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### Chapter 221 Young Master Song Was Given A Green Hat?

Ran Xueyi headed towards the location that Doctor Qin had messaged to her. It was a small rental office in the middle of the capital.

Since it was located in a very populated area where commercial stores were located, many people walked by each other and didn't bother looking at the strangers around them. This helped Ran Xueyi a lot to disguise herself and act as an ordinary person passing through this street.

As someone whose fame was slowly rising due to the scandals that the people who tried to scheme against her and helped her already dimming popularity slowly fire up, Ran Xueyi was still worried that people would notice and recognize her thus, she wore a mask all the way to the small rental office.

When she arrived inside the office, Doctor Qin and another man who looked like he was around the age between twenty-five and twenty-eight stood behind him.

"Is this her? The reason why you left the hospital?" the man behind Doctor Qin asked. His eyes glanced over at Ran Xueyi as if he was grading her qualities.

Ran Xueyi didn't think too much of the man's gaze and was directly shocked by what the man said instead. "Doctor Qin resigned?"

Was it because of her? Or did that person force the doctor to leave?

Somehow, this made her feel that the situation was really complicated.

As if he could guess what she was thinking, Qin Mo waved his hand and replied, "No, I already planned to resign from the hospital. It was just perfect timing that someone made trouble and I could use that reason to leave the hospital."

Ran Xueyi stared at the young doctor to search his face whether he was lying. The young doctor possessed a handsome feature that could be passable if he entered the entertainment world. He could at least become popular due to his face if he wasn't talented in acting. However, it was his eyes that were clear and lacking of any schemes probably was his most redeeming quality.

He didn't lie to her.

Finally, Ran Xueyi released a sigh. She didn't want to be responsible for forcing the doctor to leave the hospital. Now that the explanation was done, she could release some of her guilty conscience.

But still, Ran Xueyi knew that the doctor was pestered by someone who wanted to know about the reason why she went to the hospital that day.

The man who had yet introduced himself moved to the corner and excused himself. "You two talk... I'll go and get something for you to drink."

He left towards another room adjacent to the office they were currently in. Ran Xueyi heard the clattering sound of glass and water pouring in it coming from that room and she guessed that it was a mini-kitchen.

"Doctor Qin, I apologize for letting you suffer on behalf of me. I didn't expect that someone would make trouble with you because of me." Ran Xueyi really didn't think that someone would go as far as confront the doctor she consulted with and demand answers from him.

Doctor Qin glanced at her expressionlessly and his lips moved to say, "Miss Ran doesn't have to apologize. The check you gave to me earlier this morning is already enough to pay for the trouble that I suffered through. There's no grievances nor pain that I experienced."

"On the other hand, I would like to ask... Why is that person so persistent to know your examination result?"

Qin Mo was more curious about this than anything else.

Ran Xueyi shook her head: "I'm not sure... I haven't found out the identity of the woman who came after you. So, I don't know what was the reason behind their actions."

"Cao Haoyue."

Suddenly, Qin Mo named the woman who disturbed his morning.

Ran Xueyi heard him and also looked up at him, feeling surprised all over again.

Cao Haoyue? This name seemed a bit familiar, but she wasn't sure why it felt like that.

"Does Miss Ran know anyone named Cao Haoyue? She's the woman who came to me this morning." Qin Mo continued to identify the person.

Ran Xueyi was about to shake her head once again, but suddenly, she couldn't do it anymore.

The name Cao Haoyue wasn't familiar to her. It was the name Cao that had more meaning to her.

If Ran Xueyi remembered correctly, the stepmother of her husband also has a surname 'Cao'. Could it be related to her? But why would Madam Song try to get involved with her? Ran Xueyi was certain that she never had any contact with Madam Song nor had she made eye contact with her during the Old Patriarch Song's birthday party. Moreover, at that time, it had been a few weeks since the birthday party, why was she trying to get to her now?

While thinking, the other man had already finished making their drinks and carried the tray over to the office before putting it on the coffee table. He moved the cups towards each of them and sat down beside Qin Mo.

Since Ran Xueyi was silent and thinking deeply into this situation, the man also took his time to observe before moving his gaze away to stare at Qin Mo.

Leaning towards the other's ear, he whispered, "Mo, this lady is too beautiful even with her mask on. I wonder if you can ask her to remove her mask so this young master can have a look?"

Qin Mo's answer, however, was to glare at him and stomp his foot on the man's foot that was placed next to him.

The man squirmed in pain and painfully retracted his foot before glaring at Qin Mo. "Mo, you're ruthless! I'm merely curious, why do you have to step on my foot!"

Qin Mo no longer paid attention to him, but said to him, "Careful of what you say, Lu Che. Or else, you'll get struck by lightning before you know it."

His mysterious and filled with other meaning words were heard by Lu Che, but he couldn't understand what the other was talking about. He could only guess that Qin Mo had taken interest in this beautiful masked young woman and was showing sovereignty towards him in front of him.

Tsk... What an Alpha!

[A/N: Lu Che is saying this because Alpha tend to be possessive towards the person/mate they're interested in. Not literally saying that Qin Mo is an Alpha or anything. Just the behavior.]

However, Qin Mo's thoughts were quite different from what he was thinking. Lu Che might have not noticed... However, Qin Mo was quite keen towards Ran Xueyi. In high society, not many knew of Ran Xueyi but that doesn't mean no one knew her. Especially after Old Patriarch Song's birthday, there should be some people who could still remember her.

Qin Mo only heard about the young master Song introducing a young lady to the Old Patriarch Song from his friends. However, he was never interested in gossip and was more intrigued in medicine and professional topics. Hence, he only remembered that the patient he met that morning could be the same 'Ran Xueyi' being talked about by his friend after he left the hospital.

Though he didn't mean to probe, he wondered if young master Song was given a green hat by Ran Xueyi since it was only recently that she was introduced by Song Yu Han to the Old Patriarch Song, but she was already pregnant for 9 weeks.

Well... it didn't matter.

For as long as he wasn't the one given a green hat, he didn't really care if Song Yu Han wore it.

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## Chapter 222 Calm Before The Storm

Ran Xueyi was still thinking about what she should do with Cao Haoyue when she noticed that the two had gone silent like her.

"Is there something wrong?"

"Huh?" Lu Che answered first with a blank expression.

Ran Xueyi said, "You two have been staring at me for a while now."

Though she was distracted by her thoughts, she could still feel and sense their gazes but didn't bother with it until she was done thinking.

Lu Che coughed miserably and disguised his embarrassment with an action of taking a sip from his cup. However, Ran Xueyi's eyes still followed his movements and waited for him to finish.

Without a choice, Lu Che could only say, "Hey, miss. Are you single?"

"No."

The young and beautiful lady sitting across from them didn't even blink nor pause when she replied. It was as if there was no hesitation in her answer at all.

Lu Che felt choked up, but in order to become a matchmaker between his beautiful masked lady and his doctor friend, he continued to say, "You're not? How long have you been in a relationship?"

Ran Xueyi answered without missing a single beat, "3 months."

Lu Che suddenly slapped his thigh, which took the other two by surprise and stared at him with an incredulous expression on their faces.

Then, suddenly, Qin Mo had a bad premonition as if he could already see the future where Lu Che would embarrass themselves.

As expected, Lu Che said, "Aiya... only three months? That's too short. In this stage of a relationship, there can be so many things that can happen. I'm sure you and your partner still have a lot of things to know."

"That's true..."

Ran Xueyi also thought that the last part of his sentence was right. There really was a lot of things for her and Song Yu Han to know. However, they have a lot of time to explore and discover each other's life.

However, her answer was taken as an encouragement by Lu Che as he smiled lightly. "Sister... What do you think about this brother of mine here?"

Ran Xueyi raised her eyes and stared at him, frowning a little bit.

Lu Che didn't see her expression and continued speaking, "Well... this brother of mine is a famous young talent in the medical world. His net worth is also very big, you don't have to worry about spending money in your entire life! Of course, this brother is also very faithful and loyal. He will stay with you until your hair become white!"

Qin Mo glared at this 'good brother' of his and almost covered his face with his palm. Why did he have to suffer like this after getting in trouble that morning?

Similarly to him, Ran Xueyi was stupefied at what was going on. More so, when she saw how sincere and earnest Lu Che was acting.

After such a deep and honest speech, Ran Xueyi finally said, "Sorry, but the man I am with is also loyal to me. But thank you for the offer."

After saying this, Ran Xueyi glanced at Doctor Qin, who refused to speak another word after what happened, she said to him, "Doctor Qin, I will apologize for what happened this morning once again. I will forget what happened just now but I hope we can stay in contact and you can continue doing my checkups for me."

Qin Mo finally raised his eyes to stare at her and nodded. "Don't worry, I will stay true to my word and continue looking after your condition."

After Ran Xueyi left the small and obscured office, she headed back to her house. When she arrived, she saw that the living room was empty and the man who usually comes out to greet her whenever she arrived home was not there.

Then, she remembered that Song Yu Han was outside of the country right now to do foreign business projects and would only return after two weeks.

So, she called Zhao Fei first to ask her about her schedule this week before calling Wu Qi to ask him about the current events inside the company.

Wu Qi reported that everything was under control and Deng Zhenzhen safely left her previous agency and the agency also didn't try to trouble them anymore.

Sighing deeply, Ran Xueyi slumped into the sofa and covered her eyes with her arm. She felt tired after running around the city and even more tired when she thought about Cao Haoyue.

Peeling the arm away from her face, Ran Xueyi looked down on her belly and rubbed it gently. A smile appeared on her lips and eyes as she gently said, "At least you're here to calm me down."

Today's event was truly an eye-opener. Ran Xueyi thought to herself.

Previously, she thought that all troubles were gone after she erased all the mess and troubles that came in her way and could start her career smoothly again. But her pregnancy just happened to be a surprise and she didn't know what to do.

Honestly, before meeting Song Yu Han, she planned to get pregnant through an IVF and start her career while also planning to take a break in the middle. She only needed to work hard to film several dramas and movies during the 6 months period of her pregnancy before asking for a half a year break to give birth and also to take care of the child alone.

And when she met Song Yu Han and heard that the procedure had failed, she thought that she could postpone her plan to get pregnant and wait till her career bloomed and rose to the peak. Then, when she was ready to retire, that's when she planned to get pregnant again and start a family with Song Yu Han.

But today, that plan could no longer be followed.

Besides, there was also Cao Haoyue. What does she want from her?

Ran Xueyi never met nor interacted with Cao Haoyue, however, that didn't mean that she couldn't be involved with Madam Song.

Thinking like this, Ran Xueyi went to search for information on the internet about the Cao family. And as she expected, Cao Haoyue was really connected to Cao Haoyue. They were cousins.

But that didn't answer Ran Xueyi's question. What does her examination result have anything to do with them?

Just as Ran Xueyi was getting closer to the answer, her phone suddenly rang and she saw the screen was showing off the Caller ID — Grandpa Song.

Chapter 223 The Woman They Were All Worried About

Ran Xueyi didn't want to make the old man wait and answered the call directly.

Soon, the smooth and elderly voice of Old Patriarch Song sounded from the other side of the phone.

"Hello, Xiao Xueyi?"

Ran Xueyi smiled at his endearing tone and replied, "Grandpa Song..."

Old Patriarch Song was filled with warmth when he heard her calling him 'grandpa' but that joy was cut short as he coughed hoarsely.

Hearing the wheezing sound, Ran Xueyi sat up straight and glanced at her phone before proceeding to ask, "Grandpa Song, are you alright?"

Old Patriarch Song took a few seconds to stabilize his breathing and wiped away the physiological tears that escaped the corner of his eyes. The old butler on his side looked on worriedly and wanted to take away the phone so he could assist the old patriarch.

However, before he even stepped forward, Old Patriarch Song waved his hand and finally said, "It's nothing... It's just my old illness coming back to me."

Ran Xueyi frowned.



She never heard anything about Old Patriarch Song's illness. No, to be honest, anyone would have the same reaction.

Everyone knew that Old Patriarch Song was a healthy old man who had his own medical team overlooking his health and well-being. Up until now, there was no news of him being sick or having any illness. So, where did this 'old illness' come from?

Ran Xueyi didn't get the answer directly since Old Patriarch Song decided to change the topic. "I heard that my stinky grandson is out of the country right now. That's just right... I'm bored and I don't have anyone beside me. Will Xiao Xueyi come and accompany me tomorrow?"

Ran Xueyi didn't have the heart to refuse him and agreed.

Since it was already very late, she couldn't drive her car to the Song family manor.

The next day, Ran Xueyi arrived at the huge family manor just in time for Old Patriarch Song to come out of his room to have his breakfast.

Seeing Ran Xueyi getting out of her car, Butler Chen personally went outside to welcome her and led her inside the manor.

"Good morning, Miss Ran."

This was the second time that Butler Chen saw Ran Xueyi, but still, the young woman in front of him was as beautiful and graceful as the first time they met.

Ran Xueyi smiled at him, "Good morning, Uncle Chen."

"Old Master Song is currently in the garden together with the other young masters and young misses of the manor. Please follow me to where they are."

When she heard them, she felt surprised before saying, "No, it's alright... I can wait for Grandpa Song to study."

Though this was Song Yu Han's family, Ran Xueyi wasn't ready to face them right now. Especially since she had a special condition right now.

However, under Butler Chen's persuasion, Ran Xueyi could only follow him and go to the garden.

The rest of the Song family didn't know that there was a guest coming to the manor. They were very relaxed and smiled at each other, but behind their smiles were their sinister thoughts.

Despite being called a 'family' and sharing the same blood in their body, the members of the Song family didn't really treat each other like how a real family would. They treat each other as rivals standing on the battlefield, aiming for the victory that everyone wanted to get. Of course, getting victory and defeating all of them only meant that they will be able to reign everything that the Song family owned.

"Grandpa, this is a bit strange coming from you. Why did you go out in the garden to have breakfast?" Janice Song, Old Master Song's granddaughter, asked while taking a sip from her glass of cold orange juice.

"That's right... Grandpa spent a lot of his time inside the study. Why did you suddenly want to eat outside? Besides, when I came outside, there were only two plates and glasses on the table. Are you waiting for someone?" Song Yongrui curiously added. He was the first one to walk to the garden and saw his grandfather sitting in the garden.

Upon hearing this, Song Ruan, Cao Huiling, Janice Song, turned their heads to look at Old Master Song. Everyone knew in their family that Old Master Song has been avoiding meeting the other members of the family due to the fact that whenever they meet him, they would always end up talking about the sharing of stocks or trying to curry favor to him to get more shares in their inheritance.

Even though Old Master Song had already thought about how much he would divide his wealth between his children and grandchildren, he still couldn't understand why they were in such a hurry, they couldn't wait to take everything from him even before he died.

Hence, Old Master Song tried so hard to avoid meeting his children or grandchildren, only calling those who didn't openly wish for him to die early and take his wealth. Such as Song Shenqi, Xie Chi, and Song Yu Han. The three were never interested in these topics and never showed their desire to take away his shares.

But today, these wolves dressed in sheep's skin were sitting with him in the garden.

"That's right, I invited someone to join me today. I'm waiting for her to arrive as we speak," Old Master Song said.

Cao Huiling looked surprised but she didn't express her curiosity and said "By the way, Father-in-law, when can we invite the young lady that Xiao Han fancied? It's been a few weeks since we met her and Xiao Han still didn't bring her home to introduce her to the family."

"There's no need."

Grandpa Song suddenly said.

Cao Huiling's eyes flashed before the light disappeared instantly. "Why? Did she offend Father-in-law? Is that why you don't want her to come?"

"No... but there's no need for that."

Cao Huiling's lips twitched, almost showing a smile of delight.

Old Master Song's attitude was resolute and with a glance, anyone could tell that no one could change his mind. Cao Huiling's intention when she mentioned Ran Xueyi, the woman that Song Yu Han fancied, was to see his attitude towards her. However, seeing him act like this, Cao Huiling could finally relax and erase her worries.

For the past few nights, she couldn't sleep peacefully, worried that Old Master Song would show favorable opinion towards Ran Xueyi. Cao Huiling didn't want that to happen since Song Yu Han had already taken the Old Master Song's heart from them. What if Ran Xueyi also becomes someone he favors a lot? What would happen to her, the daughter-in-law that many people envied?

Moreover, what Cao Huiling never wanted to happen in this lifetime was to see Song Yu Han get married at all!

If he got married and had children, who knows if they could get a large share of Old Master Song's wealth?

Cao Huiling could never allow that... She would do anything to stop that from happening.

Of course, she wasn't the only one thinking like this... The rest of the Song family who was always against Song Yu Han also thought of this.

Thankfully, Old Master Song didn't seem to like the woman that Song Yu Han fancied a lot. His dismissive attitude just now was proof of that.

However, what Cao Huiling and the others didn't know was that Old Master Song's meaning in his words was that there really was no need for them to call Ran Xueyi to the manor...

After all, he had already invited her to come to the manor. They would eventually meet her today.

Just as Cao Huiling and the others were about to sigh in relief, they saw Butler Chen walking towards them.

Behind him, was a beautiful woman with a straight posture and graceful bearings.

It was Ran Xueyi.

The woman they were all worried about.

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## Chapter 224 Weakness

Ran Xueyi didn't know what was going inside the heads of these people when she walked over to the garden together with Butler Chen. However, one thing she was certain about was that they weren't happy to see her.

It was as clear as day from the moment they saw her emerging from behind Butler Chen, their smiley and relaxed faces stiffened and tensed up as if they saw some smudge in a beautiful and expensive painting. They wanted so badly to take it out of the painting but no matter what they did, the little dirt in their eyes wouldn't disappear.

Ran Xueyi, however, ignored the way they stared at her as she moved closer towards Old Master Song, whose dull eyes twinkled upon seeing her.

She smiled at the old man and said, "Grandpa Song, I have come here as promised."

Old Master Song seemed delighted and pleased by the way she went straight to greet him and took her hand as soon as she stood close next to him.

"That's good! I have been waiting for you since morning. Come here and take a seat." Old Master Song glanced towards the empty chair placed next to him before he said, "Sorry, this old man wanted to have breakfast with you alone but..."

Ran Xueyi interjected quickly: "It's alright, Grandpa Song. I think having more people to eat breakfast with is livelier."

After saying so, she turned her head to the other people at the table and said, "Good morning."

No one greeted her back in the first few seconds.

However, since it would appear to be such a rude thing not to greet her, Janice Song and Cao Huiling, had to greet her back and also smile at her.

"You are..." Janice Song's voice trailed as she stared at Ran Xueyi with curiosity. This was the first time she met the woman sitting closely next to her grandfather. The strangest thing was her grandfather even allowed some outsider to call him 'Grandpa Song'.

Ran Xueyi smiled, "I'm Ran Xueyi."

"Grandfather, did you adopt a granddaughter while I was away?" Janice Song asked vigilantly while staring at Ran Xueyi.

Old Master Song chuckled but he soon answered her question, "No... I'm too old to adopt anyone at this age."

Knowing what was going inside Janice's head, Old Master Song didn't want her to think too much about Ran Xueyi's identity.

As soon as she heard her grandfather's words, Janice's cold eyes lessened and swept on Ran Xueyi's face again. She was glad that her grandfather didn't adopt a child because that would mean that the share she would get from her grandfather's inheritance would be divided once again.

Finally, Janice showed an amiable appearance and was about to speak to Ran Xueyi when another voice rang in the garden.

"Grandfather of course didn't want to adopt a grandchild," Song Yongrui stared at Janice, who was sitting across from her and frowned at him. Grinning and turning his head towards Old Master Song, he said, "Because grandfather is planning to take a granddaughter-in-law. Am I right, Grandfather?"

The growing smile on Janice's lips turned down and she glared at Song Yongrui. What does that mean? No adopted grandchild, but a granddaughter-in-law instead? Wasn't that even worse?

Old Master Song sighed deeply in his heart and stared at Ran Xueyi apologetically. He knew that the peaceful morning breakfast plan he arranged for himself and Ran Xueyi was completely destroyed because of these people. However, he couldn't really say anything.

At the end of the day, they were his family.

And so, he could only stare at Ran Xueyi meaningfully.

Ran Xueyi understood that Old Master Song was being polite and wanted her to be understanding towards them. However, deep inside, she was filled with questions.

Compared to how the rumors say that everyone in the Song family was extremely afraid of Old Master Song, it didn't seem to be the case.

Looking at how rude and ridiculous these people were acting in front of Old Master Song, it seems that they had enough backing and power to support them to even become disrespectful towards Old Master Song in front of an outsider.

What was exactly happening here?

It was true that Old Master Song seemed to be feared by many and anyone would never dare offend him. However, in front of his family, they didn't seem to be that afraid anymore compared to how they were acting a few weeks ago.

Ran Xueyi wondered if she accidentally found out a deep hidden secret she shouldn't have opened. Shaking her head, Ran Xueyi planned to ask Song Yu Han about this matter when he returns. There's no need for her to think about this matter when she's clueless about other people's family matters.

After that brief introduction that failed due to the Song family members showing great dislike towards each other, they left the garden on a rough note and left Old Master Song and Ran Xueyi alone in the garden.

Old Master Song leaned his back against the chair and looked at the cloudy white sky above, his eyes growing cloudy as well.

On Old Master Song's suggestion, the two of them went to the study where nobody could disturb them anymore.

Seeing how his mood had turned a bit sour, Ran Xueyi slowly walked around the wide study and sat down across the chessboard game that they played before.

She arranged the scattered chess pieces according to their order and invited Old Master Song to sit and play with her.

Old Master Song's dull eyes showed a spark of light and slowly walked over to sit across her.

No words were exchanged between them when they started to play a game of chess. The two push and pull, attacking and defending their territory, swallowing every discarded pawn, and targeting the King. No one dared to show any weakness nor let the other win easily.

In the past years, Old Master Song found the most relaxing and enjoyable moment in his life. It was to play a game of chess with someone who somewhat understood him a little bit.

Before, there was another who would play a game of chess with him and completely understood his thoughts and actions.

Now, there was another one who appeared and had a little understanding of what he was going through.

And the funniest thing was... These two people who could understand him and make him relax so much were destined and married with each other.

While the two of them were still engaging in an intense duel using their chess pieces, Old Master Song suddenly spoke up.

"Xiao Xueyi... Will you hate this old man if I say that it would be better if you didn't marry into the Song family?" The Song family has been riddled with cruel means and ruthless methods. Nobody cared about how thicker blood could be than water and just attacked each other just to get their goals.

Old Master Song was afraid that Ran Xueyi would be entangled in it and he was extremely sorry if she was hurt because of this. Wouldn't it be better to let her go and find a far more peaceful and welcoming in-laws who would treat her affectionately and familiarly?

The situation in their family and outside has been boiling right now. Even he, the Old Master Song, that many dared not to offend and steer clear away, was now losing his strength and shackles over the forces that wanted to tear him and Song Yu Han up.

Upon hearing his words, Ran Xueyi's hand that was holding a Knight paused in mid-air. She didn't raise her head to look at Old Master Song as she replied, "I didn't marry the Song family, I married the man I am in love with. It is Song Yu Han whom I married."

"But sadly, even if you say that... Our Song family won't let you go," Old Master Song looked sad as he stared at her face. Sadness, reluctance, and determination filling his eyes. "I can protect you and my grandson can do that too. However, the enemies surrounding us have increased a lot and now that they have found a new target to weaken us... I am worried that even my grandson cannot protect you any longer."

I don't need protection... Ran Xueyi wanted to tell him, however, she held back herself.



After all, no matter how much she wanted to pretend she didn't need protection and she could defend herself despite the storm that was about to come, she knew within herself that the troubles that she has been facing wouldn't even amount to how intense and dangerous the storm that Song Yu Han and Old Master Song was facing right now.

Besides, Ran Xueyi was really weak. She didn't have the support from her family, only her grandparents who were still in the dark about her marriage and what was happening to her life. She's just starting her career in acting and her entertainment company was still listed as an unknown company that hasn't produced any Film Emperor or Empress.

Moreover, the amount of money she has right now was like a drop in a bucket compared to other wealthy people. She didn't have the wealth nor power to protect herself or even support Song Yu Han in his battles.

And then, there's her pregnancy too...

She hadn't told Song Yu Han about it.

Ran Xueyi sat inside her car, parked on the side of the road.

After leaving the Song family and listening to Old Master Song's worries, Ran Xueyi had to be alone to think more deeply into her situation.

She received a few messages from Zhao Fei and Feng Huai. There were also several calls from Song Yu Han.

But she didn't dare reply nor call any of them.

Chapter 225 Are You Sleepwalking?!

Ran Xueyi stayed inside her car for a long time and it was only when she saw that it was already 30 minutes later did she move her car and drove away. Thankfully, that spot she parked earlier was an emergency parking spot where cars could stay there for an hour.

Ran Xueyi rushed home to think carefully on what she has to do to solve all her problems. There were too many problems she's facing right now and each one of them urged her to take action.

After deeply thinking about it, she finally decided that she couldn't do this alone.

However, who should she call?

Song Yu Han?

If he finds out that she's pregnant with his child, he would surely try everything he could do to protect them. This was something that Ran Xueyi already knew. However, she didn't want to burden him any longer. Ran Xueyi knew that she was being nonsensical and selfish right now. They are husband and wife now and shared deep feelings for each other despite the short time that they spent together.

However, she also knew that she couldn't continue relying on him forever. She must do something. Grandfather Song's words didn't matter, Ran Xueyi already knew that the world they're living in was far more dangerous and deadlier than the world she's stepping into.

She would only become a live target for his enemies to take Song Yu Han out of the picture.

Ran Xueyi didn't want that to happen.

Song Yu Han was now someone very important to her, more than her family could even become in her heart. She didn't want anything and anyone to hold him back.

And most importantly, she didn't want him to lose anyone again.

Thinking like this, Ran Xueyi sighed dejectedly while standing before the glass windows which showcased the neon city lights that were flickering and sparklings like tens of thousands of stars.

She realized that she was too weak... Financial wise or powerwise, she still couldn't stand on an equal foot with him nor could she protect him against the enemies that he would face.

Then, what should she do?

Ran Xueyi leaned her forehead against the glass window in front and closed her eyes painfully.

At this moment, her phone that was placed on the coffee table suddenly lit up. A message from a long time friend came just in time to give her a ray of hope and relief.

Ran Xueyi said, "Jian Yiling."

On the other side of the phone, Jian Yiling frowned and replied, "What's wrong with you?"

Ran Xueyi was surprised and said, "What do you mean?"

"Your voice sounded like you've eaten something difficult to swallow and you're about to cry. And don't you dare lie to me or I'll hang up this call," Jian Yiling said while she narrowed her eyes.

Jian Yiling couldn't call herself Ran Xueyi's best friend if she couldn't even find out her friend's mood of the day. Due to their closeness and having no secrets between each other, Jian Yiling could more or less know Ran Xueyi like the back of her hand.

And because Ran Xueyi was her first best friend, Jian Yiling was even more observant and clear about Ran Xueyi. Thus, when she heard Ran Xueyi's voice, she could already tell that something happened and was troubling her best friend.

Ran Xueyi didn't expect that Jian Yiling could really tell if there was something wrong with her and felt choked up. The emotions that she was feeling from the moment she heard her pregnancy until right now finally exploded.

Ran Xueyi said, "I... I'm pregnant."

There was no sound coming from the other side of the phone for a full minute. Only the sound of light breathing and other than that, there was nothing else.

Just when Ran Xueyi was about to look at her phone and check if the call was disconnected, she heard Jian Yiling's voice once again.

Jian Yiling tapped her finger on the desk in front of her and finally said, "Which bastard?"

Ran Xueyi: "Huh?"

"Which bastard did it and left a child in your womb without taking responsibility?" Jian Yiling's sharp eyes glared at the distance as if she could see an image of a man leaving her best friend alone after leaving his seed inside of her.

Ran Xueyi felt that there was something wrong with what Jian Yiling said, especially the vicious words that came out of her mouth.

Feeling the need to explain the story from the beginning before Jian Yiling blows up, Ran Xueyi, just like in the past, didn't hide anything from her.

From the beginning till the end, Jian Yiling listened carefully and fell into contemplation.

After telling her what had happened in these past few months, Ran Xueyi felt drained and fell on her side in the couch, curling herself into a ball.

"So what you're saying is that you just found out that you're pregnant and that the IVF you took from before should have failed. But it didn't."

"And you're already married."

"And you haven't told your husband about your pregnancy."

"And your husband's grandfather talked to you earlier about the situation of their family, suggesting for you to leave before you get hurt?"

Ran Xueyi nodded, "Yes, you got all of it right."

Another silence sounded from Jian Yiling's side.

This time, however, it took more than a minute until there was a sound from her.

Jian Yiling's cold and harsh voice said, "Are you sleeptalking? Why haven't you told your husband about your pregnancy? Why do you even make things even more complicated by thinking about

unnecessary things? What does your husband's family matters have anything to do with you? If they want to kill each other then let them kill!"

Ran Xueyi: "..."

Jian Yiling added: "And that ridiculous family of yours. Do they even have a brain cell left inside their heads? They don't even show any shame after ditching and using you? They just pop out of nowhere to cause trouble? And that Young master Yang... I've been dying to tell you this, if I see him again, he should hide or else I would cut his thing off so he can't fool another innocent young lady with his stinky charms!"