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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 781-ning Ran sat motionless in the RV. She knew that they were moving, but could not tell in which direction they were headed.

Very slowly, the movement ground to a halt. Given that things had gotten so far, there was no point in getting anxious.

If she analyzed him closely enough, Ruan Anxi did not look too bad at all. However, he was too thin and weak, especially in his arms.

He had fair and slender arms. He was so pathetically skinny that one could see his bones.

Ruan Anxi took out some bread and milk, as well as fresh fruit.

“Why don’t you have some? You should sate your hunger.”

Ning Ran refused. “I’m not hungry.”

Ruan Anxi decided not to coax her and promptly began to eat.

He seemed to be very particular about how he ate. First, Ruan Anxi washed the tomato twice before blotting it dry with some tissue. It was only after the cleaning was completed that he gently took a bite.

“Women should eat more fruits for the sake of their beauty,” said Ruan Anxi, giving the tomato in his hand a wave.

“Are you truly a doctor?” asked Ning Ran curiously.

“Of course. The medical university I attended is ranked among the top ten in the world. I am also the youngest graduate in the faculty. I specialized in surgery and did research on other topics, but I am just unable to cure myself.”

“Then why haven’t you gone to work at a hospital? A doctor’s duty is to save and treat, not kill,” replied Ning Ran.

“I dislike working at hospitals. I also dislike saving people. I only studied medicine to try and cure myself. But when I realized that there was no cure, I gave up.”

While the reasoning was quite sound, it was still a problematic one.

“Your illness cannot be cured via surgery because it appears to be some sort of infection. How could you possibly cure yourself if you specialized in surgery? I do

believe there is hope for you. You just need to find an expert in that specific field to treat your illness.”

“Let’s drop the subject of my illness. I’m already used to it. Let’s talk shop. What manner of ties do you have with that Lu Jingyuan?” After saying that, Ruan Anxi took another bite of his tomato.

“We’re just friends.”

“And what of her status?” asked Ruan Anxi.

“She’s just a normal woman like I am.”

Ruan Anxi was clearly unhappy with the answer. “So how does a regular woman end up with the power to mobilize the special forces? They’re all elites, after all.”

“Well, I’m unsure about that. Maybe it’s because you’re hardcore criminals which require a more heavy-handed approach to deal with?”

“Why does she do it?”

“She used to be a designer but she now runs a hotel. We rented the hotel she owned and that’s how we got acquainted and became friends. That’s really all there is to it. I don’t know much about her, to be frank. But if you don’t believe me, there’s not much else I can do.”

“She caused the death of seven or eight of my men. I want to end her and her backers to avenge their deaths,” said Ruan Anxi.

“As I understand it, your friends kidnapped her, which resulted in this fiasco. You can’t resent her for this.”

“You’re not wrong. I never claimed that my people were completely innocent. However, they were all slaughtered. This is like a slap in the face to me, and it has affected my overall image as well. Therefore, she has to die.”

“You mean to say that your image is more important than the deaths of your comrades?”

“It’s fine if you choose to interpret it this way,” replied Ruan Anxi.

Sure enough, he doesn’t care about loyalty. The only thing that matters is his image. He’s truly got the makings of a devil.

“How are you going to handle me?”

"I haven't thought that through yet. For now, just cooperate with me and tell me what I wish to know. You're already in my grasp. You're not going to be able to cover for Lu Jingyuan. All I need to do is call Nan Chen, and he will send over all the information I desire. In fact, he'd even ship Lu Jingyuan to me if I wanted it."

Ning Ran shook her head in response. "No. He's not like you. It's precisely because he is Nan Chen that he will never do this. Sacrificing someone else just to save me is not his style."

Ruan Anxi popped the last bit of tomato into his mouth and asked, "What is his style then?"

On the contrary, this made Ning Ran stop short and wonder what Nan Chen's style was.

Her Poker Face was by no means a saint. He could also be quite harsh, though he was not as severe as Ruan Anxi.

"Isn't he your partner? How can you not know what his style is like?" queried Ruan Anxi.

"I've told you this already. He will not sacrifice someone just to save me. He's not as selfish as you make him out to be, either. Nan Chen has principles and lines that he will not cross."

This made Ruan Anxi smirk.

"What are you smirking at?" Ning Ran was a little unhappy at this.

"What you call principles and uncrossable lines are merely the result of the wrong price. All of that will go out the window at the right price. That's human nature."

"That's only your opinion. Not everyone shares the same sentiment as you do. I also don't think you're right," retorted Ning Ran fiercely.

In the face of Ning Ran's disdain, Ruan Anxi's once-gloomy eyes carried a little mirth.

No woman had dared to speak to him that way because of how ferocious he could be.

Most of the women who came into contact with him feared him. Even if they were intimate with Ruan Anxi, they feared him like he was a tiger.

It was only this woman who was different from the rest. She seemed to not fear him, having been daring enough to snap at him so loudly.

"Aren't you afraid that I'll rip off your neck?" asked Ruan Anxi icily.

“Of course. But if you want to hurt me, what can I do? Also, I’m going to remind you once more. Surgery is used to treat and not kill.” It seemed that Ning Ran was not afraid at all.

“Since you think that Nan Chen is so principled and upright, then we’ll wait and see,” said Ruan Anxi with a smile. “I’m going to show you that not a single living person is able to stick to their principles.”

“What do you think you’re doing?” Ning Ran could feel alarm bells ringing in her head.

Ruan Anxi said nothing. He only smiled in response.

When Ning Ran boarded Ruan Anxi’s vehicle, she assumed that they were going to stop after a short while.

However, she soon realized that this was not the case. The RV continued to move at a high speed.

Ning Ran was aware that Ruan Anxi was an M Nation native. Surely he was not going to cross the border with her?

Ning Ran’s thoughts went back to the time she was kidnapped by Ding Fei and trapped in a dense forest. It was quite an unbearable experience that Ning Ran did not want to undergo a second time.

She turned to look at Ruan Anxi and saw that he’d fallen fast asleep with a blanket over himself.

Ning Ran, on the other hand, was not bound. She was able to move freely.

However, given that the RV was moving at such a high speed, she could possibly open the door and jump out. That was too dangerous.

On top of that, the doors were likely locked. There was no guarantee that she could even open them.

If she failed to escape, she was going to trigger Ruan Anxi’s wrath. That was going to be difficult to handle.

As such, Ning Ran did not dare to move. She merely sat there and racked her brains for ideas to escape.

In the end, nothing fruitful came out of her thinking. The RV continued to move at a steady pace, showing no signs of stopping.

Judging from the time, they would have left at least a few hundred miles between themselves and Livingsfill.

Ning Ran became anxious once more.

What should I do? Is he really going to take me out of the country? I also wonder if Nan Chen has received any news. How is he going to react?

Up to now, Ruan Anxi has not made a single phone call. I wonder what his endgame is. Is he going to hold me hostage and demand a ransom from Nan Chen? Or does he have something else planned?

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 782-Exhaustion finally struck and Ning Ran fell asleep.

However, she was constantly waking up and falling asleep again.

After repeating this futile action for a while, Ning Ran reckoned that nothing particularly bad was going to happen to her if she slept. As such, she finally managed to sleep soundly.

When Ning Ran awoke, she realized that it was very quiet. The RV seemed to have stopped as well.

She soon noticed that Ruan Anxi was seated in front of her, his eyes sharp.

Ning Ran was so startled that she jolted awake and folded her arms around her chest defensively.

Ruan Anxi smiled wickedly at this. "You look like a hamster when you're startled."

"Your mother was a hamster!"

Ning Ran had not slept well, so she felt quite annoyed at having to be awake.

On top of that, Ruan Anxi's eyes were clearly filled with malice and ill-intent. As such, Ning Ran was even more enraged and chose to take it out on him.

However, Ruan Anxi did not seem to be angered by it. With a wave of his hand, he said, "Continue sleeping. It's not daylight yet."

"Where are we?"

This made Ning Ran stop short. Why am I even asking this? Why would Ruan Anxi disclose our current whereabouts?

To her surprise, Ruan Anxi chose to be truthful. "Gerton. We're refueling at Myerville Rest Area. The driver is going to rest for a moment before we continue on our journey."

"Why did you bring me to Gerton?" asked Ning Ran in shock.

"There are only two main passages leading out Livingsfill. One runs south and passes through Springwood which leads you directly to the border. The other is northwest and passes through Lightspring, leading us to Gerton. Since you don't want me to take you abroad, I can only bring you around Gerton," explained Ruan Anxi.

This man is truly strange. He's being very patient and not hiding his intentions.

"Why are you holding me hostage?" asked Ning Ran, enraged.

"I haven't quite decided," replied Ruan Anxi slowly.

Ning Ran became anxious when she heard this. "Then why on earth are you keeping me captive?"

"Are you captive? I let you drink wine, gave you dinner, and even let you occupy my RV throughout this journey. Is that what kidnapping is to you? Are you able to move your hands and legs?" retorted Ruan Anxi.

Ning Ran could not answer this. This is preposterous! You're twisting your words!

Ning Ran pointed at Ruan Anxi and replied, "Fine. Since you're not taking me captive, I'm leaving. You're not allowed to stop me!"

Ruan Anxi merely waved a hand at her, implying that Ning Ran could do as she pleased.

Ning Ran immediately opened the door of the RV and walked out.

Sure enough, she was at a rest area near the expressway. It was currently five in the morning, so it was still dark outside. There also weren't many vehicles about.

After getting her bearings, Ning Ran made her way toward a nearby supermarket.

She entered the premises and looked for the bathroom. After she left the bathroom, she noticed a phone on the counter.

"Hello there. Can I please borrow a phone? I've run into some trouble and my phone battery is dead. I need to call my family," said Ning Ran to the salesperson.

"This isn't a public phone, ma'am. I can't allow outsiders to use it," replied the salesperson.

"Please help me out. I'm just going to make one call. I'm really in a bind, here."

"Fine. Make your call," said the salesperson, pushing the landline toward her.

In a frenzy, Ning Ran anxiously dialed Nan Chen's number.

Nan Chen picked up immediately. He clearly had not slept at all and was waiting for a call.

"Nan Chen? It's me! Ning Ran!" Ning Ran was so agitated that her voice began to waver as she spoke.

"Don't get so worked up. Speak slowly. Where are you?"

"I'm at Myerville Rest Area in Gerton. I just got off Ruan Anxi's vehicle. He did not do anything to me, but he is holding me hostage."

"Yet you've managed to get an opportunity to make a call?" Nan Chen could not help but feel perplexed.

"He doesn't seem to care what I do. He never asked anyone to tail me when I left the car, nor is he bothered by me making this call. I can't seem to figure out what he's trying to do," replied Ning Ran.

Nan Chen appeared to be deep in thought. Even he could not figure out what Ruan Anxi was playing at.

What he could be certain of was that Ruan Anxi was definitely not going to let Ning Ran escape. Otherwise, why did Ruan Anxi bother driving so far away in the dead of night?

"He definitely has a way to control you. Otherwise, he wouldn't let you make a call. After you call me, try and escape. See what his reaction is," said Nan Chen.

"However, this is a rest area on the expressway. How will I run? It's even more unsafe if I hitchhike."

Nan Chen mulled over this for a moment and thought she was right. There was no telling if Ruan Anxi had any control over the vehicles in the area.

"Forget it, then. I think Ruan Anxi will eventually call me to discuss his terms," replied Nan Chen.

"Should I call the police?" asked Ning Ran.

"I don't see the need to. Ruan Anxi is not new to this game. Since he clearly gave you the opportunity to make a call, it shows that he's not afraid of the police. I daresay he'd be able to do something to you before the police arrive. For now, don't act rashly."

This made Ning Ran feel devastated. "Does that mean I have to board the RV again with a straight face? Isn't this cowardly? It's like I'm willingly allowing myself to be trapped once more."

"He hasn't done anything to you?" asked Nan Chen anxiously.

"Nothing yet. I just don't know what he's planning."

"Qiao Zhan and some men are going after you guys, but I think Ruan Anxi is a professional at this. It's very unlikely that Qiao Zhan can extract you from his clutches. On top of that, Ruan Anxi is also very heavy-handed. We dare not attempt anything rash for fear of affecting your safety. He has had plenty of experience in this, so we have to proceed with caution."

Ning Ran was even more devastated at the news. With a bitter expression, she asked, "He has done this many times before?"

"Yes. His hostages have never been rescued. He either lets them go of their own volition, or they wind up dead. However, you needn't be afraid. I think he won't hurt you. Qiao Zhan is also a professional. I believe in his capabilities."

Nan Chen furrowed his brows. All he could do was comfort Ning Ran. As things stood, he truly had no other way to save her.

"Does that mean that I'm dead meat? Or do you mean that the likelihood of me dying is very high?" Ning Ran was still unable to calm down.

"Of course not. I'll agree to Ruan Anxi's conditions regardless of what he wants. I will ensure your safety. You must stay calm..."

"Okay, we can go now."

Suddenly, a soft voice came from behind Ning Ran. Unbeknownst to her, Ruan Anxi had made his way inside.

Ning Ran was so startled that she hung up, looking fearfully at Ruan Anxi.

Nan Chen had already warned her about how this devil of a man had plenty of kidnapping experience. As such, Ning Ran could not provoke him.

Ning Ran was not ready to die just yet. She still had to raise Dabao and Erbao.

“Someone has been naughty. If you wanted to make a call, why the heck did you need to trouble someone else? I have a satellite phone on the RV! You could have just asked!”

Is that petulance or doting I hear in his voice? What the heck is going on?

Without missing a beat, Ruan Anxi asked, “How much do I owe you for that call?”

“It’s fine. This isn’t a payphone so we don’t charge. I only let her borrow it,” replied the salesperson.

“Aren’t you going to thank them? Naughty girl,” said Ruan Anxi at Ning Ran.

Ning Ran was taken aback. What tricks are you playing? You’re a kidnapper and I’m your hostage. Why the hell are you speaking to me in that tone?

You’re a gangster! A demon! Why are you pretending to be the guy next door?

This is preposterous!

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 783-To end the awkwardness, Ning Ran walked to a shelf in the supermarket and picked up a few packets of snacks. She then walked to the counter and gestured for Ruan Anxi to pay for them.

Ruan Anxi froze for a moment before reaching out for his pocket. After taking out a crumpled banknote, he handed it to the cashier and asked, “Is this enough?”

Ning Ran and the cashier glanced at that one-hundred banknote before giving Ruan Anxi a bizarre look.

The two ladies were surprised that Ruan Anxi was still using cash, even though most people had gone cashless. They were even more dumbfounded when they saw how crumpled the banknote was. I bet anyone who saw that might think of him as a beggar. How embarrassing.

Upon noticing the expression on their faces, Ruan Anxi quickly explained, “The banknote might seem old, but it’s real! I don’t use counterfeit money!”

The cashier accepted the banknote. “I know it’s real, but I don’t have small change. We don’t use cash here these days.”

Ning Ran stepped in and apologized to the cashier, “Sorry, I think we should just go.”

She then dragged Ruan Anxi out of the supermarket.

“Hey, the banknote is real money!” Ruan Anxi was still trying to defend himself.

“I know, but don’t you have an e-wallet? Why do you still use cash? And why do you always say I’m mischievous? Even if I am, who are you to judge me? Can you not speak to me in that tone? It’s so weird and awkward. Have you forgotten you’re my kidnapper?” Ning Ran roared at Ruan Anxi because he was getting on her nerves.

“I don’t use an e-wallet because it will expose my personal information. The technology is so advanced that anyone can easily track my whereabouts and financial situation. People like me can never use an e-wallet,” Ruan Anxi explained.

Ning Ran thought what he said made sense. That’s why characters in drama will always fill a suitcase with cash when carrying out an illegal transaction.

“Do you always put your cash in suitcases, hide them beneath the bed, and take them out when you need them?” Ning Ran could not help but ask curiously.

“Nope. We’ll invest the money in projects and turn them into lawful sources of income. For instance, we can pump money into film projects, start an online business to sell virtual goods or trade cryptocurrencies. Once the money goes through those proper channels, we can then put them in the bank.” Surprisingly, Ruan Anxi took time to explain patiently to Ning Ran.

Everything he said was supposed to be a secret, yet he bared it all out.

Even Ning Ran could not help but feel embarrassed upon sensing his sincerity. He must be the most honest evil villain in the world.

“So does that mean Ding Fei...” she said.

“She’s involved in films to help me with money laundering. Whether the films make or lose money, it’s not important anymore. While she thought of you as her nemesis, I’m merely doing this to launder money. It’s the same reason I invested in Ouyang Li. Ding Fei is here in Flower City because I needed a new avenue to launder money.”

Ning Ran was taken aback by his honesty. She could not believe her kidnapper would pour his heart out like this. That’s just so weird.

Had Ruan Anxi not held her hostage, Ning Ran would have mistaken the long-hair man for her friend.

“We got to head back to the car. Are you coming, or are you planning to run away?” Ruan Anxi asked Ning Ran.

Ning Ran was at a loss for words. It’s as if he’s asking a friend. Do I even have a choice?

“Do you think I can run away?” Ning Ran asked in annoyance.

Ruan Anxi thought about it before lifting his head and staring at her. “I don’t think so.”

Ning Ran continued asking, “What would you do if I tried to escape?”

“If you try to run away from me, I’ll get someone to kill you by running you over with a car. I’ve stationed my men in all the cars around us. Some vehicles here belong to the special forces, mind you. So don’t ever think of running away. I’ll release you once we’re done. Don’t risk it,” Ruan Anxi warned in a serious tone.

“You’re threatening me right now?” Ning Ran expressed her dismay.

“Of course not. I’m only using you to threaten Nan Chen. Why should I threaten a powerless woman? Come on, let’s go,” Ruan Anxi said.

Ning Ran took a sidelong glance and realized they were surrounded by many cars, but she had no idea if Ruan Anxi’s men were in those cars.

Nevertheless, Nan Chen did tell her that Ruan Anxi must have taken all the precautionary measures to stop her from fleeing. Otherwise, he would not have easily allowed her to leave the car.

Ruan Anxi was a villain who had been actively involved in underground circles for a long time. Clearly, Ning Ran was no match for the man.

There was no way for the good to win over the evil because the good would always abide by principles and values. The evil, on the other hand, could not care less about them.

Hence, people who held steadfastly to their principles and values could never defeat those not bound by those propositions.

To Ruan Anxi, principles and values meant nothing. He believed people would cross the line if benefits were laid before them.

Ning Ran begged to differ with this thought, but she could tell Ruan Anxi was a man without any principles and values. Even if he had, he must have found them to be insignificant. Otherwise, he would not have become an influential figure in underground circles.

Ning Ran knew she should not risk her life by testing the waters.

Left with no choice, she returned to the RV with Ruan Anxi.

After hitting the road, no one spoke throughout the journey as Ruan Anxi leaned down and took a nap.

Ning Ran noticed that the man had been sleeping all the time. Perhaps it has to do with his weak constitution.

She could not sleep as her anxiousness kicked in when she recalled how Nan Chen told her Ruan Anxi had killed his hostages on several occasions.

All of a sudden, Ruan Anxi opened his eyes and saw Ning Ran looking at him.

“Why are you staring at me? What’s wrong?” Ruan Anxi asked.

“What exactly do you plan to do with me?” Ning Ran asked while glaring at him.

“Didn’t I tell you earlier? I just want you to tour around Gerton with me. You should sleep for a while. The sun will rise in a couple of hours.” Ruan Anxi shut his eyes again.

“I can’t sleep. What’s your motive? What’s your relationship with Ding Fei? Are you her boss or husband?” Ning Ran raised her voice.

“She’s my slave,” Ruan Anxi answered.

“Slave? Come on. Do you know what era we are living in?” she responded.

“Why are you so surprised? Slaves exist in all forms in different eras. Get some sleep. We’ll arrive at the destination in about two hours,” he said.

Ning Ran walked over and shot daggers at the man. “Don’t you dare sleep!”

“Why not?”

“I can’t sleep. Are you going to kill me? Why did you kidnap me? Tell me the truth!” she exclaimed.

Ruan Anxi grinned. “I thought you’re not afraid of death? So you’re a scaredy-cat, huh?”

“Of course, I’m afraid of dying. Everyone fears death. I want to know if you’ll kill me,” she said.

“I’ll only kill people if I have no choice. I’m a doctor, not a slaughterman,” he replied.

“You call yourself a doctor? A doctor saves lives, but you kill people! You’re just a sc*mbag who goes against the Hippocratic oath!” Ning Ran seemed to have mustered up her courage to utter those words.

Yet, Ruan Anxi acted as if he did not hear what she said. He shut his eyes, refusing to continue the conversation with her.

Suddenly, he warned sternly, "Disturb my sleep again, and I'll cut off your tongue. By then, you'll be as mute as a fish."

Ning Ran immediately zipped her mouth and cupped it with her hands. I'll never grow a new tongue if this b*stard cuts off mine.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 784-The sky had lightened up by the time Ning Ran woke up.

Ruan Anxi was staring at her like a piece of meat.

Ning Ran rolled over and got up. "Why are you always staring at me like that? It's scary."

"Cause you're pretty." A short and sweet explanation.

"My looks have nothing to do with you! I'm Nan Chen's woman!"

Ning Ran felt that there was a need to remind him to behave.

However, her reminder and warning were too weak to act as a deterrent to Ruan Anxi.

Ruan Anxi paid no heed to her as he shook his head in disdain.

He then stood up and went to the restroom to wash up.

He passed Ning Ran a toothbrush and a towel when he came out. "They're all new. Wash up first before you wash your face."

Ning Ran took the toiletries reluctantly and glared at him.

When she came out from the restroom, Ruan Anxi was snacking on a tomato.

It was evident that he was very fond of tomatoes. He would always stock the small fridge in his RV with tomatoes so he could snack on them whenever he liked.

"I only have bread and milk for breakfast. You'll have to put up with it."

Ning Ran felt hungry since she skipped dinner yesterday.

However, she didn't want to eat Ruan Anxi's food. Hence, she snacked on chips she bought from the rest area instead.

Ruan Anxi frowned. "Why are you snacking for breakfast? This is really unhealthy."

With that, he snatched her bag of chips away and threw it into the bin.

Ning Ran was fuming with rage. "Why do you care about what I eat? You're my kidnapper, not my friend. Just leave me be!"

Ruan Anxi shoved a piece of bread at her. "Eat this sugar-free bread instead. It's very nutritious and won't make you fat. Eat!"

"No way." Ning Ran couldn't hold it in anymore and threw a tantrum.

The reason she dared to throw a tantrum was that Ruan Anxi wouldn't get mad at her.

It looked as if he had forgotten that he was the preparator as he talked and acted like he was her friend.

Ruan Anxi shook his wrist, and a small exquisite scalpel appeared in his hand.

Where in the world did he hide all these scalpels? How many does he have on him?

"I'll carve the word 'ugly' onto your face if you refuse to eat."

"How dare you?" Ning Ran screamed.

"Why wouldn't I dare? I've even removed someone's heart before. Disfiguring your face is nothing to me."

Ruan Anxi smiled sinisterly and closed in.

Chills ran down her spine when he came near. It felt as if he was a poisonous snake about to strike.

Ning Ran had no choice but to take a bite of the bread. It's not bad.

Ruan Anxi let her off upon that and continued eating his tomato.

After breakfast, he pulled out his satellite phone and communicated in a language that sounded foreign to Ning Ran.

He put the phone back after he hung up.

"Is that Nan Chen?" Ning Ran asked.

“No. I won’t contact him directly. Or else he’s going to use it against me and accuse me of kidnapping you, which I didn’t,” said Ruan Anxi.

What a sly fox.

“Who did you call then?”

“My lackeys, of course. I told him to contact Nan Chen’s assistant.”

“And?” Ning Ran grew nervous.

“I instructed my lackeys to invite Nan Chen to bring two men to Gerton. I wanted to have a chat with them. You’ll be free once they arrive. Of course, you can choose to stay if you wish.”

“No freaking way! Who are the other two?”

“It’s a man and a woman. The man is Nan Chen’s grandfather, and the woman is Lu Jingyuan,” Ruan Anxi said in a low voice.

Ning Ran was taken aback by his words.

She knew Ruan Anxi was going to negotiate with Nan Chen. But she thought he only wanted money. Who would have thought that he would actually replace her with someone else?

Moreover, she never thought that he would ask for Nan Chen’s grandfather in exchange for letting her go.

She could understand if he wanted Lu Jingyuan since she was the one who caused the death of his men.

However, she couldn’t wrap her head around why he would want Nan Zhengde.

“Mr. Nan is old and frail. Why do you insist on making things difficult for him?” Ning Ran was enraged.

“He’s still alive, right? That means we can still meet. Besides, who says I’m going to make things difficult for him? I’m just asking him out for a chat,” Ruan Anxi replied.

“Why do you have to ask Nan Zhengde out for a chat? What do you guys have to talk about?” Ning Ran was confused.

“We have many things to talk about. I didn’t prepare a script since this isn’t a speech. We’re just chatting, and it can be anything. I can’t answer that question.”

There was nothing incessantly wrong with his reply, but Ning Ran felt that something was off.

Ruan Anxi conducted shady business overseas, whereas Nan Zhengde was an influential figure in Flower City. They have no business with each other, so what is there to talk about?

Ning Ran knew that Ruan Anxi was lying, but she couldn't prove it.

Nan Chen would never agree to this.

Moreover, Nan Zhengde wouldn't last five seconds if he fell into Ruan Anxi's hands. He was too old for this.

Besides, Nan Chen wouldn't be able to gain a foothold in Nanshi Corporation if he handed Nan Zhengde over for Ning Ran's sake.

It wasn't about putting his significant other over his friends anymore. He would be betraying his family member for a woman. Nan Chen would never do that.

"I know what you're thinking." Ruan Anxi chuckled.

Ning Ran glared at him.

"You must think Nan Chen is an honorable man. He would never betray his grandfather. Haven't I told you? People would throw away their principles and beliefs when the price is right. It will be interesting to see how Nan Chen will go about this. What are his principles and beliefs? He won't be able to betray his grandfather if he insists on his principles. However, he won't be able to stand there and do nothing while you die. What do you think he will do?" Ruan Anxi smiled.

Ning Ran had to admit, Ruan Anxi's plan was ingenious.

If Nan Chen chose to protect Nan Zhengde, then Ning Ran would be placed in danger.

However, if he chose to hand Nan Zhengde over, he wouldn't be able to gain a foothold in Nanshi Corporation and would lose the respect of his people.

Hence, Nan Chen didn't have a choice even though Ruan Anxi made it seem like he was given one. Either choice would be the end for him.

"Why are you doing this?" Ning Ran raged.

"Because I like it."

"Do you think you're free to do as you please?"

“Yes.” Ruan Anxi replied matter-of-factly. “I like to do whatever I please. And I’ll prove to you that beliefs and principles don’t exist.”

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 785-The car finally arrived at Yaleview of Gerton.

However, Ruan Anxi did not go toward the city. Instead, he went to a remote suburb.

Ning Ran couldn’t help but ask, “Where are we going?”

“I got someone to arrange a homestay. The environment there is quieter. Get some rest first, and we’ll enter the city after that,” Ruan Anxi answered.

“Well. Fair enough. A bad guy like you won’t dare to get accommodation in the city because you’ll reveal yourself easily for staying at a hotel,” Ning Ran responded with a cold snort.

Yet, Ruan Anxi remained unfazed and took out a wet tissue to carefully wipe his scrawny hands while talking to Ning Ran. “I’m not afraid of being exposed. Otherwise, why would I allow you to make a phone call? When I let you call Nan Chen, you’ll surely tell him where you are, so it’s not difficult for him to find us. But he’ll be paranoid and won’t dare to cause any trouble as long as you’re with me.”

“Then why aren’t you staying at a hotel in the city but staying in a homestay instead? It’s apparent that you’re scared!”

Ruan Anxi threw the wet tissue into the trash can and lifted his head to glance at Ning Ran. “I simply like peace. It’s too noisy in the city, so I chose the suburb.”

“What an excuse. You’re just feeling guilty!” Ning Ran continued to provoke Ruan Anxi.

But Ruan Anxi was unperturbed. “I know you’re trying to make me stay in the city so that the Nan family can find us easily. Don’t worry. I’ll ensure that they can locate you. Hence, it’s the same no matter where we are staying. Let’s stay here and take a break before we enter the city to enjoy a feast.”

“You dare to enter the city? You’re like a rat that lives in the sewage.” Ning Ran kept making waves.

Ruan Anxi shook his head. “No, no, no. I’m a rat that can be out in the open. Hmm. That doesn’t sound right either. I’m not a rat but a wolf.”

“You’re a venomous snake!” Ning Ran fumed.

“Sure. If I’m a snake, I want to be the king cobra.”

Amid their conversation, the car suddenly stopped.

The driver in front opened the small partition window between the front and back seats. "Doctor, someone is blocking our path."

Left with no choice, Ruan Anxi had to get out of the car, whereas Ning Ran wanted some fresh air, so she got off as well.

A young man in a floral shirt was lying on the road while holding his leg as he kept yelling.

Next to him were two other hoodlum-like young men with blond hair. It was apparent that they were thugs, given their appearance.

"What's the matter?" Ruan Anxi questioned.

The driver answered, "This guy dashed out all of a sudden and then fell to the ground, claiming that we bumped into him. But that's not the case."

"Bullshit! You have clearly knocked him down. How can you deny it? His leg is even injured because of you. You have to pay us!" one of the thugs asserted.

Anyone with a clear mind could see it was a slander case as his acting was too exaggerated.

Initially, the guy lying on the floor was holding his right leg, but after shouting a few times and speaking a few words, he changed to grasping his left leg.

More importantly, both his legs were not injured. There was not even a superficial wound or scratches on them.

"I'm a surgeon. Let me take a good look at you. If you're severely injured, you should go to the hospital for a check-up and treatment," Ruan Anxi uttered gently.

As he spoke, he squatted down and was about to check the thug out.

However, the other thug pushed Ruan Anxi away. "What are you doing? A surgeon? You freaking look like a patient. How could you be a surgeon? Are you trying to avoid bearing the responsibility? Pay the compensation!"

Since Ruan Anxi had a weak constitution, he almost fell when he got pushed.

As soon as the driver saw the situation, he reached for something around his waist, but Ruan Anxi gestured with his eyes to stop the former.

Meanwhile, Ning Ran felt worried for the three thugs. I understand they are faking an accident to extort money, but why did they have to mess with someone like Ruan Anxi? How dare they provoke him? They will probably lose their lives because of this. Yet, they are trying to ask for money?

For a moment, Ning Ran had already spotted the murderous intent in Ruan Anxi's gaze.

Although Ning Ran thought those thugs were annoying, she couldn't let Ruan Anxi kill them. After all, they were still young. Hence, she decided to advise them.

"Hey, come here," Ning Ran said to one of them.

In fact, that thug had been staring at Ning Ran because she was so beautiful.

As the trio had never seen such a pretty woman before, their gazes roamed over Ning Ran.

Naturally, he was delighted to hear Ning Ran call him out. He then followed Ning Ran to the other side.

"I can tell that you guys are faking an accident, so you guys should stop putting on an act. I'm worried you will get into trouble," Ning Ran reminded him in a low voice.

"What the f*ck? What are you talking about? How can you say that, b*tch? My friend has collapsed on the ground, yet you claimed that we faked an accident? F*ck you! Shut the hell up!"

Ning Ran had been kind enough to warn him and did not expect that he would insult her, so his words made her blood boil.

"Mind your words! Who are you calling a b*tch? You'll be safe if you stop it now. If you insist on doing so, you'll surely die!" Even though Ning Ran got scolded, she reminded him about the risk again.

"D*mn it! B*tch, are you trying to defend your man? Fine. Come with us then. You guys don't have to pay the compensation as long as you accompany us and have fun for a few days. We'll handle the treatment fee ourselves," said the thug as he reached out to grab Ning Ran's hand.

Ning Ran wanted to slap him, but she decided to hold back and only brushed his hand off. "Don't touch me!"

The killer instinct filled Ruan Anxi's eyes again. "Don't touch her. How much do you guys want?"

The trio was thrilled when they heard that.

“Ten thousand! Pay us ten thousand, and let this woman come with us. My friend is injured, so someone needs to take care of him. She can only leave after he’s healed.”

As the trio spoke, they exchanged glances with each other, and smugness was written all over their faces.

Just then, a few cars appeared from behind, and Ning Ran knew that those were Ruan Anxi’s subordinates.

She felt worried for the thugs again. Are they really courting death?

“How about you pay them the money?” Even Ning Ran found herself ridiculous for making such a request to Ruan Anxi. This a*s is the big shot of the underworld, yet these guys are blackmailing him. How would he give in?

Despite that, Ruan Anxi agreed to that and looked at the driver. “Give them the money.”

The driver went to the driver’s seat to bring over a stack of cash before handing it to one of the thugs.

“And that woman has to come with us. She is responsible for taking care of my friend’s daily life. She can only leave when his leg has recovered.”

Ning Ran sighed inwardly. Indeed, I can’t stop someone when he’s the one asking for trouble.

“Get in the car then. Leave with us. Let’s find a place to stay and recuperate,” Ruan Anxi suggested.

The thugs exchanged glances and communicated wordlessly before asking Ruan Anxi, “Where are you heading to?”

“You’ll find out when you get in the car,” Ruan Anxi answered.

Once again, Ning Ran warned, “Don’t get in the car!”

But the trio interpreted her response as she was terrified.

“Sure. We’ll get it then. Let this woman serve us.” The thug then pointed at Ruan Anxi. “Hey, weakling. You sit next to the driver. My friends and I will sit with her at the back.”

“Okay, please get into the car.” Ruan Anxi signaled the driver to open the RV door.

The thug, who lay on the ground, got back on his feet and entered Ruan Anxi’s car.

After that, Ruan Anxi gestured for the driver to follow them into the car and closed the car door.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 786-Ten minutes later, the three thugs were thrown at the side of the road, covered in blood and barely breathing.

Ruan Anxi washed his bony hands repeatedly in the toilet of his RV while the vehicle continued to move forward.

After wiping his hands multiple times, the man poured himself a glass of warm water and took a sip before looking up at Ning Ran. "Do you want some water?" he asked.

Ning Ran glared at him and said, "I'm not going to talk to you, you monster!"

"Why? What did I do?" Ruan Anxi asked the obvious.

"You hurt innocent people and left them by the roadside to die!" Ning Ran yelled.

Ruan Anxi shook his head and replied, "Do you even understand the meaning of the word 'innocent'? Not only did they extort and rip off people, but they also tried to abduct you and do bad things to you. How can you still say that they are innocent? If I hadn't interfered and let them take you away, I know for sure what would have happened to you. Do you still think they are innocent?"

"Fine. Even if they are bad people, that doesn't justify you killing them. Those are three lives!"

"I didn't kill them. I know what I was doing. What I did was only enough to cripple them. Besides, they are not going to die from excess bleeding as long as someone saves them within three hours. Don't worry, they will be fine."

"But what if they are not saved within three hours? Won't they die then?"

"This is a busy road. I'm sure a lot of cars will pass by within these three hours. If no one stops to save them, that means they are fated to die, and there is nothing I can do about it. Anyway, as long as they remain alive, they will continue harming others," Ruan Anxi replied nonchalantly.

"You have no regard for human life at all! You are indeed a monster!" Ning Ran bellowed.

"Well, I did not deny that." Ruan Anxi did not seem to be affected.

Ning Ran was rendered speechless at the man's indifference.

He did not care about what others thought about him at all. Besides, he had never claimed to be a good person.

Ning Ran kept quiet and could not be bothered to speak any further.

She prayed silently that someone would stop by and save those three thugs. After all, those were three young lives.

Another ten minutes later, they arrived at their destination.

Ning Ran got out of the car and stretched slightly before scanning her surroundings. She was surprised by how beautiful the place was.

The homestay was next to a river, and the house was made of red bricks with wisteria growing on the walls. There were all sorts of fresh flowers, corn, and peppers planted in the garden.

What a pity that it's Ruan Anxi, a cold-blooded monster, who's staying here.

Someone stepped forward and greeted, "Doctor, everything is ready. Please come in and rest."

"Run a bath for this lady. She stinks," Ruan Anxi instructed.

Being called out for smelling bad by a man made Ning Ran feel extremely awkward.

She had headed straight to Lu Jingyuan's villa after filming the previous day and did not have time to shower.

Thus, she did not expect to be kidnapped by Ruan Anxi after that.

Even though there were basic shower facilities in the RV, it was not possible for Ning Ran to shower in front of a man.

Ning Ran went into the bathroom, and after showering, she put on a fresh set of clothes that Ruan Anxi had prepared for her.

It was a folk costume that looked pretty stylish although it was not very comfortable to wear as it was made of a rougher fabric.

However, under such circumstances, Ning Ran was just grateful that she had clean clothes to change into.

Ruan Anxi sized the woman up after she emerged from the bathroom.

Not only is she pretty and has a good figure, but she also exudes elegance.

This is just an ordinary folk costume, but it seems to have a different charm when it's worn by her.

Although she's an actress and often mingles with the famous and wealthy, she does not appear to be worldly at all. In fact, she feels more like a college student.

It's really rare for someone in the entertainment industry to be able to remain so untainted.

A chill ran down Ning Ran's spine. She could not stand the way Ruan Anxi was staring at her and shot a glare back at him.

However, Ruan Anxi was unfazed and continued staring at her. He even nodded and said, "You are a beauty both inside and out! If we remove your skin and flesh, I'm sure whatever that is left inside would be equally mesmerizing!"

Ning Ran was taken aback when she heard that. Is he still human?

Which sane person would see an attractive person and think of skinning them and removing their flesh? Is he intending to make sashimi?

"Have some rest first and recoup your energy. We can take a tour in town later in the afternoon," Ruan Anxi said.

Ning Ran was rather surprised at that suggestion. She had assumed that the man was staying there because he did not want his whereabouts to be exposed.

However, that no longer appeared to be the case as he was not afraid of being seen in town. It seemed like he had chosen to stay there because of the serenity that the place offered.

He's indeed of a much higher level compared to those petty criminals.

"I'm hungry. It's lunchtime," Ning Ran said.

As the woman had not eaten much for breakfast, it was natural for her to be feeling hungry.

"Lunch hasn't been prepared. Let's eat in town later. Why don't you have a tomato first?" Ruan Anxi suggested.

"You think just because you can survive on tomatoes, it would be the same for everyone else? I'm not eating it!" Ning Ran huffed.

"Eat an apple then. An apple contains lots of antioxidants. I'm not saying that you need any though."

Taking a pause, Ruan Anxi instructed his subordinate, "Slice an apple for her."

"It's fine. I can do it myself."

Ning Ran picked up an apple and rinsed it under the tap. Just as she was about to take a bite, Ruan Anxi stopped her and said, "It's not clean yet."

The man took the apple from her and washed it properly a few more times before passing it back to her.

Ning Ran was at a loss for words. Why would a criminal be so particular about how clean an apple is?

Ning Ran munched on the apple while walking back to the bedroom. After entering the room, she locked the door from the inside.

As no one disturbed her, she managed to have a good sleep and felt rejuvenated after waking up.

The woman could hardly believe that she was able to sleep so soundly even when she was being kidnapped.

However, she knew she was able to do that because she had a gut feeling that Ruan Anxi would not hurt her.

At least, as long as she did not try to escape or do anything funny, the man would not hurt her.

Although it was purely a feeling that was unfounded, Ning Ran was confident of that.

Ruan Anxi was definitely not a good person. In fact, he could be considered a villain. Moreover, his ruthlessness, which Ning Ran had personally witnessed, was very disturbing.

Despite knowing that he was an extremely dangerous character, Ning Ran felt safe around him.

In a way, the man was rather similar to Nan Chen. He would not be a threat as long as he was not triggered.

However, if someone did something that hit a nerve, the consequences would be dire as Ruan Anxi would certainly not show any mercy.

The only difference between the two men was that Nan Chen was a good person while Ruan Anxi was on the dark side.

If a confrontation broke out between the two of them, Ning Ran could not be sure who would be more ruthless and emerge victorious.

Logically, it should not be difficult for Nan Chen to find Ning Ran as she had already informed him of Ruan Anxi's whereabouts.

However, up until then, Ruan Anxi still seemed extremely relaxed and did not seem to be worried about being found at all.

Seeing how fearless the man was, Ning Ran could not help but worry for Nan Chen.

After all, those who were not bound by principles or morals would always have an upper hand over those who were.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 787-Over at Commoner Residence in Flower City, Nan Zhengde felt a little better after waking up from an afternoon nap, washing his face, and drinking a pot of hot tea.

At that moment, Chai Hua went up to him and informed the latter that the two little ones were on the phone. They wanted to speak to Nan Zhengde on a video call.

Upon hearing that the call was from his beloved great-grandchildren, Nan Zhengde quickly took the phone from Chai Hua.

Two small faces appeared on the screen. They looked almost identical. The only differences were that Erbao was slightly chubbier and Dabao looked more nonchalant.

"Great-Grandpa..." Erbao began in a tearful voice.

Nan Zhengde felt his heart break at the sight of that. "There, there. Tell me what happened. Did your daddy scold you? I'll deal with him later."

"No, it's not that. Mommy's gone!" Erbao wailed.

"Gone? Where did she go? Take your time and tell me slowly."

"Yesterday, Mommy said she was going out to help Ms. Lu take something, but she never returned after that. Mr. Qiao and Daddy were talking in the room and wouldn't let us listen. However, Dabao and I analyzed the situation, and we're afraid some bad guy took Mommy away again. Great-Grandpa, you've got to rescue her!"

After she said that, Dabao bobbed his head in agreement.

“How could something like this happen, and why wasn’t I informed? Is Nan Chen trying to keep it from me? Get him to call me immediately!” Nan Zhengde responded.

“Daddy went out already. That’s why we dared to call you. He said Mommy’s busy filming and can’t come home, but we think something’s off. Could you help us to rescue Mommy?”

“Don’t worry. I’ll handle it. She’ll be fine. Nothing will happen to her. By the way, where are you now?”

“We just arrived at the new house in Flower City. Daddy left after getting several people to watch over us. We’re very worried about his safety and can’t help feeling a little scared. We don’t want Mommy and Daddy to go missing like before,” answered Erbao.

A pang shot through Nan Zhengde’s heart. “You don’t have to worry about a thing. I’ll make sure everything is well taken care of. It’ll be fine. I’ll send someone now to bring you here so you can be with me.”

Half an hour later, an exhausted Nan Chen was summoned to Commoner Residence by Nan Zhengde.

The older man knew things were serious when he saw Nan Chen’s tired and bloodshot eyes.

“Did you stay up all night?”

Nan Chen replied truthfully, “I had three hours of sleep. I’m fine.”

“If my darling great-grandchildren hadn’t called me, were you planning to continue hiding it from me?” Nan Zhengde demanded furiously.

“I’m sorry, Grandpa. I thought I could handle it myself. I didn’t expect the kids to—”

“You’re not allowed to blame or admonish them. I don’t want to hear a single peep,” Nan Zhengde growled.

“Don’t worry. I won’t.”

“If you dare to scold them, I’ll never let it slide!”

At that moment, Feng Wan walked over. “Who wants to scold my dearest great-grandchildren?”

“I don’t, Grandma. I’m serious.”

Nan Chen felt utterly helpless. Now that Dabao and Erbao had others backing them, he could not afford to cross them.

“What were the two of you talking about, then? What’s the reason for reprimanding those darling children?” Feng Wan pressed, not about to be fooled so easily.

The two men were silent.

“Why don’t you say anything? Are you trying to avoid my question with silence?” she asked, her expression darkening.

Nan Zhengde gestured to Nan Chen. “Tell her yourself.”

“Well, it’s like this. Someone kidnapped Ning Ran, but she’s fine. She even called me early yesterday morning,” Nan Chen explained.

As soon as Feng Wan heard that, she became racked with worry. “Again? Why are the both of you so careless and always end up getting kidnapped?”

“Why are you so impatient? Let him talk. It’s difficult to avoid things like kidnappings. One can’t possibly bring dozens of people with them every time they go out, nor can they stay at home all day without setting foot outside,” Nan Zhengde piped up in Nan Chen’s defense.

“That’s right, Grandma. We’ve been very cautious already, but this was an unexpected incident. It just so happened that we crossed paths with a kidnapper. The guy probably only had the sudden idea of doing so at the time. It was merely a coincidence. It’ll be fine,” said Nan Chen.

“Where’s Ning Ran now? Does that person want money? No matter how much he demands, just give it to him. We can’t let Dabao and Erbao lose their mother,” Feng Wan urged.

Looking conflicted, he replied, “The person didn’t ask for money.”

“What does he want, then? Is he demanding we hand over our family’s business just like how Ouyang Duo did?”

Nan Chen shook his head. “It’s not that either.”

His response made Feng Wan even more distressed. “Well, what on earth is it? Just come right out and tell us. Stop beating around the bush, will you?”

“I haven’t the faintest idea,” Nan Chen finally replied with another shake of his head.

“Huh? You’ve no idea why the kidnapper took Ning Ran away? Didn’t he contact you?”

Nan Zhengde was generally calm and collected, but even he started to panic. "She's right. What is it that he wants? Tell us."

"Grandpa, Grandma, I'll take care of it. Please believe in me. I'll surely rescue Ning Ran and bring her back," Nan Chen replied without answering their questions directly.

"Is something holding you back from telling us the truth? You can't keep us in the dark. There's also no way you are allowed to do such a thing. I only need to ask a few of our household staff to learn everything," Nan Zhengde bellowed.

Getting too agitated, he suddenly had a coughing fit.

Nan Chen hurried forward and patted his grandfather's back. "Calm down, Grandpa. Don't get so upset. Honestly, I can handle this matter."

Raising her voice, Feng Wan insisted, "No. You have to let us know the kidnapper's demands. You think we're old and useless, is that it?"

Nan Chen was at a loss for what to do. Initially, he had not planned on telling his grandparents what had happened. However, now that things had gotten to that point, he felt he had no choice but to fill them in.

"That person's name is Ruan Anxi, and he's from M Nation. His identity is shrouded in mystery. There are many versions of his identity floating around, but I don't know which one is true. He wields much power in South East Aploth, monopolizing practically more than half of the shady dealings in the underworld. His nickname is 'Doctor,' and I heard he used to study medicine. Previously, his subordinates tried to kidnap Ning Ran in Livingsfill. However, they got the wrong person and carried off one of Ning Ran's friends. As it turned out, that friend had a powerful older brother who immediately pulled some strings to have all of Ruan Anxi's subordinates killed. They were thugs with blood on their hands, so they deserved to die. However, it angered Ruan Anxi. He sneaked into Livingsfill to look for Ning Ran's friend, and just by accident, he bumped into Ning Ran and took her away."

Feng Wan and Nan Zhengde looked at each other. "I see. If this Ruan Anxi kidnapped Ning Ran, why could she still call you?"

"The call came from a service area. It seems Ruan Anxi isn't concerned about revealing his whereabouts. He knows that as long as he has Ning Ran, I'll be cautious and won't do anything rash," Nan Chan replied.

"So, he contacted you already, hasn't he?"

"No. He had someone else get in touch with me."

"What did he ask for? Did he ask for a lot of money? A hundred million?"

“No. He really didn’t ask for money. He…” Nan Chen’s voice trailed off as he hesitated.

Feng Wan and Nan Zhengde exchanged glances, thinking about how he was not acting his usual self. He always speaks plainly if he has something to say. But today, he appears hesitant and uneasy.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 788-That meant Nan Chen was really in trouble.

Feng Wan and Nan Zhengde were well aware of their grandson’s capabilities. After all, there were very few things in the world that could put Nan Chen in a dilemma.

“Instead of asking for money, he wants to trade by exchanging people, right?”

Nan Zhengde was incredible, for he guessed it right.

Hearing that, Nan Chen nodded with a lump in his throat.

“Huh? Who does he want in exchange?” asked Feng Wan in surprise.

“Ning Ran’s friend. Her friend has something to do with the death of Ruan Anxi’s subordinate. That’s why he asked to have tea with Ning Ran’s friend. He didn’t say that himself, though. Instead, he asked someone to say it on his behalf.”

Nodding, Nan Zhengde commented, “This person is a cunning one. He doesn’t make an appearance to avoid leaving evidence around.”

“Exactly. He doesn’t restrict Ning Ran’s movements, either. So, even if we file a police report, we won’t be able to sue him for kidnapping. There isn’t enough evidence. Besides, he’s a foreigner. He’ll definitely seek protection from his country, which will make things more troublesome,” said Nan Chen.

“Then, did you talk to Ning Ran’s friend? Is she willing to take Ning Ran’s place?” As soon as Nan Zhengde finished his sentence, he shook his head to dismiss his thoughts. “She probably won’t agree to it. Who’d be willing to take such a huge risk for a friend?”

“She’s actually willing to go, but I dare not let her. The risk is too huge. After all, Ruan Anxi has a lot of experience in kidnapping,” said Nan Chen.

“You’re right. This is a tricky situation. We can’t let someone else take the risk because of Ning Ran. It is life too,” agreed Nan Zhengde.

“So, how are we going to settle this? That leaves calling the police our only option, right?” Feng Wan asked, beginning to panic.

“Chen hasn’t finished telling us everything. Let’s listen to the rest of it,” Nan Zhengde advised, gesturing for Feng Wan to calm down.

“I’ve finished speaking, Grandpa.”

“No, you haven’t. I can sense there’s something you haven’t told me,” Nan Zhengde insisted.

Nan Chen had no idea how Nan Zhengde noticed it. Grandpa is incredible. It’s as if he can read people’s minds.

“Grandpa, I’ve really finished telling you everything.”

“Chen, I watched you grow up. Do you think I don’t know you well enough? If the kidnapper is only asking for Ning Ran’s friend in exchange, you would’ve told us about it right away instead of hesitating for so long. Clearly, it has something to do with the Nan family. Just tell us. We’ll face it together no matter what happens.”

Although Nan Zhengde was old, he was not senile. In fact, he could still give sane advice.

At that, Nan Chen had no choice but to tell the truth.

“Actually, Ruan Anxi requested to meet up with two people. One of them is Ning Ran’s friend, and the other is you,” Nan Chen uttered with difficulty.

The news stunned Nan Zhengde and Feng Wan.

“Me?” Nan Zhengde pointed at himself.

“Yes, but you don’t have to worry about it. That man is just purposely making things difficult for me. I’ll handle it,” Nan Chen reassured.

However, Nan Zhengde did not think things were that simple. “Does he know me?”

“I don’t think he does. He doesn’t even know who I am. He’s from a completely different industry and has no competition with us. This interaction is purely coincidental, so it has nothing to do with grudges. I’ll try to convince him to change the condition,” informed Nan Chen.

Hearing that, Nan Zhengde stood up and paced around. “But what is he up to? Why does he want to meet an old fellow like me? If controlling the Nan family is what he wants, wouldn’t it be better to kidnap you instead?”

“Precisely. This is what I don’t understand, too. That’s why I think he’s just trying to make my life difficult.”

“I don’t think that’s the case, though.” Nan Zhengde shook his head.

“No matter what, we can’t let you go to the frontline. I don’t agree with his terms. We can’t accept it no matter who the victim is!” Feng Wan voiced loudly.

Nan Chen nodded hurriedly. “Of course, I won’t let Grandpa go. This is also why I didn’t want to tell you the rest.”

Meanwhile, Nan Zhengde said nothing, deep in thought.

After some time, he finally looked up and said, “On the contrary, I think there’s no harm in letting me see him.”

The moment he finished his words, Nan Chen and Feng Wan immediately shook their heads in objection. “No way!”

“I believe his desire to meet me is not just to make things difficult for Chen. He might have another motive, and I can find that out once I meet him,” Nan Zhengde insisted.

“No,” Nan Chen and Feng Wan objected again.

“Then, what can we do? We can’t just let Ning Ran die like that, nor can we let Dabao and Erbao lose their mother, right?” Nan Zhengde said anxiously.

“Don’t worry, Grandpa. I’m still thinking of a solution. I’m sure I can find a better way to resolve this,” assured Nan Chen.

“What do you have in mind, then? Let’s hear it.”

Hence, Nan Chen pondered for a moment before telling them his plan softly.

Meanwhile, there was a quiet teahouse in Yaleview where its air was filled with the aroma of tea.

In there, Ning Ran eyed Ruan Anxi, who had changed into a folk costume. “Didn’t you say we’re having a meal?”

“Yes.” Ruan Anxi gently poured a cup of tea and passed it to Ning Ran.

“At a teahouse?”

“There’s a restaurant next to the teahouse that prepares great dishes. They can send the dishes here right away without affecting the taste or the texture. It’s no different from dining at the restaurant,” Ruan Anxi explained patiently.

“Is it because you do not dare to go to the restaurant? You want to avoid the crowd for fear of getting arrested, don’t you?”

However, Ruan Anxi shook his head. “No. It’s because it’s quiet here. Dining here is more comfortable than in the restaurant.”

That was, in fact, the truth. The teahouse was quieter than the restaurant.

Still, Ning Ran did not think Ruan Anxi chose the teahouse because he wanted some peace.

If that was all he needed, he could’ve just booked the entire restaurant.

“Have you contacted Nan Chen, anyway? When are you letting me go?”

“I’ll consider letting you go when Nan Chen agrees to my conditions.”

“Did he agree, then?”

“Not yet. He’s in a dilemma and asked for some time to consider. I’m not in a hurry, anyway. Gerton might be far, but the scenery is great. We can use the time to do some sightseeing instead,” Ruan Anxi uttered calmly.

“You want me to go sightseeing with you? That’s all you kidnapped me for? To go sightseeing with you?” Ning Ran’s blood was boiling.

“I didn’t kidnap you. Have I ever mistreated you? I covered your basic necessities, didn’t I? You’re free to go now if you don’t want to have a meal with me. I won’t stop you.”

“You’re unbelievably shameless. You’re the one who said you’d get someone to run me over if I dare to escape!” Ning Ran scolded.

“Oh, I wasn’t being serious. I never planned on executing it,” he muttered.

Just then, someone walked over. “Doctor, they have agreed to your terms.”

Leaning against the back of the chair, Ruan Anxi commented, “That’s great. Nan Chen has finally agreed to my conditions.”

“He has agreed to let Grandpa replace me?” Ning Ran was surprised.

“You’re wrong again. I only invited his grandpa for tea. I never mentioned anything about kidnapping him. Why do you people keep thinking I’m plotting something when all I’m doing is asking people out for tea?”

“That’s because you’re a bad person. Are you really asking someone to fly over just to have tea with them?”

“Why not? The tea here smells great, which makes it a suitable place to invite people over for tea.”

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 789-Needless to say, Ning Ran didn’t believe that Nan Chen would really disregard Nan Zhengde’s safety and send the latter over to have tea with Ruan Anxi.

She found the entire matter suspicious, but she had no idea what exactly the man’s plan was.

After lunch, she went back to the homestay with Ruan Anxi.

In the afternoon, Ruan Anxi again received several phone calls.

Subsequently, he requested that Ning Ran accompany him to the river to fish.

On the contrary, Ning Ran wasn’t in the mood to fish. Her thoughts revolved around the fact that Nan Zhengde was coming over to be the man’s hostage in her stead.

She still felt that it was impossible, firmly believing that Nan Chen wouldn’t do such a thing.

At that precise moment, Ruan Anxi’s subordinate handed the man a phone, on which was a video.

In the video, Lu Jingyuan and Nan Zhengde boarded a plane separately, making it evident that they were heading over.

“Have a look and see whether this is your friend.” Ruan Anxi chuckled triumphantly.

The video rendered Ning Ran speechless.

Ugh! How could Nan Chen be so foolish as to allow his grandfather and Lu Jingyuan to come over and risk their lives? But it doesn’t make sense. Why would he do this?

“I’ll have my men keep an eye on their location at all times to ascertain that they’re heading in this direction. That aside, I can ask them for video evidence anytime. As such, they can’t fool me. Look, my guests are coming. Once they arrive, you may leave. Aren’t you happy?”

Ruan Anxi yanked his fishing rod up, having successfully caught a fish.

Meanwhile, Ning Ran's emotions were a jumbled mess. It went without saying that being free of Ruan Anxi's control was something to rejoice over.

However, if the price was to have Nan Zhengde take her place, she couldn't even muster up a hint of joy.

"As I said, so-called principles and bottom lines only exist because the bargaining chip isn't strong enough. Isn't Nan Chen sacrificing his grandfather and friend to save you at the end of the day?" Ruan Anxi crowed gleefully.

Nonetheless, Ning Ran remained silent, deep in contemplation. Why exactly did Nan Chen agree to it?

As she mulled it over, something suddenly occurred to her. A smile bloomed on her face.

When Ning Ran was having breakfast after waking up the following morning, Ruan Anxi received another phone call.

His subordinate again came over with a phone and showed them both a video.

In the video, Lu Jingyuan and Nan Zhengde were in a car. The latter claimed they would arrive in an hour and told Ning Ran not to worry, for she would be fine.

Ruan Anxi made a call and validated that the location indicated in the video and the GPS location matched. In other words, Nan Zhengde and Lu Jingyuan really were on their way there.

An hour later, three Land Rovers came to a stop at the open space in front of the homestay entrance.

A young woman helped an elderly man out of the car before entering the homestay.

At the same time, Ruan Anxi kept his promise and released Ning Ran, upon which the latter boarded one of the Land Rovers.

The gates of the homestay promptly slammed shut, and Ruan Anxi's men surrounded the newcomers.

The elderly man wore a black suit and had a cane in hand, coughing from time to time.

The woman, on the other hand, wore a hat and sunglasses. Her hair hung loose around her, and she said nary a word.

Ruan Anxi pointed at the chairs. "Have a seat."

Following that, the elderly man and the woman both sat down.

Although the elderly man seemed exceedingly imposing, he wasn't Nan Zhengde. He had merely applied some makeup to resemble the man. In truth, his real identity was that of the butler of the Nan family, Chai Hua.

Likewise, the young woman wasn't Lu Jingyuan. Instead, she was Ning Ran's assistant, Cheng Xiangyun.

After taking a closer look at them, Ruan Anxi overturned the table with a kick, toppling the teapot and teacups onto the ground.

He proceeded to wave a hand. "Tie these two bogus up! I'm going to carve their hearts out!"

At that moment, Cheng Xiangyun had already gone deathly pale in fright. It had been a difficult decision for her to masquerade as Lu Jingyuan, but their looks and air were pretty similar.

Therefore, she ended up agreeing to the task to save Ning Ran, proving her sense of righteousness.

Conversely, Chai Hua was much more experienced. Having been with Nan Zhengde for so many years, he had been through plenty of trials and tribulations, so he wasn't afraid of such a scene. At the very least, his fear was mild.

"Mr. Nan said you can talk to him directly if there's such a need, but not under such circumstances because he hates being threatened. The lady you kidnapped is very important to Master Chen. Nothing can be allowed to happen to her, so we came to take her place. We're insignificant characters, so our lives don't matter. But if we were to die here, you'd be paying a huge price."

He was incredibly steady, calmly voicing everything he wanted to say.

"I loathe being duped and played for a fool. I want your deaths, and I'll gouge your organs out one by one!" Ruan Anxi declared with a baleful grin.

"Every single person has something they detest. You detest being played for a fool, but Mr. Nan detests being blackmailed. If you really have something to discuss with him, he said that you go directly to Flower City. The Nan family will serve you superb tea and talk to you nicely. Everything is open to discussion, but not here," Chai Hua asserted.

Despite his calm appearance on the surface, his palms were actually damp with sweat.

Ultimately, he was the one who persuaded Cheng Xiangyun over and promised her that he would ensure her safe return.

The fact that the man before them was casually threatening to carve out their organs were truly petrifying.

Just then, Ruan Anxi's subordinate came over. "Doctor, Nan Chen said he has something to say to you."

Nan Chen's handsome face dominated the phone screen.

"What do you have to say? How dare you trick me!" Ruan Anxi bellowed.

"Yet, you dared hold my woman hostage. I haven't even settled the score with you about that. Do you think this is M Nation and you can do as you please?" Nan Chen retorted coldly.

His formidable aura stunned Ruan Anxi for a moment.

Rumor has it that he's a fearsome man, and from the look of things now, it's indeed true.

"Okay, since you dared pull a fast one on me, I'll allow you to witness how I'm going to dismember these two people step by step."

Putting on gloves, Ruan Anxi took out his customized scalpel.

Sheer terror struck Cheng Xiangyun. Oh my God, no one told me about this plot development! Didn't they say I was merely to be a substitute in this hostage situation? Why is there a surgical procedure now?

"I've got a backup plan. If you dare do such a thing, you'll die here," Nan Chen announced.

At that exact moment, the roar of engines split the air. A few helicopters approached from afar and started hovering above the homestay.

"I've expected you to play such a trick, so I had someone plant an explosive on one of your cars at your company in Flower City. If I die here, that building will collapse," Ruan Anxi divulged with a malicious sneer.

"You don't have to worry about that. The person you arranged to do so is already in my custody. His name is Wu Tong, right?" Nan Chen queried.

Ruan Anxi's expression changed at once, making it clear that the man was right.

"In that case, I want these two people to die with me! Give the order for them to open fire. I don't care," Ruan Anxi scoffed with a sinister smirk.

“As long as you let them go, the helicopters won’t fire. I know you’re a filial son. I just had my men send your mother her favorite baked sweet potatoes this morning,” Nan Chen remarked.

This time, Ruan Anxi’s expression changed drastically. “What have you done to my mother?”

“Nothing. Don’t worry, for I always respect the elderly. While her son is a b*stard, she’s innocent. But then, my men are on good terms with the two people in front of you. If anything were to happen to them, things might change,” Nan Chen replied.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 790-After his change in expression, Ruan Anxi abruptly burst into laughter.

The murderous intent in his eyes intensified.

“If so, let’s all die together! The agreement was to have tea together, but you had two bogus people come over and dupe me. If I die, my mother won’t be able to live either, so it’s best that we all perish together!”

Having said that, he ordered, “Tie the woman up first! I’m going to carve her heart out!”

Upon hearing that, Cheng Xiangyun shrieked in terror, “No! There isn’t any grudge between us both! Don’t kill me!”

At the same time, utter regret swamped her. If I’d known this would’ve happened, I wouldn’t have tried playing hero! I’m going to have my heart carved out now. Can it still be stuffed back into my body afterward?

Similarly, Chai Hua was a touch dumbfounded. Never had he expected Ruan Anxi to be so unpredictable to the point of being determined to drag everyone down with him, unwilling to negotiate in the least.

I gave my word to Cheng Xiangyun that I would bring her back safely, but it now looks like I’ll be forced to break my promise.

Beside Nan Chen, Ning Ran snatched the phone away and demanded, “Wait! Don’t hurt her! She’s my friend!”

“Initially, I didn’t want to hurt anyone. I merely wanted to have tea with them both, but they actually dared to play me for a fool. They’ve gone overboard! Tell Nan Chen to notify those in the helicopters to open fire so that we can all die together!”

Seizing hold of Cheng Xiangyun's neck, Ruan Anxi lifted the scalpel, seemingly about to make his move for real.

"No! Stop it, Ruan Anxi! I'll come back and take her place!" Ning Ran cried out.

At the side, Nan Chen scowled at her.

What on earth is she saying? The purpose of all this preparation is to save her. If she were to return, wouldn't everything have been in vain?

"I object!" he countered frostily.

"I can't have Cheng die in my stead! This is my affair, and I can't drag her into the mess!" Ning Ran argued.

Surprisingly, Ruan Anxi stilled. "That's sensible. Indeed, you didn't disappoint me. You've got to handle your own affairs instead of colluding with them to deceive me. If you come back, I'll release the two of them!"

"You can't go!" Naturally, Nan Chen protested adamantly.

"No, I must go. I can't have Mr. Chai and Cheng Xiangyun die for me. Otherwise, I'll be haunted by guilt for the rest of my life. Let them go, Ruan Anxi. I'll come back."

While saying that, Ning Ran made to open the car door and climb out of the vehicle.

However, Nan Chen yanked her back. "You can't go! Everyone made preparations for a long time. If you return, all our efforts would've been for naught!"

Although he didn't want Cheng Xiangyun and Chai Hua to die either, he never expected Ruan Anxi to act like a madman who had no regard for anything. Right then, he was truly caught between a rock and a hard place.

"I'll let them go if you come back, Ning Ran. Otherwise, we'll all die together! I'm giving you two minutes. If you don't return, they'll be dead!" Ruan Anxi threatened.

Ning Ran fixated her eyes on Nan Chen. "He won't kill me. I'll just go for a while and be back in a jiffy."

"But—"

"If he really wanted to hurt me, I would've been dead long ago. Trust me. He harbors no hatred against me, so it's pointless for him to kill me. He's an exceedingly prideful person and will never allow you to hoodwink him. If he were to compromise just like that, he wouldn't be able to lead those under his command henceforth. His path is

different from ours. He requires absolute authority, or others will betray him anytime. As such, he would rather die than make a concession,” Ning Ran explained.

That was her judgment after all the time she spent interacting with Ruan Anxi, and she was pretty sure she was right.

The man was someone who lived on the edge of danger, prepared to die anytime.

On top of that, he was sickly in the first place, so he attached little importance to life.

Furthermore, he was considered the ruler of South East Aploth. If someone set him up and duped him, it was a downright humiliation. In the event that the news spread, it would undoubtedly affect his prestige and status. Hence, he definitely wouldn't agree to a compromise.

In fact, he would rather perish together than admit his failure, much less when there was still hope for him.

Nevertheless, Ning Ran believed that he wouldn't kill her as long as he was afforded sufficient respect.

“In that case, I'll go with you,” Nan Chen relented, making up his mind as well.

In truth, he couldn't accept having Chai Hua and Cheng Xiangyun die before his eyes. After all, members of the Nan family would never sacrifice others for the sake of themselves.

“No, you can't!” This time, Ning Ran was the one objecting.

Everyone knew perfectly well why Nan Chen couldn't enter the homestay.

He was too important, and the loss to the Nan family would be devastating if he were to lose his life there.

“You can't go, Sir Chen. I'll go with Madam instead.” Qiao Zhan also disagreed with that suggestion.

Meanwhile, Ruan Anxi had already started the countdown, and two minutes would up be soon.

Thus, Nan Chen could only concur to have Qiao Zhan accompany Ning Ran back in.

As soon as Ruan Anxi laid eyes on Ning Ran, a maleficent smile split his face. “This is more like it. I just knew that you wouldn't let me down.”

“Let them go,” Ning Ran demanded.

“Okay, whatever you say. Let them go.” Ruan Anxi waved a hand.

Cheng Xiangyun was so terrified that her legs had gone weak. She couldn’t walk at all and could only move with Chai Hua supporting her.

That was only natural, for she had never experienced such a horrifying scene.

“Go out first. I’ll follow in a while,” Ning Ran said to Cheng Xiangyun smilingly.

Casting a glance at her, Cheng Xiangyun mused inwardly.

She has been with Nan Chen for too long that she has changed substantially. In the past, she was also very much a coward. But now, she’s no longer afraid and has become ferocious.

“You shouldn’t have returned, Madam,” Chai Hua lamented with a sigh.

He felt that Ruan Anxi was extremely ruthless and worried that Ning Ran would be in great peril.

“It’s okay, so don’t worry. Hurry up and go,” Ning Ran reassured gently.

“You’re both not leaving, huh? How about staying and having dinner together, then?” Ruan Anxi chimed in darkly.

“Quick, let’s go!” Cheng Xiangyun hastily urged Chai Hua, not wanting to spend another second there.

The mere thought of Ruan Anxi’s constant threat to remove her organs had her knees quivering. Verily, she had never seen such a depraved individual.

After Chai Hua had helped Cheng Xiangyun out, Ning Ran flashed Ruan Anxi a smile. “Don’t tell me you really want to kill me?”

In response, Ruan Anxi shook his head. “Nope. I promised not to kill you. Besides, there’s no grudge between us, so it’s pointless for me to do so.”

Only then did Ning Ran’s heart that had been lodged in her throat settle back in her chest. “I’m glad to hear that. Honestly speaking, I don’t want to die.”

“I know, and that’s why I’m not going to kill you. But as for him…”

Ruan Anxi pointed at Qiao Zhan before continuing, “I don’t like this big lug here who dared to hit me!”

When they were at Lu Jingyuan's villa, Qiao Zhan indeed beat Ruan Anxi up. If it weren't for Ning Ran holding him back, he would've pummeled the latter to death.

Therefore, Ruan Anxi was incredibly vexed about that.

"You also stabbed me, and the wound is still vivid now!" Qiao Zhan barked.

"Are you afraid, scared that I'll carve your heart out?" Ruan Anxi drawled with a menacing grin.

"I'm not afraid of you!" Qiao Zhan was a machismo person, so it was no surprise that he wasn't willing to admit to feeling any fear.

"Fine. Since you're not afraid, I'll cut you up right now!" Ruan Anxi whipped out the scalpel once more.

"No, don't do that. He didn't have to come, but he accompanied me here. Please don't make things difficult for him. If you've got any requests, feel free to voice them. However, it's impossible to have Mr. Nan come over. He's up in years, so he can't travel such a long distance. If you want to meet him, I can accompany you to Flower City," Ning Ran chimed in.