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Chapter 411 Being With You Was The Best Decision I Have Made

Gu Mingchen looked at her steadily. "So you pushed me away because you're afraid you might bring me trouble?"

"Don't you agree?" Wu Nian sighed. "I was prepared to die when I jumped into the sea, but Liu Yan rescued me. And now, look what happened to her mother?"

"Likewise, if I chose to be with you, bad things would happen too," Wu Nian explained. "You'd offend Shen Yiyang because you'd save Liu Yan on my behalf, and Shen Yiyang would for sure not let you off easily. Don't forget how cruel he can be! You're just a businessman. You might have your father's support, but that doesn't mean you'll be safe."

She continued, "And then there's Su Xuyan. That pervert might take revenge on you if he finds out I'm Bai Rong, not because he loves me, but merely because he hates being a loser."

Upon regaining her composure, she regretted telling the man all these.

She should have said something that would irk him further and make him stay away from her. She should not have blurted out the truth.

Gu Mingchen's eyes narrowed as he reached out his hands and wiped the tears off her face. "How can you, a doctor, be so superstitious? Don't you have faith in me? I'd do anything for you because I love you."

She pushed his hand away. "I'm not superstitious. I'm rational."

"Has your rational self predicted the death of Liu Yan's mother then?" Gu Mingchen asked.

That sentence made her freeze for a bit. The next moment, she "At least you're still safe."

"So you changed your looks and even got a bone marrow transplant because you thought it was the right thing to do, huh," Gu Mingchen said icily.

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"I only did the bone marrow transplant because of a medical emergency," Wu Nian stated bitterly.

Gu Mingchen stood up straight and looked at her, but she lowered her eyes and avoided all eye contact.

Both of them did not speak for nearly half an hour.

"What does staying alive mean to you?" Gu Mingchen asked in a solemn voice.

She lifted her head and replied, "Responsibility."

"And what is your responsibility?"

This time, the woman pressed her lips and said nothing.

"Let me answer on your behalf," Gu Mingchen said, "Your responsibility is your mother, Yanny, Liu Yan, and me."

Bai Rong kept mum.

"Your Mom is dead, Yanny is dying, and you've sent Liu Yan away. Are you going to kill yourself once you've pushed me away?" Gu Mingchen asked impassively.

"I'll not kill myself," Bai Rong promised. "Yanny will not die, and Liu Yan will be fine."

"You mentioned Yanny and Liu Yan, but what about me? Are you just going to ignore me?" Gu Mingchen's eyes turned red.

Bai Rong added, "You'll be fine too."

Gu Mingchen snorted, "What makes you think so? You think I'd be fine without you by my side? You seem to have forgotten what you said on the island."

"Of course I remember," Bai Rong retorted. "You nearly died in the sea because of me. I cannot allow such a thing to happen again. I want you to stay alive..."

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"What for? So I can live like a zombie?" Gu Mingchen raised his voice and interrupted. He looked at her with his bloodshot eyes. "How can I live without you?"

She gazed deeply into his eyes, and her tears started rolling down uncontrollably again.

The man held her hands so tightly as if he was so afraid of letting her go. He looked at her steadily and said, "I've tried hating you, but I can't. Do you know miserable and exhausted I was?"

"I want us to be together. You, me, and Yanny," Gu Mingchen added. "Even if we die, we'll die together as a family. We can embark on the afterlife journey together."

"There's no such thing as the afterlife!" Bai Rong sobbed.

"What's the point of me staying alive? I don't eat well, and I don't sleep well. Every time I close my eyes, I feel pain. I might as well be dead," he said.

Bai Rong responded, "You can find someone better. You deserve someone better."

"You can find someone better too, but why didn't you?" Guo Mingchen exclaimed, "You changed your looks and altered your DNAs. You could have started afresh, but you chose to come into my life once again. Why? And why did you buy a yacht to return to the deserted island? Why did you risk your life to save me when I was at Stephen's?"

Bai Rong pressed her lips and looked away as she could not give him an answer.

Gu Mingchen reached out his hand, grabbed her chin, and forced her to look at him. "I wanted to forget you and start a new life, but I can't."

"Do you know miserable I was in the last two years whenever I thought you were dead? Had you not appeared in my life, I would still be suffering alone in this world. I might even have been dead due to stomach bleeding."

Bai Rong was well aware of his medical incident. It was a blessing that Gu Mingchen had finally stopped abusing alcohol when Yanny returned.

"It's either we stay or die together. Make your choice, and I'll respect your decision," Gu Mingchen said in a steady voice while releasing her from his grip.

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Bai Rong lowered her eyes. Obviously, he had only given her one option. How can I allow them to die with me?

She grabbed his arm and said, "You must not die. I'll not forgive myself if you decide to end your life."

He grabbed her hand instead and gently caressed her face. "We have been through so much together, Bai Rong. All I want now is for you to stay with me. Stop pushing me away. Or else, I'd die faster than you'd imagine."

She took a deep breath and wrapped her hands around his waist. "No, you can't die. Promise me."

"Promise me you'll stay with me forever then," he stated.

She sobbed but did not give him a response.

"Either we stay together, or we die together. I mean every word I said," Gu Mingchen said and pushed her away. "You better think about it."

"My greatest pride is being able to love you and call you my boyfriend," Bai Rong said. "I want to celebrate my happy moments with you, but if I die, I want you to stay alive to accomplish my dreams. Promise me you'll do that. Will you be able to?"

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Chapter 412 Come Back To Me

"Let's not talk about this now." Gu Mingchen did not want to make any promise he may not be able to keep. "You must be hungry now."

Bai Rong soon realized she had not eaten the whole day, but somehow, she did not feel hungry.

Gu Mingchen turned around and walked out of the ward.

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The woman stared blankly at the ceiling and wondered how Liu Yan was doing.

She decided to give Aaron a call to get an update.

"How's she?" she asked, worry lacing her voice.

"She's still a little emotionally unstable because her mother has just been cremated. Shen Yiyang's men were around to monitor her, but they didn't do anything," Aaron answered in a deep voice.

"Please relocate them to Dartan.

Shen Yiyang has an enemy in Dartan, and he wouldn't be able to do anything to her since he doesn't have many connections there," Bai Rong instructed. "The culprit has failed the assassination twice. They might launch another one soon."

"All right. I'll look into it tomorrow." The man paused for a brief moment before he asked, "How are you? I don't think it's fair to blame you for the mishap since you're already well-prepared. In fact, it was my fault for not being able to protect them. I'm sorry." Aaron seemed genuinely sorry.

"You've tried your best," Bai Rong said. "All in all, it's still my fault. None of these would happen had I not revealed Liu Yan's whereabouts to Shen Yiyang. I thought I was doing her a favor since Shen Yiyang had confessed his love for her, but I never put myself in Liu Yan's shoes. You don't have to comfort me." She was willing to bear responsibility for her actions.

Aaron sighed and said, "I'll let you where she stays once she settled down in Dartan. Give her some time to calm down first. I'm sure she'll forgive you. You two are good friends."

"I'm afraid she'll be even more upset with me because of how close we are. Don't tell me where she is when she arrives. It's safer for her if I don't know anything," Bai Rong said apologetically.

"Maybe that's for the best. Don't be too hard on yourself, okay? She has to learn to accept her fate one way or another," Aaron consoled.

"I hope things improve for her." Upon seeing Gu Mingchen coming in, Bai Rong said, "Please make the necessary arrangement for Liu Yan. I've got to go now."

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"You're welcome. I'm more than willing to help since you might be Mr. Tang's granddaughter." Aaron then ended the call.

Gu Mingchen placed the packed food beside the table and asked, "Was that Aaron?"

"I wanted him to take good care of Liu Yan," Bai Rong admitted indirectly.

"Have you ever thought of asking me for help?" the man before her asked in a cold voice.

She replied, "I have my own selfish reasons."

He somewhat understood what she implied. He unpacked the lunchbox and said, "Please don't think of your man as a useless person."

Bai Rong stretched out her hands and embraced Gu Mingchen. She rested her head on his waist and said, "I've never thought you as useless. You're an amazing man, but I don't put want to put you in danger."

Gu Mingchen gave her a gentle look. "It's not the danger that worries me. What worries me the most is not earning your trust."

"I won't hide anything from you anymore," Bai Rong said in a weak voice.

Gu Mingchen pulled her hand away. "You've said the same thing before. You always break your own promises."

Her mouth twitched at that. She knew she had made too many empty promises. Even she could not believe her own words anymore.

Instead of dwelling on the topic, she looked at the bag and asked, "What did you buy for me?"

"I bought you some stir-fried egg with tomatoes, carrots, and fish chowder. No oily food for you," Gu Mingchen said, "You must eat more to plump up a little. You're too skinny."

Bai Rong responded with a grin.

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The man kept looking at her as if he was afraid she would go missing again. “You must have weighed sixty kilograms when you attended Ai Wei’er’s birthday, right?”

“More or less.” She was a little chubby at that time since she had just stopped taking her medication.

“I like how you looked back then. You look frail and skinny, now,” Gu Mingchen stated warily.

Bai Rong nodded in acknowledgment of his words before she lowered her head and started eating.

Gu Mingchen picked a slice of fish, removed all the bones, and put it in her bowl.

She was very touched by his selfless action.

Though he had made many nasty remarks about her, he had always treated her well.

Who am I to deserve his love?

She sniffed and tried to hold back her tears. Then, she looked at him and said, “Help me eat some. I can’t finish everything.”

So, Gu Mingchen scooped some rice into his bowl. “I want you to move into the villa you visited earlier.”

“It seems a little far. I don’t think it’s convenient for Yanny to go to school from there. Have you renovated the other villa after the fire?” Bai Rong asked.

Gu Mingchen shot a glance at her and said nonchalantly, “You’re not staying with Yanny and Xin.”

At that, she looked up at him with a scowl on her pretty face.

A line formed between Gu Mingchen’s brows. “You have to take good care of yourself before you take care of the kids.”

“I will. I will take good care of everyone. I promise!”

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"Yanny is not in the country now, and he will not be back so soon. Xin doesn't need your care either. Zhou Hailan is around to look after him," Gu Mingchen said.

"When is Yanny coming back then? He must be lonely. Should we bring him back? I'm pretty sure our healthcare services are on par with that of the overseas." Bai Rong missed Yanny very much.

Gu Mingchen gave her a serious look. "I've hired a couple to look after Yanny, so he'll be fine. Your job now is to take good care of yourself."

Is he trying to keep Yanny away from me?

"He's very sick, isn't he?" Bai Rong was worried.

"Don't worry. He should be fine for the next three years. In the meantime, take good care of yourself so that we can have three babies."

Upon seeing how confident he was, she decided to believe what he said.

Gu Mingchen placed another slice of fish in her bowl. "Become my assistant if you're bored."

"I don't have any experience in such an area, though."

"You did pretty well during the negotiation with Mo Xue, didn't you?" Gu Mingchen said. "Besides, I'll need you to answer calls, release announcements, organize meetings, and attend some social events with me. I won't make you drink, so don't worry. All you need to do is bring me home safely when I'm drunk."

Bai Rong lowered her head and kept mum.

The man put down his chopsticks and then asked, "Or do you want to get married? You can stay home and become a homemaker while getting ready to conceive. That sounds good, doesn't it?"

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Chapter 413 You Have Me

"That doesn't sound like a good idea." Bai Rong wasn't ready for that yet.

"Why not?" Gu Mingchen asked as he looked at her coldly.

"I think it's better if I work as your secretary. It's too soon to get married now," she replied.

"Of course you are in no hurry to get married. You're not even thirty yet, and you still have a lot of suitors. There's Su Xuyan and that British aristocrat... who knows, another man might try to court you tomorrow," he said sarcastically.

Bai Rong rolled her eyes. "That's not what I meant. If I get married now and work as your secretary, I wouldn't feel at ease. Why don't we wait until after I get pregnant? That way, I would have time to prepare, and I wouldn't be able to work while I'm pregnant anyway. Otherwise, I would be bored to death at home."

"Don't worry. No one will know we're married," the man stated in a serious tone. After a few seconds, his gaze turned cold as he added, "Is there another reason why you don't want to get married to me?"

"No."

"You've already born me a son, and we've been together for so many years. I think it's time for us to get married. Once you're discharged from the hospital, we should register our marriage and make it official. I can keep our marriage a secret until you're ready to make it public," he insisted.

Bai Rong had no reason to refuse Gu Mingchen's hand in marriage. Since she had already decided that she wanted to be with him, she would feel regret if they didn't end up married. Nevertheless, there was still worry at the back of her mind, probably because she had suffered a great deal in her previous relationship.

Gu Mingchen held her hand tightly and added, "I promise you, everything will be fine. Even if Su Xuyan wanted to kill me on the deserted island, I would escape without a scratch. Trust me."

Bai Rong nodded. "Okay."

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She stayed in the hospital for a total of six days before the doctor confirmed that she was completely alright. Only then did Gu Mingchen discharge her from the hospital.

As he drove her to the villa, she looked out the window and said, "Are you sure it's okay for me to stay in here? It's rather far out, and I'll be alone..."

"Who said you would be alone? I usually stay there too. You get off work at half-past four, and there wouldn't be much traffic at that time. I thought you said you didn't want anyone to find out? The more far out you are, the safer you will be," Gu Mingchen spoke as he looked ahead.

"You stay there too? What about Xin?" Bai Rong was surprised.

She thought he would live with Xin and would only visit her occasionally.

"Xin's mother looks after him. I've hired a nanny, a teacher, and a doctor for them," he answered coldly.

"Oh," Bai Rong murmured.

He then glanced at her and asked, "You care about Xin?"

She shook her head. "Look, you didn't want that child. No matter what, he's still part of your past. I've been married in the past too. Xin is your son, and it's only right that you take care of him. Many things in this life are not in our control, and we don't have a solution for everything. It's best to leave things as they are now," Bai Rong stated.

The man grasped her hand tightly in his palm and said, "Just don't test my patience again in the future."

She didn't say a word, allowing him to continue gripping her hand.

She looked out the window and simply enjoyed the rare moment of peace.

After some time, Gu Mingchen stopped in front of a supermarket and said, "What do you feel like having for lunch? I'll cook it for you."

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"Why don't I cook a dish for you? What would you like to have?" Bai Rong unfastened her seatbelt.

His lips curved into a smile as he answered, "Other than crayfish, I'll eat whatever you make for me."

He then got out of the car and opened the passenger door for her.

After she got out, he locked the car and got a shopping cart from the front of the supermarket.

She recalled his favorite dish being braised pork, so she picked out some pork belly, spinach, cucumber, tomatoes, and eggs.

"This is the closest supermarket there is to the villa. You can get groceries here next time," Gu Mingchen informed her as he pushed the shopping cart.

"Got it," she muttered as they walked towards the checkout counter.

When they passed by the family planning supplies section, she blushed and grabbed a box of condoms.

"Not planning to get pregnant?" Gu Mingchen turned to look at her.

"I'm on anti-inflammatory drugs these few days, and I cannot get pregnant this week. It's still my ovulation period," she explained.

Sensing a playful look in her eyes, he grabbed another box of condoms.

She lowered her head and looked around in embarrassment.

After paying the bill, Gu Mingchen carried the grocery bags while Bai Rong walked behind him, intentionally keeping a distance of one meter.

Finally, he stopped walking and waited for her. "Why are you walking so far behind me? We're getting married soon. What's wrong with buying condoms together?" he questioned her.

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Feeling awkward and embarrassed, she hurried up to him.

He then took her hand, and they walked towards the car together.

On the way back, Bai Rong received a call from Aaron.

She remembered that he was supposed to come on October 15th; it wasn't time yet.

She picked up the call in surprise. "What's up?"

"I lost contact with Liu Yan," Aaron muttered solemnly.

Her heart skipped a beat as she demanded, "What do you mean? Has she been kidnapped? What about her father?"

"No, she disappeared on her own. She probably has other friends in Dartan who came to pick her up," Aaron replied.

Bai Rong heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing that.

She remembered Aaron telling her that Liu Yan had friends in Dartan, but her disappearance this time was intentional. It seemed that her friend had not forgiven her yet.

"I'm glad she's safe. Thanks for your help," she said gratefully.

"Her mother passed away recently, so her being emotionally unstable isn't unusual behavior. It will get better after some time, especially since the two of you are good friends." he consoled her.

"Okay," she acknowledged him before hanging up.

"What happened?" Gu Mingchen asked.

"Liu Yan has completely disappeared from my life. I would feel rather disappointed if I don't get to see her again in this lifetime, but I know this is for the best," she told him sadly.

"You still have Yanny. You still have me. Plus, we will have more children in the future," he reassured in his usual deep voice.

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Bai Rong looked out the window as deep thoughts clouded her mind.

I don't need many friends. All I need is one good friend.

After a while, they arrived at the villa.

Before she even opened the door, she heard a familiar bark.

Her lips curved upwards into a smile as she realized that her dog was there.

As soon as Gu Mingchen opened the door, her dog immediately rushed out while wagging its tail. After it circled him, it looked at Bai Rong and let out another bark, then similarly circled her.

Bai Rong knew her dog recognized her, so she knelt and patted it on the head while saying, "Good puppy. You recognize me, don't you?"

"Chen?" Gu Mingchen raised an eyebrow.

"He's Chenny, not Chen. He doesn't have the same name as you." She stood up as she explained.

"I wasn't questioning if he had the same name as me, but I do feel that name doesn't suit him. He should be named Bai since his fur is all white," he retorted.

Bai Rong was rendered speechless by his response.

What a petty guy he is.

"You can call him Bai, and I'll call him Qing. A win-win situation for the two of us," she said.

Gu Mingchen put his arm around her waist and pulled her towards him as he stared at her passionately. "You said you don't like me, yet you agree to name your dog after my suggestion..." he teased.

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Chapter 414 Not Allowed To Get Angry Or Leave

Bai Rong had never thought of that when she first named her dog. She simply thought Qing was a nice name.

She had always loved Gu Mingchen deeply regardless.

She smiled and wrapped her arm around his waist, saying, "Everything will be fine from now on."

"Yes, it will."

"I'll go and prepare some food now. I'll let you know when it's ready," she said gently.

"I'll be in the study. Let's get our marriage certificate this afternoon," he said in a deep voice.

A glimmer of light flashed across Bai Rong's eyes when she heard this.

She recalled the last time they got married. The two of them had been elated, but Zhou Hailan suddenly appeared on the day of their wedding. The pain she suffered because of that wretched woman still lingered until today.

Though her mental state was under control right now, she was still fearful that something bad might happen. "Are you planning to let your parents know?" she asked.

"It's up to you. If you want me to tell them, I will. If you don't, I will keep it a secret from them forever. Even if we do have children, they will be ours and ours only," Gu Mingchen assured her.

Feeling touched by what he said, she started tearing up.

She knew he had always put her first and that he truly cared about her.

She once refused to acknowledge her past as she was afraid that it would affect the lives of those around her.

But since she had decided to be with him, she had to leave her past behind. Their relationship was no longer a matter of two individuals but a matter of two families.

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She needed a decent image so there wouldn't be a huge gap between them.

However, she didn't know if Mr. Tang was really her grandfather.

Having changed my bone marrow before, this means my blood and DNA in my immune system have also been altered. Other parts of my body such as my organs and muscle DNA are not changed, and there is suitable equipment that can be used to verify this in the future.

The DNA in my ovum is likely not changed too, and I can conduct a paternity test on my ovum to be sure of this. If possible, I can even carry out in vitro fertilization to save Yanny.

"What are you thinking about?" Gu Mingchen asked when he saw her in deep thought.

"Gu Mingchen, since I have problems conceiving, do you think we can use IVF instead? We can have several babies in one go, and Yanny can be rescued too," Bai Rong suggested. "Xin was also conceived using this method, and he looks fine to me."

"If everyone used this method to get children, wouldn't the world become a messy place?" he responded.

She gripped his hand as she said, "We are resorting to this method so we can save Yanny. Moreover, we are also trying the natural way to get pregnant. It's not like we can't afford more children, right?"

He looked deeply into her eyes and answered, "Rong, promise me you will never leave or get angry no matter what happens."

"Hmm?" She stared back into his eyes, wondering what he was trying to imply.

"Yanny is not sick," he said.

Bai Rong immediately let go of his hand and stared at him in shock.

Feeling uneasy, he added, "If I didn't tell you that, you would have definitely left me, perhaps forever."

"You lied to me." She confronted him.

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No wonder he sent Yanny overseas.

Her blood started boiling that instant as she punched the man on the shoulder. "Do you know how worried I was? You lied to me and prevented me from seeing Yanny. You're too much."

He quickly clutched her fist and held her hand firmly, then said helplessly, "Don't you think you went overboard too? When you saw me pretending to be blind on the deserted island, the first thing you wanted to do was leave me."

"Are you trying to make me have more children so I will stay with you?" she questioned.

"No, having more children is not my goal. But to make you stay, I would keep saying that we haven't found a match for Yanny," he admitted.

Bai Rong freed her hand from his grip and covered her face.

Meanwhile, he hugged her from behind, pleading, "I didn't know what else to do. You kept refusing to be with me, and whenever I asked you, you kept telling me you had other plans. Even when I was angry and hurt, you were always determined to leave me. Bai Rong, we were both young when we got together, and we are about to enter middle adulthood soon. Life is short, and I don't want to keep wasting time unnecessarily. Let's just be together happily, alright?"

The woman gradually calmed down when she heard his desperate words.

Compared to Gu Mingchen, she had committed many more faults. The best thing she could do now was to forgive and move on.

She slowly turned around and hugged him leaning her head against his chest. "Can Yanny come home now?" she asked.

"Yanny's illness was faked, but he was indeed poisoned by others. I was worried that I wouldn't have time to take care of him. That's why I sent him overseas and let my adoptive parents look after him. I'll bring you to him if you want to see him, but let me make the arrangements first. However, now is not the best time to go. I'm afraid we will be followed," Gu Mingchen explained.

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"He was poisoned? Did Zhou Hailan do it?" Bai Rong was overcome with worry.

Gu Mingchen shook his head and said, "No it wasn't her. My men have been watching her closely. She wasn't the one who did it."

"Was it Xin then?" She was horrified at the thought that a little boy could be capable of poisoning Yanny.

"No. Both Xin and Zhou Hailan are both being followed closely by my men," he said.

"Who was it then?" she asked.

"I tracked down an old maid from my mother's hometown, but that maid committed suicide. Three months ago, the maid's family moved to Xyperia, but none of my friends in Xyperia were able to locate them. I suspect they might have changed their identities. More likely, however, they were probably killed," he speculated.

"Who else could it be then? Why would this person want to harm Yanny? He's so young, and he couldn't possibly have made any enemies at this age. If this person wanted to get back at you, why didn't he or she strike you instead?" Bai Rong's mind was filled with doubts and suspicion.

"I'm not sure, and I don't know how else to explain this matter. Just like how I couldn't figure out how Yanny disappeared last time." Gu Mingchen was at a dead end.

"How did you manage to find Yanny then?" Bai Rong asked, puzzled.

"I was drinking every day back then, to the point where I was hospitalized for gastrointestinal bleeding. At the hospital, someone delivered Yanny to me, claiming that he was my son. So, your mother and I conducted a paternity test, and he was soon confirmed to actually be our son," he clarified.

She tried to make sense of the facts. "So those people were actually afraid you would die. That's why they delivered Yanny to you?"

"I thought so too, but the Chief is already dead in the eyes of the public. Therefore, I suspect that there's another group of people responsible for Yanny's poisoning. I'm not sure what

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their motive was, though. The best thing to do now is to make sure Yanny is somewhere safe," Gu Mingchen elaborated.

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Chapter 415 No Secrets Between Us

Bai Rong finally understood what he meant. "We'll take one step at a time, then. We'll be cautious, and we'll wait for the enemy to reveal the flaws in their plan."

Pressing a kiss on her forehead, Gu Mingchen mumbled, "So we'll go with the flow about the baby matter. After all, we already have Yanny."

Bai Rong nodded. "I'll cook first."

She then headed in the direction of the kitchen.

Trailing behind her, Gu Mingchen offered, "I'll help you."

A smile grew on her lips as she washed the vegetables and murmured, "I miss our time on the empty island most. We wake when the sun rises, and we rest when the sun sets. There's a surprise every day, and I don't worry about anything when I'm there. It was like paradise."

"Once Yanny grows up, I'll give the company to him. Then, we'll move to the island and live there. I've bought the island, so it's now mine. I've consulted a researcher about it. According to them, the island won't sink within the next hundred years. Now, I'm looking for someone to make a conservation line."

"What's that?"

"We'll be splitting the island into two. One side will be the conservation of nature. The creatures will be barred from entering the other side. That way, we'll be able to live safely on one side."

"Snakes, worms, rats, and insects can dig their way over, can't they?" Bai Rong chuckled.

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"We'll make sure that doesn't happen too. However, we're not in a haste. I'm guessing two years will pass by the time everything is done. Once it's completed, we can take occasional trips there. If you're worried, we'll live in your yacht first. I've also installed a few telecommunication towers there. That'll be how we'll contact the outside world. We won't be living completely off the grid," Gu Mingchen explained.

"That sounds great. You remind me of a poet who wrote a story about a paradise. In his work, he talks about how he entered a cave and emerged out from the other end to see a paradise. The people there are farmers who live simple lives far from the war. Regardless of the identities of their guests, they welcome them with open arms."

"You still remember that?" Gu Mingchen wondered out loud. He remembered studying about the poet's work back in elementary school, but by now, it was mostly gone from his mind.

"I like elegant poems. There are several others that I like too, like Su Shi," Bai Rong added.

"Su Shi? The Melody of Water?"

"I like that too, but the one I like best is his work about reminiscing his late wife at night," Bai Rong replied.

"That doesn't sound good," Gu Mingchen commented as he put the tomatoes on the plate.

"I think he's a faithful man to think about his late wife even ten years after her death. After all, men had several wives back then." Bai Rong took the tomatoes over and diced them.

"I agree," the man hummed before washing the eggs for her.

Taking the cleaned eggs from him, Bai Rong muttered, "All right. You must have missed out on a lot of work to keep me company these few days. Go ahead and do your work since you have to get to them eventually. I can cook by myself."

"Okay then," he replied easily. After kissing her cheek, he stepped out of the kitchen.

Right then, the dog entered and stopped by her feet before barking.

"I don't know where the dog food is. I'll get you something nice when I go out in the afternoon," Bai Rong gently said to it before patting its head.

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Feeling comfortable, it craned its neck and starting rubbing itself affectionately on her leg.

Bai Rong's smile widened. After washing her hands, she began preparing the food. Half an hour later, the fragrance of the food began wafting out of the kitchen. When she had a brief moment of free time, she cut some cantaloupe and brought it to Gu Mingchen. The moment she reached the doorway of his study, she heard him on his phone.

"I don't want anyone to know about it. Do this first," Gu Mingchen instructed.

Bai Rong felt that it was rude to eavesdrop, so after a moment of rumination, she knocked on the door and entered.

"That's all for now." With that said, Gu Mingchen ended the call.

"Did I interrupt your work?" she mumbled apologetically.

"No. I have to meet some people tonight. Come with me," he said as he placed his phone on the table.

Bai Rong placed the plate she was holding on the table. "Alright, I will. Have some fruits. This cantaloupe is exceptionally sweet."

Gu Mingchen took a piece of the cantaloupe with a toothpick, but his gaze remained fixed on his computer.

Sensing how busy he was, Bai Rong turned and was about to leave.

"Rong," the man called out.

She turned to him. "What's wrong?"

There was a moment of silence as Gu Mingchen parted his lips and sealed them again. There was a glint in his eyes before he asked, "I was wondering when we'll be eating."

"In half an hour's time."

She knew this was not what he wanted to say, but asking him about it would be pointless; he would not say it unless he wanted to.

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Hence, she did not bother asking.

Once again, she turned to leave.

This time, he did not stop her. After exiting the room, she left for the kitchen.

Everyone had their own secrets, and everyone had something they could not bring themselves to say. Even if she was his partner, he still needed space.

All she could do was not burden Gu Mingchen. If he did not want to tell her about it, he must have a reason not to.

Half an hour later, the meal was done.

It smelled aromatic. The dog stuck close to her, and she guessed that it must be hungry. Again, she went up the stairs, but before she could knock on the door, Gu Mingchen opened it.

"I was about to tell you to eat," Bai Rong chuckled.

"I heard Bai's barks, so I guessed that the meal must be ready," he said as he walked out of the study.

"Right. Where's Bai's food? The dog looks like it's starving." Like him, Bai Rong was now calling the dog Bai.

Gu Mingchen's heart skipped a beat. He then wrapped his arm around her waist and whispered lowly in her ear, "It's in the upper cabinet in the kitchen."

"Okay. I'll feed it later. Do you usually give it rice?" Bai Rong wondered.

"It eats anything I eat."

No wonder the dog kept wandering around me when I was cooking. So it's used to eating human food. "I'll feed it some food later then. The biscuits will be its snack."

Bai Rong then treaded up the stairs.

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When Gu Mingchen reached the table, he looked at the four dishes she had made—spinach, shredded pork with vegetables, omelets, and braised pork.

Gu Mingchen ate two bowls with gusto. His appetite was apparently contagious, for Bai Rong ate a full bowl as well.

In the afternoon, once she washed the plates and fed the dog, Gu Mingchen brought her to the Civil Affairs Bureau.

She had married three times by now, so she was familiar with the procedures. For safety's sake, she used Wu Nian's identity card.

After getting the certificate, Gu Mingchen brought her for a wedding photoshoot. He told her he only wanted to keep it as a physical memory of this day; he would only hang the photo up at home if she agreed to it.

Noticing that his mind had already been made up, Bai Rong did not resist. They went to the most well-known photographic studio in A City and booked a session for next week.

Instead of bringing her home after settling matters, the man brought her to Gu Group.

On their way there, with his eyes on the road, Gu Mingchen held her hand and solemnly said, "After a long while of thinking about it, I feel that we shouldn't have any secrets between us. There's something I think you should know about."

Bai Rong turned to him expectantly. It must be the thing he was hesitating to tell me earlier.

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Chapter 416 Thank You Gu Mingchen

"What is it?" she questioned before patiently waiting for him to continue.

"Xia He has been arrested. Soon, she'll be going to the military court. If nothing goes wrong, she'll be sentenced to death," Gu Mingchen informed solemnly.

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Hearing his words, Bai Rong's heart skipped a beat as the image of Xia He's face surfaced in her mind.

She thought she had a miserable life, but it seemed like she was luckier than Xia He.

"Where was she arrested?" Bai Rong asked, a trace of sympathy in her eyes.

"She was caught the moment she appeared in A City's airport. The one who arrested her is my old subordinate. He told me about it before he reported to the higher-ups," Gu Mingchen answered.

"Do you think she's a spy?" she inquired as she tugged her safety belt.

"In the beginning, yes. Since she and I were the only ones who survived, I thought it would be her. However, Zhou Hailan appeared. So now I think it's either Zhou Hailan or her. However, Zhou Hailan was disfigured and locked up. She even suffered inhumane treatment and was forced to give birth to a child. Hence, the public would side her more than they would for Xia He. After all, Xia He had disappeared abruptly and returned completely unscathed."

"So, even if she's innocent, she still has to die," Bai Rong whispered as the light in her eyes dimmed. Although she had only come into contact with Xia He a few times, she felt that the woman was a strong individual.

"To be honest, after Zhou Hailan appeared, I've sent my men to watch her. There was nothing suspicious about her these two years. If she's the spy, it won't make any sense."

"So you think Xia He's the spy too," Bai Rong queried.

"More specifically, I don't know. I think your words sound plausible too. If she's the spy, she shouldn't be living such a tragic life, and she wouldn't need to come back."

"Moreover, wasn't she arrested the moment she appeared in the airport? That doesn't sound logical, not unless someone knows her whereabouts well," Bai Rong pointed out.

All of a sudden, Gu Mingchen stopped the car and cast a sharp look at the woman who was seated next to him.

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Perplexed, she asked, "What's the matter?"

"If someone knows her whereabouts well, who do you think it'll be?"

"Su Xuyan? No, that's not right. When Su Xuyan was on the island, Xia He was already gone. Shen Yiyang? No, that's not right too. Liu Yan wouldn't tell Shen Yiyang these things. Who could it be? Is it possible that Xia He met someone after she left?" Bai Rong guessed.

Gu Mingchen fell silent as he stared straight ahead, seemingly lost in his thoughts.

Holding his hands, Bai Rong worriedly asked, "What's wrong?"

Right then, Gu Mingchen made a call. "Leng Xiao, how did you arrest Xia He?"

"I had an anonymous call telling me I could catch Xia He in the airport, so I sent my men there," the man on the line replied.

"Can you find out who called you?"

"I can't. It was a virtual number. Moreover, we can't pinpoint its location. I'm suspecting that the call came from a car," Leng Xiao stated.

"Ignore my previous decision. Keep Xia He in custody, and report her to the higher-ups," Gu Mingchen ordered.

That was when Bai Rong finally figured out what Gu Mingchen had been previously talking about in the room. Gu Mingchen had not wanted anyone to find out Xia He had been arrested; he was telling Leng Xiao not to report it to higher-ups for a while.

He, too, wanted to save Xia He.

Unfortunately, this was part of the enemy's plan. If he did not let Leng Xiao report it to the higher-ups, Leng Xiao would not be the only one caught in the mess; Gu Mingchen would be too.

In other words, this trap was most likely meant for him.

"I'm sorry," Gu Mingchen said to Bai Rong after ending the call.

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Bai Rong squeezed out a tense smile. "I hope Xia He's the spy, or else this is quite terrible for her."

"I still remember watching them die in front of me. If Xia He isn't the spy, I won't be able to live with the guilt for watching my last surviving comrade die in front of me. Although I'm reporting her to the higher-ups, if she turns out to be innocent, I'll save her," Gu Mingchen promised.

"Maybe your plan to save her is also part of their plan. They would say you're in league with Xia He... They would claim that you're both spies. With how you've been set up previously, I'm afraid you won't be able to protect yourself. I think we should take out some time and plan this well." Bai Rong was worried that something would happen to Gu Mingchen.

Her words made the man fall silent. He started the car again, but his brows remained furrowed.

Anxiously, Bai Rong asked, "Can you arrange for me to meet Xia He?"

He nodded. "I'll ask Leng Xiao to make arrangements. Most likely, you'll be able to meet her before dinner."

Gu Mingchen did not head to the office in the end. After calling Leng Xiao and making sure no one was tailing them, he drove Bai Rong to the Shadow Samurais' secret military base.

When Xia He saw her, she turned agitated and gripped onto the steel railing. "Why are you here?"

"I should be the one asking you that. Why did you come back?" Bai Rong questioned.

"Bai Rong." After glancing at her surroundings, Xia He grabbed Bai Rong's palm and wrote, Other than you, I have no one I can trust.

Bai Rong's heart sank as she looked at the other woman. Sometimes, trust was a heavyweight on a person's shoulders.

I have many questions for you. I told you that if you want to come back, you have to have a plan, Bai Rong wrote in Xia He's palm.

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I found out a secret about that operation. Xia He raised her head to look at Bai Rong.

As Bai Rong stared into her eyes, her mind filled with a loud buzzing noise. It felt as if she had found a bone in an uncracked egg; it made the hairs on the back of her neck stand.

She anxiously retracted her hand and clenched her fists.

The more secrets one knew, the quicker one would die. That was how the world worked.

Bai Rong was afraid that the next step she took would be right into the quicksand. From then on, Gu Mingchen and her life would be a mess again.

“Bai Rong,” Xia He called out.

Returning to her senses, Bai Rong peered at the other woman.

Maybe Gu Mingchen’s fate has changed since the operation.

Zhou Hailan, his girlfriend, disappeared, and many of his comrades died. When he went back to work on his mission, he was drugged. After taking her, someone took his sperm and made Zhou Hailan pregnant.

In other words, the ones behind these two missions are the same.

After I became pregnant, someone took Yanny away. Right as Gu Mingchen was in a slump, they sent Yanny back.

After sending him back, they tried to poison Yanny. Moreover, whatever happened to Xia He is a trap meant for Gu Mingchen.

But... Why would someone do that? Everything was nothing but a confusing puzzle to Bai Rong.

Slowly, she reached out to Xia He.

Maybe the answer to all of those lies in the mission’s secret.

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Once she found out about the secret, she would be able to find those hiding behind the scenes. From then on, she would be able to keep Gu Mingchen and Yanny away from traps and potential danger.

At that moment, Xia He held Bai Rong's hand.

"I'm counting on you," she told her.

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Chapter 417 Why Are You Here

Counting on me? For what?

To save her? Or does she mean something else?

Bai Rong soon realized her hand was trembling.

Lowering her head, Xia He wrote the secret in her palm. The operation didn't actually exist.

Her words confused Bai Rong. What do you mean?

It was a drill. The operation was fake, but the deaths were real.

Still confounded by Xia He's words, Bai Rong cast a bewildered gaze at her.

Tell Gu Mingchen about this. He'll understand what I mean. So, if the operation is fake. Why is there a spy? Xia He continued writing.

A chill ran down Bai Rong's spine. How do you know this?

I needed money, so I took on some missions. While I was doing my missions, I went to Spaulnia, and I came to know a president. I sneaked into their database and found out about a scandal. Their vice president was a witness we were supposed to save. He has a mistress in Xyperia. Our mission coincided with the mistress' labor. Although the vice president announced to the public that he was going to A City, he actually went to Xyperia.

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If the person we're supposed to be saving isn't there, what's the purpose of the operation? The entire time, Xia He took her time writing her story, afraid Bai Rong might not understand her.

At that, Bai Rong widened her eyes at her.

She was not involved in the matter; she had only heard Gu Mingchen talking about it. Now that she was listening to the details, it seemed all too terrifying, and she could not help but shudder.

Xia He continued, This is vital information. We can't let anyone know about this yet, as I'm afraid a commotion will break out. It'll affect the relationship between our country and Spauria.

Coming back to her senses, Bai Rong wrote back, You were caught right away in the airport because someone tipped them off in an anonymous call. Have you contacted anyone and told them about your whereabouts?

This time, it was Xia He's turn to be stunned.

She shook her head. I've always been a lone ranger. Even when I take on missions, I never tell them my real name. I was just wondering why I've been caught right away since I've changed my passport.

That means someone has been following you. They must know you went to Spauria for a mission. Bai Rong grew worried.

They know I went to Spauria for a mission, but they won't know I know this secret. As I said, I'm a lone ranger when I'm conducting my missions. I'm worried I'll die once they find out I know about this secret too. That's why I can't tell anyone. You and Gu Mingchen are the only ones I can trust. Moreover—

Xia He's fingers paused as a vicious look flashed past her eyes. Glancing at Bai Rong, she continued, If they determine me as a spy and sentence me to death in the military court, I'll reveal the secret. After all, I don't want to die as a spy. That'll be humiliating my family, and it's something I'll never be able to atone for even if I reincarnate. I hope things will turn out well. I, too, want to know what's going on in that mission. I've been a clueless scapegoat for so many years.

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"I understand," Bai Rong answered in a low voice.

"I'm counting on you," Xia He repeated.

Nodding, Bai Rong turned and left the room that Xia He was locked in. The moment she exited, Leng Xiao suspiciously sized her up. "You know Xia He?"

"I met her by chance. Sorry for the trouble." Bai Rong did not wish to speak more words. Now, like Xia He, she trusted in few.

"Follow me." Leng Xiao then led her and handed her over to a soldier. After going through many twists and turns on various paths, she finally saw Gu Mingchen's car.

At the same time, he caught sight of her as well, and he quickly led her into the car. Once her seatbelt was buckled, he drove off.

Bai Rong was silent the entire time, afraid that her voice would disrupt his concentration on the road. After half an hour, they finally reached the main road.

Similarly, Gu Mingchen was silent as he drove. Another half an hour later, he stopped in front of a manor.

"Gu Mingchen, let's talk first," Bai Rong stopped him.

Unbuckling his safety belt, he turned and uttered, "Go ahead."

"Xia He said your operation didn't exist."

Gu Mingchen knitted his brows. "What operation? What do you mean by it didn't exist?"

"You brought your men to save a government official, and everyone but you, Xia He, and Zhou Hailan died. However, the truth is, the government official was in Xyperia back then. He never came to A City. That's why the person you saved isn't Spaunia's vice president."

As Gu Mingchen gazed at Bai Rong, his eyes darkened.

"I know it's difficult for you to accept this, for you lost a lot of your comrades back in that operation. However, we can't only listen to Xia He's words. Regardless, I think you can

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investigate this and find out what the truth is. There's another thing. Xia He said that if she's sentenced to death, she'll reveal all of these."

Gu Mingchen gritted his teeth. "A week after I brought the man back, the man, who was still in Ministry of Foreign Affairs back then, even gave his thanks on television."

Bai Rong retorted, "That's because his paramour had been in labor in Xyperia. He was using the incident to cover up his scandal. This is the information Xia He unintentionally found out. Do you mean the person you saved looked exactly like the vice president?"

"When I rescued him, his face was covered in blood, so I couldn't see his features clearly. Moreover, everything had been rushed back then. I couldn't take a good look at him," Gu Mingchen answered.

"Who did you hand him to? Who instructed you to take the mission?"

Staring at her, he continued, "My superior back then was Cai Qingyun, but he's now dead."

"Maybe he took orders from someone else as well. Who do you think can give him orders?"

"There aren't many who can give orders to someone his position. The commander-in-chief, the two deputy commanders, and the council." Gu Mingchen mulled over her words. "If it's a fake mission, why would my comrades die?"

Bai Rong was silent at that. She had yet to know Gu Mingchen back then, so she had no answers for him.

"If the mission was fake, that means there isn't a spy, and that means Xia He must have been set up. However, if this is revealed to the others, A City and Spaulnia's relationship will be affected," Bai Rong pointed out.

"I'll send someone to Spaulnia to check the authenticity of this before we come up with a plan."

Listening to his words, Bai Rong lowered her gaze. I hope there'll be enough time for it.

Upon entering the room with Gu Mingchen, Bai Rong realized there were eight people in the room. She knew none of them.

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"Mr. Gu, please have a seat." They moved aside to make space for him.

After Gu Mingchen sat down on the main seat, there was no space left beside him. Thus, Bai Rong went to sit somewhere else.

The moment she sat down, she saw Su Xuyan walking toward her with a wine glass.

Upon noticing her, a look of surprise flashed past his eyes, and he blurted out, "Why are you here?"

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Chapter 418 I Will Not Have Anyone Else After You

His tone immediately made her feel uncomfortable. Lips curling, she replied, "I'm sure it's none of Mr. Su's matter then I'm here, right?"

Realizing his mistake, Su Xuyan hastily said, "I was just curious. Ms. Wu, you don't look like the kind who enjoys being in a place like this."

"You don't understand me, so how would you know if I don't like it?" Bai Rong refuted.

Instantly, the atmosphere between them turned tense.

"President Su, do you two know each other?" one asked.

Su Xuyan shrugged. "Something like that."

His gaze landing on Gu Mingchen, Su Xuyan uttered, "I heard you were here, so I came to toast to you. Mr. Gu, you must have had a lot of frustration recently, don't you?"

"Does that have anything to do with you?" Gu Mingchen questioned.

"Of course it does. We've known each other for such a long time now. I'd hope for you to live a long life. How boring life would be without your companion." With that, Su Xuyan clinked his glass against Gu Mingchen's.

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"You're overthinking it. I'm definitely going to live longer than you. Busybodies tend to have a much shorter lifespan," Gu Mingchen retorted.

At that, Su Xuyan chuckled, seemingly gloating. Then, he downed the glass before fixing his gaze on Wu Nian. "So you're together with Gu Mingchen now?"

His pointed words made Bai Rong shudder, and she stared at him in silence with her lips pursed.

"She's now my assistant," Gu Mingchen replied for her.

"Assistant?" Su Xuyan's expression darkened as he looked at Bai Rong. "When I invited you to be my assistant, you said you only know how to teach. So what are you doing right now? Ms. Wu, do you only sprout lies from those lips?"

"Everything changes in this world. If you want to be specific, Mr. Su, you're not as charming as Mr. Gu is. Does this answer satisfy you?" Bai Rong responded icily.

At that, Su Xuyan's expression turned even darker. Tossing the glass he was gripping into the bin, he warned, "You'll regret this decision of yours."

When the man left, Bai Rong's face paled.

Su Xuyan was a petty man whose true nature hid behind a civilized exterior.

She feared Su Xuyan. After all, the man could do anything.

The gathering continued. It seemed like no one was affected by Su Xuyan's abrupt appearance, but lingering anxiety still wrapped itself around Bai Rong's heart.

"Nian, please help me get the lighter from the car," Gu Mingchen said.

She froze.

Bai Rong did not like Gu Mingchen smoking, but she would be embarrassing him if she were to voice it to him while many were around them. Hence, she stood up and walked out. Before she reached the elevator, the man held her hand and dragged her to the balcony on the second floor.

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“Don’t take what Su Xuyan said to heart,” he murmured.

Right then, Bai Rong realized that asking her to grab the lighter had only been an excuse.

It seemed like he had noticed her low spirits and wanted to console her about it.

His concern touched her heart. “After so many experiences with him, I know him well. It’s impossible for me not to take his words to heart. I’m thinking about what he said at the end—about me regretting my decision. Does he know something?”

“Even if he does, it has nothing to do with me. First, he won’t tell me about it. Second, he’ll add insult to injury. Third—” Gu Mingchen paused. “I didn’t deal with him previously because I wanted him to suffer the same way I did when I thought you died. Since you’re still alive, I won’t be letting him off.”

Nervously, Bai Rong grabbed Gu Mingchen’s hand. “Don’t make me regret being together with you. I hope you’re safe and sound. If you are, I’m willing to let go of all my hatred.”

Gu Mingchen shifted and gripped her hands tightly. “After knowing Xia He’s secret, I realized you’re not the one who’s dragging me down. It’s me dragging you down. Even without you, some things will still happen, so no matter what happens, don’t blame yourself for it. Su Xuyan is nothing to me.”

Bai Rong knew he was trying his best to console her.

She could clearly distinguish which one of them was the burden at different times.

“We’ll be better in the future,” she whispered.

“Yes, we will. Don’t worry. I realized you weren’t eating, so when we go back, have some food. I’ll bring you home in a while,” Gu Mingchen muttered gently. He then held her hand and started walking back inside.

Subconsciously, Bai Rong retracted her hand, and Gu Mingchen turned to look at her.

“Gu Mingchen, I love you. I love you more than you think I do. There are many things we still need to deal with, and the lesser, the better. You’re not all-powerful,” Bai Rong worriedly pointed out.

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“Okay. I understand.” Instead of insisting her do things his way, Gu Mingchen headed to the room first.

Meanwhile, Bai Rong headed to the restroom. After splashing some water on her face, she raised her head, only to jump in fright. The mirror reflected her pale face and Su Xuyan’s scowling one.

The man had his arms folded as he leaned on the doorframe, staring at her. “Does Aaron know you’re an assistant for Gu Mingchen?”

Forcing herself to calm down, Bai Rong intentionally revealed Aaron’s date of return to distract Su Xuyan. “There’s no need for me to report to him about my work matters. Moreover, Aaron will be coming to A City on the fifteenth. Even if I don’t say anything, he’ll find out about it eventually.”

“You didn’t study finance, business, or secretarial studies, but Gu Mingchen made you his assistant. Don’t you think that’s weird?” Su Xuyan questioned.

“He has his own reasons for doing that, and I have my own reasons for accepting the job. All I need to do is to think for myself; why do I need to think for others?” With that said, Bai Rong walked out.

Taking a large stride to the right, Su Xuyan blocked her way to stare down at her. “I’d like to know what your reasons for accepting the job are.”

At that, she sneered. “I’d like to know why you’re so concerned with me. Have you fallen in love with me?”

“I’m thinking your reason is the same as Gu Mingchen’s reason—you look a lot like the woman we both love,” Su Xuyan remarked as he observed her face.

Raising her chin, she uttered, “Are you done? If you’re done, may I leave?”

However, instead of letting her go, the man grabbed her arm, saying, “Come with me. Whatever terms you need—whatever terms you tell me—I’ll accept them all.”

“I’m not short of money, and I don’t have any family. Even my only friend has left me. In other words, there isn’t anything I want now. If I do...” Bai Rong trailed off. “Mr. Su, you’re rich,

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powerful, and handsome. Even Mo Xue has a crush on you. I'm sure you have plenty of women lining up to get together with you, so stay away from me from now on."

"I won't have anyone else after you, I swear. If I get anyone else, you can do anything you want to," Su Xuyan declared.

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Chapter 419 Who Are You

Bai Rong's lips curled. "What if the woman you love comes back?"

Her words made the man stiffened before he suspiciously glanced at her. Letting her arm go, melancholy flitted past his eyes. "I don't think Bai Rong will come back anymore. I'm sure that's what Gu Mingchen thinks too, and that's why he made you his assistant."

Spotting the odd look in his eyes, Bai Rong voiced, "Su Xuyan, do you want to make a deal with me?"

"What deal?" he asked as the flame of hope began to burn anew.

"What did you mean when you said I'm going to regret things soon?" Bai Rong questioned.

Staring at her, Su Xuyan explained, "Gu Mingchen's doomed. You're with him, so you'll soon regret it."

"What do you mean Gu Mingchen is doomed?"

"Wu Nian, are you going to tell me that you're truly worried for Gu Mingchen? You haven't fallen in love with him, have you?" Su Xuyan narrowed his eyes suspiciously.

"If you mean he's doomed because of Xia He's matter, I'll tell you now that you're overthinking it because he won't save her," Bai Rong confessed.

Her words took Su Xuyan aback. "How do you know about Xia He?"

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"I know more than you think I do. For example, I know the operation was a fake," Su Xuyan disclosed that piece of information as she eyed Su Xuyan carefully.

Hearing that, the man was even more dumbfounded. "How do you know that? Who even are you?"

"That's the question I should be asking you. Who are you, and who are you working for?" Bai Rong interrogated.

Abruptly, Su Xuyan held her waist and said, "If you want to find out who I'm working for, come to my side. I'll tell you everything."

"Let go of me," ordered Bai Rong.

"You must be by Gu Mingchen's side because of someone's orders. Who is it? Shen Yiyan?" Su Xuyan probed.

However, Bai Rong only glared at him.

He was smart. Although he was taken aback for a moment, he soon regained his calm. She could no longer get more information from him, and in fact, she might reveal more information to him if she kept it up.

"The more you know, the quicker you'll die." With that said, Bai Rong stomped on his foot.

As pain shot up his leg, Su Xuyan let go of her.

After glancing at him from the side of her eye, Bai Rong stalked down the corridor back to the room.

Midway, Bai Rong stopped in her tracks. At that moment, she regretted not regretting their conversation. Perhaps what he said a second ago could have been useful.

She turned to glance at him and said, "It's best that you worry about yourself."

At that, Su Xuyan grinned. "It seems like you don't know a lot. You're not that high-leveled."

Ignoring him, Bai Rong turned away and headed to the room.

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The entire way, she kept thinking about her conversation with Su Xuyan. Although he had been cautious with his words, she had managed to glean some information from him.

She pushed the door open.

Gu Mingchen's brows were furrowed until he saw her. "Does it take you that long to get that one thing?"

"I couldn't find the lighter in your car, so it took me a while," Bai Rong easily replied before sitting down.

"Don't be angry, Mr. Gu. I have a lighter." As the opportunity to butter him up had appeared, Mr. Wu swiftly lit his cigarette for him.

Once his cigarette was lit, Gu Mingchen turned toward Bai Rong.

At the same time, Bai Rong turned to look at him.

He then gestured to her the dishes on the table.

Thus, she hung her head and began to eat.

"This must be Wu, right? Let me toast to you," an unfamiliar man said to her.

Bai Rong lifted her glass.

Abruptly, Gu Mingchen voiced, "She's going to be my driver, so she can't drink."

"Oh, right. Right. We have to obey the laws; we don't drink and drive," Mr. Wu hurriedly said. Turning back to Gu Mingchen, he smiled and continued, "Mr. Gu, if you have free time to look at the lot, I'll definitely make the necessary arrangements for it."

"Thank you," Gu Mingchen muttered before turning his head in Bai Rong's direction.

Once again, the woman locked eyes with him. She put down her glass, hung her head, and returned to her food.

At that, the corner of Gu Mingchen's lips lifted as his heart melted.

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Half an hour later, Bai Rong was too full to keep eating.

Right then, Gu Mingchen said to Mr. Wu, "I still have a kid at home to care for at home, so I'll take my leave first. Zhang will make arrangements later, so please, enjoy your time."

"Thank you, Mr. Gu," Mr. Wu chuckled.

"It's my pleasure." He then rose to his feet, and Bai Rong did the same.

The two then exited together.

"Be smarter next time. You're out to keep me company for food, not drinks. Reject them by telling them you have to drive, okay?" Gu Mingchen reminded.

"Oh. I forgot about that," Bai Rong answered.

Pressing the down button for the elevator, the man asked, "Why did you take such a long time to come back? If you were another minute later, I would've gone to find you."

"I met Su Xuyan in the restroom," Bai Rong explained truthfully.

Hearing her, Gu Mingchen's eyes narrowed. "Stay away from him next time."

"I had a short talk with him."

At that, he spun around to look at her warily. "A talk? What is there to talk about? Have you not learned your lesson from your previous encounters with him?"

Right then, the elevator arrived. "I'll tell you about it when we're in the car."

With a glacial look, Gu Mingchen entered the elevator. After the two entered the car, he looked at her and demanded, "You can tell me now."

After buckling her safety belt, she voiced, "I was testing waters with him. Firstly, I told him about the fake mission. He responded by asking me how I knew about it and who I was. In other words, Su Xuyan knew the mission was fake. I remember he's one of the commander-in-chief's men, so that means the commander-in-chief knows the mission was fake too. Second, he thinks that I'm staying by your side on Shen Yiyang's orders. He told me

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not to take the same path Zhou Hailan did. That means Zhou Hailan is by your side on someone's orders."

"Shen Yiyang's a sly man. Maybe some of his words were meant to mislead you," Gu Mingchen uttered warily.

"It doesn't seem like it. Let's pretend the commander-in-chief knows the mission is fake. Is it possible that it's the ex-commander-in-chief who wanted Xia He's arrest?" Bai Rong guessed.

"Impossible. If Shen Yiyang's father had been the one to arrange it, he'd have killed Xia He upon finding out her whereabouts. He wouldn't have let my men arrest her instead. So that means the person who told Leng Xiao to catch her isn't the same as the one who planned the fake mission. Moreover, no one knows which side Su Xuyang is on," Gu Mingchen responded.

"If Zhou Hailan was by your side on someone's order, she should know it's a fake mission. If we find the person behind her, we might be able to find out who's the one who planned for the fake mission. What is the aim of the fake mission? The operation was fake, but the deaths were real. What's the reason for the deaths? Why the deaths? Are they targeting you, or are they targeting someone else?" Hundreds of questions were filling up all the spaces in Bai Rong's mind.

Yet, at the same time, she felt that they were coming close to the answer.

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Chapter 420 The Separation Of Life And Death

"Don't reveal your involvement in this; I'll deal with it myself," Gu Mingchen told her.

However, Bai Rong was uncomfortable with that.

She knew he was worried that she would be in danger, and that was why he did not want her to get involved.

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However, she was not afraid of danger nor death; she was only afraid of something happening to him.

At the thought of that, her eyes reddened. "Gu Mingchen, if something happens to you, I won't keep living by myself. Let's face this together."

"The difference between you and me is that I can fight, and I have power. Not many can lay a finger on me. However, it's all too easy to lay a finger on you," Gu Mingchen gravely informed.

He was right. She could not do anything, not even if she wanted to help him.

"I don't understand why you like me. I'm not mild-mannered, nor am I capable. I have a terrible personality, and I'm full of complaints. Moreover, I have tons of issues with me." Bai Rong hung her head as she voiced the frustration in her heart.

Abruptly, Gu Mingchen grabbed her hand as the corner of his lips lifted. "I don't need a reason to love someone. Maybe it was a spark at some past moment. I only know that you make me yearn for you. You make me look away from other women, and you make my heart pound. In fact, you make me feel jealous and insane. I don't know why, but I know this is love."

It was rare for him to say sweet nothings like these. Most of the time, he was silent. Yet, every time he did say such words, his words melted her heart.

"Although I'm helpless, I know that as long as you're here, I'll be fine."

"Didn't you encounter trouble the last time you were on the island?"

"That's because you weren't with me."

Seemingly reading her mind about what she was going to say next, Gu Mingchen interrupted, "That's what I'm telling you. I can't protect you all the time."

"I don't want to be a woman who causes trouble everywhere yet needs your protection. I want to stand beside you, not behind you."

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“And you will. Do you know who Mr. Wu is? The man who ate with us today,” Gu Mingchen suddenly queried.

Bai Rong shook her head. “How could I possibly know him? I’m not a businessman.”

“He’s the head of Summerbank’s Bureau of Land Management. The person with him was the director of Merchants Group,” Gu Mingchen explained.

“Summerbank is surrounded by mountains, and it’s the poorest province in A City. Are they asking you to develop in there?” Bai Rong guessed.

“Yes. They’re hoping that I’ll make developments in Summerbank, but my aim is the treasure.”

“Is the treasure at Jadeborough?” Bai Rong exclaimed.

“No, it isn’t. I spent a lot of time researching, and I even consulted the specialists to piece together the incomplete diary. Now, I’ve found the correct location. It’s not at Jadeborough; it’s at Summerbank.”

“We have a lot of things in our hands right now. I think we should leave this aside for now. We’ll deal with it once we’ve dealt with the urgent matters,” Bai Rong suggested.

“We promised Tang Xiaojia that we’ll bring justice by catching all of the ones who were involved in the massacre. All that’s left now is the mastermind.”

“Even if you find the treasure, you might not find out who the mastermind is. In fact, more troubles might come your way. Gu Mingchen, you already have your hands full of troubles. You’re not even done with Xia He’s matter,” Bai Rong reminded, disagreeing with him.

“Only when I have the treasure will I have the capability to negotiate with the mastermind. To deal with the mastermind, I must first find out who they are. Otherwise, we’ll just be running in circles.”

“I have to admit that you’re right. It’s not that I don’t want you to do that, but I think our priority should be investigating the truth of the fake operation you had first. We have to find out who’s trying to hurt you before doing anything. Once this is settled, we’ll start treasure

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hunting. What do you think about that?" Bai Rong asked. Even if Gu Mingchen was a god, he would not be able to handle so many things happening at once.

For a moment, Gu Mingchen only looked at her in silence.

Similarly, Bai Rong stared at him quietly.

"All right. I won't deal with the treasure's matter first. It's getting late, so let's go home," he announced.

Bai Rong knew it was difficult for him to relent; he was indulging her by giving in to her.

The conversation was now over, so she drove them both home.

While they were on their way back, she peeked at him once in a while.

The man's eyes were closed as he rested, and the dim road lights flickered on his face.

She needed time to mull over this. She had to analyze all possible ways things would turn out. Bai Rong did not want to take yet another wrong step.

An hour and a half later, they arrived at the villa.

The moment Bai Rong stopped the car, Gu Mingchen's eyes flew open to look at her. "Rong, you once told me to live my life if you die. You asked me to live a good life on behalf of you and fulfill your unfinished dreams, right?"

"Yes." Those were the words she once said to him. Back then, he had answered her by telling her that they would talk about it later.

"I'll agree to it. However, I have something I want you to say yes to as well," Gu Mingchen uttered seriously.

Hearing his tone, Bai Rong's heart sank.

He continued, "If I die, I hope you'll keep living. Live on behalf of me. We still have Yanny, and Yanny needs you to take care of him. In the future, our son will have children, and his children will need you to take care of them. Do you understand me?"

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Bai Rong's eyes reddened, and tears escaped her.

Gu Mingchen was a confident man, and no matter what problems he had to face in the past, he would always tell her to trust him in solving them.

For him to be preparing for his death this time meant that he was not confident in solving this problem.

Bai Rong's heart was in agony as she muttered, "I don't want to say yes to you. If you die, I'll follow you to the afterlife."

"We still have Yanny," he reminded.

"Yanny has his foster parents!" Bai Rong stubbornly cried out as more tears streamed down her cheeks.

Gu Mingchen reached out to wipe her tears, but she slapped his hand and turned away. Wiping her tears away herself, she opened the door and got down from the car.

There was nothing he could do but follow her down from the car.

When she reached the door, she uttered without turning around, "If you die and they come for your son, do you think I can protect Yanny by myself? No, I can't. The only one who can is you."

Gu Mingchen walked toward her and wrapped his arms around her. With his head buried by the crook of her neck, he took in a deep breath.

Although Bai Rong could feel the warmth of his body seeping into her, the cold was still a blanket around her body. She spun around to look at him.

"Rong, promise me this, okay? If something happens to me, I'll send the two of you away safely. No one will find be able to you," he promised.

Hearing him, Bai Rong pursed her lips into a thin line as her tears flowed renew.

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