

Come back to me

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A Micro Bug

The car had been consistently moving on a slow pace.

Kristina tilted her head to the side. "Aren't we going to have dinner? There is no restaurant in this street." She looked at her surroundings outside the vehicle's window.

"I'll cook some lunch for you at home. What do you want to eat today? Sweet and sour fish or braised pork ribs?" Albert reached out to Kristina and pulled her close. Once she rested her head on his shoulder, he gently pinched her cheek with his large hand.

The affection on his gaze was quite evident. Albert couldn't help but smile as he looked at Kristina. It was already a habit of his to let her lean on his shoulder. It gave him a sense of assurance that she could rely on him.

Kristina, who was already used to him being like this, turned around and leaned on him. She lifted her feet and rested them by the car window while she closed her eyes casually.

"I think I'd like to have braised pork ribs today," she answered.

"Okay, I'll cook it for you then," Albert said. He sat as still as he could so that Kristina could lean comfortably against him. He then ordered the driver, "Go to Lanting Road."

"Lanting Road? Isn't that a little far? We won't be able to return to work this afternoon if we go there. That's fine with me, but your busy schedule can't afford it. Are you not going to renovate t

rs. And you, once they arrive, you should greet Nina in unison, okay?" The sight made it look like he was a teacher standing in front of his students. The two rows of servants in front of him listened attentively to his orders.

Jake asked, "Sir, will we be only greeting Mrs. Shi? What about Mr. Shi?" His brows furrowed in confusion.

Sam frowned at the question. "Why should we welcome him?" He had a disgusted look on his face once John was mentioned, but then it transformed to a gentle smile as soon as he thought of Nina. "You just need to welcome Nina. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir!" Everyone chorused and bowed down in unison.

It was half past six in the evening when the two finally arrived.

Nina appeared by the gate of the villa holding John's arm. The moment they stepped inside, they were greeted by a deafening welcome.

"Welcome, Mrs. Shi."

Nina was somewhat taken aback from the scene. Her eyes grew wide for a split second before calming down. She tilted her head to the side and whispered in John's ear, "Do you ever lose your hearing whenever you hear this deafening sound every time you come back?"

"No, I haven't." John had a blank expression on his face.

In fact, he had never received this kind of treatment.

The sudden display of enthusiasm by the servants towards Nina made him uncomfortable.

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Meeting John's Family

John and Nina continued to move forward. After glancing around, he said slowly, "Tonight is very different."

He did not expect that in order to welcome Nina, Sam had decorated the whole house in such a festive way. The carpet had been changed into a red one, and even the flowers had been replaced with red roses.

She was about to formally meet John's family, so Nina was a little nervous. Her palms were sweating. "Yes, it's quite different."

She had never felt this nervous, which was weird considering she used to attend all kinds of large-scale banquets in C Island.

It was said that only an ugly woman would get nervous when she went to meet her spouse's family, but she was not ugly.

Why was she so nervous?

Nina's entire body tensed. The only person that could make her feel at ease was John, so she reached out to him.

"Nervous?" John asked, looking at her. He held her hand and squeezed it gently to comfort her. "I'm here."

The warmth from his palm seeped into her skin and sent a wave of calm over her. She took a deep breath and

received two more red envelopes. "Aunt Nina," Chester said, bowing slightly.

Nina looked at the man seated to Jessica's left. The man looked back at her and smiled. "Hello, Nina!"

Noticing that Jason and Nina seemed to know each other, Sam asked, "Jason, do you know Nina?"

"Nina is my student, Dad."

"Well, it seems that Nina is really destined to be a member of our family." Sam laughed even more happily.

Although Nina did not like Jessica, Jessica was still John's sister, so she greeted them politely. "Jessica, Jason."

Jason smiled back and handed her a red envelope. Jessica kept a cold face and did not move.

She still could not admit that Nina was her sister-in-law.

Everyone had noticed Jessica's displeasure, and the atmosphere in the dining hall once again turned cold and heavy.

Sam was not satisfied with his daughter's attitude, but she was his favorite daughter. He simply said to her, "Jessica, aren't you going to greet your sister-in-law?"

Jessica sneered, "No, I'm not. I won't accept her as my sister-in-law."

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Are You Blaming Me

Obviously, Jessica didn't treat Nina as family though she was John's wife.

Since she didn't show Nina any respect, Nina wouldn't treat her respectfully, either.

"Ms. Shi." Nina was the perfect picture of calm, and her gentle smile held neither discontent nor provocation.

All of the people present were stunned when Nina called Jessica Ms. Shi.

It was not a good omen.

Expectant eyes were focused on Sam and John, who were both key players in this scenario.

One woman was Sam's daughter-in-law, while the other was his favorite daughter.

One was John's wife, and the other was his sister.

"Nina, your sister-in-law is spoiled, and it's all my fault for spoiling her. Forget about it. Just call her Jessica." Sam smiled and tried to mediate the dispute. Jessica opened her mouth to speak, but he quelled her with a stern glare.

Sam knew that Nina was wronged, but he had only one daughter. He could only put the blame on himself. He hoped that, for his sake, the two of them would not be too stiff with each other.

Nina didn't say anything. It was human nature for a father to love his daughter.

st—Nina.

But no, he was absolutely not afraid of Jessica. He slammed his hand on the table and tried to clarify the matter. "I'm not in a relationship with Aunt Nina. That gossip is nonsense. Aunt Jessica, how could you believe such rumors?"

His aunt was making trouble for him!

How could she be so thoughtless? Did she automatically take other people's words as the truth?

John's face gradually darkened. When James saw his uncle's expression, a shiver crept down his spine, and his knees started to tremble.

Angela's face turned cold. She reached out to grab her son's hand and said in a sarcastic tone, "James, how could you talk to your aunt like that? She is your elder, so don't offend her. Although your aunt is quite unreasonable, you can't argue with her."

It sounded like she was blaming her son, but she was in fact criticizing Jessica.

She knew what kind of person her son was. Although he liked playing, he would never mess around with women. If anyone could confirm whether James had a girlfriend, she would be that person.

Anybody who dared slander her son did not deserve her respect.

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A Target Of Public Criticism

The atmosphere in the dining room became more hostile, as if they were suddenly put into a battlefield.

Jessica began confronting Angela. "What do you mean? Are you saying that I'm brainless? I've investigated. All the students in L University said that Nina was James' girlfriend."

"No, it's not like that." While James was explaining, he peeked over at out of the corner of his eye. John sat dead silent. His eyelashes hid the emotion filling his eyes.

James knew John very well. The more silent John was, the more ruthless he would become. The whole family would be about to suffer.

On the other hand, Nina was still sitting calmly.

James swallowed and cowered in fear.

"Jessica, you are simple-minded. I know that you always believe whatever anyone tells you. You aren't a little girl anymore. You should know how to think for yourself. It's fine to believe a rumor once or twice, but any more than that is foolish." Angela was not a woman to be trifled with.

Nina opened her eyes and looke

a clearly felt his sadness. She stopped, turned around and said with a smile, "Dad, he is joking. We will visit you often in the future."

"Really?" Sam's gloomy eyes lit up in an instant and tears filled them in hopefulness.

Nina promised with a smile, "Yes."

"That's good." 'She is so considerate!

She's much more sensible than that little bastard.'

Sam looked at John and hoped that he would affirm what Nina said. Nina held John's hand, indicating that he should say something.

"Do you have the final say?" John asked calmly.

"Of course." Nina raised her eyebrows.

John didn't refute, which could only mean he was giving in.

It was settled then. He would come back to visit.

Sam quickly gave up his gloomy exterior and the glee beamed from his face.

This family dinner ended in discord.

As soon as John and Nina walked out, they met Dora, who was waiting for them outside and greeted them excitedly.

"Uncle John, Aunt Nina, my parents asked me to invite you to dinner."

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Jessica s Fit

John took Nina to his brother's house for dinner.

Jason returned home with his then-unconscious wife, and it was not long before she woke up.

As soon as she did, the woman burst into tears. She held Jason in her arms and sobbed, "Honey, everyone is getting on to me. My sister-in-law, my brother, and even my father have joined in."

"Honey, don't cry." Jason wiped her tears gently, kissed her cheek lovingly, and pulled her into his arms to try and comfort her.

When she calmed down, Jason pulled away from his wife and the two sat face to face.

"We need to talk, honey."

"Okay, about what?" Jessica sobbed. She wiped her tears and looked at her husband's serious expression. Looking at her husband's serious face, she suddenly felt mistreated. With tearful eyes, she bit her lips and asked, "Let me guess. You're defending Nina?"

Jason felt helpless. He was a university professor, and his students listened to him. His wife did not. She was still self-centered and didn't think about things very deepl

she heard the man's hoarse warning. "Don't move."

His voice was thick, and it sounded a little forced. Nina had already been through a lot, so she knew what was going on. She knew that if she moved, it could get even more embarrassing.

So she froze in place, hoping she didn't have to do that for long.

Nina cursed in her heart and whispered in the man's ear, "Not here! Everyone's staring.

So can you restrain yourself a little bit?"

"So? They're all adults," John said in a serious tone, ignoring the presence of their nephew. He didn't care what anyone else thought.

Besides, he did nothing.

Was there anything wrong with letting his wife sit on his lap?

However, Nina was still embarrassed. After hearing the footsteps, she escaped from the man's body and sat on the sofa. She tidied up her hair, looking guilty.

Jason walked in.

After apologizing to Angela and Daniel, he apologized to Nina and the others with sincere words and a gentle smile.

Then he left, looking a little lonely.

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Don t Mess With A Girl On Her Period

At half past seven in the evening, they sat down to dinner.

It was a lot more relaxed here than in Sam's house. Laughter was often heard above the din of the six talking to each other. They were still well-behaved, but happy.

Angela was more than 40, but her skin was still silky and lovely. Her every move and smile exuded a mature charm. Not only that, she was easygoing.

"Nina, don't be so polite. Dig in." Angela smiled generously and gently at Nina. Angela was very grateful to Nina because she helped her block the wine. "James told me you enjoy seafood, right?" she asked Nina warmly.

"Yes." Nina nodded.

Angela smiled, "Next time you come here, I'll ask the chef to whip up some fish for you. I'm sorry. There's no seafood in the fridge now."

"Thank you, Angela." If anyone was very polite, Nina would be polite in return.

Daniel praised him. "You have an awesome wife, John."

"Thanks, Daniel." John raised his glass and smiled. "I have good taste."

Daniel laughed. "You always have."

The two brothers had been chatting with each other this whole time. Daniel praised his wife a lot. It made Angela so happy her eyes al

seriously. He turned off his phone and lay down, holding his woman in his arms and closing his eyes.

The dim orange lamp at the head of the bed was still on, casting its pale yellow glow over the couple. Nina spooned with him, and the two slept soundly.

Two hours later

Nina was sound asleep. But the more John slept, the hotter he got.

He listened to her deep, even breathing as she slumbered. That let him know she was getting a good night's sleep. John wanted to take a shower, so he removed his hand from underneath her.

As soon as he pulled out his hand, Nina turned over and faced him.

The woman held his hand too tightly.

His upper body was suddenly covered by an arm, and her elbow came smashing down into him, hard. His chest was on fire. He almost suffered internal injuries!

John's face darkened as he took a deep breath.

She was so strong and weird. When she was drunk, she liked to lie on him, making his legs and feet numb.

During her period, she liked to hold his hand to sleep. If he pulled his hand away, she would attack him with her elbow.

Like that website said: Don't mess with a girl on her period.

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Nina s Identity

John was at a loss whether to cry or to laugh. He could only lie down and let Nina use his hand as a heater.

During the night, John's body gradually felt hotter. He felt restless and couldn't sleep. His vision started to get hazy, and his hair was disheveled. Even worse, he started having difficulty breathing.

After a deep, slow breath, John gradually closed his eyes.

Nina liked to sleep with the window open because she liked the feeling of the fresh air in the room. Spring had just ended. The night wind was not that cold yet; it was still sufficiently warm.

Sleeping beside John, Nina felt that it was too hot to be wrapped in a blanket. So, she kicked the blanket and pushed it down to her belly.

However, she still felt stuffy somehow. Feeling uncomfortable, she frowned and muttered absentmindedly, "Brother, stay away from me."

Before Nina was five years old, she liked to sleep next to her brother, who was only around four years older than her. Their family allowed them to sleep beside each other because they were still young at that time.

John was perplexed.

'Brother?

Did she have a brother?' John asked himself.

Now that he thought about it, Jessica seemed a little patronizing earlier during the family dinner when she asked how much he actually k

in the south.

There was also a mixture of different scents on his body, which meant that he went to a place packed with people before arriving at the coffee shop.

Perhaps he had gone to the bus station.

He looked tired and worn.

"Did you just come back after handling cases in other places?" Nina asked as she put two spoons of sugar in her coffee.

Noah took a small sip of his coffee and felt much better. Then, he replied, "It's not a case. I went to Spring City. I just came back today."

Surprised, Nina asked, "Spring City?" It was as if hearing the name of the city caught her interest.

Shrugging, he said, "Nothing. However, I've heard of something important." Noah looked at Nina in the eye. "It has something to do with you."

Upon hearing his word, Nina stopped stirring her coffee. She pursed her lips and raised her brow slightly.

She seemed to have already guessed about what it was about.

Still, she acted like she was oblivious. She tilted her head to the side and asked innocently, "What do you mean?"

With worry in his voice, Noah started to explain, "The little princess of C Island escaped from home about two years ago. Her whereabouts were unknown for a while. However, I heard that someone found her in Spring City about half a month ago."

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The Princess Of C Island

Nina lowered her eyes, her long lashes concealing the emotions in her eyes. She held the coffee cup with one hand and stirred the contents with the spoon she held in the other hand.

She affected an air of nonchalance.

"I'm from C Island, but I am not aware that the princess has escaped." Nina looked up at Noah.

The two people looked calmly at each other.

Noah averted his eyes and said in a level tone, "The royal family of C Island sent someone to Spring City in the hopes that the director of the police station could send people to secretly look for her. The director sent people to search the city for her, but failed. He presumed that she had left the city. He then contacted all the major police stations in the country and given orders for them to look for her secretly. This matter has already been relayed to the chief of police, who has deemed this matter to be of utmost importance."

Nina listened quietly. "So...Director Shen gave you this order?"

"Yes. Director Shen wants me to find her as soon as possible and then notify C Island of her whereabouts so that they could bring her back," Noah said calmly. He took out a photo from his pocket and placed it on the table in front of Nina.

"Nina, you are the princess of C Island." Noah tried his best to calm himself down, but his voice was tremb

and's royal family, which had full control of its economic power, was even more influential and richer by comparison.

Nina was a member of this illustrious clan.

Bruce Lu, her father, was the king of C Island, and her mother, the former international actress Anne, was its queen. Her brother, Leon Lu, was the future heir.

Therefore, Nina's status was extremely lofty, and she was brought up as befitting her birthright.

However, she had been placed under tremendous pressure ever since she was a child.

For as long as she could remember, she was seldom in the company of her parents; instead, she was constantly accompanied by a small army of educators—five language teachers, one martial arts master, one vocal coach, three dance instructors, piano tutors, and etiquette trainers, as well as different teachers for painting and calligraphy.

All in all, Nina had so many teachers that could barely keep track of all of them.

The teachers were only doing their jobs and earning their salaries. Her brother, Leon, was the only person who treated her with a warmth that family could give, but he was also very busy himself.

When she was eighteen years old, her father told her that she would be engaged to the new count of the Nangong family upon her coming of age.

That night, she ran away from home.

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A Critical Moment

Just as the night was deepening and everyone was in utter mayhem, Nina fled.

With the help of her brother, she successfully escaped from the security guards and left the C Island. As it happened, she got on the luxury yacht and ran into Sam on the deck.

Sam seemed to have not been feeling well. He fainted so Nina had to carry him until she could find a doctor.

He instantly recognized Nina, the precious princess of C Island. It only took one look at her face for him to figure out that she had run away from home.

Nina, as observant as she was, was able to put two and two together—Sam was no ordinary person. So she made a deal with him.

Sam would help her hide her identity in exchange for her signing a marriage agreement with his youngest son for three years.

He had mentioned that his son was studying abroad and would be back home in two years. They would have an entire year to develop their relationship. If they were unable to, they could freely divorce.

Nina agreed to this, lured under the desire of leaving as soon as possible.

In the past two

e was a genius.

Even a genius like him couldn't withstand an attack like this. He was already sweating. He seemed confident at first but as the hackers continued to attack, his confidence wavered as it was replaced with worry.

Everyone in the IT department was busy. After skimming the room with his sharp eyes, John let go of Nina's hand and walked towards the department manager. A red warning was flashing on the screen which indicated the severity of the situation.

The IT department was comprised of nine people. They all looked serious as their eyes were glued on their computer screens. It was obvious that they were having trouble operating smoothly. Some had stopped which could only mean that their defenses had failed.

Nina quietly approached the manager. It didn't take long for her to figure out the defensive loophole. Obviously, the hackers had taken advantage of the defensive loophole.

The defensive loophole was hidden very skillfully. Not anyone would be able to figure it out.

With this in mind, Nina concluded, "There's a spy among you."

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She Is A Hacker

Hearing this, all the people present were stunned. They all looked at Nina with different expressions.

They stopped what they were doing, except for the department manager and an employee in the corner, who continued to work.

That pause was all that took for the hackers to break through another layer of defense.

"Mrs. Shi, we are doing something important. Please don't disturb us." The manager was didn't show any sign of disgust, but his words were full of impatience.

One of the others who had stopped working said, "Mrs. Shi, this is not drawing. You can't do it at your will."

When John and Nina's marriage was exposed, John had especially ordered someone to reveal Nina's identity as a painter so as to prevent too much public opinion about her.

That was why many people knew that she had a background with art.

With a cold face, Nina ignored other people's words and continued to pay attention to what the manager was doing. "If I were you, I would first look for the loophole and then lure the hackers to attack. Once they expose their method, I will use it against them to hack their own data."

"This is the simplest and most efficient way,

some other man speaking so fondly to Nina was making him angry

Sensing what was going on, Henry winked subtly at the manager. 'She's Mrs. Shi. You'd better shut up now. Otherwise you might regret what happens next.'

Fortunately, the manager received the message loud and clear and kept silent immediately.

Nina turned to look at her husband, knowing all too well why he protested. Then she smiled and said, "He doesn't allow me to do that."

"It's settled then. Let's go." John pulled Nina up and put his arm around her as they walked, as if to declare their relationship to everyone.

"Wait!" Nina stopped them in their tracks and put both hands against his chest. "Don't you want to know who the mole in the department is?"

She glanced at the staff outside the glass of the manager's office. The door was not closed shut and her words had already carried over to them.

In truth, she was itching to see who it was that dared to betray John.

If her husband had gone bankrupt because of this hacking incident, he would not be able to support her. That would be a little troublesome.

So she felt it only right to hunt down this hidden traitor.