

Chapter 20 - Princess Carry

Xiao Gui, who was in the driver's seat suddenly asked to save himself from the silence that plagued the two people seated on the passenger seats, "Sir, are we still going to the Airport?"

They were originally on the way to the airport to fly to Japan where Alexander Qu had prior plans. However, because of the sudden changes in their situation, they were slightly delayed and Xiao Gui didn't know what to do next.

However, the person who was being asked by Xiao Gui was not listening and had all of his attention to the woman beside him.

Alexander's gaze was still on Yan Xiaoran as he continued to reminiscence the past.

On the other hand, Yan Xiaoran continued to fidget on her seat as two dark eyes observed her. She didn't turn to look at Alexander and feigned ignorance.

She was feeling uncomfortable with his stares that were filled with admiration. However, Yan Xiaoran didn't know the reason behind why was he admiringly staring at her as if she was a piece of jewelry he treasured so much.

This was the first time they met and it was also in the most unexpected situation. And she would have never thought that after planning to leave everything behind, Alexander Qu found her.

'Grooowwl.'

As she was thinking, a muffled yet distinct sound was heard and created chaos to the silence.

Alexander snapped out of his thoughts and said, "Are you hungry?"

"No." Yan Xiaoran immediately denied it.

And yet, another demanding and louder grumble sounded from her stomach.

Yan Xiaoran profusely blushed and wanted to cover her face from embarrassment.

Smiling at her reaction, Alexander suddenly said to Xiao Gui, "Go to the nearest restaurant."

"Yes, sir!" Xiao Gui replied and swiftly used his driving skills to get to the nearest five-star restaurant he could find.

Knowing his boss, Xiao Gui wouldn't think of driving them to a cheap and one-star restaurant, or else, he wouldn't be able to save his head from falling off his shoulder.

Yan Xiaoran was speechless and didn't get to say a thing seeing that the car was speeding fast while still following traffic rules. She also didn't stop them since she was extremely hungry and the previous running she had done earlier got her energy drained.

As soon as she opens her eyes, a man's face was shoved into her vision and she saw Alexander being so close to her and had his hand on her forehead.

"W-what is it?" She stuttered at the closeness of their faces.

Alexander looked down so their eyes would meet and said, "I was checking your temperature." He didn't take off his hand from her forehead as he continued but turned to speak to Xiao Gui, "Take us to the nearest hospital."

"What about the restaurant, sir?" Xiao Gui asked.

Alexander took his hand off her and said, "Forget about it. She needs to go to the hospital to be checked."

Just as Xiao Gui was about to reply, Yan Xiaoran said, "No. I... I don't like hospitals."

In the past, Yan Xiaoran didn't like hospitals even before she was sent to be imprisoned. She never liked the smell of chemicals, the smiles from the doctors and nurses, and the ambiance of the hospital because it gives her some nightmares.

Looking at her pale face, Alexander didn't know what was the reason why she didn't like hospitals but he didn't push the idea to her and said, "Then, let's go to my house, I hope you don't have any problems with that. I'll have a doctor come and check you up."

Alexander looked at her first for permission and waited for her to agree to his proposal.

Yan Xiaoran opened her mouth but didn't say a word. She raised her hand to her

forehead and felt it burning hot. Thinking about how many hours she stayed outside, on cold weather while it was raining and with her clothes wet, it would be a miracle if she didn't get a cold. With no options to choose, Yan Xiaoran surrendered.

She slowly nodded her head in agreement and said to him, "Thank you."

Yan Xiaoran felt that meeting Alexander was the best thing that could happen to her after a few days and hours of only bad things surrounding her.

She watched Alexander say another few authoritative demands to his driver before closing her eyes again.

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"Xiaoran...."

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A hand kept on moving her as a voice called her name.

Yan Xiaoran frowned and wanted to open her eyes, however, as if it was too heavy to lift, her eyelids didn't follow her orders and kept closed. Her body was also too numb and felt like she was carrying tons of deadweight that she couldn't move a finger.

However, she could still hear her name being called by someone but it gradually disappears as she slowly drifted to sleep, feeling her body being lifted off the ground.

Alexander was holding her body in a princess carry as he marched using his long legs, kicking the doors open and didn't let anyone stop him.

His face was so dark and full of worry.

Some maids who came to welcome him were stunned and scared at Alexander's entrance. He rushed forward and ignored them as he carried a young woman in his arms and disappeared after ascending the stairs and turning into a corner.

After his figure was no longer in sight, the maids heaved a relieved sigh as they come together to gossip.

"What was that?"

"It's a woman right? Can someone please tell me, the master brought a 'live' woman here and not a body bag, right?!"

"I saw it too! He definitely princess carried a woman in here!"

The few maids hushedly squeaked in delight.

They couldn't believe what they had just seen. This was the first time they saw their master bringing a woman to his mansion and he even carried her in his arms.

Knowing their master, he will never let a strange woman step in this mansion, much less, carry her in his arms and let her stay upstairs. Besides, he won't ever bring a body bag inside his house when he has a studio in the small cottage in the garden.

"But... Why is she unconscious?" Did master drug her and bring her here?!"

"Gasp!"

"That can't be! Master, isn't a cur and certainly, he would never force himself to a woman! Rather, it would be the opposite!"

"Then, why is she unconscious?"

"And who is she?"

The maids shook their heads when they got no answer to their questions.