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Qian Ge was completely confused until she heard Ji Yi gently shriek, "ah!" Qian Ge turned her head to glance at the source of the noise. Her eyes stared at the feet right in front of her then she turned to see Ji Yi's innocent, pitiful face spread out at her feet.

Qian Ge froze on the spot, and after three whole seconds, she lowered her head and looked over at her hand.

She stared at her palms repeatedly for a while and that was when the thought crossed her mind: I clearly didn't use that much strength just now... How did Ji Yi fall to the ground?'

When Zhuang Yi went to get some sushi, she happened to hear someone whisper, "Qian Ge got into an argument with someone," so she curiously glanced over to where Qian Ge was standing.

Even though half of Ji Yi's body was blocked from view by someone, Zhuang Yi could tell from the corner of her dress that the woman standing in front of Qian Ge with her arched body was Ji Yi. Without hesitation, she dropped the plate and rushed over to where Qian Ge and Ji Yi were standing.

Since Ji Yi accidentally spilled a cocktail over Qian Ge's body and was apologizing profusely, the situation between the two of them already caused quite a few people to peer over.

Zhuang Yi apologized a few times consecutively before she managed to push her way through the wall of people. She was just about to say "Excuse me" to the man in front of her when she heard Ji Yi scream. She raised her head and looked over the man's shoulder to see Ji Yi spread out across the floor.

"Xiao Yi!" Zhuang Yi screamed Ji Yi's name reflexively. She wanted to say something to the people blocking her path, but the words immediately disappeared from her throat. She pushed the man in front out of the way, leaped over to Ji Yi's side and crouched down. "Xiao Yi, what happened? Are you hurt?"

Ji Yi covered her ankle and pretended to look pitiful. She shook her head at Zhuang Yi.

Seeing her like this, Zhuang Yi suddenly got angry. She raised her head and without thinking twice, she spoke to Qian Ge who was standing in front of them, "Miss Qian, how could you push someone!"

From the moment Ji Yi fell down until now, Qian Ge had remained in a daze. With Zhuang Yi's question, she suddenly seemed to snap back to reality.

Qian Ge gaped, instinctively defending herself, "I..."

She wanted to say, "I didn't push her," but she only managed to blurt out the first word when Ji Yi weakly cried from the floor, "Zhuang Yi, I was wrong... I accidentally spilled a cocktail over Qian Ge. It makes sense for her to be unhappy."

It makes sense for me to be unhappy... She's basically turning things around and saying I really did push her just now?

Qian Ge's chest suddenly started to burn up.

"What do you mean by 'It makes sense for her to be unhappy'?!" Zhuang Yi retorted in a stern voice: "You didn't spill your drink on purpose. Miss Qian, as Ji Yi's manager, I think you have to apologize to Ji Yi right no-..."

"Zhuang Yi!" Ji Yi forcefully reached her hand out and covered Zhuang Yi's mouth. Then, she acted as though she was trying to cover up Zhuang Yi's words as she spoke with agitation, "Zhuang Yi, you don't have to say anything. It really was my fault..."

As she spoke, Ji Yi turned her head and looked over at Qian Ge. "Qian Jie, I'm sorry. I'm really sorry. My manager has a bad temper. Don't take it at heart!"

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All of a sudden, Qian Ge felt the fire in her chest burn even more fiercely.

Seeing just how weak and helpless Ji Yi was, the fire in Zhuang Yi's heart grew as she ripped off the hand covering her mouth. "Xiao Yi, what're you afraid of? She's the one in the wrong..."

"Zhuang Yi, I beg you – don't say anything. Stop!" Ji Yi hurriedly interrupted. She stealthily stabbed her own thigh and used the searing pain to force out some tears. Then she pretended as though she was afraid Zhuang Yi would get on Qian Ge's bad side if she continued speaking. She turned towards Qian Ge and said, "...Qian Ge, sorry, sorry..."

Then she acted as though all she wanted to do was immediately patch things up. She said to Zhuang Yi, "Zhuang Yi, let this go. What's more, I trust Qian Jie didn't do it on purpose. She probably never realized she used so much force and slipped up..."

Slipped up?

She's obviously telling everyone I just forcefully pushed her?

She ruined my dreams of getting on stage with Cheng Ke and now she's defiling me like this?

Since Ji Yi first appeared by Qian Ge's side and told her what she said to Cheng Ke, Qian Ge had been forcing herself to suppress the fire in her heart. When she heard what Ji Yi said right then, all of sudden her stern voice broke out, "Bullsh*t!"

Ji Yi waited a long time for Qian Ge to lose it. As soon as she heard Qian Ge swear, her whole body flinched like she was unbelievably afraid and she hid behind Zhuang Yi while she secretly stabbed her own thigh with all her strength.

The pain made the corners of her eyes burn and tears burst out. Ji Yi's lip quivered as she pretended to be in pain and she said weakly, "Qian Jie, don't be mad. I was wrong. I spoke out of turn..."

The more delicate and feeble Ji Yi looked, the more Qian Ge's fury grew in her heart. She even raised her voice as she said, "Quit acting! Do you think I really can't tell that you're pretending to look this pathetic?!"

Ji Yi's body trembled fiercely and she acted so scared that she didn't dare say anything. All she could do was tightly grab onto Zhuang Yi's arm with tears flowing down her face.

How could Zhuang Yi just watch as Qian Ge scolded Ji Yi? What's more, there were so many live cameras on them. As a professional manager, she had to protect her artist at all times. There were some words Ji Yi couldn't say, but as Ji Yi's manager, Zhuang Yi had the ability to stand up before everyone and say them. With that thought, Zhuang Yi said, "Miss Qian, do you feel a certain way about Ji Yi so you're deliberately making things difficult for her?"

"Shouldn't I be the one to ask you guys? Are you both working together to make things hard for me?" Although Qian Ge's question sounded rhetorical, with Ji Yi sprawled across the floor, she sounded unusually bossy.

"Miss Qian, let's not talk about anything else. Let's just talk about tonight alone! When you arrived at the charity gala tonight, you were behind Ji Yi, but then you rushed ahead to be interviewed. After that was over, you mentioned the King of TV, Shi Yang, ruining Ji Yi's chance of being interviewed let alone show her face at all! Then she was ushered right into the hall..." Even if there was anything else, Zhuang Yi wasn't going to bring it up because there was no evidence. On any other night if she kept talking, she might end up worse off, but tonight, the red carpet walk was televised. As long as someone rewatched it, they could easily confirm what she said.

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Qian Ge probably never imagined that Zhuang Yi would suddenly bring up what happened on the red carpet. She was completely stunned for two seconds before she said, "That's bull! Why would I need to pick on her? Since when did she even qualify to be worth picking on? She and I could..."

Before Qian Ge could finish, her manager found out what was happening and hurriedly rushed over to lecture her to stop. "Qian Ge!"

As Qian Ge's manager's voice dropped, she was already at Qian Ge's side. She reached out, pulled on Qian Ge's arm, and shot an apologetic smile at everyone around her. Then Qian Ge bolted out of the dining hall.

On the way out, she happened to brush by a reporter for a live broadcasting station who stopped Qian Ge. "Excuse me, Miss Qian Ge, may I ask if what Ji Yi's manager just said was true? When you walked down the red carpet, did you really stop Miss Ji Yi from getting any press coverage?"

Qian Ge didn't have time to react as her manager spoke first. "Excuse me, but we're not accepting interviews at this moment. Thank you."

With that, Qian Ge's manager walked right around the reporter. She continued to hold Qian Ge back from reporter questions as she left the dining hall.

Qian Ge left the set, so Ji Yi's scene should come to an end.

The expression on her face was still panicked and helpless when Zhuang Yi lifted her up from the floor.

She knew that after Qian Ge left, all the stations would now focus on the other main character. Ji Yi raised her leg and deliberately pretended as though she sprained her ankle. Her leg went limp as she let out a painful yelp that she couldn't hold back.

"Did you sprain your ankle again?" Zhuang Yi hurriedly supported Ji Yi by the arm to prevent her from falling over.

Ji Yi shook her head and replied softly, "No."

Her ankle was injured, so she naturally couldn't stay any longer. Ji Yi pretended the pain had passed as she waited on the spot for a while. With Zhuang Yi's assistance, she carefully limped out of the dining hall and left the gala early.

There was only Ji Yi and Zhuang Yi in the elevator to the underground parking lot.

When the elevator doors closed, Ji Yi pulled her arm back from Zhuang Yi then sluggishly leaned against the elevator wall.

Seeing Ji Yi like that, Zhuang Yi suddenly froze. After about five seconds, she instantly realized... "So..."

Zhuang Yi's voice was a little high. Even though they were in an elevator and nobody else could hear them, she lowered her voice a little: "... you didn't actually sprain your ankle?"

Ji Yi curved her lips into a smile at Zhuang Yi and nodded then she pulled out her phone. She clicked into a live stream of the gala.

Even though some time had passed since that incident between her and Qian Ge, the comment section was still talking about the whole incident.

"Geez, what kind of 'Nation's First Love' was this?! She's practically an evil empress!"

"Empress? So young? She's obviously the empress dowager!"

"I never imagined that Qian Ge was such a bossy and domineering person. I feel so sorry for the new girl. She apologized so humbly, yet Qian Ge was so unforgiving!"

"The new girl sprained her ankle – poor thing!"

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"Whatever! After this, I'm supporting the new artist too! I just followed her Weibo. Her name is Ji Yi. It's Xiao Yi."

"I just watched the coverage again. When they walked down the red carpet, Qian Ge really did pull one over on Ji Yi. After the interview, she deliberately mentioned my dream guy, Shi Yang. My poor dream guy, he was used as a tool..."

"Qian Ge, that scheming b*tch! She actually used my dream guy Shi Yang!"

"…"

Zhuang Yi looked at Ji Yi watching the coverage and suddenly understood her intentions. She hurriedly pulled her own phone out and opened Weibo.

With all the stars gathered at the BL Charity Gala, the incident was bound to be tonight's hottest topic.

Due to Qian Ge's popularity and after what happened to Qian Ge and Ji Yi during the live broadcast, the incident appeared on the top searches board soon enough.

"Empress Chunyi and Princess Qing Yang Live PK."

"Qian Ge Puts Down New Artist, Ji Yi."

"The 'Nation's First Love' Qian Ge is a Scheming B*tch."

As Zhuang Yi went through the list, she spoke to Ji Yi standing next to her: "Three threads about the incident between you and Qian Ge already made it to the top searches and one of the topics entered the top ten. According to current trends, those three threads are going to make it to the top three."

Zhuang Yi swiped her screen, scanned some Weibo messages, and said, "Everyone on Weibo is dissing Qian Ge! Especially Shi Yang fans – their comments are the fiercest, saying she used Shi Yang like a tool!"

When Ji Yi heard this, she glanced at Zhuang Yi. "What a coincidence. The live anchors are also all criticizing her too."

"Serves her right!" replied Zhuang Yi, who was happy to see Qian Ge in trouble. Then she continued to stare at her phone for a while like something was on her mind. She turned her head and spoke to Ji Yi: "Xiao Yi, you didn't go to the BL Charity Gala because you wanted a chance to get some publicity, did you? You came for Qian Ge, right?"

Ji Yi briefly glanced at how the anchor criticized Qian Ge then she sluggishly replied to Zhuang Yi with an "Mhm."

Zhuang Yi was smart. When she heard Ji Yi's reply, she immediately understood everything. However, she stared into Ji Yi's eyes, full of surprise and admiration.

A month ago, when Ji Yi was recording the variety show and got into that accident which ruined everything, she didn't say anything but thought Ji Yi was more or less useless.

At the time, she thought He Jichen only offered her a high salary to be Ji Yi's manager because Ji Yi was overly incompetent.

It wasn't until today that she realized she was wrong. Not only was Ji Yi not useless – she could actually outsmart others.

How could such a person make such a simple mistake during the recording for the variety show?

With that thought, Zhuang Yi spoke as though she suddenly understood something, "Last time during our variety show recording, did you trip because someone set you up?"

Regarding that incident, Ji Yi had no conclusive evidence so she only told He Jichen her suspicions. After hearing Zhuang Yi's guess, Ji Yi was a little surprised deep down. But she remembered what Zhuang Yi

said when she pretended to be hurt; she knew Zhuang Yi was truly on her side. With no option to continue keeping her suspicions from Zhuang Yi, Ji Yi nodded right away and said, "Yes."

Ji Yi thought about explaining what happened that day to Zhuang Yi in detail, but before she could, the elevator reached the underground car park.

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Every person at Beiyang Hall tonight was practically all in showbiz. Ji Yi was afraid there were others outside, so she hurriedly swallowed what she was going to say and spoke with an indifferent tone of voice: "If we have time when we get back, I'll tell you more about it."

Zhuang Yi nodded gently then reached out to support Ji Yi's arm.

Even though Ji Yi didn't sprain her ankle, the scene unfolded under an audience's watchful eyes. Even if there were no cameras around, they had to continue acting!

When the elevator doors opened, Ji Yi limped just like she did at the gala. She limped over to the side of the minivan with Zhuang Yi's support.

Zhuang Yi was just about to open the car door when the phone in Ji Yi's hand rang.

Ji Yi glanced down to see that it was He Jichen calling.

He couldn't have already caught wind of what happened between me and Qian Ge tonight at the BL Charity Gala, right?

As she thought about it, Ji Yi swiped the screen and took He Jichen's call. "Hello?"

The caller was silent.

Ji Yi furrowed her brows and said, "He Jichen?"

She was met once again by a wall of silence.

It can't be a pocket dial, right?

"He Jichen?" Ji Yi called He Jichen's name again. Deep down, she figured that if the person on the other side of the call still didn't reply, she would hang up...

But before that could happen, a honk came from the other end.

At the same time, she heard a honk also coming from behind her.

Over the two honks, Ji Yi could hear He Jichen's voice coming from her phone. "I'm behind you."

Ji Yi was so shocked by He Jichen's three words that her fingers trembled and she almost dropped her phone.

Before she could react and register what those three words meant, she heard the sound of a car from behind her. With a stunned expression on her face, Zhuang Yi, who was standing beside her, said, "Mr. He?"

Ji Yi turned her head and saw He Jichen in just a white shirt. He was walking closer to her with his pair of long legs, one step at a time.

Wasn't He Jichen with Han Zhifan at the Golden Lounge on business? Why's he showing up here now?

Ji Yi was a little confused.

Ji Yi only came back to her senses when He Jichen stopped about half a meter from her. "Why... did you come here?"

He Jichen didn't say anything. He crouched down straight away and lifted Ji Yi's skirt.

Ji Yi's entire body froze at his sudden, unexpected move. Her legs instinctively retreated a little, but He Jichen grabbed her calf. That was when Ji Yi realized that He Jichen was checking her leg, so she blurted out, "I'm fine."

He Jichen seemed to have not heard Ji Yi at all as he checked Ji Yi's left leg then her right leg.

"I'm really fine," repeated Ji Yi.

He Jichen still ignored her. He didn't get up until he checked to see for himself that she was fine. Then he pulled out his phone and made a call.

After a few seconds, the call was picked up and He Jichen spoke with deep, low voice. "Doctor Xia? You don't have to come. Mhm, it's nothing major. Mhm, sorry..."

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After hanging up, He Jichen threw his phone into his pocket and turned to look at Zhuang Yi.

Having met He Jichen's gaze, Zhuang Yi was stunned for a moment before she quickly realized what He Jichen wanted. She quickly and discreetly said, "I suddenly remembered I have something to do. Mr. He, if you aren't doing anything later, can I please trouble you to take Ji Yi back home?"

He Jichen didn't say anything but nodded his head slightly.

Seeing as He Jichen agreed, Zhuang Yi didn't even bother to ask Ji Yi for her thoughts and handed Ji Yi's arm over to He Jichen to support her.

After He Jichen reached his arm out, he held onto Ji Yi's arm while Zhuang Yi quickly released hers. She then took a step back and said, "Mr. He, Ji Yi, goodbye," then she quickly got into the car and left.

While Zhuang Yi drove the minivan out and disappeared out of sight, He Jichen supported Ji Yi and they headed back to his car.

When He Jichen started up the car, he turned to glance at Ji Yi in the front passenger seat.

Maybe it was because Ji Yi finally got Qian Ge back for that incident a month ago, but her mood was incredibly good. She didn't really want to go home, so she tilted her head and thought about it for a while. Just as the car was about to reach the exit of the parking lot, she asked, "He Jichen, do you have anything to do later?"

He Jichen stopped the car and first paid the parking fee. While he waited for the attendant to give him his change, he turned to glance at Ji Yi. He didn't say anything but gently shook his head.

Ji Yi was used to He Jichen not saying much. Seeing He Jichen shake his head, she suggested, "Then, can you drive me around Beijing and check out the night view?"

He Jichen blinked in silent agreement. He picked up his change and stepped on the gas again.

After the car drove onto the main road, Ji Yi realized that a raincloud had just passed over Beijing when she saw puddle after puddle up on the road ahead.

She rolled the windows down and welcomed the cool breeze after the rain as her mood became even more relaxed.

Ji Yi leaned against the window and stared at the night view in reverse, unable to restrain herself from thinking back to what happened at the BL Charity Gala.

As she remembered how people shouted at Qian Ge, she couldn't help but curl her lips upwards. Just as she had sent He Jichen a WeChat message whenever anything happened to her the past month, she turned to let it all out to He Jichen, who was concentrating on driving. "He Jichen, did you know we played Qian Ge tonight so bad!"

When he heard Ji Yi's voice, He Jichen shot her a glance. When he noted her smile, the corners of his lips pursed for a moment, but soon enough, his eyes were back on the road ahead.

On a normal day, whenever Ji Yi complained about anything, He Jichen never interrupted her, so she didn't sense anything was wrong and she continued happily. "She definitely feels like crap right now with so many people online angry at her..."

As she said this, Ji Yi pulled her phone out and opened Weibo. "...Zhuang Yi was right! Threads about her are really rising up on the trending topics board. Now the 'Nation's First Love is a scheming b*tch' topic is already on the list of the top-three most-searched threads!"

He Jichen discreetly tightened his fingers around the steering wheel.

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He Jichen discreetly tightened his fingers around the steering wheel.

He didn't reply to Ji Yi. His gaze straight ahead became a little colder.

Ji Yi didn't really pay much attention to He Jichen. As she browsed through everyone's hateful comments about Qian Ge on Weibo, she had a sense of joy that she just couldn't hide. "With the image of a gentle, elegant, and well-mannered Qian Ge in everyone's hearts now destroyed, I'm afraid her whole team will probably have a terrible night's sleep tonight, huh?" she continued to say.

As Ji Yi's voice fell, she saw a public telephone booth by the road through the windshield. All of a sudden, her mind flashed back to when Qian Ge called her to show off and taunt her last month when she came home with a sprained ankle. "Stop the car!" she cried abruptly.

She said this so suddenly that He Jichen couldn't react in time to slow down the car.

Ji Yi reached her hand out and grabbed his arm as she cried with a lot more impatience than before. "He Jichen, stop the car, stop the car!"

He Jichen hit the emergency brakes.

Ji Yi's body jolted forward for a moment and after the car came to a halt, she immediately unbuckled her seatbelt and hurriedly got out of the car.

She was in such a hurry that she didn't have time to close the car door as she ran over to the phone booth. After just two steps, she realized that she didn't have any change on her and she headed back. "He Jichen, do you have any coins?"

Even though He Jichen didn't understand what Ji Yi wanted to do, he still gave Ji Yi some spare change lying around in the car.

Ji Yi took the coins without saying a word then ran over to the phone booth.

He Jichen sat in the car and stared out the window for a while and watched as Ji Yi made a call in the booth. Eventually, he switched the engine off, unbuckled his seatbelt and walked over to her.

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Ji Yi pulled up Qian Ge's private phone number in her phone and used the phone to make the call.

It was just as Ji Yi predicted earlier in the car – Qian Ge's team really was a mess. The phone rang nonstop, so Ji Yi figured her phone line was probably tied up with calls from reporters. When Qian Ge finally picked up, she didn't even ask who was calling but immediately cried, "Sorry, I said I'm not taking any interviews!"

Ji Yi waited patiently for Qian Ge to finish speaking then she used the same tone Qian Ge used when she called her way back. Seeing as she hadn't hung up the phone yet, Ji Yi took the opportunity to say, "It's me."

Those two simple words instantly silenced Qian Ge on the other side of the phone.

Ji Yi knew Qian Ge recognized her voice. She also knew Qian Ge wouldn't hang up, so seeing that Qian Ge didn't say anything and she wasn't in a hurry, she calmly held the phone and waited.

After about two minutes, Qian Ge's voice came out with a more impatient and colder tone of voice than before. "Why are you calling?"

"Ah, no reason... I heard you're being dissed pretty badly online, so I thought I'd call to see if you were alright?" Ji Yi sluggishly leaned against the side of the phone booth and copied Qian Ge's tone of voice from back then. "I heard Shi Yang was also hit because he was dragged into this by you. His fans really don't like you right now," she continued to say with a slightly pitying tone.

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"It's so bad that someone even questioned whether Shi Yang worked with you to put down the new artist. This situation also reflects badly on his image too. Who knows if Shi Yang will distance himself from you after working so closely with you?"

With that, Ji Yi couldn't help but let out a "tsk tsk tsk" then she repeated everything Qian Ge told her in the past back to her: "Qian Ge, I took it as though you were really skilled four years ago, but it looks like you aren't much at all... After working hard for so long, you not only lost the rare chance of being on stage with Cheng Ke, you even offended Shi Yang. Scratch that – you even ruined your image with a new artist. Say... what's this called? Suffering double the loss after trying to trick the enemy? But your losses are too great..."

"No no no, there's more. After tonight's situation between us, I was able to get in the headlines after lying low from that injury on set. Speaking of which, I have to thank you. Without you, I wouldn't have known when I'd get a chance to get some public exposure!"

"Ji Yi, that's enough! Shut up!" Qian Ge sounded so triggered by Ji Yi that her voice was a little shaky.

"Shut up? If I shut up, how would you know how much you lost tonight? Qian Ge, let me tell you. When you used your information about me to mercilessly make me enter hell three years ago, did you not think that one day I, Ji Yi, could also do the same? Tonight, you were only counter-attacked by me because I know you. I know what happened between you and Cheng Ke, and I know your temper has a limit, so I flamed the fury in your heart one step at a time until the flames completely imploded. Then I let you lose control and ruin yourself!"

With that, Ji Yi couldn't help but chuckle. "But, come to think of it, Qian Ge, you really are stupid! While shooting 'Three Thousand Lunatics,' I hurt myself and put your manager in prison. Now, I used the same method to ruin your image in front of millions of netizens. Say... how could you fall for the same trick twice? But, this time, you must feel even more smothered because luckily for you, I was hurt last time. But this time, I wasn't hurt in the slightest..."

"Shut up, shut your mouth! Ji Yi, stop showing off. Do you think you've won like this? Don't think just because you got the upper hand tonight that you know everything! I'm telling you, Ji Yi, this bit of bad news won't be the end of Qian Ge today!"

Ji Yi could feel Qian Ge's rage through the phone.

The more angry Qian Ge got, the better Ji Yi felt; she even sounded like she was smiling when she spoke. "Of course I know this bit of bad news won't be the end of you. I never imagined this incident would get rid of you. What's more, there'd be no fun in getting rid of you with one go. I want to keep you alive and torture you slowly!"

"Ji Yi, you b*tch!"

"B*tch?!" The expression on Ji Yi's face suddenly turned so cold that even her voice sounded chilly. "You're only calling me a b*tch now because you pushed me!"

"Let me tell you, Qian Ge... Tonight's phone call is to say that what He Jichen said to you back then was right! One of these days, wherever I am, that will be the pinnacle of success!"

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"You called me a disappointment and a failure, but one of these days, you're going to get stepped on by me, this 'failure'!"

"What happened today is a good example of that. Everything of mine that you used back then to rise to fame, I'm going to make you lose them, bit by bit!"

"Let's take Cheng Ke for example. You knew him because of me, so because of me, I made you lose any chances of working with him! Cheng Ke is just the beginning; there are other people to follow. For example, four years ago, the male lead I worked with, Dai Luo, now interacts with you on Weibo every now and then. In fact, they say you'll be filming your next series with him!"

Ji Yi didn't want to get angry with Qian Ge, but a fire ignited in her heart when she called her a b*tch.

When I was younger, I once wholeheartedly treated Qian Ge well, but now I wholeheartedly hate her!

I could probably forgive anyone in this world, but not Qian Ge. I can't do it, nor can I ever do it!

Because I poured my heart and soul out in the past just to end up betrayed, I care even more now!

When Ji Yi finished what she said, she didn't give Qian Ge any chance to react.

Just as she lowered the phone from her ear and prepared to hang up, a hand blocked her from doing so.

In shock, Ji Yi turned her head to see He Jichen. She had no idea when he left the car and walked over to her side.

She moved her lips, wanting to speak. He Jichen however, pulled out a phone from his pocket to make a call.

JI Yi's mind was rattled by He Jichen's random actions. With furrowed brows, she heard He Jichen raise his own phone and relayed what she had said on the public phone in a dull voice. "Is this Chen Bai? Call Dai Luo. I want him to work with Ji Yi on 'The Tempestuous Grand Tang'..."

After Chen Bai replied, He Jichen hung up both phones then told Ji Yi in a flat voice, "Get in the car."

With that, He Jichen turned on his heels and walked over to the car first.

Ji Yi continued to stand in the phone booth for some time before she realized what He Jichen's actions meant.

Ji Yi said such harsh words to Qian Ge then said she'd steal Dai Luo. He Jichen stopped her from hanging up and called Chen Bai to tell him he wanted to sign Dai Luo to work with her on the new series.

He was stabbing another knife into Qian Ge, torturing Qian Ge with her... But his knife cut a little deep...

Even though He Jichen had spoken on another line, Ji Yi could definitely imagine that Qian Ge simply exploded with anger!

"Ji Yi," cried He Jichen as he walked over to the side of the car. He sensed that Ji Yi still hadn't followed behind him, so he turned his head and cried Ji Yi's name.

Ji Yi snapped back to reality and hurriedly jogged over.

He Jichen pulled the car door open for her. As she got in, she couldn't help but look up and smile brightly at He Jichen. "He Jichen, your call just now... that was on purpose, wasn't it? You did it just so Qian Ge could hear. She's definitely mad as hell!"

He Jichen didn't speak but bent over to help fasten her seatbelt and headed back to the driver's side. When He Jichen started the car up, Ji Yi turned around to face him. She couldn't contain her excitement as she said, "He Jichen, did you know just how long I've been holding that anger inside? Tonight, I was finally able to let it out!"

"After she twisted my ankle last time, she called to make fun of me! That, just now, is called giving her a taste of her own medicine!"

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"He Jichen, do you know just how well I acted at tonight's BL Charity Gala? I think that was the best performance of my entire acting career on display tonight!"

He Jichen's lips pursed tightly as he stared at the road straight ahead and stepped on the gas.

Ji Yi, who didn't sense that the car was speeding up, continued chatting away happily.

"I only regret not having any eye drops. When I cried, I had to pinch myself for the tears to come out."

"Speaking of which, my thigh kind of hurts now. At the time, I only cared about acting convincingly and forgot to take it easy on myself. I wonder if I'll bruis-"

Ji Yi only managed to speak half the word "bruised" before the speeding car suddenly came to an emergency stop, dead center on the main road.

With the sharp, ear-piercing screech of the emergency brakes, Ji Yi lurched forward. Luckily, she had her seat belt on to prevent her forehead from smacking into the windshield.

Ji Yi was scared half to death by the sudden emergency brakes. After some time, she composed herself and slowly straightened up in her seat.

She instinctively glanced over at the street ahead and realized that the main road was empty.

There are no cars and no pedestrians in sight. Why did He Jichen suddenly hit the emergency brakes?

Ji Yi furrowed her delicate brows and vaguely felt like something wasn't right. She slowly turned her head and looked over at He Jichen.

Her gaze first landed on the steering wheel and noticed that He Jichen's grip was so tight that his knuckles were protruding.

The curve on Ji Yi's lips suddenly froze as her gaze quickly traveled down He Jichen's arm and up to his face.

He stared right ahead as his thin lips practically pursed into a straight line. There was an evident sense of frustration in his handsome eyes.

What's with He Jichen?

Ji Yi's mouth gaped slightly. Her joy over what happened to Qian Ge instantly disappeared.

The car was silent for a minute before Ji Yi's lips moved, releasing a low, soft voice. "He Jichen, what's wrong?"

He Jichen seemed to have not heard what she said as he sat motionless in the driver's seat. He stared ahead without any reaction at all.

She wasn't aware of what happened at the Golden Lounge when he was with Han Zhifan discussing business. When he was sitting in front of the tall windows with noise-canceling headphones, writing the script, Cheng Weiwan suddenly got up and ran over to them in a hurry with her phone in hand. "Mr. He, look. It's Xiao Yi. She got into an argument with Qian Ge at the BL Charity Gala."

At the time, he didn't even believe it. Ji Yi clearly told him she was at home, so how could she be at the BL Charity Gala?

But he casually swept a look at Cheng Weiwan's phone to see her apologetically bowing to Qian Ge.

Though he didn't know what happened, he was afraid she was being bullied. He got up and left the scene with a quick explanation to Han Zhifan: "I'm stepping out for a bit." He didn't even bother grabbing his blazer and he took his car keys from Chen Bai then rushed over to Beiyang Hall.

The Golden Lounge was some distance from Beiyang Hall. He was so worried about her that he watched the live coverage on his entire journey over there.

When he saw her fall to the ground, all he could do was step violently on the gas.