

BILLION STARS 701

Chapter 701: He Jichen is.....He Yuguang (11)

After the message was sent, Han Zhifan stared at the phone for a while then threw it on the bed and walked into the bathroom.

After he came out, Han Zhifan glanced out the window. Eventually, his wandering feet headed back to his bed before changing course to the balcony.

He pulled open the curtain and glanced outside. Cheng Weiwan was still there...

Han Zhifan turned his head and glanced at the clock on the wall. It was already almost three in the morning.

Having finally calmed down after sending that text to Lin Sheng, he was now starting to get angry again.

How annoying! Didn't we already break it off? Didn't she get over me by now?

What does it have to do with me if she's downstairs in the rain all night? What am I pissed off about here?!

Han Zhifan thought as he walked over to the bedside table and grabbed the ashtray and lighter. He lit up a cigarette and smoked as he made his way back to the balcony.

Cheng Weiwan never left. Han Zhifan leaned against the glass door of the balcony and smoked one cigarette after another while staring at her.

It wasn't until the sky became a little brighter that Cheng Weiwan finally stood up from the ground.

It looked like she crouched for too long because her feet looked numb; she almost fell to the ground as she got up.

As Han Zhifan watched on, his fingers around his cigarette couldn't help but tighten until the cigarette almost snapped.

Luckily, Cheng Weiwan had fast reflexes. She reached her hand out, lifted herself up with the stone bench next to her, and steadied herself.

She remained bent over for a while probably because she had pins and needles in her legs. Then she lifted her head up and stared at his window.

From such a far distance, he knew there was no way she could see him, but the moment she cast her gaze in his direction, he quickly hid behind the curtains.

After some time, Han Zhifan pulled the curtains back a crack and glanced down.

No one was by the umbrella and the silhouette of Cheng Weiwan was gone.

All night long, he had hoped she would leave so he could go back to bed to get some sleep.

He thought he would be thrilled over this, but for some reason, Han Zhifan didn't feel the least bit sleepy now. As the rage subsided in the furthest part of his heart, there was an unspeakable hollow feeling inside.

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Just as the car was about to reach China World Hotel Beijing, Ji Yi suddenly said, "To the airport, please."

The driver was stunned for a moment then asked in astonishment, "Miss, aren't you going to China World Hotel Beijing?"

Ji Yi didn't reply to the driver but pulled out her phone and checked the status of He Jichen's flight for half-past ten. Then she said, "To Terminal 3 please."

Since the driver heard Ji Yi ask to go to the airport twice, he replied, "Got it". Then he hurriedly turned the car around ahead.

It was eight in the morning when Ji Yi reached the airport, which was two and a half hours before He Jichen was going to take off.

Ji Yi assumed He Jichen hadn't reached the airport yet and he would have to pass by the departure gates for international flights. She found a random spot and patiently waited.

At twenty past nine, Chen Bai appeared in Ji Yi's field of view, pushing a luggage cart.

Following behind him was He Jichen.

Maybe because He Jichen wasn't going for a business trip, he was dressed in a casual outfit with a pair of sunglasses which made him look a lot younger than usual.

He Jichen and Chen Bai didn't notice Ji Yi and followed the path down the red carpet to the first class cabin window, check-in desk and baggage drop-off.

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With boarding pass in hand, Chen Bai walked with He Jichen all the way to the security check before he came to a stop.

The two of them said goodbye as they stood there chatting for a long time. He Jichen reached out and took his boarding pass from Chen Bai then he turned around and walked into the security check.

Chen Bai must've called his name because after taking just two steps, He Jichen stopped and turned back to look at him.

Ji Yi wasn't sure what Chen Bai said to He Jichen, but He Jichen's face froze slightly. He looked as though he was contemplating something, but after a long while, his lips moved a little before he turned around and strode down the VIP path to the security check.

Ji Yi retracted her entranced gaze from the security check after He Jichen's silhouette disappeared from sight completely.

The large airport was filled with the noisy chatter of people all around, but to her, it suddenly felt like she was the only one left in the world.

She felt a little lost and helpless; she glanced left and right for a long time as though she was searching for something. She stared and stared until her vision became so blurry that she couldn't see a thing.

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After Chen Bai finished the check-in procedures, he walked He Jichen over to the security check. That was when he noticed Ji Yi.

He was so stunned that he stopped for a moment, but he saw that He Jichen was walking some distance ahead, so he quickly caught up.

As they reached the security check, the two of them came to a stop.

It was time to say goodbye. Before Chen Bai could say anything, He Jichen said, "Please do take good care of her."

Even though He Jichen didn't mention a name, Chen Bai knew he was referring to Ji Yi.

Chen Bai gently nodded. "Mr. Chen, don't worry. I've already handed Huan Ying my resume. They called yesterday to set up a meeting with me."

"Mhm," responded He Jichen. He then replied after a short while, "Thank you."

"Of course," said Chen Bai.

Silence fell between the two of them.

Soon after, He Jichen added, "If you can't resolve anything, you can look for Han Zhifan."

After a pause, He Jichen didn't wait for Chen Bai to speak before adding, "His family background and business is powerful in Beijing, so there may be many situations when it'll be easier for him to resolve things. What's more, he also has Lin Sheng."

He's about to leave, yet everything he mentions is about Miss Ji...

Chen Bai's heart ached all of a sudden as he turned his head and looked over at the security check nearby before replying, "I got it."

He Jichen gently let out an "Mhm." A few seconds passed as he stood on the spot like there was nothing else left to say before he finally said, "I'm off then."

"Mr. He," Chen Bai instinctively cried out He Jichen's name.

He Jichen knew he was going to try to persuade him to stay, so he didn't wait for him to say anything and took his boarding pass from him. Then he turned and walked over to the security check.

After taking no more than two steps, Chen Bai's voice was heard again, "Mr. He, she's here."

It felt like He Jichen's pressure points were hit as he suddenly stopped.

Chen Bai added, "She came to the airport."

He Jichen knew he meant Ji Yi. He slowly turned around and looked over at Chen Bai.

“I just saw her. She’s here to see you off. She’s just over there. Would you like to say goodbye to her?”

Chen Bai waited for a while, but seeing as He Jichen looked unwilling to say anything, Chen Bai then added, “I’ll help you go call...”

Before Chen Bai could finish, He Jichen spoke up: “No.”

Chapter 703: He Jichen is.....He Yuguang (13)

After his voice fell, He Jichen didn’t wait for a reaction from Chen Bai and turned right around. Without looking back, he entered the security check.

He saw her before Chen Bai did, but he just pretended otherwise.

He knew she was there to see him off and he was very happy, but he didn’t have the courage to hear her say goodbye.

Because he was afraid that if he heard her speak, he wouldn’t bear to leave...

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As she left the airport, Ji Yi happened to bump into Chen Bai.

He was standing at the exit next to the trash can, taking big drags of his cigarette.

Ji Yi never thought Chen Bai was the smoking type, but seeing as he choked, maybe it was his first time. When she saw him, he immediately straightened up from his frantic coughing.

His head shot up as Ji Yi simultaneously noticed him.

Ji Yi didn’t manage to avoid him in time, so all she could do was to stop walking.

Chen Bai bumped into her, not surprised at all. He immediately put out his cigarette then walked over to her. “Miss Ji.”

Ji Yi put her head down to hide the redness in her eyes and gently let out an “Mhm.”

“Heading back to the city?” asked Chen Bai.

Even though Chen Bai didn’t ask why she was there, Ji Yi heard what he asked and realized he knew.

She didn’t shy away and nodded, “Yeah.”

“Let’s go, I’ll take you,” said Chen Bai.

Ji Yi didn’t decline his offer and followed Chen Bai to the parking lot.

As they crossed the road, Ji Yi couldn’t resist but gently ask Chen Bai, “Is he gone?”

Chen Bai didn’t stop walking. Just as they were about to reach the car, he said, “Yes.”

That simple word suddenly stopped Ji Yi's footsteps.

Chen Bai pulled the car door open, but seeing as Ji Yi didn't get in, he turned back and called her, "Miss Ji."

Ji Yi snapped back to reality, walked over to the car door and entered the car.

The two of them didn't say a single word on the way back to the city.

The lively city looked just as it always had, but Ji Yi felt like the scene outside looked frighteningly unfamiliar.

Ji Yi stared out the window silently throughout the whole journey without blinking. As they were about to reach China World Hotel Beijing, she finally asked, "Has he really left?"

This time, Chen Bai didn't hesitate and quickly replied, "Yes."

Ji Yi didn't reply.

The car stopped silently at the entrance of China World Hotel Beijing. Chen Bai got out of the car and helped Ji Yi pull the car door open.

After Ji Yi got out of the car and straightened up, she stared at the hotel entrance and moved her lips again. "He left?"

It felt like something was lodged in Chen Bai's throat as he felt an unspeakable ache. Shortly after, his Adam's apple bobbed up and down as he forced out the word, "Yes."

Ji Yi didn't say anything again and walked into the hotel like a ghost.

Seeing her like this, Chen Bai was a little worried. "Miss Ji?"

Ji Yi looked as though she hadn't heard what he said and continued walking forward one step at a time like she was sleep-walking.

After walking away five or six meters, Chen Bai vaguely heard the same words drifting out from Ji Yi's mouth: "Has he left?"

Chen Bai felt something piercing his heart harshly as his breath was suddenly stifled.

Yes... He's gone...

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That night, Ji Yi had a fever.

Zhuang Yi looked after her at the hospital and heard her mumbling all night long.

Though she was mumbling, from beginning to end, she repeated two words like a crazy person: "He left? He left..."

hapter 704: He Jichen is.....He Yuguang (14)

Ji Yi's fever didn't subside until early the next morning. With the drowsy after-effects of her medicine, she fell into a deep sleep.

During her sleep, she had a dream – a very long dream.

At the start of the dream, she casually and carelessly wandered into a restaurant. She raised her head and happened to meet his gaze.

Though it was supposed to be a dream, it was actually a memory.

The images felt real in the dream and his expression looked clear and realistic.

On the school track, he cruelly stepped on Sun Zhang's back and arrogantly said, "Apologize!"

In the rain, he walked over to her with a stern look on his face and shoved an umbrella into her hand. Then he turned around and left without saying a word.

At the hot pot restaurant opposite the school, he wrote a note to her with his handwriting that read: Ji Yi, I'm sorry.

On the set of "Three Thousand Lunatics," she was the person everyone spoiled. He asked her if they could go back to how things used to be.

In the hotel by West Lake, he asked Ji Yi if she was willing to believe him and said, "...I won't swarm to you when you're famous, and I won't turn and leave you at your lowest point."

At YC, he signed an agreement and said that YC lived and died with her.

After the charity gala was over, he told her in the car that: "Without YC, you still have me."

During the Television Awards, he calmly looked as though he had nothing to do with how embarrassing and downtrodden Qian Ge appeared.

On April fool's day, he asked Ji Yi if she knew what a coincidence was and told her he never thought he would fall in love with her but he did. He said, "Ji Yi, Happy April Fool's day."

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As her dream went on, she continued to dream about the moment she heard he was leaving Beijing. She dreamed about when she stood outside his apartment all night long. She dreamed about when she personally saw him at the airport when he went through security... Then she started to cry in her dreams.

She cried and cried. In her dreams, she thought her life ended the moment she saw him walk through security with her own eyes.

Ji Yi's dream didn't seem to stop until the evening when she eventually fell into a deep sleep.

This time, Ji Yi slept very deeply and for a long time; she didn't wake up for another sixteen hours.

She never imagined that the entire world would be different after she woke up from sleeping for 24 hours.

It was raining slightly outside when Ji Yi woke up at eight, but now the sky was unusually bright and clear like it'd been washed over. The sun shone radiantly, cleansing the city like a scene in a Manhua comic.

Maybe she was still in the early recovery period of her fever as her reaction time seemed a little sluggish. She didn't realize that when she woke, Zhuang Yi didn't have a particularly good expression on her face as she checked her phone. Nor did she notice that just as she was about to grab her phone to check the time, Zhuang Yi immediately got up, ran over to her and snatched her phone away. She didn't notice how flustered Zhuang Yi seemed when she started to feed her. Moreover, she didn't notice that after her meal, Zhuang Yi was a little distracted as Ji Yi read the script for the next drama...

In the evening, while Zhuang Yi was in the restroom, Ji Yi took the opportunity to stretch her legs out after laying in bed uncomfortably for a long time. As she walked down the hallway, she heard someone saying "He Jichen." That was when she finally realized something big happened.

Back in the room, she didn't bother with Zhuang Yi, who came out of the restroom and was worriedly looking for her. Instead, she ran over to the side of the bed and grabbed her phone from the bedside table. She flipped through her phone and opened Weibo.

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The gossip she just heard in the hallway now was true. The most searched topic on Weibo's searches was about He Jichen. #HeJichenMurderer

Murderer... Before she read the story, the headline alone stunned Ji Yi.

Not too far off, Zhuang Yi rushed over to Ji Yi from behind as though she just realized something and instantly tried to grab Ji Yi's phone.

Unfortunately, Zhuang Yi was one second too late. When she reached Ji Yi, she had already clicked a post about He Jichen.

Zhuang Yi's fingers trembled for a moment as her feet suddenly came to a stop. She stared at Ji Yi unblinkingly. Word after word, she swallowed back everything she wanted to say to Ji Yi.

The very first person to post at eleven last night was a nobody, so there must've been someone behind the scenes who spent a lot of money to push the story. There were over 100k shares, 700k comments, and over 2 million likes.

The Weibo post was just one simple sentence: "YC's ex-CEO and founder, He Jichen, was once arrested for attempted murder!"

Following those words was also an attached video.

Ji Yi stared at the phone for a long time before her fingers trembled. She clicked play.

The video must've been an uploaded video. The video quality wasn't clear, but it was enough for people to recognize the person's face.

The first person to appear was Qian Ge, who was wearing a casual dress. She was chatting and laughing with another woman as they walked out of a club. After the two of them finished chatting on the sidewalk, Qian Ge made her way to the parking lot where she pulled out her car keys. Qian Ge unlocked her car and reached out to pull open her car door, but just as she was about to get into the car, she turned her head as though someone was calling her name. Qian Ge must've known the person, because she flashed a clear smile on her face. She let go of the car door and walked to the source of the sound. She took just two steps when the person who called her came into view of the security camera. Even though the person didn't show their face, Ji Yi recognized who it was with just one glance. It was He Jichen!

The next part of the video came a little unexpectedly. In a particularly good mood, Qian Ge's brows arched as she spoke with He Jichen. However, her lips moved for just a while when He Jichen, who had both hands in his pockets, suddenly pulled out something shiny. He Jichen's hands lunged towards Qian Ge's abdomen. Qian Ge's eyes were wide open, staring at He Jichen in disbelief.

He Jichen's face was nothing but cold and ruthless as though the woman before him didn't exist. A second later, he withdrew his hands from her abdomen and raised his hands with a horrifying aura like he just sentenced someone to death.

Ji Yi then saw it clearly – the switchblade in his hands. The flickering bright knife was covered in blood which dripped onto the ground.

On the other hand, Qian Ge seemed to not have realized what happened – she still wore a smile on her lips. After about ten seconds, she suddenly covered her abdomen then slumped to the ground.

Thereafter, the police and ambulance arrived. He Jichen was cuffed and brought to a police car. Qian Ge was rushed into an ambulance by several people dressed in white.

The police car and ambulance quickly left the scene, leaving behind a few police officers who took photographic evidence of where Qian Ge laid along with the blood stains which were clearly shown in the video.

Chapter 706: He Jichen is.....He Yuguang (16)

The video came to an abrupt end, but Ji Yi felt like the video was still playing. She stared at the phone screen and mentally replayed He Jichen stabbing Qian Ge in the abdomen, her gaze switching between the switchblade in his hands, the shine of his blade, and the fresh red blood dripping down endlessly...

The entire hospital room froze over as it was so quiet; the atmosphere froze.

After who knew how long, Zhuang Yi finally snapped back to reality. She stared at Ji Yi's profile as she looked at her phone. Zhuang Yi then slowly moved her lips and said in a weak voice, "Xiao Yi?"

Ji Yi didn't react in the slightest but continued to stare at her phone screen like a statue.

"Xiao Yi?" Zhuang Yi called her name again then timidly drew closer to Ji Yi.

Ji Yi only realized that Zhuang Yi was standing next to her after quite some time passed. She slowly turned her head and glanced at Zhuang Yi with vacant eyes like she couldn't quite make out who she

was. Then Ji Yi brought her gaze back to the phone screen. Her fingers trembled as she closed the video and opened the comments section below.

From the replies, Ji Yi learned that the situation had developed to an unsalvageable stage after sixteen to seventeen hours passed.

Not only was the video of He Jichen's murder attempt on Qian Ge leaked online, but there were also incidents leaked about his gang affiliation and truancy during school. There was even gossip going around about forcing Sun Zhang to kneel on the sports track.

He Jichen appeared to be a thug from Sucheng Yizhong who didn't study and was constantly involved in vicious fights. He was bossy and domineering and attempted murder...

All those incidents that happened during his wild and immature adolescence were easy to link to the video of the attempted murder which was rapidly spreading online. He was once an elite businessman, but in over ten short hours, he became the scumbag of online discussion.

With concrete evidence such as the video, everyone online stood against He Jichen. In an instant, practically everyone in the world posted nasty messages about the man Ji Yi loved deeply.

"Born with such a pretty face, but it's just a mask for his scummy character!"

"People like him shouldn't live in this world!"

"Back in the day, why didn't his dad shoot his load onto the wall?!"

The incident during Chinese New Year, when Ji Yi was accused of copying Qian Ge, paled in comparison to the way people were cursing He Jichen out now.

Though they were shouting at He Jichen, Ji Yi still felt a rugged pain in her own heart.

The more she read those comments, the more it hurt. Eventually, her chest felt stifled with pain and she was heaving, yet she still stubbornly didn't swipe away. She saw that people left a billion comments.

The corners of her eyes gradually became wet and her vision blurred. She couldn't even read the words on her phone screen.

Her fingers quickly swiped the screen.

Her body gradually started to tremble in pain and anger.

Zhuang Yi finally realized that something was wrong with Ji Yi. "Xiao Yi, Xiao Yi?"

As Zhuang Yi cried, she reached her hand out, wanting to grab Ji Yi's phone away.

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Ji Yi felt an electric shock when Zhuang Yi's fingers touched her phone, sending her entire body shivering. She turned and glanced at Zhuang Yi. A second later, she ran out of the room in her hospital gown.

“Xiao Yi!” Ji Yi’s reaction came so suddenly that Zhuang Yi couldn’t catch up to her.

Zhuang Yi hurriedly chased after her.

Ji Yi still had a fever, but she was far faster than Zhuang Yi, a person of good health.

When Zhuang Yi made it to the entrance of the hospital, wheezing, Ji Yi had already gotten into a taxi.

Zhuang Yi hurriedly hailed a cab, handed the driver some money and asked him to follow Ji Yi’s taxi closely.

It happened to be the evening rush hour, so there was a lot of traffic on the roads. Luckily, Zhuang Yi didn’t lose Ji Yi.

After Ji Yi’s taxi came to a stop, Zhuang Yi realized Ji Yi had arrived at Chen Bai’s home.

When Zhuang Yi’s taxi stopped in front of the residential gates of Chen Bai’s home, Ji Yi was already inside.

She grabbed her things, hastily got out of the car and followed her in.

Following the path of the residential area, Zhuang Yi took several turns before she entered the building where Chen Bai lived.

When she took the elevator up to Chen Bai’s floor and stepped out, Ji Yi was already knocking on Chen Bai’s door.

The person who opened the door was Chen Bai. When he saw Ji Yi dressed in a hospital gown, he looked evidently worried. “Miss Ji? What’s wrong? Are you sick?”

Ji Yi ignored Chen Bai and stared right at him with her pitch-black, large pupils and asked, “He left because of what happened online, didn’t he?”

Chen Bai was stunned by Ji Yi’s question, but shortly after, he moved aside. “Miss Ji, please come in first.”

Ji Yi stood her ground and stubbornly repeated her question, which Chen Bai didn’t answer. “He left Beijing because of that video, didn’t he?”

“Miss Ji…”

Chen Bai kept trying to persuade Ji Yi to come in, but this time, after he merely called her name, she suddenly shrieked: “He left because of that incident, didn’t he?!”

Chen Bai opened his mouth but didn’t say anything. Zhuang Yi, who just emerged from the elevator, shook her head at Chen Bai and walked over to Ji Yi. She reached out to gently grab Ji Yi’s shoulders and push her into Chen Bai’s apartment.

After the doors were shut, Ji Yi didn’t wait for Chen Bai to step into the living room when she relentlessly asked, “I’m right, aren’t I?”

There aren’t many unexplainable situations when two people, who are clearly very close, suddenly grow apart.

It was only when that video came out to the public that Ji Yi suddenly realized this. Without waiting for Chen Bai to answer, she continued to ask, "This was also why he signed me over to Huan Ying Entertainment, right?"

Chen Bai pursed his lips a little and looked out the window.

"He knew this video would come out a long time ago, which was why you guys rushed the production for 'Jiuchong Palace.' It was also the reason why you guys were rushing work for YC, and why I was handed over in such a hurry. After the situation couldn't be contained anymore, he had to hastily leave the country. Am I right?!"

As Ji Yi said this, the rims of her eyes turned red.

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She stared at Chen Bai, who had been averting his eyes from her and looking to the side for a while. All of a sudden, Ji Yi remembered something and said, "He was afraid these things would drag me down, so he kept his distance..."

This time, Ji Yi didn't add "Am I right?" or "Isn't it?"

Even though she asked so many questions, Chen Bai didn't give her a reply. However, in her heart, Ji Yi knew everything she said was right.

"I knew it. He didn't really want to send me to Huan Ying. I knew it. Something happened, so that's why he did those things. I knew it. I was right to think that at the time. I knew it. I knew it. I knew it..."

Ji Yi appeared to have completely lost it when she repeatedly said "I knew it" four more times. Towards the end, a single tear fell from the corner of her eye.

Back when she was signing the papers, she had her suspicions, but she remembered that He Jichen was married. She also thought about Yuguang Ge. It would've been better to cut things off between them sooner rather than later, so she signed it. But she never imagined that... What happened to He Jichen would be this serious...

If she knew earlier that he would have to experience all this, she never would've signed the papers and she definitely would've stayed by him.

He'd stayed with her through everything that happened for over a year now. However, he was now all alone in America...

Ji Yi's incessant repetitions of "I knew it" suddenly changed to "I need to go find him..."

As she said this, Ji Yi turned around and ran towards the door.

"Xiao Yi!"

"Miss Ji!"

Zhuang Yi and Chen Bai cried out at the same time.

Ji Yi pretended as though she hadn't heard them and continued to say the five words "I need to go find him" as she sped up.

Chen Bai's legs were long and his steps were wide, so with just two or three steps, he was able to catch up to Ji Yi and pull her back by the arm.

"Let me go! I need to go find him..." Ji Yi struggled with all her strength then cried weakly, "...I have to go find him, Chen Bai. Let go, let go..."

Chen Bai gulped, ignoring Ji Yi's pleas. He tightened his grip on Ji Yi's arm and brought her back to the sofa. "Miss Ji, you can't find Mr. He."

Can't find... Those two words instantly triggered Ji Yi as she struggled like crazy. Her voice sounded even more helpless. "I have to go find him. I told you! I have to go find him! Let go of me, Chen Bai. I said let go of me!"

"Xiao Yi, you have to calm down. Xiao Yi..." cried Zhuang Yi.

Right now, Ji Yi wasn't going to listen to what anyone said. Seeing that Chen Bai wasn't letting go of her, she started to curse at him. "You pr*ck! Chen Bai, let go of me! Chen Bai, you a**hole. Let go of me!"

From start to end, Chen Bai didn't utter a word. He just pulled out his phone from his pocket, called He Jichen's number then pressed the speakerphone button.

"Sorry, the number you have dialed is not active."

The service announcement suddenly calmed Ji Yi down.

Chen Bai tried to call He Jichen again.

"Sorry, the number you have dialed is not active."

This time, Ji Yi heard it loud and clear. She stared transfixed at the phone screen for a while then gradually raised her wet eyelashes up at Chen Bai.

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She didn't say anything, but Chen Bai knew that deep down, Ji Yi was confused. He pursed his lips for a moment and after two seconds, he said, "Miss Ji, now do you understand why I stopped you earlier?"

Ji Yi moved her lips softly as she stared at Chen Bai, but no sound escaped.

"Mr. He only did this to avoid everyone, so even if I didn't stop you, you wouldn't be able to find Mr. He."

As Chen Bai spoke again, Ji Yi's eyelashes fluttered and tears came pouring out again.

She instinctively lowered her head to hide her crying face. She waited for the unbearable feeling in her throat to subside then softly asked, "How could you not know where he is? Aren't you always the one who arranges his schedule? How could you not know?"

“You know, but he doesn’t want to tell me, right?” As Ji Yi said this, she suddenly lifted her head and grabbed Chen Bai’s arm with hope in her voice. “Tell me, please? Chen Bai, tell me. Please? There are so many people online cursing at him. He must feel terrible. I’ve been through it, so I know how it feels to be targeted like that by everyone. Tell me. Tell me where he is. I just want to be with him and stay with him...”

How could he get involved with such a thing? He’s so rich and has so many connections. Why didn’t he prevent this from coming out? How did it get to the point where it got out to the public?

With that thought, Ji Yi realized something wasn’t right. She suddenly stopped mumbling and after a short while, she creased her brows and asked, “Why didn’t you contain the situation? Why did you let it blow up? You could’ve thought of a plan to negotiate with the owner of the video and prevent it from getting leaked online. Don’t tell me you guys never thought of that? Why did it have to end up like this?”

The more she asked, the more Ji Yi felt like something fishy was going on.

She looked at Chen Bai, who didn’t look like he was going to reply at all. Ji Yi couldn’t help but tighten her grip on his wrist. “Chen Bai, say something! Tell me why!”

Chen Bai kept his head down and avoided Ji Yi’s eyes.

Ji Yi grabbed Chen Bai’s arm and forcefully swung him around while yelling in an impatient, sobbing voice: “Chen Bai, read the situation. Do you still plan on not telling me anything?”

As Ji Yi asked, her hand swung faster.

Chen Bai’s body rocked back and forth from Ji Yi’s swinging until finally, when Ji Yi was so impatient that she was going to go nuts, Chen Bai finally said, “Because of you.”

These three words turned the rims of Chen Bai’s eyes red. He put his head down, avoiding Ji Yi’s gaze. He didn’t bother with Ji Yi, who gradually came to a stop and blanked out for a moment. Then he continued to explain, “Mr. He left because of you.”

Chen Bai could clearly feel Ji Yi gradually loosening her grip on his sleeve until eventually, he was freed from her grasp. He heard the whisper of Ji Yi’s hesitant voice saying: “What did you say?”

Chen Bai knew Ji Yi wouldn’t dare believe him or accept what he said. Chen Bai continued to look away from her and kept his head low. He then gulped and told Ji Yi, “It was Qian Ge. She went to see Mr. He with the video.”

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“She told Mr. He that as long as Mr. He stopped supporting you, she’d destroy the video.”

“Mr. He didn’t even give Qian Ge any room for negotiation and declined right away.”

“Qian Ge actually started to leak this video during the production of ‘Jiuchong Palace.’ Eventually, it became hard to contain, so all Mr. He could do was push to get many things completed quickly.”

“It was just as you described earlier – Mr. He was afraid to drag you down, so he sent you off to Huan Ying because he wasn’t sure if YC would be dragged down after the video got out.”

Huan Ying... Upon hearing those two words, Ji Yi suddenly remembered something she heard recently about Chen Bai also going to Huan Ying.

She suddenly understood something then spoke with trembling lips: “So, you’re going to go to Huan Ying too?”

Since she changed the subject rather quickly, Chen Bai paused for a moment then nodded.

“Did he set that up?”

Chen Bai hesitated for a few seconds then replied, “Yes, it was his idea.”

Yes, it was his idea...

Like a broken string of pearls, his flat response made the tears in Ji Yi’s eyes crash down, one drop at a time.

So as it turned out, he betrayed her so many times behind her back. He couldn’t save himself, yet he still protected her and set out a future path for her to follow...

He was afraid of her being alone at Huan Ying as there wouldn’t be anyone to back her up if she ever suffered or if someone stole her resources or if she fell for someone’s schemes, so he asked Chen Bai to also go with her.

He left her, but he sent his most able, most trustworthy friend to stay with her.

The more Ji Yi thought about it, the more tears fell from her eyes.

Chen Bai didn’t say anything else but stood in front of Ji Yi for a short while then got up and walked into the study.

After about a minute, he emerged from the room to hand Ji Yi a document.

He stood there for a while before he handed Ji Yi the file. “Mr. He asked me to give this to you.”

Ji Yi looked over at Chen Bai in hesitation before taking it.

She opened the file to pull out a shares transfer agreement.

Why’s He Jichen giving me a shares transfer agreement?

Ji Yi raised her head in confusion and glanced at Chen Bai again. Then she carefully read the transfer agreement. When she read the name of the company, it felt like someone had hit her hard on the head; she was suddenly left stunned.

She was far too familiar with that company. It was the name she once made and the studio she started all on her own, which currently belonged to Qian Ge.

She always wanted to get the studio back, but she didn't have much money and there was never a good time for her, so she only bought a very limited number of shares. She never imagined that He Jichen would possess so many stocks of Qian Ge's studio.

"Mr. He said this studio is yours, so before he left, he thought of loads of ways and spent a lot of money to help you buy all these shares. You aren't the biggest shareholder now, but don't worry. Mr. He and Mr. Han have taken care of it. In the future, Mr. Han will also help you."

It didn't seem as though Ji Yi was listening to Chen Bai. All she did was stare transfixed at the file.

The room fell silent.

After who knew how long, Ji Yi's voice came pouring out: "He didn't lie to me. He's never lied to me..."

As she said this, the paper in her hands started to tremble softly.