even after the end of your stint here."

"I will always be here whenever you need my help." Bai Rong agreed readily.

Just then, Liu Yan called again and Bai Rong picked up.

"Rong, does Gu Mingchen know that you are back? It's so strange. He has never spoken to me even once for the past three years but he just sent someone to ask me to go to his office. What is going on? I'm kind of worried." Liu Yan asked nervously.

Bai Rong immediately thought of a possibility and her heart skipped a beat, before sinking...

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“Yan, he may ask you about our past. Just say you don’t know anything and remember not to divulge any information, OK?” Bai Rong emphasized.

“I don’t think he will be asking that. Will he?” Liu Yan wasn’t very convinced.

“It’s best that he doesn’t. But just in case he does, remember to say you don’t know anything.” Bai Rong reminded her friend.

“OK. I understand. I need to surrender my phone now. Talk to you later.” After Liu Yan hung up, she handed over her phone to Gu Mingchen’s orderly.

She was brought to wait outside the chief’s office.

The man was sitting at his desk and stared into space, appearing to be deep in thought.

“Chief, Dr. Liu is here.” Lieutenant Song reported.

He snapped out of his daze and said, “Come in.”

Lieutenant Song pushed open the door and Liu Yan walked in, still baffled, and looked at Gu Mingchen in surprise.

However, Gu Mingchen remained expressionless. His unreadable eyes made it harder for Liu Yan to guess his intentions.

“Sit.” Although it was just one word, it made her all tensed up.

She sat opposite him with her eyes slightly downcast and kept fidgeting with her hands.

“You don’t have to be so nervous. I only want to ask you a few questions. How much do you know about Bai Rong and I?” Gu Mingchen went straight to the point.

The woman’s eyes widened in shock.

She couldn’t believe Bai Rong had correctly predicted his intentions.

Indeed, what he wanted to know was his relationship with her friend.

Liu Yan raised her eyebrows and said, “I only know a little.”

“What was the reason we broke up?” Gu Mingchen asked.

“Bai Rong was very tight-lipped. She never told me much because she did not want her friends to be implicated. I only know that you were very close last time and you loved her very much. There was once when Bai Rong disappeared for a week, and it was within that one week that you got engaged to Su Wanning. She was released the next day after your engagement ceremony and had lost her pinkie

finger. Because of that, you chopped off your own finger too. From then on, Bai Rong started becoming more aloof. She even gave up on the job she loved to become a prosecutor instead. I am not sure what happened after she left A City.”

Liu Yan did not want to bring up the part where Bai Rong tried to end her life. It was still heart-wrenching even when she thought about it now.

“I loved her very much?” Gu Mingchen emphasized each word and narrowed his eyes.

“Of course. When you first knew Bai Rong, she was still married to Su Xuyan, but you insisted on being with her even then. Your love was strong enough to cross moral boundaries.” Liu Yan sighed.

“When we got together, she was still Su Xuyan’s wife?” Even Gu Mingchen himself was shocked at this piece of information.

He did not believe that he could be so irrational. How could he fall in love with someone else’s wife?

There must be some hidden secret behind it.

“Yes, I can confirm this. I am sure that when you first slept together, she was still married. Come to think of it, I should be blamed for that. Su Xuyan had the goods on me and used it to threaten Bai Rong not to divorce him. Otherwise, you two would have already been married long ago. There was one more thing that you might not be aware of, Bai Rong and Su Xuyan only had an empty shell marriage.” Liu Yan was very open to Gu Mingchen.

However, she was feeling frustrated as she did not know much about them. Otherwise, she could have given him more examples to prove to him how much he did indeed love Bai Rong.

“Empty shell marriage?” Gu Mingchen looked downwards to hide the sudden surge of emotions that reflected in his eyes.

“Yeah. Bai Rong used to stay at my place and you were always coming over. I had to find excuses every time to leave the space to the two of you. You always stayed the night. There is not much that you can do at night, if you know what I mean.” Liu Yan hinted.

The man cleared his throat.

He did not need it to be said out loud to know what a man and a woman could be doing in the middle of the night.

“What else do you know?” Gu Mingchen continued asking.

“Initially, this position at the military base was specially created for Bai Rong. But in the end, Su Wanning and I came here instead and Bai Rong became a prosecutor. That’s about all I know. Bai Rong always kept things to herself. Chief, why are you asking all these?” Liu Yan did not understand his objective.

“I just want to understand some things that I can’t figure out.” Gu Mingchen said in a deep voice.

“By the way, Chief, you can’t tell Bai Rong that you heard any of these from me. Before I came here, she specially reminded me to pretend that I don’t know anything and not to tell you about it.” The woman pleaded.

“Pretend that you don’t know anything?” A sharp glint flashed across his eyes.

Liu Yan could sense Gu Mingchen’s displeasure and was worried that she had gotten Bai Rong into trouble. “I think Bai Rong still loves you. She is just too proud to admit. It was the same last time. She loved you so much but told me not to tell you. If you think about it, if she doesn’t have any more feelings for you, why would she need to hide all these from you? There has to be a reason why she’s doing this.” The woman quickly added.

Gu Mingchen did not say anything and looked like he was in a daze.

Liu Yan tested waters and asked, "Does Chief still like Rong? After all, you used to be so much in love."

"You seem to be quite nosy." Gu Mingchen said indifferently in an authoritative tone.

Seeing his attitude, Liu Yan instantly regretted telling him so much.

She thought that the reason he was asking was because he had feelings for Bai Rong.

But it didn't seem like it.

Liu Yan looked at Gu Mingchen worriedly, wondering if he was planning to get rid of Bai Rong as to not leave any traces of his past.

She would have really sinned if that was the case.

"Chief, you don't have to worry. Rong knows her place. I think she really wants to leave the past behind her." Liu Yan suddenly changed her position.

Gu Mingchen sized her up and pointed his chin towards the door. "You may leave now."

"Yes, Chief." Liu Yan scurried away. Speaking to the chief had put her under immense pressure.

Gu Mingchen touched the stub of his pinkie finger.

So Bai Rong was the reason why his finger was gone.

It seemed like he had indeed loved her a lot in the past.

After Liu Yan went back to her office, she received news that those who were attending the singles party tonight got to knock off two hours earlier.

So she went to pick Bai Rong up immediately.

“What did Gu Mingchen ask you about?” Bai Rong asked worriedly when they were in the car.

“Errr, he asked about his past. But how would I know about his past.” Liu Yan said with a guilty conscience and tried to avoid Bai Rong’s gaze.

“You must have told him everything, right?” Bai Rong could tell from her friend’s reaction.

Knowing that she was unable to hide anything from Bai Rong, Liu Yan said, “I didn’t tell him everything. I told him I don’t know when he asked for the reason the two of you broke up. I only said that you used to be very much in love with each other.”

Bai Rong frowned. “Yan, you shouldn’t have said that. It’s best that he and I don’t have any more interactions in the future.”

“I know I was wrong. I would definitely not say a single word if he asks me anything again. I promise, I swear. If I fail to keep my promise, I will end up marrying the person I hate the most. How about that? Savage enough right?” Liu Yan pleaded for her friend’s forgiveness.

“You have to promise, you can’t divulge any further information to him.” There was nothing Bai Rong could do about it.

Just then, she received a text.

It was from Gu Mingchen. He texted: I am staying at Sky Resort tonight. Let's have dinner together.

It was a declarative statement in a commanding tone. It seemed like Bai Rong did not have the option to reject.

She was speechless at the text.

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Liu Yan observed the change in her expression and asked worriedly, "Did anything happen?"

After putting her phone into silent mode, Bai Rong kept it inside her bag and said, "It's nothing, don't worry."

"OK. You have to keep a lookout for me later. You are the expert at psychology. I'll feel more at ease with you around." Liu Yan said happily.

Liu Yan continued talking but nothing went into Bai Rong's ears as she was deep in thought.

Gu Mingchen just asked Liu Yan about their past. According to the Liu Yan she knew and her reaction, she was sure that her friend had told the man everything she knew and might have even exaggerated it.

She was sure that Liu Yan's intentions were good. But in reality, it was a mistake to tell him all those things. However, Bai Rong was already used to it.

She suspected that Gu Mingchen's purpose for tonight's dinner was to expose her lie, and the thought of that stressed her out.

If she did not go, it would give her more time to come up with a response.

"There is someone I had my eyes on. He's a lieutenant in the Special Forces and is in charge of training the Gray Wolf. He's really dashing and fit. He came to me for consultation previously and I liked him at once. After that, he keeps sending me gifts and we even went on a few dates. He has a good family background. His dad is at least a colonel with the navy and his mom is the principal of an elementary school. I am quite sure that he is also interested in me. He even kissed me one day after he sent me home. But we just kind of fizzled out." Liu Yan said regretfully.

"Either he did not like you but still wanted to keep a good image, or something might have happened that stopped your progress." Bai Rong analyzed.

Liu Yan creased her brows. "Could it be that his family objected to us?"

Bai Rong smiled faintly and said, "There could be a lot of reasons. It depends on whether you still want to pursue a relationship with him or not."

"Of course I want to. He's the only person I'm interested in after so many years. He is fit, good-looking, has a good character and family background. Damn, I think he just didn't like me." Liu Yan said freely.

"Then you should find out the real reason and think of a solution. If a solution is possible, then you should work it out. If not, you should stop holding on to it." Bai Rong replied as her eyes darkened. She looked outside the window and kept quiet.

The singles event was not held within the military base as outsiders were not allowed to enter the compound. Instead, it was held at a club in an external activity center which belonged to the military base.

The event was organized by a voluntary group. There were at least five hundred people who signed up for the event.

The organizer was very meticulous and prepared a buffet dinner so that the participants were free to interact with each other.

Liu Yan scanned the crowd and looked disappointed.

“Your beloved did not come?” Bai Rong took a guess.

Liu Yan shrugged and said, “Forget it. If he decided not to pursue a relationship with me because of family reasons, it just shows that I am not very important to him anyway.”

Bai Rong nodded and said, “Obstacles can strengthen a relationship, and once it reaches a certain level, it will stabilize. After a while, the relationship may turn cold due to problems from the initial obstacle and the cycle repeats. Qualities that were once appreciated by the other party may become a shortcoming next time. Human relationships are the most transient.”

“I totally agree with you. That’s why I need to find someone who loves me more than I love him. I will never settle just because age is catching up. I’d rather die proudly as a single woman than marry someone who doesn’t really love me.” Liu Yan laughed heartily.

Bai Rong smiled too. “I’m sure you will find someone like that.”

Both of them entered the hall after finishing their food.

They were each given a rose by the staff stationed at the door.

Men and women were seated separately in two different groups.

The singles event was held using a simple method.

The host would invite someone up the stage to do a self-introduction that included five parts—relationship history, family members, hobbies, future plans and qualities they looked for in a partner. After the self-introduction, the participant would perform and after that, any interested parties could hand them a flower.

If the number of interested parties were too overwhelming, the participant could pose questions and request for the interested parties to put on a performance too. After that, the participant would make a decision and it would be a successful match.

Bai Rong found this concept quite interesting.

Liu Yan had signed up enthusiastically for the performance and was the sixth person to be called on stage.

She began her self-introduction. “Hi, my name is Liu Yan. I’m a doctor with the rank of a lieutenant. I have a candid and straightforward character and I’m the only child in my family. My dad is also a doctor and my mom works in a state-owned enterprise. As for relationship history, if we don’t count crushes, those that lasted less than one week or unsuccessful blind dates, it is really a blank slate. The handsome dudes always treat me as a brother, but I am really a true blue lady. Come and test it for yourself if you don’t believe me.”

The crowd burst into laughter as Liu Yan said that.

The woman didn't mind them laughing and continued, "I like to sing and dance, and I love China. I hope to have at least two children next time. The qualities I look for in a partner are loyalty, family-oriented, responsible, filial, treats me well and good-looking. Hahaha..."

Liu Yan felt embarrassed after she said that last point.

But looks were indeed an important aspect to her.

Her performance was a wild and sexy dance.

After Liu Yan was finished with her performance, the host announced that interested parties could start giving her flowers.

Bai Rong saw a herd of men rushing towards the stage. There were at least fifty of them.

Even Liu Yan herself was pleasantly surprised that she covered her mouth as she chuckled.

Judging by her popularity, it was unbelievable that she did not have a boyfriend yet.

A shadowy figure lurked outside by the door. A flicker of light came from the cigarette Shen Yiyan was holding. His perfectly gorgeous face was clouded by the smoke from the cigarette and made him appear as a mirage.

"Young Master, the commander-in-chief wants you to go back." Shen Yiyan's subordinate said with his head bowed.

A sharp glint flashed across the man's pitch-black eyes as he stubbed out his cigarette and walked towards the door, with his subordinates following behind him.

The wild and intractable youth three years ago had transformed into a mature, restrained and domineering man.

He looked sharply ahead and commanded, "Watch carefully. Don't let any suitors approach her. I will teach that woman a lesson after the elections."

"Yes, Young Master." His subordinates had their hearts in their mouths as they lowered their heads.

Bai Rong's phone kept on vibrating.

As she had a guilty conscience, she was feeling a bit fearful.

When she took out her phone from her bag, she saw three missed calls from Gu Mingchen.

The woman could imagine how angry he must have been given his hot temper.

As Bai Rong was about to put her phone back into her bag, she received a message from the man.

He texted: If you don't call me back within three minutes, be prepared to bear the consequences.

As she put her phone back into her bag ignoring his message, a few big-sized men stepped in front of her.

"Ms. Bai, Chief is very angry that you did not return his calls." Lieutenant Song stepped forward and reminded her.

Bai Rong was speechless.

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F*ck.

Gu Mingchen must have done that deliberately. He knew exactly where she was and what she was doing, but still sent that message to sound her out.

Bai Rong was upset with herself for falling into his trap.

She was like a joker who had made a fool of herself in front of him.

As there was no way she could avoid it, the woman followed Lieutenant Song into the car and they sped away.

“How did Gu Mingchen find out that I am here?” Bai Rong was puzzled.

“All phones have GPS installed in them now. As long as the chief gives his orders, your location would be sent to his phone right away.” Lieutenant Song explained.

“When did you guys reach the hall?” Bai Rong continued asking.

“Not long ago.” Lieutenant Song said simply, before adding, “But you purposely ignored Chief’s call.”

“Can you not report this to him? Just tell him I did not know that he called.” Bai Rong tried to negotiate.

Lieutenant Song remained expressionless and said, “According to the rules set by Chief, it’s an offence to not report any information that we know.”

“Does it mean that you have already reported?” Bai Rong had a bad feeling about this.

“We have already reported it when you put your phone back into your bag.” Lieutenant Song replied honestly.

Bai Rong knocked her forehead against the headrest in front of her.

Gu Mingchen must be fuming and about to explode with rage.

She looked outside of the window, feeling frustrated. She let out a big sigh, but the irritation still remained.

Lieutenant Song looked at the woman and said in a low voice, “Chief has a lot of things to handle at work. My advice is try not to anger him.”

“Your advice came too late. Do you have any suggestions on how to repair the damage?” Bai Rong asked.

Lieutenant Song pondered for a while and said, “I have been working for Chief for three years. You are the first woman he likes.”

“He doesn’t like me. He just wants to know more about his past from me.” Bai Rong refuted.

“Well, he has the right to know his own past.” Lieutenant Song replied coldly.

Bai Rong’s eyes darkened.

He had a right to know what happened in the past, but what if knowing that information would cause him more harm than good?

If the love had already faded, then there would not be anything that remained. Even if something did remain, it would only be pain.

The stub of her pinkie finger was aching.

She stopped talking and fell into an endless pit of desolation.

One hour later, Bai Rong was back at the Sky Resort.

Gu Mingchen was sitting on the sofa and was in a bad mood. His chin was taut and he was smoking a cigarette. His handsome and grim face was clouded by the thick smoke and it was difficult to observe his actual expression.

As the woman entered the house, the sound of the door shutting behind her was like a blow to her heart.

She walked towards him and sat down opposite.

“Who gave you the permission to sit down?” Gu Mingchen said unfeelingly.

Bai Rong frowned as she stood back up.

“Why did you not pick up my calls?” Gu Mingchen questioned her, and the look in his eyes chilled her to the bone.

She was annoyed that he was so domineering and replied defiantly. “Why should I always pick up your calls? I’m neither your subordinate nor your wife. I’m not at your beck and call.”

The man stood up and Bai Rong instinctively took a few steps backwards.

He lifted her chin and said, “The fact that you deceived me is enough for you to be at my beck and call.”

She slapped away Gu Mingchen’s hand. “What did I lie to you about? The reason for our breakup? Or the reason for our missing fingers? Indeed, you used to love me very much, but so what? You don’t remember that anymore. Why aren’t you letting me move on from the shadows of the past?”

His eyes darkened as he sized her up and his breathing was ragged. “What else?”

“What else do you want to know?” Bai Rong stared directly at him.

His chin was still taut.

How could she be so righteous when she’s in the wrong?

Gu Mingchen’s blazing eyes turned cold as he said sharply, “You are not my type at all. You are always so gloomy and arrogant that it irks me. You are also blunt and prickly that makes you so difficult to get along with. I’m shocked that I even liked you at all.”

Every word he said was like a stab to Bai Rong's heart. She did not want to believe that was his true feelings.

At the very beginning, he had entered her life because of the guilt he carried towards her and not because he really liked her.

What a responsible man.

Gu Mingchen must have felt that he was the reason for her suffering and wanted to rescue her from the misery and make it up to her, even at the expense of his own happiness.

As such, she was the memory that his subconscious wanted to bury after the accident.

How could he remember Zhou Hailan but not her!

It must be a reflection of his true feelings.

Bai Rong did not want to cry nor get hurt again.

But her heart turned as cold as ice from all those thoughts that hot tears started streaming down her face.

"Maybe you did not even like me that much in the first place. Gu Mingchen, just let the past stay in the past. You have a bright future ahead of you. Even if it is not Su Wanning, you will definitely find someone you truly love. Let me go and let yourself go." Bai Rong was unable to stop her tears.

Gu Mingchen could feel his heart aching as he saw the woman cry.

He realized that he was too angry just now and went a little overboard, so he leaned forward and kissed her lips.

Due to the resistance that she was subconsciously feeling, Bai Rong instinctively turned her face away.

A sharp glint flashed across the man's eyes. He held the back of her head with one hand and deepened the kiss.

He was so domineering and forceful that left her with no room to retreat.

That sparked Bai Rong's anger and she tried to push him away with all her might.

Three years ago, he stole her heart forcefully too, but look what happened!

She did not want to fall in love with him all over again and experience the feeling of hopelessness and suicidal thoughts another time.

She gave Gu Mingchen one tight slap across his face. The sound of the slap was so bright that it resonated through the entire room.

The man stared at her intently while an emotionless smile appeared on his face. Like a ferocious beast, he forced himself on her and tore her clothes apart.

"Ahhh!" Bai Rong struggled desperately to get away from him.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her wrist and pinned it on her head. With his other hand, he tore her underwear.

She hated this cold-blooded Gu Mingchen.

She could feel the hopelessness in her heart when her underwear was ripped and she yelled in rage, "Do you really want to drive me to an early grave?"

The man overlooked her, and with a sharp look in his eyes, he said, "Why are you resisting?"

"What does Chief see me as? Do you think I'm a woman who would willingly spread her legs wide for just any man?" Bai Rong threw the question back to him.

"I thought we had a consensus." Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"Consensus for you to abuse your power and force me into a corner?" The woman retorted sarcastically.

"Didn't you enjoy it as well?" Gu Mingchen furrowed his brows.

She turned her face to the side. Her mind was in a mess and she was unable to think.

His eyes softened as he said, "Stop moving about. I will be gentle."

"Why does it have to be me?" Bai Rong did not understand. "Didn't you say that I am not your type? Why are you holding on to your past mistakes?"

"Because I enjoyed it too."

She was speechless at his reply.

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That reason was infuriating.

“Any woman that you pick on the streets would give you the same experience.” Bai Rong said, as she creased her brows.

Gu Mingchen did not like it that she was shoving him away to someone else, but he was unable to explain why. A sharp glint flashed in his eye as he said, “I only want you.”

He always acted so domineeringly and left her with no choice. The man kissed her lips and forced his tongue into her mouth, while his palm found its way into her blouse.

Her skin was icy cold and he could feel his heart aching.

Does this woman have a weak body? Why does she feel so cold?

Gu Mingchen instinctively pressed his palms on Bai Rong’s body to warm her up. His actions became gentler as his lips traced from her lips downwards. He unbuttoned and lifted her blouse, before lowering his head.

The woman let out a soft moan as he kissed her.

She could feel the hot temperature from the inside of his mouth and the warmth brought her comfort. It was as though her blood started flowing and the engines of her body were functioning again.

Bai Rong could feel a faint trace of the old Gu Mingchen at that instance. Her eyes turned misty as that familiar feeling of passion crept back.

The man tested waters first and made sure she was feeling OK before he entered her fully.

Seeing that he had no intention to use protection, Bai Rong quickly reminded him that it was not her safe period.

“Got it.” Gu Mingchen acknowledged with a low voice and gazed into her eyes.

The woman was rather shy and reserved. Even her breathing was shallow and suppressed.

But he found her really beautiful as she parted her lips and furrowed her brows intermittently, just like ripples created on the water surface.

The man wanted to observe the change in her expression along with the rhythm of movements and he sat down on the sofa. His gaze was so intent as though he was trying to suck her into his eyes.

Bai Rong felt shy to continue looking at him and bent over on his shoulders. Her breaths fell beside his ears.

Going along with the flow, he held her chin between his thumb and forefinger and forced her to look at him.

The woman’s gaze was unfocused and a layer of mist had already formed in her eyes. A blush had spread across her cheeks that made her look alluring.

“This is how we used to be, right?” Gu Mingchen asked in a hoarse voice.

Bai Rong was reluctant to let him have full control, so she also held his chin and kissed him on his lips.

His lips were burning, just like the sun that blazed with passion.

This man used to warm up her cold world. However, as they got closer and closer, her world burst into flames and now, they were both given a new lease of life again.

She did not want to linger and be greedy again this time round.

Bai Rong let go after a short while.

But Gu Mingchen was not satisfied yet. He held her neck and continued the kiss, until he was unable to control himself anymore and finished inside her.

While he was showering, Bai Rong rested on the sofa.

Although he pulled out every time, she still felt that it was too risky. What if she got pregnant?

She could not afford to make another wrong move in her life.

The woman decided to make a trip to the hospital tomorrow to insert an intrauterine device.

Just then, her phone rang and she saw that it was Liu Yan. Bai Rong got up and walked to her own bathroom before answering the call.

“Rong, where are you? I was backstage interacting with my new boyfriend and after I came out, you were gone.” Liu Yan said as she scanned her surroundings.

“Something cropped up so I left early. Did it go smoothly for you?” Bai Rong was filling the bathtub with warm water.

“It went well. I picked a guy and I think he’s really not bad after our quick interaction. We are going to try dating. I’ll introduce him to you tomorrow so that I can have your opinion.” Liu Yan sounded like she was in a good mood.

“Sounds good. I am going to shower now. See you tomorrow.” Bai Rong hung up and lied in the bathtub.

Her muscles finally relaxed as she soaked in the warm bath.

She began to feel sleepy after a while and closed her eyes. In her half-asleep state, she heard Gu Mingchen’s voice. “Did you have the habit of sleeping in the bathtub last time too?”

Bai Rong did not reply him and opened her eyes.

The man passed her a towel and said, “You have a weak body. Soaking in cold water is not ideal for that. You are still young so you don’t feel the effects of it yet. But the ailments will all start to surface when you are old. Weren’t you a doctor last time? How can you not be aware of this?”

She took the towel from him. After wrapping the towel around herself and stepping out of the bathtub, she replied, “You seem to know a lot about women.”

“This is just basic knowledge. My mom is very into health and wellness, so I got to learn about it too.” Gu Mingchen elaborated.

He did not want Bai Rong to misunderstand that he had experiences with other women, but he did not know why he was feeling that way.

Bai Rong's heart skipped a beat and she cleared her throat, ignoring what he said. "Have you eaten anything?" She changed the topic.

"What do you think?" The man threw the question back to her. Although he tried to suppress it, it was obvious that he was mad at her for that.

Bai Rong did not expect that he had been waiting for her. "I will go and heat up the food now." She said.

"Someone else can do that. You just need to eat with me." Gu Mingchen walked towards her as he said that.

"I already had dinner." Bai Rong rejected.

He wrapped his arms around her waist and overlooked her. "Just accompany me and treat it as supper. You are too bony; you should put on some weight."

"Didn't you just say you enjoy it?" Bai Rong used his own words against him.

"I was enjoying it emotionally." The man went along with her without much thought to the words that came out of his mouth.

He paused abruptly for a moment after he said that.

If he was enjoying it emotionally, it meant he was feeling with his heart and not just his body.

Bai Rong read between the lines too and she got flustered. Suddenly, it seemed like his hand that was still on her waist was unusually hot. She removed his hand and said, "I need to change now."

But Gu Mingchen did not leave the room.

The woman looked at him while holding her clothes.

"Why are you looking at me? Aren't you changing your clothes?" He said in a deep voice.

She pointed her chin towards the door and said, "You should leave."

The man folded his arms in front of his chest and leaned against the door frame. Although he had a relaxed look in his eyes, he still kept a serious expression. As such, it also sounded serious when he said, "I am making up for the areas on your body that I have not seen or touched yet."

Bai Rong let out an anxious laughter and said, "When did our chief become a rouge?" The woman was speechless.

As she turned around and unwrapped the towel, Gu Mingchen walked up towards her back and pushed her hair towards the right side of her face.

She felt ticklish as her hair traveled across her bare back before landing on her shoulder.

Bai Rong looked up at the man.

He was overlooking her with his deep-set eyes and in a serious tone, he asked, "Have I not been mischievous with you last time?"

She did not dare to recall the past.

Bai Rong broke her gaze and started putting on her clothes. "Things always get better. We should not linger in past memories. There are some things that people always remember no matter how hard they try to forget. Chief is very lucky."

Gu Mingchen did not like the way she kept calling him 'chief'. "Change the way you address me. What did you call me last time? Chen?"

She noticed that the new Gu Mingchen was still as full of himself as before. "Gu Mingchen." She replied.

He was still not satisfied with this form of address.

"Why are you calling me by my full name? Just call me 'Chen'. Chen will treat you to nice food." The man lifted her chin to make her face him. "Try it now."

Bai Rong was too shy to call him that. She pushed his hand away and said, "I don't like nice food."

"You seemed to like it just now."