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### Chapter 51

"Yvonne, you know Mr. Lin?" Chris turned her head and took a look at Sam. Then she turned back and asked Autumn doubtfully.

She could see that there was something weird between Sam and Autumn.

"Little Ye, do you really have no intention of acknowledging me?" There was a sense of exhaustion and sadness in Sam's voice. He knew he shouldn't have left her, but he had a reason.

He finally managed to return to his country. However, now Autumn was someone else's wife.

While Autumn was hesitating, Sam already stood in front of her. She sighed and gave a stubborn smile, "Hi, Sam. It's been a long time."

It was a simple greeting, yet contained mixed feelings.

Autumn still looked the same, but her eyes were full of strangeness and alienation. Sam didn't really like her reaction.

"It's been a long time." He forced a smile.

"Yvonne, Mr. Lin, how do you know each other?" Chris looked back and forth between Autumn and Sam in confusion. There was a strange atmosphere between them, but Chris couldn't tell why. "Yvonne, why did Mr. Lin call you Little Ye? Is that your nickname?"

"Well, she..." Sam was about to answer, but Autumn interrupted him, "When we were kids, he used to call me that."

He used to call her Little Ye because her surname was Ye. But she was "Yvonne Gu" now.

"I get it." Chris nodded, "You've known each other since childhood."

"Let's drop it." Autumn felt guilty and changed the subject, "Chris, how did you know Sam?"

"We..." Chris blushed a bit. Autumn immediately understood what was on her mind. Sam was just as handsome and rich as Charles. It was not surprising, Chris liked Sam.

Chris stole a glance at Sam with a blushing face and explained, "Mr. Lin was my senior and helped me a lot when I studied abroad. He came back to start a company not long ago. Now, he was in need of an assistant, so I went to give an interview in his company today. So, he is my boss now."

Sam nodded to Chris indifferently. He had no mood to talk to Chris. All he could see there was Autumn. He wanted to question her why she betrayed him and married someone else.

Autumn couldn't bear Sam's accusing look anymore. She smiled to Chris and said, "Congratulations! You two haven't seen each other in a while. Why don't you both go out and talk about your good old times. I have to go home now."

Autumn turned around and was about to leave, but Sam immediately grabbed her hand and suggested, "Little Ye, we haven't see each other for a long time. How about having supper together?"

Sam held Autumn's hand tightly, and she was unable to get off his grip. She wanted to reject the offer, but Sam didn't give her a chance. He turned to Chris and gave a bland smile, "Chris, please tell Yvonne not to say No to me. I haven't seen her for a long time, but she doesn't even want to have a supper with me. Is it because your brother is very protective about her private life?"

"Of course not." Chris didn't realise Sam's intention at all. She intimately held Autumn's arm, "My brother trusts Yvonne very much."

Chris persuaded Autumn with a smile, "Yvonne, grandpa just called to tell me that Charles has a dinner this evening. Why don't we have supper with Mr. Lin? "

Seeing Chris's eager eyes, Autumn would feel mean saying no. So, she finally nodded in agreement.

Chris was thrilled when she saw Autumn agree for the supper. Chris didn't conceal her feelings for Sam. Autumn knew even Sam could see that.

However, Sam used Chris to keep her. This made her uncomfortable.

"Let me go." Autumn shook Sam's hand off.

This didn't make Sam angry, but he felt a bit frustrated because of Autumn's cold attitude. He forced a smile to Chris, "There's a Sichuan Restaurant not far away. How about going there?"

"Ok... okay..." Chris's eyes faded a little. They knew each other for a long time, but he didn't know anything about her taste.

Whenever she ate spicy food, she would get the diarrhoea.

Chris nodded with a smile as she was not willing to decline Sam's offer. But Autumn rebuffed his suggestion, "Let's eat hotpot. Chris suffers from indigestion. She tends to get loose bowels when she ate spicy food."

"Really?" Sam gave Chris a surprised look as he didn't know about it at all.

Sam chose Sichuan Cuisine because he remembered Autumn was fond of spicy food. As for Chris's taste, he never really noticed.

Chris was a little disappointed, but she didn't show her disappointment. "It doesn't matter. If you want to eat Sichuan Cuisine, we..."

"We'll eat hotpot." Autumn made the decision and walked in front of both of them. She was trying to create more opportunities for Chris and Sam to know each other.

Chris cast a grateful glance at Autumn. She had just mentioned it casually once, but Autumn remembered her taste. On the contrary, Sam had known her for a long time, but he didn't know her taste at all.

"Mr. Lin, are you... childhood friend with Yvonne?" Sam and Chris followed Autumn. Chris tried to make a conversation to get close to Sam.

Sam talked to Chris only because he wanted to know more about Autumn. Their topics were always about Autumn.

Chris smiled, "We were neighbours when we were kids. She used to come over for meals. "

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When they arrived at the hot pot restaurant, they saw that no private room was available. While Sam Lin frowned slightly, Autumn Ye walked over to a table by the window and sat down.

It is better to not sit in a private room. She could be much relaxed now.

"Take a seat." Autumn glanced at both of them and faintly said.

"Hey Autumn, should we try another restaurant?" Seeing how embarrassed Sam was getting, Chris Lu suggested.

Autumn buried herself in the menu, not caring about what Sam would think of her "No, this one is fine. I have an appointment later so just a quick bite would be fine."

"Have a seat." Sam pulled out a chair for Chris and sat on the other side of the table.

Autumn lowered her head when she ordered the food. She looked more beautiful with the light of the restaurant falling on her face.

It was quite crowded in the hot pot restaurant but Autumn looked extremely quiet. She just sat there in silence. It seemed as if there was some kind of calming power radiating from her.

"Excuse me. I need to use the ladies room." Chris stood up and said to Sam. Sam nodded slightly. He was waiting for a chance to talk to Autumn in private, and now Chris gave that chance to him.

Right after Chris left, Autumn also made an excuse to leave. She really didn't want to stay with Sam alone.

"Autumn, are you so afraid of me?"

Sam stopped Autumn. "I know I hurt you in those days, and I came back this time to make amends. Please don't take away this opportunity from me?"

"Sam, we are... I have moved on." Autumn hesitated again and again, and finally decided to talk.

Since he was already back in the country, they couldn't avoid seeing each other and it was not possible to dodge him forever. Evading things is not the best way to solve them. It would be better to confront bravely and work things out.

"Moved on?" Sam was startled. He barely survived his days abroad with the memories of Autumn, and got to know she was married the minute he got back. Now she just told him that she has moved on. How is that possible?

"You tell me how to move on." Sam stared at Autumn closely. "I know you hate me, but I had my share of difficulties when I left you. My mother..."

"Sam!" Autumn interrupted, "Enough, please don't say it."

She didn't want the mention of the past, and now... she had Charles by her side. Whatever Sam said could make no difference to her.

"It has been such a long time and you should really learn to move on. Chris is a good girl." She pushed Sam over to Chris with only one sentence, and Sam got angry.

"Autumn, it's only been a couple of years since I left you. You amaze me." He sneered, "Do you know how I lived my life these years in another country?"

Of course you don't know. You were busy getting married, how could you even know?"

He smiled bitterly. "Though I rushed back here as fast as I could, I am still one step late. Even though you can forget those days we spent together, I can't. And you don't have to push your sister-in-law over to me in such a hurry."

"Sam." Autumn raised her eyes, which were filled with grievances. "What do you want? I am married. You were not able to leave everything else behind to be with me years back, and I'm sorry, I can't do the same now."

She smiled faintly. "My husband treats me very nicely and I like him too, so I won't do anything to offend him."

"You are lying."

Sam sneered. "Just now Chris told me that you two didn't even meet each other before getting married, how could you like him all of a sudden?"

Sam grabbed Autumn's hands in desperation. "Tell me, Little Ye, what happened? Why did you get married in such a hurry? Please tell me, I can help you out."

"Yvonne!" Before Autumn could draw her hands back, she unexpectedly heard Charles's voice. With a closer look, she saw Charles quickly walking over to her in anger.

"Why are you here?" Autumn withdrew her hands guiltily. Being caught by her husband right on the scene got her very nervous.

"I am here to pick you up."

Ever since Charles found out the true identity of Autumn, he didn't like calling her Yvonne.

He stepped forward and pulled Autumn behind him. He then looked at Sam in front of him hostilely and asked, "And this is...?"

"Oh, I forget to introduce." Autumn peeked at Charles standing in front of her. She held Charles's hand quietly and said, "This is Sam Lin. He lived next door when we were kids and I often used to go to his house for free meals. It turns out he is a senior school fellow of Chris and also her boss now. What a small world."

"Oh, really?" Charles frowned slightly. "What is Chris doing? Couldn't she join my company? Why does she have to work for someone else?"

"I asked Chris to help." The moment Sam saw Charles, he got the feeling that Autumn and Charles were made for each other, but he soon came to his senses. The purpose of his trip was to get Autumn back. No matter who was standing in the way, he would not let Autumn go.

He smiled and reached his hand to Charles, "Hi, I am Sam, so you're Chris's elder brother? I heard a lot about you from Chris."

Sam referred to him as Chris's elder brother instead of Autumn's husband.

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She understood that Charles was behaving like this because he was a little jealous. She was not a sentimental woman. Though she was unable to shy away from things with Sam, she also didn't hope Charles would misunderstand her, so she wanted to explain it to him clearly before going home.

"What's wrong?" Charles stopped the car and looked at Autumn.

"Let's take a walk." Located in the heart of the city, the Central Park was a quiet and relaxing place in this bustling city.

In the early summer days, the city was like a blooming flower. It was gorgeous and colorful. The lovers used to come here to take a walk at the lakeside.

Autumn took the initiative to hold Charles's hands quietly. The evening breeze gently touched their faces, giving them a warm feeling.

Autumn stared at the lovers at the lakeside and wondered how to explain things to Charles.

"You....."

"You....." Coincidentally, they spoke in unison. Then they took a glance at each other and smiled fondly.

"What do you want to talk about?" Autumn said with a smile to Charles while he hesitated for a while and then said, "Can you keep at a distance from Sam?"

"Why?" Autumn asked. Perceiving his serious expression, Autumn decided to joke a bit with him. "Sam grew up with me. I know him since my childhood days. He always took great care of me. Moreover, he is Chris's boss, so how can we not meet?" Autumn replied.

"I didn't say that you cannot meet him." Charles furrowed his brow and added, "I only mean that you can avoid unnecessary meetings. I will ask Chris to work at my company when we go home today. I am not going to allow Chris to work at Sam's company. "

"Did Sam offend you before?" Autumn glanced at Charles curiously, and found that he looked a little awkward. "Why do you hate him so much? "

"Anyway, I won't permit you to meet him again." Charles said peremptorily.

Autumn was amused by his words. "Are you jealous? "

It was impossible to see any other expression on Charles's face except for calmness. But now Autumn could easily tell that he was jealous. This startled her.



"Are you serious?" She kept joking with him.

"Uh....." Autumn felt flattered there. Unexpectedly, Charles seized her head and kissed her lips abruptly.

He was determined to give her a small "punishment" since she was so complacent.

"Are you crazy?" Autumn complained while blushing long after Charles released her.

Though it was a good place for lovers to date and it was natural for people to kiss here, Autumn still felt embarrassed kissing in public.

It turned out that she shouldn't play any trick on him.

"You are my wife. Why can't I kiss you? Charles was a bit complacent now while he looked at her flushed cheeks.

It took Autumn a long while to react. They sat on the bench by the lake together while Autumn asked Charles, "Don't you have any questions to ask?"

Charles shook his head slightly. "I trust you." He replied.

He looked at Autumn quietly and then added, "I would like to listen attentively to you if you are ready to talk to me. But if you are reluctant to tell me anything, I won't force you. After all, everyone has a past."

When Autumn heard that from Charles she was moved. "In fact,  
She sighed slightly and then told her story involving Sam to Charles.

From the age of six to seventeen, she played with Sam when she was living with her grandma. Sam's mother, Jane also treated her well since Autumn was an adorable girl. Jane would always help her financially because she somehow pitied Autumn for her miserable life experiences.

Autumn thought things would go on like this. However, after spending so much time together, the two young hearts got close and finally they fell in love with each other.

Jane didn't approve of their relationship. What's worse was that she regarded Autumn as a scheming girl. Jane thought that it was Autumn who tried every means to seduce Sam so as to change her miserable fate.

Autumn was confused. She didn't understand how Jane could change her attitude towards her so abruptly. Autumn explained that she never cared about Sam's money. All she really cared was if Sam would treat her considerately.

But unfortunately even when Autumn tried to explain everything to Jane, she turned a deaf ear to her. Jane even tried every means to separate Sam and Autumn.

When Autumn was seventeen, Jane threatened Sam to break up with Autumn or she would kill herself. Sam had no choice but to leave Autumn for his mother.

Since then Autumn never saw him again.

On the day he left, it was raining cats and dogs. Autumn ran after his car and kept calling him and sending him messages, but he just disappeared from her life completely as if he was never a part of her life.

Autumn got seriously ill after that day. But after she pulled through, she tried her best to forget Sam, so his name turned out to be a taboo in her life for a long time.

As time passed, Autumn finally let him go from his heart.

She imagined how it would be like to meet Sam again but she never expected that they would meet in this manner.

Autumn thought that she would feel grieved if she met him again, but she realised that she had already let him go the moment she saw Sam again.

As she told this story to Charles, Autumn looked composed. But she didn't utter a word about her real identity. As soon as she finished her words, Charles embraced her into his arms with sadness.

It was because he knew her real identity, so he felt sorry for her miserable life experiences. Now Charles realised how many hardships she had gone through in her life.

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Autumn thought that she could hide the matter from Charles. But Chris, Charles's sister, was a beautiful and smart lady. And she told Charles about it.

Autumn indeed kept a distance from Sam, but Sam didn't do the same.

Sam looked at Autumn with great eagerness, seeming to be very possessive about her.

Chris didn't believe that Sam didn't have any relationship with Autumn.

So she pretended to go to the bathroom and called Charles.

She liked Sam openly and brazenly. She didn't care if he and Autumn once were in love with each other. And what had happened in the past didn't prevent her from liking Sam.

Autumn was her sister-in-law who she liked a lot. She didn't want Sam to destroy their good relationship. If Charles took Autumn away, he could not only help Autumn get rid of the embarrassing situation, but also help herself get the chance to spend some time alone with Sam.

But to her surprise, Charles appeared minutes after she called him.

"Sam, where's my sister-in-law?" After she saw Charles take Autumn away, Chris came out of the bathroom and walked up to Sam. Though she and Autumn were both strong-minded lady, they have rather different personalities. Autumn was gentle and quiet.

Chris, however, was passionate. She would bravely pursue whoever she liked.

Although Autumn had already known Sam before Chris met him, Chris believed that she could win Sam's heart since Autumn was now married.

Sam remained expressionless. He wanted to chat with Autumn, but Charles's sudden appearance disturbed his plan. He was about to turn around and leave. Then an idea came to his mind. He thought he could use this chance to know more about the things between Charles and Autumn. In this way, he could know Charles well and figure out the best way to win Autumn's heart.

So he quietly sat in front of Chris. "Your brother came here just now. He said that they had something urgent to deal with, so he took your sister-in-law away."

"My brother?" Chris pretended to be confused and glanced at Sam. "How did he know that we are here?"

"Perhaps your sister-in-law told him, " said Sam flatly. When Autumn saw Charles, she looked astonished. Autumn was really surprised and she didn't pretend to do that deliberately, so she mustn't have told Charles that she was here.

So obviously, Chris was the only person who told Charles about it.

Although Chris pretended not to know anything, Sam didn't debunk her lie, but rather continued chatting with her.

When the waiter served the food, Chris tenderly helped him put the food in the pot and asked, "Sam, I remember that you had no interest in hot pot when you lived abroad, but after you came back, how do you..."

"I don't like hot pot even now, but Little Ye likes it." Sam undisguisedly showed his fondness for Autumn in front of Chris.

Chris was a little disappointed, but she quickly calmed herself down. She recalled a girl's photo which she found in Sam's wallet before. She asked, "I saw a girl's photo in your wallet. Is that girl my sister-in-law?"

"Right." Sam nodded and said, "The photo was taken when she was in middle school. At that time, I went abroad in a hurry, so I lost most of her photos. I only have this photo of her."

Sam gently stroked the wallet on the table, and even the expression on his face softened.

Chris became jealous. She stayed by Sam's side for many years, but she had never seen such an affectionate expression on his face for her. Perhaps... this was how some men were fond of the women they loved.

When Sam went abroad, Jane destroyed all of Autumn's photos. The only photo he had of her was the photo he got from Autumn's student's identity card. He kept it safe till date.

When he lived abroad all these years, this photo gave him company on many lonely nights.

He was lost in the memory of these past events. Chris saw Sam feeling all nostalgic and she slightly frowned. But she forced a smile and tried to change the topic, "Sam, can you tell me something about my sister-in-law? Although my brother and my sister-in-law have been married for a long time, they didn't meet each other before getting married. I wonder what kind of person she was when she was a little girl."

"She..." Sam told Chris about Autumn's stories in high spirit, while recalling everything he could from their childhood.

Chris was curious about the pet name 'Little Ye'. She curiously asked, "Why do you call her 'Little Ye'?"

"Why do you ask this question?" Sam was surprised by this question. Autumn's surname was Ye, so it was easy to understand why he called Autumn 'Little Ye'. He wondered why Chris asked this.

"I'm just curious about it." Chris bit her lips and smilingly said, "Although Ye is the surname of her mother, her own surname is Gu. And there is no word 'Ye' in her name. So I got confused... when I heard you call her in this way."

"What? Her surname is Gu?" Sam wasn't sure what was happening. He still had no idea on this.

'She is called Autumn Ye, but why did she change her surname to Gu?' thought Sam.

Although others didn't know the things about Autumn, he knew everything well. Autumn hated the Gu family and she would never change her surname.

"Right." Chris looked at Sam with a perplexed look on her face. "Why are you so surprised? My sister-in-law is called Yvonne Gu. Did you forget her full name?"

"Yvonne Gu?" Sam was even more confused. He wondered why Autumn would change her name to Yvonne Gu? He was certain that even if she really wanted to change her name, she would never pick this name.

"What's up, Sam? You look very surprised..." said Chris, while looking at Sam in surprise.

"Nothing..." Sam quickly calmed himself down. He pretended to act calmly as if nothing was on his mind. He said to Chris, "I am used to calling her 'Little Ye', so I never got accustomed to her full name."

"So that's why you were surprised just now." Chris understood and nodded.

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The table was full of unfinished dishes. Chris thought that they shouldn't waste any food.

"I've had enough, haven't you? Let's go. I just returned home and there are many things left to be done. Let me drive you home first. I have a video-conference later, " Sam picked up his wallet and told Chris.

He walked towards the reception counter without saying anything else and waited for Chris at the door.

There were a lot of people at the hot pot restaurant and it was very noisy. Sam was like a shining star in the crowd. Chris could catch sight of him easily, which made her feel at ease.

Chris wanted to spend more time alone with Sam.

"Where do you live?" Sam asked Chris after they got into the car, "Can you show me the way? I've been living abroad for a long time. Even if you tell me the place, I may not know the way."

"Okay, " Chris said with a smile. On the way back, Chris didn't say much except giving Sam the directions. Sam didn't say much either.

Chris got annoyed as she knew that Ye and Sam grew up together and that Sam cared about Ye a lot.

Sam found out Autumn's secret. He was still wondering the reason why she pretended to be Yvonne.

A few minutes later, they arrived at the Dream Garden and Sam parked his car at the gate. It was a little late, but Chris wanted to grab the chance to spend more time with Sam. She could not help but ask Sam, "Would you... like to come inside for some tea?"

"No, thanks, " Sam shook his head and said, "It's getting late. Maybe we can hang out some other time."

"Okay, then, " Chris nodded her head reluctantly, "So... Thank you for driving me home. Drive safe, Sam."

"Yes, I will, " Sam nodded and said, "Go to work tomorrow on time please. Now I only have you and I only trust you."

"No problem, " said Chris. She felt better after he reminded her.

She knew that Sam didn't feel the same way she did. But he needed her at least. She could work hard and try to win his heart in the future.

Chris hummed as she walked into the house. The light in the living room was on. Gary and Autumn had probably gone to bed. Charles, however, was waiting for her. He looked up at her with an angry expression.

"Oh so you were willing to come back here?" asked Charles when he saw Chris walking into the living room.

"Charles, you scared the hell out of me!" Startled by Charles's sudden voice, Chris patted her chest to calm down and asked, "Why are you here? Are you waiting for me?"

"Come over here and sit down, " Charles directed his hand towards the couch and said to Chris.

"What's wrong with you today?" The serious look on Charles's face made Chris panic a little. Charles was always strict with her, but she had never seen Charles looking at her like this before. She started to think carefully if she had done something wrong.

But she couldn't think of anything. She even called Charles to pick Ye up. That was something that Charles should thank her for.

"Charles, stop looking at me like this. You are freaking me out, " Charles's cold look was hard to handle for her.

"Are you really gonna work in Sam's company?" asked Charles.

Chris was immediately relieved when she heard Charles's question. She nodded firmly and admitted, "Yes, I've made up my mind."

She was pondering on how to tell Charles about this. But now Charles had known it and brought it up. She felt that it was not a big deal to admit it.

She paused for a while and continued, "I know that you want me to work for Shining Company, but I don't want that."



"Why? Do you think that Shining Company is not as good as HKing Group?" asked Charles, narrowing his brows.

"Of course not, " Chris denied it at once, "Charles, you brought me up after our parents died. I always know that you have always been devoted to make sure that I chose the right path and be a better person. You have given me a lot of guidance since high school, even in choosing a major in college. I've learnt a lot from your advice, but...

Sometimes, I just wanted to be able to make decisions by myself. Charles, you have always planned everything for me, I really want to plan my own life from now on." Chris paused for a while and continued, "Shining Company is a great company, but if I go to work there, everyone would label me as your little sister. They would treat me differently. That's not what I want."

"Though HKind Group is not as famous as Shining Company, it is growing. If I work there, nobody would treat me differently. I can totally be myself. That's what I really want."

"Charles, I hope you understand the reason why I want to work for HKind Group." Chris looked at Charles calmly and continued, "I'm your sister, but I don't want to live under your protection for the rest of my life. I want a chance to prove myself. I might turn out better than you."

"I understand. But you've missed telling the one important reason. Sam is there, in HKind Group, right?" Charles was blunt and to the point.

Chris's face turned red when she heard Charles's remark. She looked at Charles embarrassingly and grumbled, "What do you mean by that?"

"You want to work with him, right?" Charles asked, "I can see why you called me to pick up Ye today. Don't say that you are doing it as a favor. You are partly doing it for yourself.

"... Yes, I am doing it for myself, " Chris admitted generously. She liked Sam. It was not a bad thing. "Charles, Sam and Ye grew up together. Don't you feel jealous when you think about it?"

## Chapter 56

When Charles Lu went upstairs, he saw Autumn working on some leaflets from the travel agency. She was looking for a place with beautiful view and a few visitors, so she could go with her Granny.

Granny was the one who had been looking after her all these years, and now that she was capable, it was time to repay her with respect.

"What are you looking at?" Charles stepped forward and saw a lot of web pages on the screen, most of which were travel advice. His brows knitted.

'Was she making travel plans? Why didn't I know anything about it?' he thought to himself.

"I am going through some leaflets I got from the travel agency today." Autumn was lying on the bed and turned over when she heard Charles coming in. She grabbed a pillow and put it under her head. "Now that I am not working, I'm thinking of taking this opportunity to go around. It is kind of a distraction for me."

"Which of these two places do you think I should go?" Charles was cold-faced. This little woman was totally not thinking of her husband. Going for a trip was such an important activity, but she kept it all to herself.

"This one." Charles pointed randomly at one place and sat beside her, sulking.

"Oh...this one..." Autumn hesitated and frowned slightly. "It is very nice but there is quite some climbing. And it's kind of crowded, I am afraid..."

"Take your time. I'll go take a shower." As sulky as Charles was, he left Autumn in the room, dumbfounded.

'What's the matter with him?' she wondered.

Soon Autumn forgot about it and devoted herself to finding out what places were suitable for the elderly to go.

When Charles stepped out of the bathroom, Autumn was still looking, taking notes with a pen occasionally. She went through the pros and cons of every travel destination carefully, making sure that Granny would have a comfortable trip.

Charles frowned and slammed the laptop, "It's too late, time for bed."

He thought he had already expressed his anger very clearly, but did not expect Autumn was absolutely unaware of it. Instead, she softly comforted him. "You go to bed first if you are sleepy. It'll take some more time."

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Charles almost went mad inside but he kept his countenance and justified pretentiously, "It's too late, I have work tomorrow."

"It's you who has to go to work, and I don't." Throughout the years in Cloud Advertising, she almost dedicated all her time to work and was not used to this sudden recess at all. "You go to bed now. I will need a while."

Autumn said so and reached for the laptop. Charles was completely driven up the wall.

He threw the laptop aside, rolled over and pressed Autumn under his body. She smelled so nice and her body was so soft that he was shamefully now turned on.

"Hey... Charles, what are you doing?" Autumn was pressed under his body before she was even able to react. Although she had agreed to Charles's pursuit, it didn't mean that she could accept his unexpected intimate behaviors. She blushed and tried to push Charles away, "Stop it."

"Not working, hah?" Charles gave an evil laugh. They were so close, he could even hear Autumn's heartbeat. He quietly looked at Autumn in his arms and said, "I happen to be short of a secretary, so starting from tomorrow, you will be my secretary till I get the right one."

"No, I am not..." Before she could finish the sentence, Autumn's lips were sealed by Charles with a kiss. He didn't let her go until she was almost spellbound. "So are you going to?"

Autumn went completely blank, and under the gentle gaze of Charles, she somehow nodded.

A small smile appeared on Charles's face. He rolled over and laid next to Autumn, put his arms around her and slept all the way till daybreak.

Early next morning, Charles awakened Autumn. Feeling still sleepy, she didn't want to get up. She sounded like a lazy kitten and was very cute, "Oh, let me sleep for another while..."

"No, hurry up and come to the office with me."

Charles pulled Autumn out of bed, "Don't you remember what you agreed last night. You are my secretary as of today. Hurry up, how can an employee get up later than the boss?"

"Huh? When did I agree?" Autumn covered herself with the quilt and said to Charles.

"So you don't admit?" Charles lifted the quilt and said in an intimate voice, "Would you like me to help you remember?"

Hearing this, Autumn was awake all of a sudden, "No... no, thanks. I'll get up right away."

She blushed and fled to the bathroom. Charles in the bedroom broke into a loud laughter.

It was Yvonne Gu's first day at work today and he was deliberately bringing Autumn to the office. In her presence, Yvonne shouldn't cross her limits.

Autumn showed up in a suit with white shirt and a black pencil skirt. With her slender legs exposed, she could immediately draw other's attention. She was also wearing an orange silk scarf, which brightened her up from head to toe.

Charles frowned slightly and took Autumn upstairs. He demanded Autumn to change her skirt into trousers. Autumn was amused.

This man could really get jealous.

Because of this, the two arrived at the office very late. Charles's assistant David Fan was the first to greet them, "Morning, Mr. Lu..."

His eyes widened when he caught sight of Autumn behind Charles. What happened? How come Mrs. Lu is here?

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"David..." Autumn felt uneasy to be called Mrs. Lu. She frowned and said, "Just call me Ye..."

After hesitating for a while, David responded, "It's..." 'Charles didn't want anyone in the company to know that she is his wife. It seems improper to call her Mrs. Lu.' David thought. Then, he nodded a yes and called, "Ye."

Hearing this, Autumn felt relieved and asked with a bright smile, "What's my duty here as the secretary of Mr. Lu?"

David flurried and replied, "Well... Listen to Mr. Lu's orders. Do whatever he asks you to do." He didn't dare assign tasks to Autumn. After all, she was Charles's wife. 'If I displease her, Charles would blame me for it.

Besides, Charles hasn't set up a post for personal secretary in the company. No one knows why he brought his wife in the company.' David reflected.

David took Autumn to the Secretary Department. There were two girls in the office. With Autumn and David, Charles had four secretaries in total. David said, "Your attention please..." He introduced Autumn to the two girls, "This is the personal secretary of Mr. Lu, Yvonne. You can call her... Ye."

'I can't call her Mrs. Lu as Charles doesn't want anyone in the company to know they are married.' David thought.

Autumn stood in front of the girls and introduced herself, "Hello, everyone. I'm Ye. I hope that we can get along well in the coming days."

"David, I don't think that Mr. Lu employed her to be his secretary. She looks more like..." At the sight of Autumn, the two young pretty secretaries became alert and restless. They decided to unite and be against Autumn. One girl said, "She is good-looking, but I'm not sure if she is a qualified secretary. Don't ask us to handle the trouble she makes later."

The other girl followed her and said, "Don't get us into trouble." The first girl grumbled while retouching her make-up, "We already have lots to deal with. We don't want someone else to come and affect our work."

David was furious. He shouted, "Shut up!" 'You're speaking ill of Mrs. Lu in front of her. Even I dare not to displease her.' He thought to himself. He turned to Autumn and said, "Ye, don't take their words seriously. They always talk in that mean manner, but they're good girls."

David told Autumn that the girl who had spoken first was Jenny and the girl who was doing her make-up was Linda. Both of them had graduated from first-rate colleges. They always thought of themselves as superior to others for they took pride in their education background and pretty faces. But they didn't like each other.

But as Autumn arrived, they started to treat her as their enemy.

David led Autumn to the seat opposite to him, and said, "Ye, this is your desk." Autumn nodded slightly. Before she sat down, Jenny told David, "David, that's for the secretary of CEO. We wouldn't mind if you sit there. But she can't. She can't take that seat as soon as she enters the company."

"Why not?" David had always entertained them, but not today. He continued, "Just mind your own business. It's not your call to decide who sits here."

Hearing this, Linda frowned. She stared at Autumn with dissatisfaction and said, "David, what's your relationship with her? Why do you speak in favor of her?"

She curled her lip and complained, "Both Jenny and I graduated from first-rate colleges. Besides, we have worked for Mr. Lu for long. Why can she sit there but Jenny and I can't? Is it only because she is more good-looking than us?"

The seat that David had arranged for Autumn was closer to Charles's office. The person who sat there could get more of Charles's attention. To get that seat, Jenny and Linda had made great efforts but failed. Now a new face showed up and took that seat. How could they not be jealous?

Jenny twitched her mouth and continued, "None of us can take that seat."

Autumn caught a glimpse of that seat. She thought it was just a common seat, except that it was closer to Charles. Then, she collected her stuff silently, and put it on the small desk in the corner.

That desk had been deserted for a long time. No one was willing to sit there for it is near to the window. But Autumn chose that seat without complaints.

David said, "Ye, you don't have to..." 'She is really a good-tempered lady who doesn't put on airs. She doesn't even get angry after receiving such treatment from Jenny and Linda.' He thought.

"It's fine, David." Autumn smiled and proceeded, "I am good here. I can use it after cleaning it up."

"But..." David persuaded her, but Jenny interrupted him, "David, save your words. She isn't willing to accept your kindness. Why do you still bother yourself?"

For most female employees in Shining Company, Charles was a rich and charming man. Although he was married, it didn't affect their obsession to him. Jenny and Linda were among them.

They had dreamed to marry Charles since they first met him. Though they had tried all means to seduce him, Charles made no response.

Except Rachel, they never saw him with any other woman.

When they heard that Charles had dumped Rachel and married another woman, their hope was lit again. That was why they were so hostile towards Autumn.

Many women in the company envied them. As his secretary, they had the chance to meet Charles. But now another beautiful woman had come, who was a threat to their position. How could they be okay with it?

Autumn said with a smile on her face, "I'm okay with it." She gave David a satisfied glance to convince him, and added, "I like this seat. Don't worry about me."

David gave in to her and said, "Well, that's it." Then he walked to his seat.

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"It is because of you that I want to work in Shining Company. I know I'm not as competent and good as your expectations. But trust me, I will work hard and I won't disappoint you, " said Yvonne.

"It isn't a big deal. And you don't have to come here next time if there is nothing important." Charles saw through Yvonne. He knew that she just wanted to get close to him with the excuse of thanking him for the job.

"I had to come here to thank you because I should be grateful to you for giving me a chance to work here." Yvonne also added, "Charles, I have given enough thought to this. To express my gratitude to you, I want to... invite you for a meal. Would you like to have a meal with me? You can eat whatever you like."

Charles didn't want to expose Yvonne's lies for the sake of Autumn. But now Yvonne was being even more unreasonable, which made him really want to unmask her real identity. He hesitated and didn't do that.

He tried to be patient and told Yvonne, "No, thanks. It is your sister who wants you to work here, so you should actually thank her instead of me."

"I just can't just thank her, " shouted Yvonne. She was going to take this opportunity to be alone with Charles. She thought that she would definitely attract him with her pretty and charming looks. And it had nothing to do with Autumn.



Noticing that Charles looked a bit confused, Yvonne realized that she had made an indiscreet remark. She immediately calmed herself down and said, "I mean although my sister had put in a good word for me, you are the one who made the decision. Thus, I have to thank you."

"Here's an idea." Charles mocked a smile. He detested Yvonne very much. "Your sister has come here for work today. You can go to tell her about this. If she is willing to go with us, you can book a table; if she says no, I won't go either. We are family members now and we should have meals together."

"What?" Yvonne frowned and said to Charles, "She also works here?"

"Yes. Is there anything wrong?" Charles looked confused and nodded.

"No... nothing." Yvonne was very furious, but she still pretended to stay calm, as if nothing had happened. She smiled and said, "Charles, where is... my sister right now?"

"She is at the Secretary Department. You can see her if you open the door and step out," said Charles flatly.

Yvonne pulled a long face the moment she heard the words 'Secretary Department'. She still held back her dissatisfaction and anger. She said to Charles, "It's settled then. I go out and look for her now."

Yvonne turned around and left. Charles gave a sly smile, watching her walking out of his office.

Yvonne was very furious when she came out of his office. She turned her head and saw the words 'Secretary Department' on a door. She laughed sarcastically and rushed inside. She went and angrily stood in front of Autumn.

Autumn was reading the company's pamphlet. When she felt that someone stood in front her, she looked up. She slightly frowned at the sight of Yvonne. "Why are you here?"

"Shouldn't I be the one asking you this question?" Yvonne sneered and added, "You are so shameless. You just broke up with your first boyfriend, and now you even dare to come here."

"Shut up." Autumn frowned, grasped Yvonne's wrist and said, "If you have something to tell me, let's go out and have a talk."

"Why do we have to go out to talk?" Yvonne broke away from Autumn's grip and said, "Do you fear that you would be disgraced? You shouldn't do such disgusting things. I tell you, Charles..."

"Just shut up!", shouted Autumn. When Yvonne mentioned Charles, Jenny and Linda suddenly raised their heads and stared at both of them.

Autumn tried her best to be calm and said in a low tone, "If you don't want others to know that I'm Charles's wife, you should get out of here with me."

Autumn walked out of the office. Yvonne hesitated for a while and followed her.

Autumn was right. Yvonne didn't want people in Shining Company to know that Autumn was Charles's wife.

All the people in the company knew that Charles was Yvonne's brother-in-law, so Yvonne couldn't let others know of the real identities of Autumn and herself.

Autumn went to the staircase landing, turned her face to Yvonne and said, "What do you want?"

"I also want to know what you want to do." Yvonne sneered and said, "Autumn, others don't know who you are, but I know you well. Don't you forget, you are using my identity and you are just a substitute. If you dare seduce Charles, I won't let you off so easily."

Autumn's lips puckered and she didn't say anything.

Yvonne sneered and asked, "What's up? Why are you not saying anything?"

Autumn Ye, you are so shameless. I am telling you that you should quit your job as soon as possible. Otherwise, I will take actions and drive you out of here." Yvonne coldly added, "You are such a crafty woman. You told me before that Charles didn't agree to let me be his secretary. Now I understand your purpose. You just wanted to grab the chance and become his secretary instead."

"Believe it or not, Charles made the decision on his own. It has nothing to do with me." explained Autumn flatly.

"Oh, don't pretend that you have nothing to do with it." Yvonne laughed grimly and added, "He made this decision because of you. Do you think that no one knows about the affair between you and Sam?"

Autumn, Jane was so nice to you, but she at last didn't allow you and Sam to be together because of your humble background. The Lu family is much richer and more prominent than the Lin family. Do you think that the Lu family members will still be kind to you after knowing about your real identity?" Yvonne continued, "Do you think that... Charles will still be so nice to you after he knows that you aren't the real Yvonne Gu?"

Autumn was shocked and looked pale, but she calmed herself down and stared at Yvonne. "You can tell him everything if you are so fearless."

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After Yvonne left, Autumn returned to her office with mixed feelings. The moment she entered the room, Jenny said sarcastically, "Oh my god, the moral degeneration of the world is getting worse day by day. You cannot judge a tree by its bark. What do you say, Linda?"

"You're right." Linda cast a contemptuous glance at Autumn and taunted, "Someone looks innocent, but is so indiscreet in her personal life. She keeps her ex-boyfriend hanging on while seducing our boss. Shame on her!"

"Enough of this chitchat!" David scowled at Jenny and Linda. After Autumn married Charles as the substitute of Yvonne, she was fired by Cloud Advertising Company first, and then maltreated by the colleagues here. David couldn't help feeling sorry for her sufferings. "Have you finished all your work? Are you free?"

"David, why are you favoring her? Do you have a crush on her?" Jenny sneered, "That's not surprising, she is both pretty and immoral. No wonder you like her."

"Enough!" Autumn didn't want to deal with Jenny and Linda as she wouldn't be here for a long time. But they discredited her with the ugly gossip. Autumn could not bear it any longer.

"I have never offended any of you. I didn't argue with you because I'm good-tempered, but this doesn't mean I will tolerate it forever. If you dare say this again, I swear I won't spare you." Autumn stated seriously.

Linda fixed her eyes upon Autumn, and suddenly she realized that Autumn was not a pushover. She was not as stupid as Jenny, so she said no more.

Jenny gave a scornful laugh and said in a voice dripping with sarcasm, "You're pissed off because I was telling the truth. I'm not finished yet."

Linda stood silently, watching how this was turning out to be. Jenny walked over to Autumn and stated, "Ye, listen, if you want to stay here, you'd better behave. I don't care who you are or how many boyfriends you have, I'm warning you, if you hold an improper thought for Mr. Lu, I won't spare you!

Do not act like a bitch in the company. We don't like that." Jenny gave Autumn a scornful stare.

Before Autumn was able to say something, Charles's solid voice came from outside the door. He had called David, but David didn't answer. So, he came here to see what happened, but heard Jenny's voice at the door. He asked with a frown, "Who are you threatening?"

"Mr. Lu."

"Mr. Lu." The moment Charles entered, everyone went silent. Jenny stood angrily and thought, 'If Charles were not here, I would teach her a lesson.'

"Mr. Lu..." David was not good at mediating disputes. He was almost moved to tears as Charles was his savior.

"Jenny, what did you just say?" Charles walked past David and went to Jenny. He stared at her and demanded, "Say it again."

"Mr... Mr. Lu." Charles had a straight face, which scared Jenny a little bit. But she picked up the courage to look Charles in the eye when thinking of Autumn striving for Charles's favor in the future. She questioned, "Mr. Lu, I don't understand why you enrolled her. She is good for nothing except her pretty face. Linda and I are capable enough to assist you."

Jenny continued in exasperation, "Linda and I have served as your secretaries since we entered the company. I think we have worked with great facility. I don't understand why you hired her."

"Do you also think the same way?" Charles raised her eyebrows and looked at Linda who stood next to Jenny.

Linda was discontented with Jenny's words as Jenny had dragged her into this. She could tell that Charles took Autumn's side. Hearing Charles's question, Linda tried her best to be neutral. She gave a sweet smile.

"Mr. Lu, I believe you have your own reasons to recruit Ye. I don't have the right to interfere in your decision making." Linda had successfully stayed out of this, but left Jenny alone in a trap of her own making.

Autumn frowned. Obviously, Jenny lacked judgement. Although Jenny had flung mud at her, she believed Jenny was easy to manipulate as she was frank and open.

But Linda was much more clever. Before Charles entered the room, Linda had also said many damaging things. But since Charles was here, she pretended that she had nothing to do with this. Autumn had secretly decided to be careful with Linda in the future.

"Linda, how dare you say that? It was you..." Jenny got mad as she realized that Linda had put the blame on her. She was about to explain, but Linda would not give her the chance.

"Jenny, Ye is a new employee. We don't know her ability yet. You shouldn't speak ill of her." Linda told Jenny.

"You..."

"Enough!" Charles interrupted them and turned towards Jenny, "You are right. Three assistants are enough for the work."

Jenny was excited with joy.

"So..." Charles gave a tiny smile and continued, "You are fired. Ye would take over your work. Go to the HR Department and leave this office by afternoon. I'll ask the HR Manager to pay you the extra salary."

"Wh... what?" Jenny was shocked. She could not believe what she just heard.

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"Ye, come in with me." Charles Lu said to Autumn Ye with a stern face.

Autumn silently followed Charles. At this time, Jenny Ding rushed over, shouting, "It's all your fault, you bitch. How can Mr. Lu ever treat me like this if it wasn't you?"

Jenny Ding cursed and raised her hand towards Autumn.

She was standing very close to Autumn before, and within a second she had already moved right in front of Autumn. Autumn didn't have a chance to dodge.

The moment he saw Jenny rushing over, Charles's heart stopped for a second. He quickly pulled Autumn into his arms and held her tightly.

Jenny's slap fell on Charles's back. He frowned. It was indeed a heavy slap.

"Jenny, are you crazy?" David Fan hurried up and pulled Jenny away. "Are you okay, Mr. Lu?"

"Never mind." Charles shook his head slightly, " Take her to HR immediately. I don't want to see her again."

Jenny looked at her own hand in disbelief. She was obviously targeting Autumn, but how come she hit Charles instead? Well, there was really no chance left to make it up.

"Mr. Lu..." She opened her mouth to say something but finally remained quiet.

After Charles and Autumn left, David sighed. He told Jenny, " Save it. Just leave."

"David..." Looking at David, Jenny nearly burst into tears. She grabbed David's hands and said pitifully, " I beg you, please help me again and talk to Mr. Lu. Please say something good for me."

"Jenny, no one can help you with this." David sighed again. That was Mrs. Lu, the only person who could have helped her, was now offended by her. "Hurry up and leave. Mr. Lu won't treat you badly."

Hearing this, Jenny also knew that she couldn't stay any longer. Her resentment at Autumn aggravated further.

Not knowing that she had been resented by someone else, Autumn was now in a stalemate with Charles.

"Well, I am really fine," Charles looked at Autumn and said.

"No, let me take a look." That slap from Jenny looked really heavy and she was worried about Charles.

Charles reached out his arms to hold Autumn closely, " I am more than happy to show if you really want to see it. As my wife, you can even touch it, let alone look at it."

"Stop!" Autumn rejected the idea.

Charles made Autumn seated on the sofa and apologized sincerely, "Ye, I am really sorry. I have been thoughtless about what happened today, I am sorry to put you in such huge inconvenience."

"I'm fine." Autumn smiled. "I have been thinking about it as well. Charles, it would be better if I am not your secretary anymore. I'd like to take a break and travel around."

With Yvonne Gu casting a greedy eye at her and Linda Zhao making all the trouble, Autumn could almost imagine that her days in the office wouldn't be too easy.

"No!" Said Charles with absolute certainty, "Don't forget you promised me to stay until I found the right secretary."

"But..." Autumn still hesitated when Charles interrupted her.

"OK, we are done on this." Charles handed a glass of water to Autumn, "Ye, did you see Autumn Ye?"

Autumn's hands shook a bit, and it took quite a while before she finally put herself together and said to Charles, "Yes, she came over and invited you to dinner today and asked me to go with you."

"Did you accept it?" Charles frowned. He pushed the decision-making over to Autumn, expecting her to reject the invitation.

Autumn hesitated for a long time and said to Charles, "What if... you just go to dinner. It's her plan anyway and there is no excuse that you're not going."

Charles frowned. "You want me to go so badly?"

How Autumn wanted to hold Charles and tell him that she didn't want him to go, but thinking of Grandma, she could only put on a wry smile, "It's nothing but a meal, just go."

"Now that you want me to, of course I should go." Charles got angry.



It was so obvious that she didn't want to go to dinner herself, but still she pretended to be very understanding.

He knew that Autumn was worried about her grandma, but still couldn't help getting angry. Why didn't she trust him? Why didn't she tell him everything so that they could solve it together?

The more Charles thought about it, the angrier he got. He stood up and made a call to Yvonne Gu. "Miss Ye? Please send the address to my mobile phone later. I will be there... yes, alone."

Hanging up the phone, Charles turned around and looked at Autumn. "Are you happy now?"

"Charles, I..." Autumn tried to explain but Charles didn't listen at all. "Save it. Leave me alone."

Standing quietly in front of Charles, she wanted to step forward but didn't, as she noticed how he looked. She glanced at Charles sadly and said, "OK, I'm leaving."

Seeing Autumn actually leave, Charles felt deeply offended. He deliberately made the call to Yvonne Gu in the presence of Autumn, expecting that she would stop him, but out of his disbelief, she accepted the invitation and even encouraged him to go. How could he not be angry?