

Lazily 416

Chapter 416: Regrets

"Listen, Lyca, I am not going to tell you what to do. But" Huang Sheng Hong let out a loud sighed, his hand was on the whiskey that he just poured. "It is getting dangerous for you. I have a property abroad. We can leave the country. Stop producing these weapons and surrender them to the government. Then we live a peaceful life." Huang Sheng Hong wasn't a coward. However, he would rather see his family safe and sound, living a boring life somewhere, than be embroiled in another trouble this time with the government.

Huang Sheng Hong didn't want to see his daughter in another troublesome situation where she needed to hide and run away again.

If Lyca didn't know about Xu Ke, then she would have agreed to her father's words. She would run away but would never surrender everything that she made. However, she knew that Xu Ke would never stop unless he got what he wanted.

"I know, father. Don't worry about it." Lyca looked calm on the outside, but she was furious right now. That man was targeting her family again.

"I trust you." This was her father's response before he left with Tang Nini back to Kong City. Of course, the two didn't actually want to leave Lyca and Shen Qui in Long City. But Lai Su just called and told them that Old Man Huang showed some progress and even signs of waking up.

This made Huang Sheng Hong ecstatic and, at the same time, scared for Lyca's safety.

In the end, Lyca insisted that no one would touch her now. They would be hesitant to attack because they aren't sure if she still had other tricks on her sleeves. Lyca assured her parents that she would be safe even without them.

The two reluctantly left Long City wearing the new armor that Lyca made for her parents.

When her parents left, Lyca let out a sigh of relief. The news about her grandfather made her happy and a little alarmed at the same time. They cannot let anyone else know that her grandfather recovered from that poison.

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Meanwhile, Shen Qui only stayed for a couple of hours in the mansion before he left to see Long Yi.

"I heard about everything," Long Yi was calmly sitting in a velvet chair. "Lyca was smart. But sometimes being too smart would act as a double-edged sword." He held his tea close to his mouth. He continued, "This new technology that she created was quite dangerous. I could understand the amount of attention from the government. If she won't work with the government, they would soon label her as someone who creates weapons for mass destruction. An arrest would soon follow. They might even make it look like she was a terrorist and frame her."

Shen Qui nodded. "But I am not here to talk about those weapons Mr. Long." Shen Qui's face wasn't showing any hint of emotion, and Long Yi hated it. He couldn't tell if Shen Qui was mocking him or was about to kill him.

Still, Long Yi pretended calm. "To be honest I didn't know that you were the one who was buying the shares. I thought it was another corporation based abroad." While he was seething with rage inside, Long Yi was smiling on the outside. "In fact I always wanted to meet the owner of LS Group. To thank him." Who would have thought that he would be meeting Shen Qui instead?

The man that he looked down.

The man without any sort of unique background was now knocking on his doors. Shen Qui's very name is threatening his company! Right now, Long Yi was forcing himself to act calm and talk to him as if they were equals. This was not because he respected Shen Qui. He knew that Shen Qui only got everything because of Lyca.

He knew that Lyca was the real mastermind of this company.

Without Lyca, Shen Qui was nothing.

And Lyca was precisely the reason why he was acting like this towards him.

Shen Qui only stared at him in response. Seeing this, Long Yi continued, "I read the contract that you sent in advance, and I should say I didn't like it. Mr. Shen, I am not sure if you are trying to look down on my company by offering such a nasty contract."

"I am looking down on your Long Company." Shen Qui said. At the end of the day, Long Company used questionable and evil methods to achieve its goals. However, a part of him was also thankful to Long Yi.

Without him Lyca would never have agreed to marry Shen Qui. This was the reason why he told Lyca not to kill Long Yi. Shen Qui was a firm believer in Karma. He knew that the universe would always make you pay one way or the other.

Shen Qui was not some ungrateful person. He knew that Long Yi played a role in his destiny. If anything, Shen Qui also knows that Long Yi was the type of person that would ruin himself. He was ambitious without the ability. Greedy without the right strategy. Soon, Long Yi would destroy himself, and Shen Qui would just watch on the sidelines once that happens.

"You already own over thirty percent of my Long Company, and yet you say that you are looking down on us." Long Yi scoffed. If Shen Qui was looking down on them, then why buy the shares? Long Yi was laughing inwardly. He knew that Shen Qui thought the company was productive enough. That's why he wanted to own it.

"I never wanted to own your shares." Shen Qui said.

"But you "

"Read this." Shen Qui handed another folder. "I want to acquire the Huang Security and the patent to the bullet that my wife created." Long Yi shamelessly claimed those patents, and this was making Shen Qui uncomfortable.

"Impossible!" If there was one thing that he could not give, that would be the bullet. It was basically the lifeline of the company.

"I already own sixty-seven percent of the shares. I can do whatever I want with Huang Security."

"But you are greedy enough to want the patent for the bullet," Long Yi sneered. "I can't give you that. You can have Huang Security, but the production of those bullets stays with me."

"It's defective." Shen Qui said.

"I don't believe you."

Shen Qui snorted but didn't say anything else. Long Yi used the mixture that Lyca sold to him when she was pretending to be Tang Xi. The formula itself was defective. While many mercenaries used it now, everything about this bullet would crumble once someone would know its defect. "Alright" Shen Qui shrugged before he pressed the send button on the message that was already typed on his phone. "Then I hope you won't regret it."

Long Yi snorted. If he regrets something, it was underestimating Shen Qui. He never thought that one day, his man would stand in here and act as his equal.

What he regrets the most was the fact that he didn't kill Shen Qui all those years ago. If he had known that this man would pose a threat to him, he would have asked his people to kill Shen Qui and even Lyca.

Chapter 417: Talker

Long Yi balled his hand into fists as he tried to stop his arms from shaking. He squinted, eyes focused at the current reports that Shen Qui was showing him.

"You This is This is not real."

Instead of saying anything, Shen Qui stood. It was his time to say goodbye. This conversation was done. "I still have another meeting to attend to Mr. Long. Send my regards to your father," he smiled and walked out of the private room without even waiting for Long Yi to say anything.

"Release a press release tomorrow. Huang Security is officially under LS Group." Shen Qui uttered the moment he left the room as Ronan nodded and started to take down notes. "Tomorrow, release the report that I just gave to Long Yi."

A part of Shen Qui's plan was to give the news to Long Yi in advance. He wasn't giving Long Yi a chance to fight back. Instead, he wanted him to panic and make more mistakes. Walking out of the restaurant, Shen Qui was surprised to see two military men standing by the door.

The two instantly approached him and announced their names. They then invited him to a car that was waiting just a few feet away from the restaurant entrance. The two refused to tell him who is the person inside the car and just told him that it is vital that he talk to this person.

Shen Qui looked at the tinted black BMW before turning his gaze to Ronan. "Cancel my next meeting. Go to the mansion."

For a few seconds, a flash of worry glinted in Ronan's eyes before he nodded and walked towards his car. After all, the two military men standing were both captains. They even showed IDs to prove their identities. Someone who could easily make two Captains their errand boy was definitely not a simple person.

"Mr. Shen"

The man inside the car was young. Probably in his thirties, his eyes looked just like Shen Qui's. Intelligent, cunning, and ruthless. It reminded him of himself too much. He couldn't help but stare at it for a few seconds.

"Ah, where are my manners. I'm sorry. Please call me Dr. Xu. Dr. Ken Xu. I worked with NSA. I don't think we need any ID as you could easily search my name online. Though my photos are not on the Internet." A smile appeared on his face. "Please excuse my rudeness. I invited you without having an appointment."

"Dr. Xu " Shen Qui remembered Lyca being interested in the Xu Family, specifically the man who gave the painting and stones to the elders in the Chu Family. Shen Qui's memory was sharp enough to know that this man was someone that Lyca already investigated before. However, since Lyca didn't talk to him about it, he didn't ask any questions and took it as a part of her curiosity. "It's my pleasure to meet the great Dr. Xu."

"You have heard about me?"

"The Chu Family talked about the best doctor in Xu Country. It was said that he was a young doctor who might have the ability to help Mr. Chu Munan. However, the Chu Family didn't dare asked the Xu Family because they knew of Dr. Xu's importance in the country."

Ken smirked. He didn't know that this Shen Qui was quite a smooth talker. "I see " he nodded. "Well then would you like to have some wine? This one" Ken held a gourd made of glass. "This is something that I made myself. It had a lot of health benefits."

Shen Qui shook his head. "My apologies. But my health had been a little bad lately. It must be the stress. I no longer drink alcohol."

"Is that so?" Ken cocked an eyebrow. Smiling, he poured himself a glass of scarlet red wine and started tilting the wine glass. "You were actually the first person who wasn't so nervous upon knowing my identity."

Shen Qui didn't answer him. The car soon moved slowly along the streets of Long City. "Don't worry, this is just a little tour." Ken's voice was soft and gentle. It reminded Shen Qui of a doctor's voice every time they talked to a dying patient. It reminded him of the doctor that informed him that his uncle was dying. It had a tinge of sympathy. But it wasn't enough to hide the apathy in Ken's eyes.

"Mr. Xu is jesting. I don't think people would get nervous upon knowing you. I believe your brilliance would be enough to make them speechless."

Xu Ke sneered inwardly. Now he understood that this Shen Qui wasn't a simple person. Was this the reason why Lyca married him? After that night, he already knew that this marriage was sudden. She married her bodyguard to avoid another marriage.

This made Xu Ke confused. His woman was not someone who would just marry a guy to avoid another marriage. She was brave and emotional. She would rather die than marry someone she didn't love.

Because of this, he decided to see Shen Qui. He wanted to know what kind of man she married in this world. In the end, Xu Ke only became confused. This man was a talker. She didn't like that.

She liked silence. She like someone that could accompany her for days without speaking. She was an assassin, and talking wasn't her strongest talent. She would prefer killing her enemies directly instead of talking.

So why marry someone who could talk like this?

"Anyway I am here because I wanted to offer you something." Ken took a sip of his wine. "I wanted you to become a consultant for the military. In return, you will have a Colonel rank, and you will be recognized in the country."

"Consultant?" For what? "Dr. Xu I don't seem to understand why you would choose a small-time businessman like me as a consultant?"

"Mr. Shen let's stop the pretense. You already know what I want. The weapon. The weapon that you have. The one that reacted to gun powder. I want it."

Chapter 418: Standard Questions

"Of course, I am also planning to give you more. There will be a contract between us for everything that you invented. Everything will be supplied to the military first. Then we will slowly equip the police and so on." Xu Ke made a deliberate pause before he continued, "You see that chemical could put our whole military at risk. Once those outlaws would get their hands on those chemicals, they would surely use it against the police and military who is maintaining the peace of our country." Xu Ke continued. "It's easy to say that you are an independent company, and we understand that, but you are creating something that could change the warfare of our country."

Shen Qui already knew that this was coming. He just didn't realize that it would be this fast. Just like what Lyca said, her inventions would soon catch the eyes of the government and terrorists. "Dr. Xu Please put everything in writing. I don't want to commit to anything without proper documentation." Shen Qui smiled. He didn't say that he agreed to his terms. He just said that he wanted it documented.

This answer made Xu Ke frowned. He couldn't help but wonder what would happen if some other people would get ahold of those chemicals first. What if What if Lyca would sell them to terrorists and other mercenary companies?

Right now, Xu Ke wasn't sure if she already knew who he was. He recalled her reaction when they met at that cave. She was clearly trying to avoid him. She even became violent and attacked him. Lyca saw his face, and she knew that this is how Xu Ke looked like even in that alternate world.

"I see," Xu Ke nodded. He couldn't help but hate Shen Qui. Yet, he continued to play with the wine as he thought about Lyca and her aim.

At first, she thought Lyca was just another woman with white hair. Even her actions and mannerisms were different from the woman that she was in the previous world. However, he soon found out about the Ye Family and her grandmother Ye Bai.

Princess Ye Bai

Ye Family's white hair

Soon, he connected the dots. Just like him, she traveled into this world too. And it is vital, and he talked to her and made her agree to his terms in this world. He wanted her to help him

In fact, Xu Ke was confident that only Lyca could help him open a pathway from this world to their world. This was something that he had been attempting to do since he arrived in this world all those years ago.

"Well then here is my card. Please feel free to call me anytime. I would call you a few days from now to schedule another meeting. By that time, I hope you could sign the contract with us."

Shen Qui only nodded. After a few minutes, the car came stopped, and Shen Qui got out in front of a familiar shopping mall just in the outskirts of Long City. Clenching his jaw, Shen Qui watched as the car slowly disappeared in the traffic.

Seeing them gone, Shen Qui dialed Ronan's number, informing him that he is in the mall. Since he was already here, he just took advantage of the time to buy some of Lyca's favorite pastries and other delicious snacks that she would surely like.

It took Ronan a few minutes to call him back, telling him that he was already outside waiting for him. Since Shen Qui just finished his quick shopping, he went out of the mall and into the car.

Shen Qui didn't tell Ronan about Ken Xu, and the latter didn't ask as he drove his boss back to the mansion.

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The smell of delicious pastries stirred Lyca awake. She gulped and slowly opened her eyes. Seeing the tray on the bed, a huge smile appeared on Lyca's face.

"Awake?" Shen Qui sat on a chair just next to the lamp. He was reading a magazine, wearing a comfortable blue pajama.

"What time is it?"

"Four in the afternoon." He closed the magazine and put it on the table where the lamp was located.

"Oh," she nodded. "Is it my birthday?" she asked, confused.

"No. I'm sure it's not your birthday."

"Then" Looking at the different types of pastries, Lyca grew nervous. She gulped. "Anniversary?"

"No."

"Was it your birthday?" Did she forget his birthday?

"No."

"Then was it sex anniversary?"

"" He couldn't understand how her mind worked, and that was probably for the best.

"Did I forgot something? Was this the day I woke up from being asleep for three years? Or the day that I started sleeping?"

"Can't I just buy something without any occasion?"

This instantly calmed Lyca down. "Oh. Of course, you can." She looked at the pastries and soon realized that there was also a hot cup of coffee next to it. However, this made her more suspicious. Shen Qui was sweet, too sweet, but he doesn't do this type of stuff. And she was fine with that.

Lyca would rather stay quiet and sleep than talk about flowers and do romantic stuff. Of course she had no problems if that romantic stuff would involve having a quickie in a toilet somewhere.

Alright, her brain is acting weirdly again.

"Did something happen?" she asked. "Are you cheating on me?"

"" Can she asked standard questions? Like how was his day? He gave a wry smile. "Something happened, and I would never cheat on you."

"Good." She nodded. "Did you kill Long Yi?"

"" Again, he shook his head. "I met Dr. Xu today. Ken Xu." He didn't miss the changes in Lyca's expression. "He wanted to work with us."

Lyca stared at Shen Qui for a few seconds that felt like forever. "You met Mr. Ken Xu?"

"Yes."

"And you talked to him?" Lyca could feel her arms shaking from fury. Xu Ke actually dared to approach Shen Qui? Her Shen Qui?

Chapter 419: Lyca the Alien

Lyca sat in front of Shen Qui, listening. Her face was blank, her appetite when she woke up just vanished out of thin air. Just hearing Ken Xu's name was making her feel down.

"So I told him to put it on the contract," Shen Qui said. "I didn't commit to anything."

Lyca nodded in response. Right now, she had no other choice but to work with them. Actually, she was planning to sell them the formula and never worked with them again. However, she also knew that this would be close to impossible at this point.

Xu Ke is clearly trying to get close to her again.

"What do you think?"

Lyca lifted her head and looked at Shen Qui. At the end of the day, Shen Qui would always ask her opinions about things like this. While she would always tell him to do whatever want, this time, Lyca did something crazy. "I need to tell you something."

"Hm?"

Lyca frowned. She opened her mouth and closed it, saying nothing. She couldn't speak! No the truth is she didn't know where to start. "I I am an alien." Lyca facepalmed. The silence that followed her words made her tense. She gave a wry smile and looked at her husband. "I'm serious."

She knew that telling him where she came from was inevitable.

"I know," he pursed his lips and stared at her. Then he smiled. "Only an alien would be as beautiful as you."

"" Lyca was speechless. Was he joking? "I'm serious. Technically I am an alien since I am not from this world."

Shen Qui nodded, urging her to continue. There was still a slight smile on his face, and she hated that she didn't know what it means. Was he making fun of her? Did he think she was crazy? Slowly, she started telling him about the world that she said she dreamed of.

The magic, the assassins, the royalties, her family, and... Xu Ke.

"It wasn't a dream. It was like a past life. Now I don't know why I remembered my past life, but it was there. The memories " All this time, Lyca didn't peel her gaze away from Shen Qui's reaction. He, too, was staring at her, listening carefully.

"So the Internal Energy?"

"It was something that people who couldn't learn magic practiced like knights and mercenaries in my world practice that cultivation. This would make their body stronger, they heal faster, and their body becomes lighter. However, In that world, they can channel it outside of their body.

"Like the electricity? The one that we did for Grandfather Huang's cure?"

She nodded. Shen Qui was too calm about this. He wasn't thinking that she had gone crazy from sleeping too much, right?

"That explains the expertise in martial arts and weapons?" he continued asking, and she nodded once again.

"The poison too?" he asked.

"Yes. Everything that I learned in the past I tried to recreate it in this world. The strange footwork that would make it look like I would vanish, the knife skills, my martial arts, my speed, and my internal strength. Everything."

Shen Qui pursed his lips in response.

"Are you Do you need some time to process this?" Lyca asked hesitantly. The fact that he didn't answer for a few seconds made her heart skip a beat. She was actually nervous? Lyca mocked herself inwardly. In front of guns and people who wanted to kill her, she never felt scared. However, in front of Shen Qui's gaze, Lyca felt naked, exposed. Her heart started racing, drumming against her chest. She wondered if her face was losing all its colors too.

"You So you and this Xu Ke were lovers?" Shen Qui asked.

Lyca nodded in response. Apparently, he was thinking about her ex-boyfriend?

"And you love him?"

"" Did he hear what she just said about her magical world? "I don't know." She lowered her head. There should be a borderline between loving and thinking that you own something. And she didn't know which side of this border, her feelings for Xu Ke stood.

But then again, the fact that she was doubting her emotions was saying something about their relationship.

Once again, Shen Qui turned quiet. He just stared at her, like he was reading some important documents. Lyca almost couldn't take it.

She wanted to ask. She wanted to know what he thought about all this.

But half of her knew that it wasn't easy for ordinary people to believe her story. At most, he would think that she dreamed all this, or worse he would think she was crazy.

"I believe you."

It was as if the word echoed in Lyca's head. Over and over and over again. Relief flashed in her face. Then she stilled. "Why?" she asked. Funny how earlier, she wanted him to believe her, but now, she was asking why.

"Because you said it." Shen Qui said seriously. If Lyca said that she could heal a dying person, he would believe it too. Hell, if she would say that she could fly, he wouldn't hesitate and asked her to teach him how to fly too.

"Re Really?" she asked, confused. He nodded in response.

"We are together now." Shen Qui said. Who cares about the past? Who cares about her past? There is no reason for him to care about a past life. In fact, he was thankful for her honesty. He knew that talking about these things was difficult for someone like Lyca. "So I assumed Ken Xu is this Xu Ke?" he asked without any hesitation. He wondered why someone like Dr. Xu would see him personally.

Now, Shen Qui already knew the answer to the question in his mind. Ken Xu wanted to meet Lyca's husband.

"I think so," Lyca nodded, and she started telling him about the man that she met in the cave. She then told him her suspicion that Xu Ke was the one behind Mr. Park and the one behind the ambush.

He must have wanted proof that she was the woman from his past. He set up an ambush hoping that she would use some peculiar method to defend herself just like her previous self. And she did.

Lyca did it to protect the people that she loved.

Xu Ke was cunning enough to use her loved ones again. He knew Lyca too well.

Chapter 420: Hagggle

"So the three years that you were asleep you went back? But this time, you woke up in a different body?" Shen Qui asked. It was already six in the evening, and they have been talking since Lyca woke up.

"Yes, I woke up in a Princess Ye Bai's body."

"Isn't that "

"Yes! My grandmother." Lyca nodded. "She had white hair too, and guess what? She looked like me. She looked like Lyca."

"And you didn't kill him?"

"No." Lyca shook her head.

"Why?"

"Because If he didn't kill me, then I wouldn't have met you." Lyca's answer surprised her. Her lips thinned. "And having him live a miserable life with his enemies gone should be enough."

"It's not making any sense." Shen Qui said. He handed Lyca another pastry. "You were gone for three years but you said you were only there for a few days?"

She nodded.

"Then you still met him while you were there?"

"Yes."

"So why was he here now? It looked like Xu Ke arrived in this world ahead of you." Or at least based on the poisoning of Old Man Huang. Lyca suspected that Xu Ke was the person who made those poison. She also suspected that he was giving it to people hoping that someone would be able to cure the poisoned individual. Xu Ke must have known that the person who could heal the poison came from his world too.

That's why he planted those herbs in the cave.

Lyca suspected that Xu Ke also planted these herbs in every cold place in the world. He wanted to know who would get it and use it to cure the poison.

But this was nothing but her suspicions. Lyca said she was too lazy to investigate further.

She never had plans to engage with Xu Ke. Meeting him was just unexpected. Lyca wanted to live a lazy and peaceful life. Of course, this is nothing but a dream something that might not happen soon. "I think you are unlucky." Shen Qui watched as Lyca finished another pastry.

"You think so too?"

"Hmm," he nodded. "You wanted a lazy life, but you also let life just dragged you into these situations. You are unlucky." In her past life, she fell for another man, and that man murdered her family then killed her after taking advantage of her talents.

She died and arrived in this world. Then she lived a few years of peaceful life, trying to find her way back. That was until fate intervened. "But I'm not complaining," he peeled another pastry from the plastic and gave it to his wife. Without all these crazy coincidences, they won't even meet. She wouldn't be there to help him with his wound, and she wouldn't become his wife.

"You know what?" Lyca accepted the pastry and stared at its star-like shape. Then she smiled. "I think I agree with you." Without those difficulties, she wouldn't meet him.

"So Xu Ke?"

Lyca sighed. Honestly, she didn't have a concrete idea of handling this man. Xu Ke was a sociopath. He was a manipulative asshole. Lyca was confident that he won't get jealous that she married another man. However, he would start comparing himself to Shen Qui. "The exhibit will be next week?" Lyca asked. She noticed that since they revealed the armor, they have received many invitations both in the country and abroad. Some were from universities wanting them to speak about robotics, chemicals, and even security.

She realized that the more money you earn, the busier you become.

That is a hassle.

She wondered if there is another way to earn more money without working?

Aside from stocks and other investments, Lyca wanted a steady flow of millions in her bank account. Should she just blackmail some politician into giving her millions monthly?

When Lyca realized that her brain is going in another way again, she instantly turned her attention to Shen Qui. "Yes, it will be next week." Shen Qui said.

"Then let's work with them. First, I want to have the patent and the right to improve it without asking for anyone's permission. I also want to give them the armor's design blueprint and the agent's formula that would react to gun powder. We give it to them and earn our millions. That's it." This was her only term. She doesn't want to manufacture the armors for them. What she wanted was to sell the design, and they can make it on their own.

For a few seconds, Shen Qui thought about these terms before he nodded. "Two billion?" he asked.

Lyca instantly beamed. "Is that considered a lot?"

"It is. But considering the importance of the design and chemical formula, it would be worth it."

"Then let's make it three billion!" Lyca held her three fingers. "They can haggle."

"" Shen Qui just stared at her. It is funny how she thought this is like a wet market where you can persistently haggle until the vendors would give in. He gave a wry smile as he nodded. "Of course. Three Billion is good too."

"So after this, we would become billionaires?"

"Yes." Shen Qui's eyebrows drew together. Earlier, Lyca was a bit down because of Xu Ke. But when she heard the Billions her mood changed.

"Also I want to give them the old design of the armor." Lyca said. Soon, the two talked about the specifics of what they wanted from the government. Since Xu Ke tried to corner them then she would give in. "But first I wanted to release the news to the media." Lyca's words made Shen Qui silent. Lyca beamed. "Create a rumor about us selling the designs for three billion. I want this news in international news blogs and other websites that were open to all people."

"You wanted terrorists and other countries to be aware of the transaction?"

"Of course!" Lyca said. "Then they could send a bigger offer."

Shen Qui blinked. Did Lyca just.

"Don't look at me like that, ah. I just want to show Xu Ke that we are receiving bigger offers from other people. Then he would have to choose. Either he matched their offer, or we sell it to other companies!"

Shen Qui turned speechless. In the end, he felt that it was actually Lyca who wanted to trap Xu Ke.